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## SCHOOL BOND ELECTION.

The taxpayers will do well to take prompt and careful notice of the city school bond election that is to occur on Saturday next. There is very little time in which to inform themselves fully upon the subject, but the most should be made of that which remains. Fortunately it will not take long to get at the facts. A plain statement of the situation is:

That 11 school population has been increasing much faster than revenues or buildings with the result that an altogether unwholesome and undesirable overcrowding is necessary. The rapid growth of the city makes it certain that conditions will be much worse next year than they now are, unless relief is obtained. It will mean, too, that half day and night sessions for many children will have to be provided for, a contingency that no parent can consider except with apprehension and regret. Thus far the board of education has complied strictly with the law in the creation and setting aside of a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds heretofore issued. Never has it become delinquent in any respect. It has always held the confidence of the people, and it still enjoys that distinction. But what the people want to know, is the exact status of the bonded indebtedness as it now exists, and specifically what is to be done with the money that may come from the issuance and sale of additional bonds. In arriving at a conclusion in the premises this statement of school bond bonds will be helpful to the taxpayer:

Bonds of 1892, first issue.....	\$450,000
Second issue, same year.....	150,000
Third issue, in 1893.....	225,000
Total bonds issued to date.....	\$825,000
Requested, in 1907, election.....	250,000
Bonds paid off through sink.....	210,000
In fund.....	210,000
Net value, bonds outstanding.....	\$815,000

Should the bonds be voted it will put the city on practically the same basis it occupied fifteen years ago, at the time of the first issue. The taxpayers can well afford to give the subject their most serious consideration, and after they have done so, vote favorably upon it, providing the natural increase in taxation revenue will be sufficient to wipe out the indebtedness through an augmented sinking fund, without adding to the prevailing annual rate of taxation, which we understand the board of education will demonstrate to the public can be done. The people are pretty well tired of the bonding question, but if there is any place in our whole system of government where an exception can justifiably be made; where the future credit of the community can be mortgaged for any purpose it is in the case of our public schools connected with which there has at no time ever been the slightest taint or scandal.

## A SONG'S CENTENARY.

And so, said, growing and progressive Baltimore, now nearing a three-quarters of a million population, is actually making preparations for a song and war victory centenary in 1914. The military sentiment, however, is not to be any more strongly paraded than will be absolutely necessary. But when the bands play, choruses sing, and the airings with the glorious and inspiring strains of the "Star Spangled Banner," whose one hundredth birthday is to be the occasion of the demonstration, we rather think American blood will flow faster and American hearts beat quicker at the memory of the recollections it will awaken. We are likely to recall, and experience anew, the thrills we felt when we read that stirring chapter in our nation's history, which deals with the British attack on Baltimore, and how Francis Scott Key, after passing the night in frightful suspense, a prisoner in his own ship, saw, by the "dawn's early light that our flag was still there," and wrote:

For the star-spangled banner forever  
shall wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home  
of the brave.

But there are additional reasons for the celebration. Some of them are stated by General Felix Angus in his "American" in which the poem was first given to the outside world, from Key's own manuscript. Maryland—"My Maryland," supplied a good many more than her quota of troops for the war of 1812, and gallant troops they were, too. So many of her brave sons did she offer that the government could not accept them all. Money she likewise gave most generously, and when the last Redcoat had been driven from America's shores, and the wings of peace were again spread over the land, President Madison said, "The claims of Maryland for the expenditure during the war stand upon higher ground than any other state in the Union." One authority wrote, "If the British had succeeded in capturing Baltimore, there is no telling how far the struggle would have gone, or what the result might have been in America."

There are seven long years in which to prepare for and complete the Baltimore Exposition. By the time its gates swing outward to those who shall visit this historic city, it expects to have in operation, the canal connecting the Chesapeake and Delaware bays. While the site has not yet been chosen it is believed a commanding spot on the

Chesapeake will be selected near the mouth of the Patuxent river. It is said to be almost ideal in its character. The cost of the enterprise is figured at twenty million dollars, and the government will be asked to deal liberally with it.

## WILL SOON BE ONE PAPER.

It will be pleasing news to the Latter-day Saints throughout the Church, and particularly to those in the various mission fields in the United States, to learn that Liahona, the new paper recently launched at Independence, Missouri, and the Elder's Journal, published at Chattanooga, Tennessee, are to be consolidated and become one periodical of all intents and purposes under the title of Liahona. The Elder's Journal, with publication at Independence, at the office, and by the plant of the first named.

The decision was arrived at during the week after a full and complete discussion of the proposition, between the mission presidents and the Church authorities, and is altogether a very happy solution of what promised to be a vexatious problem, as the publication of two papers of the same character, in practically the same territory, would have been. The mission presidents will all meet at Independence, in the course of the next few days, and agree on the details of the consolidation, so far as they have not already been decided upon. The Journal will be moved from Chattanooga to Independence without loss of time, as it is sincerely desired to begin the unified mission of the two publications without unnecessary delay. After they have been merged, the subscribers of each, as they now exist, will be put on the books of the Liahona. The Elder's Journal, and thus served to the end of their subscriptions. Meanwhile each will transact its own business. The selection of the name, is looked upon with quite as much favor as the consolidation. Liahona has already proved itself a designation of far more than pleasing euphony, not to say beautifully and strikingly appropriate significance. May Liahona, The Elder's Journal, be an Elder's Journal, in all respects, and live long and accomplish a glorious mission, is the heartfelt wish of the Deseret News!

## "RETURN OF THE LAKE."

The apparent return of the waters of the Great Salt Lake to their old bounds and shore lines is an event that is being watched with far more than ordinary interest. Should the rise continue until former day levels are reached there will be joy and rejoicing in the hearts of all loyal Utahns, for to them the Lake is very dear, having been hallowed by memories which run back to the days when the tired pioneers loved themselves for the first time in its briny waves and pleasantly disported on its buoyant crests. Black Rock, Garfield, Lake Shore and Saltair—of which only the last named remains—each flourished like the gay and pleasing places they were for a season, and then were abandoned, and left high and dry by the receding waters. The pessimist shook his head, as he discussed the subject according to the color of his own melancholy mood, and said the lake was soon destined to disappear. He cited aquatic history to prove that such was the fate of all inland lakes and seas, and solemnly and sagely observed that nothing could save our own. But the optimist—blessed optimist—looked into the future with more hopeful eyes and bade us wait awhile. He was of the opinion that we were simply suffering from a "dry cycle," that was to be followed ere long by a "wet cycle," which would bring back the receding waters as rapidly as they had gone away. We hoped that he was a true prophet, and such he has demonstrated himself to be. The "wet cycle" has come and with it the rise of the Lake, bringing also a return of our old hope and pride that it shall be perpetuated forever, and continue to remain the most wonderful object of its kind in all the world.

## THE SIN OF COLLEGE BOYS.

"You will find that the time is at hand when the colleges have got to take up the question of the morals of the students or else witness the ruin of the young men of the nation." That is the way Chancellor Day of Syracuse, New York University, goes of record regarding an evil that has crept into the lives of thousands of young college men all over the land. After long study and observation of the question, as an educator, he has found that there is a tremendous amount of what he calls the "fast pace," and that it has been more or less winked at in the big universities, in that it has not been uprooted or suppressed. And this, he thinks, is quite within the range of possibility, to say nothing of duty. In all soberness he declares that the time has arrived when the youth who smokes cigarettes until he is a nervous wreck, who goes to theaters, attends late dinners and comes to his classes day after day, with the effects of a debauch still visible through his bleared eyes, trembling hands and half learned lessons, must be excluded from the universities if necessary. His habits are bad, his morals are bad and he has a bad effect on students whose intentions are good, but who vacillate between those who are strong enough to stand on their own feet, and those who take no thought of the consequences.

What Chancellor Day has found, many another head of institutions of higher learning has found. The number of young men with rich fathers, who make them regularly monthly allowances, and who look upon their college days as one long jolly chance for a "good time" is altogether too great. Certainly Chancellors and Presidents of Universities have a right to take into account the moral status of their students, and expel all such who cannot or will not comply with the correct standard of living. The vast majority of those who seek academic education, and whose ideas of what is circumspect conduct, should not needlessly be thrown into the company of riotous pace-makers and high roller youths who wish to cut a swath and be observed of men. It is far better that the bad apple be picked out and con-

signed to the place of refuse than the whole bushel should be permitted to go to decay.

Standing room on the back platform only.

An umbrella is one of the hardest things to save for a rainy day.

Cuba is to have a standing army. It will stand pat for law and order.

According to her own story, Mrs. Holman's loved her daughter as much as ever Shylock loved Jessica.

Bonilla will carry into exile much the same feelings towards Honduras as that Marlin had towards Rome.

After some years of subsidence and silence, Mr. J. C. Cokey has reappeared. "Keep off the grass, please."

Speaker Cannon would cut the cable to Panama and stop the agitation. It would be far better to cut the canal.

The Japanese and Russians are out of Manchuria and the Chinese are in again. How long will they stay in?

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is going to tell her story again. Then it will be a twice-told tale but not by Hawthorne.

Milwaukee brags that it has the best waterworks system in all the country. Yet the place is not famous for its waterworks.

A New York helress has fled to Europe "to escape from titled fortune hunters." But hasn't she jumped out of the frying pan into the fire.

Editor Stead seemingly regards the international arbitration and peace conference as nothing more than a prelude to The Hague congress.

Professor Munsterberg says that conscription in Germany is not a burden. Then Germany is the only country where conscription is a light burden and an easy yoke.

Not in words but in effect Secretary Taft's reply to the plain of the Porto Ricans about citizenship was, Better to suffer the ills you have than fly to others you know not of.

Mrs. C. J. Holman, mother of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, says that her daughter first posed for an artist named Storm. It was here, then, that the celebrated "brain storm" had its origin.

The governors of the British self-governing colonies have been holding some meetings in London but the proceedings have been kept secret. Did they say to each other what the governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina?

Commodore Peary on his next arctic expedition, will have an auxiliary steamer for the accommodation of tourists. Personally conducted tours to the north pole will be something new in the travel line. There is a great icefield for such an enterprise.

The Chicago Federation of Labor has sent a special messenger to Washington to ask the President to verify the words credited to him that Meyer and Haywood are "undesirable citizens." It is a most impudent thing and in reality is an affront to the chief magistrate of the nation. Things have come to a pretty pass when any one can assume to demand an explanation from the President of the United States.

## FRISCO'S SOCIAL PROBLEM.

San Francisco Chronicle.  
Suppose that some of our rich men are caught—and it is only rich men who can pay such sums as are named in these indictments—what will society do about it? Will their clubs and societies expel them? Will their acquaintances continue to take their dirty hands? Will any one be seen walking with them or giving them any social recognition? Will their innocent families find it endurable to live in a community where their fathers and husbands are pointed at as parasites? There is reason to believe that this community will soon be faced with the problem of what its attitude shall be toward men who have been influential among us and moved among their fellows as honorable men. In the determination of that problem the people of San Francisco will themselves be on trial.

## ITALY'S POPULATION.

London Globe.  
Some strikingly curious population statistics are now being published in Rome. Some years ago the Italian population was one of the most prolific in Europe, and in one period of 20 years increased from 28,000,000 to 32,000,000. Now the tendency is strongly in the opposite direction, while at the same time emigration, which now reaches a million souls a year, is leaving whole rural districts depopulated. The natural increase had declined from 7.3 per thousand in 1901 to 6.1 in 1906. In the flourishing industrial districts there is some progressive increase, but in the rural provinces, like L'Abania, Apulia, Sicily and the Campagna, it dwindles down as low as 1.1 per thousand.

## CHURCH BUILT FROM ONE TREE

Technical World.  
A large Baptist church that stands in the city of Santa Ana, Cal., enjoys the distinction of having been constructed entirely from a single tree. Of course that includes the woodwork of the structure. The tree from which the timbers, lumber and shingles were cut was a giant California redwood. A considerable quantity of the lumber was left over after the church building was completed. The building has a spire seventy feet high, an auditorium room capable of seating 300, a parlor capable of seating eighty, a pastor's study 14 by 20 feet, vestibule, a toilet-room. The building is 25 by 30 feet. There are not many buildings in the country all the timbers of which came from a single tree.

## UTILIZATION OF WASTE.

Philadelphia Press.  
The United States Steel corporation is installing twelve monster engines at various plants, the unique feature about them being that they do not require oil, coke or wood or ordinary gas for fuel. They are to be operated solely with the gas which is generated in the company's blast furnaces during the process of steel making. This gas has heretofore gone to waste, but hereafter it will be made to turn all the wheels. For a steel plant to be able to save the cost of its fuel is taking a very big stride toward economy. To be able to abolish smoke at the same time will add to its popularity in communities where the smoke belching stacks have smothered the air with blackness. One more real triumph for the American restless brain.

## JUST FOR FUN.

Getting It Added Up.  
A little fellow in Altoona, Pa., not long ago hustled into a grocery with a memorandum in his hand.  
"Mr. Jones," said he, "I want four pounds of tea at 25 cents."  
"All right," said the grocer, noting down the sale and instructing a clerk to put up the purchase. "Anything else, Tommy?"  
"Yes, sir. I want thirty pounds of sugar at 5 cents."  
"Load sugar? All right. What else?"  
"Seven and a half pounds of bacon at 20 cents."  
"Anything more?"  
"Five pounds of coffee at 32 cents, eleven and a half quarts of molasses at 8 cents a pint, two nine-pound hams at 214 cents and five dozen jars of pickled walnuts at 24 cents a jar."  
"That's a big order," observed the grocer, as he made out the bill. Your mother wants it, I charged, or do you pay for it now?"  
The boy pocketed the bill.  
"Mother hasn't a thing to do with this transaction," said he. "It's my arithmetic lesson, and I had to get it done somehow."—Success.

Ought to Have Waited.  
Jobson—Halloo, Thomson, what's the matter with you? You're looking awfully glum.  
Thomson—I've made a mistake, that's all. You know that I am "sweet" on the pretty Miss Smithson, daughter of the rich old stock broker. Well, Smithson broke his arm the other day, and so I took the opportunity to go up and in short—to ask him for Miss Smithson's hand.  
Jobson—And what happened?  
Thomson—Oh, well, I wish I had waited until he broke his leg.—Tit-Bits.

A Mere Error.  
Kid Broad was in a Broadway restaurant the other night, and suddenly piping at his soup, called the waiter over.  
"Here!" yelled Broad. "What's this mean? A needle in my soup!"  
"Pardon me," replied the waiter, "that's a typographical error. It should have been a noodle."—Exchange.

Not Jealous.  
"Bridge," said Mrs. Hiram Offen sternly, "on my way home just now I saw that policeman who was in the kitchen with you so long last evening, and I took occasion to speak to him."  
"Oh, that's all right, ma'am. I'm not jealous."—Exchange.

A Cutter of Revenue.  
"He's very wealthy, they say. Has he got a yacht?"  
"No, but he's got a revenue cutter that's a regular clipper."  
"A revenue cutter?"  
"Yes, the scissoring that he cuts his coupons with."—Philadelphia Press.

Alas! 'Tis True.  
First Humorist—I've found a barber's shop where they cut your hair while you wait.  
Second Humorist—Indeed, I'm glad to hear that. A barber shop is generally a place where they cut some other man's hair while you wait.—Exchange.

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