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THE HACKNEYED SUBJECT.

men's societies to procure an amend-

ment to the Constitution of the United

States , prohibiting the practice of poly-

gamy. This occasioned much discussion

in the "Reorganized' conference, a

common result of the formulation of al-

most everything projected among the

"Josephites," Without contention the

chief characteristic of their delibera-

tions would be conspicuous by its ab-

sence. After much debate, which is re-

ported by the Kansas City Journal as

broadcast by the presidency of that

and adjacent states and territories in

defiance of the laws of God and the

laws of the land, and "Whereas, The laws enacted by state

Saints, in general conference assem-

bled, favor the enactment of an amend-

States prohibiting the practice of polygamy in all the states and territories

under the jurisdiction of the republic.'

pose of showing the animus of the re-

ligious body which poses as an organi-

zation of believers in the doctrines pro-

mulged by the Prophet Joseph Smith,

and yet disputes and fights against

some of his enunciations as the revealed

without evidence in their support.

but repetition and surplusage.

country in that particular?

It is not built upon any established fact,

This great nation is requested to tak

important action on more rumor and

appearance. The exquisite logic and

profound wisdom exhibited in this dis-

play of Interference of a church with

the state, must be evident to all rea-

soning minds that give attention to it

Now, we wish it to be understood that

the passage of the amendment to the

Constitution, which some good Chris-

tian people and some agitators with ul-

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Saints, except in this one particular: It convenient means of signalling, espec-

antagonism.

church as a leaflet:"

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which is entirely undeserved, and serves to place it in a false light before the rest of the nation. The headquarters of the Church being within the boundarles of the State, it is concerned in the welfare of the commonwealth, which is largely composed of the mem-

ers of that Church. The provisions of the enabling act; by which Utah entered the Union, were in- that the existence of the Indian has corporated into the State Constitution, undergone, renders that mode of comand have been enacted in its munication unnecessary, and it is perstautes. The State is able and mitted to pass away. And this fact willing to enforce those pro- suggests the thought, that if a sign lanvisions when necessary, and in spite guage were felt to be a necessity for of rumors to the contrary, polygamous | international communication, it would narriages have long since ceased and be invented and studied, but as long as lave not been solemnized under the its necessity is not felt, it will not be cuspices of the Church. Agitation for | created. It is the demand that calls for he proposed amendment gives color to the supply, he falsehoods which the enemics of the burch industriously promulgate, and he Latter-day Saints therefore deprestill, brick,

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THE DESERT NEWS,

Sait Lake City, Utah. ente the movement. Another thing: We regard the atmpts to tamper with the fundamen-I law of this great nation as unwise | transcendental line? of mischievous when they are need-

aims a blow against the State of Utah,

s. That sacred instrument, whose amers we believe to have been inpired by the Almighty, should be runrded against the patchwork which considerate hands would fasten upon utely necessary to the welfare of the thole people should it be added to or At the recent Conference held by the evised. In the case under consideraso-called "Reorganized Church of Jesus tion, there is aboslutely no reason Christ of Latter-day Saints," the hackwhatever for such action, and nothing neyed subject of "polygamy," which n the desired direction would be acseems to be uppermost in the minds of complished if the movement started by the ministers of that society, was again religious agitators should prove sucbrought to the front. This time it was The wise men of the nation presented in the form of a resolution. ought not to be swayed by the preintroduced for the purpose of endorsing fudices of sectarianism, nor be led into a movement by some "Christlan" woolly through the domination of the pul-

THE RIGHT WAY IS EASY.

There is a much easier, less expensive and surer way to secure the payment of the policemen's salaries, than by manlamusing the City Auditor, who cannot Issue warrants for the payment of city funds without proper authority. Let the Captain of Police certify to the payroll, as acting head of the department, pending the decision of the Su-"feverish," the following resolution preme count on the legality of the was adopted and is to be "circulated Chief's confirmation. If this method as ordered by the City Council had been ollowed, the policemen would have had "Whereas. It is currently reported that polygamy is still practiced in Utah their pay long ago. It has the merit f being lawful, which cannot be truthfully said of any of the expedients proosed by the minority of the council, and offered simply to put the majority legislation seem to be inadequate to prevent or prohibit the practice of polygamy without the intervention of fedn a faise light. Whose obstinacy is it that has stood in the way, all along? eral enactment; therefore be it "Resolved, That we, the Reorganized Not that of the "solid eight," ner of any city officer who has been governed by Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day law. The citizens of Salt Lake should see that they are not hoodwinked by the sophistries, schemes and tricks of ment to the Constitution of the United the real opponents of the payment of the police, nor the subterfuges of newspapers that are simply playing a game We copy this resolution for the purof politics.

SIGN LANGUAGE. The New York Tribune tells of the

Easter observances in the church of St.

Ann, where the anthem "Christ is Ris-

en" was interpreted by sign language, mind and will of God. Our missionaries for the benefit of the deaf mutes. The meet with the most virulent hostility congregation, it is raid, was powerfulfrom the preachers of the 'Reorganizaly moved and no doubt derived as much tion" throughout the country, and much satisfaction from the rendering as of the persecution which our Elders would a company of persons possessed have to endure is occasioned by that of the sense of hearing from a wellbalanced quartet of trained voices. The The first "whereas" in the foregoing same was true of the hymn, "Angels resolution repeats a current report and Rolled the Stone Away," and the stirgives it circulation, when it is nothing ring anthem, "Now Is Christ Risen but rumor and contains a slander that From the Dead." It was not mere dumb has been rebutted almost as often as show of laborious spelling by combinait has been published. The "Reorgantions of the fingers, but an intelligible ization" thus places fixelf upon record interpretation which those who do not as a disseminator of scandal, and joins know the sign language found extreme. itself into the army of calumninators of ly interesting. This suggests to the conthe Saints. It pays no heed to the "curtemporary quoted the thought that sign rent" denials of the report, which in language, perhaps, offers the only pracfairness should have been noticed as ticable basis for a universal language. well as the rumor if there had been any Such a language, the Tribune thinks, real occasion to mention either. The would be considerably easier to master refutations that have been made are than any one burdened with the comofficial and positive, while the plications of grammar. "Basic ideas," stories repeated in the resolution are the argument runs, "are practically the only gossip and malicious assertion same, no matter what the language chosen for their expression, and if a The second "whereas" asserts a dimethod can be found of expressing rect falsehood. There is absolutely ideas in dignified pantomime the pernothing to show that the laws of Utah son addressed may translate it into are inadequate for the purpose menwords as well in one language as in an tioned. On the contrary, It is clear that other if he understands it at all. Conthey are sufficient, because no cases o versely, he may do his thinking in Gerpolygamy as defined by statute have man or Russian, and by the sign lanbeen prosecuted since their enactment guage make himself intelligible to the The facts are that there is less occa-Englishman or the Spaniard. This he sion for further legislation agains can do to a limited extent as it is; and bigamy or polygamy in this State than with a little training and the employin most of the States of the Union. Any ment of a few conventional gestures additional laws in Utah, whether local to express what may be called abstract or national for that purpose, would be ideas, intercommunication between persons who do not speak a common lan The resolution based on the pream guage might be made a very simple bles would not be logical or rational, even if the premises were correct, Sup

And that brings to mind the fact that pose it was true that there have been here did exist, if it does not now, some cases of bigamous or polygamous sign language of the American plains, marriage in the State of Utah since its whereby those skilled in it could exadmission into the Union (which by change thoughts, no matter what their the bye we do not admit) what reason vernacular was. We have read some would that afford for changing the Conwhere of Bill Hamilton, who was sent stitution of the United States, by from the western plains up among the amending it so as to make a radica Indian tribes of the British possessions, difference in its tenor and purport as and he found that he could make himregards the relation of the federal auself understood by signs, and that he thority to that of the several States of anderstood the signs of the various the Union? Would the alleged violation tribes he met. In the party that accomof criminal laws in any State justify the panied him was a gentleman who had extension of federal law over the whole studied the sign language of the natives of South America, and he, too, under-But, it should be observed that the stood the signs of the North American resolution of the "Josephites" favoring Indians, and they understood him. It the enactment of an amendment to the has been proved that an Apache Indian Constitution of the United States, L from Arizona and a Nez Perce from the founded on something that is stated to far northern part of the west, have be "currently reported" and that been able to converse together by this "seems to be." It has no solid basis

The sign language of the Indians has indoubtedly grown out of the necessity or the children of the plains to communicate with one another from long distances. On the vast deserts it was not always convenient to go forward and backward with messages. And so horsemen would ride in a circle to signify to his comrades a mile or more away, that he desired them to come on A blanket fastened to a long pole and thrust into the air would be a call to terior motives wish to see adopted, scattered party to gather and go into is a matter of very little concern to the amp. Smoke and fires were found

ially when danger threatened, and caution was necessary

From such sign language the transition to the signs used for common conversation was easy. This sign language was executed by movements, gestures and positions of the hands and arms, and other parts of the body.

The old sign talk, however, is not as common as it used to be. The change

"Poles to build a church," says an exchange. Why not lumber? Or better

Boston is to have an Institute of Advanced Thought. Something in the

The President's Yellowstone trip is over, "Ain't I glad to get out of the wilderness, out of the wilderness."

Columbia university has a genuine Ger-

man count among its students. Still to its detriment. Only when abso- he doesn't count any more than any other student. Proud-pied April, dressed in all his Hath put a spirit of youth in every

> Perhaps the most important piece of news ever sent out by the A. P. is the fact that W. K. Vanderbilt will marry

> Wldow Rutherford. The gunners of the Alabama are the best in the navy. Their total percentage of hits with the guns of all calibres, was 59.7. How the news would please Semmes were he alive.

> Two German medical students have been sentenced to six months in prison for fighting a duel. And thus is reparation made for the wanton killing of an artilleryman by Naval Cadet

It would be well for the Methodist brethren now in conference to begin their services by singing the hundred and thirty-third pslam: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

"As Mr. Roosevelt observed about the Spanish war, there was glory enough to go around," says the Springfield Republican. Honor to whom honor is due. The remark, become famous, was made hy one Winfield Scott Schley, U. S. N., after the fight off Santiago de Cuba.

If sheep and cattle cannot be driven through either City Creek, Emigration or Parley's canyon, how will they get the winter ranges of the desert to the summer ranges of eastern Utah? The ducks and the geese have wings and a way but the four-footed animals

Every one is more or less interested in the long sleep of the young lady in the hospital, But her slumber is not as a of to a nan compared with the case of a French woman who has been usleep for twenty years, and the only sign of life which she has shown during that time was recently, when an abcess on her arm was lanced and then she moved slightly.

One of the Methodist preachers, speaking of class meetings, characterzed those as the corner stone of the Methodist church. Class meetings, no matter how excellent, are not mentioned n the Bible as the corner stone of the thurch, and the Methodists claim that their organization is founded entirely on that sacred volume. There is a discrepancy somewhere as to the corner

A "real" Italian nobleman has comover to this country to marry a real American heiress of large fortune, Asked if a hundred thousand dollars would be fair dowry, he answered: "It would do, but it is not much return for the honor my title brings. My family i nearly 650 years old and has large estates near Naples." His family is very old and it is real nice of him to be willing to wed one of a country so young as America. The title be offers is cheap at half price. Walk up, young ladies, Now is your chance,

"I note by the census reports that the population of Salt Lake City has more than doubled in the past ten years, and it would seem to me that this Is only a beginning of greater prosperity which naturally follows the enterpris and thrift of its people, and the natural and artificial advantages of its soil to say nothing about undeveloped minera wealth." says one interview by a con temporary. This statement comes within the category "important if true." It certainly is news to the people of this city and the census bureau.

President Hadley of Yale thinks the north committed a grave error in con ferring the ballot upon the negro. Oth rs have thought the same thing, and consibly they were right. But it is to late now to rectify any error made then. Undoubtedly there are tens and tens of thousands of white men in the country who have the right of the bal lot who are absolutely unfit for it. / man can never be fully fitted for citlzenship until he has had practise in it. any more than a man who never goes near the water can swim. But the electorate grows better and more intelligent each year though there are many seemingly discouraging things connected with R. All improvement of every kind is more or less difficult and

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Cassier's Magazine of illustrated enneering begins its twenty-fourth vol-ne with the following list of articles Coining Machinery in Chinese Mints." Oberlin Smith and Henry A anvier: "Modern American Machin Tools, Charles H. Benjamin; "Small Water Powers with High Heads," by Thorburn Reid; "Distributing Illuminating Gas at High Pressure," by F. H. Shelton: "The Great Eastern Railway Decapod," by James Holden; "The otten Oil Industry in America," by D. . Tompkins; "Rallway Trains on Fer-es," by Archibaid S. Hurd; "Recent Steam Turbine Applications," by Hon, O. L. Parsons; and Current Topics,-



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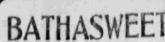
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