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DESERET NEWS 'PHONES.

Persons desiring to communicate by telephone with any department of the Deseret News, will save themselves and this establishment e great deal of an-noyance if they will take time to notice these numbers: For the Chief Editor's office No. 74.

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HHE PETTY SLANDERER.

Some strong protests have reached us against the long string of gross misrepresentations which were published recently in the Salt Lake Herald as correspondence from Brigham City, but containing no signature. We do not think it worth while to take up, in detail, the slanders, contradictions and palpable falsehoods which the communication embodies, as the author is not worth extended notice, and the people most interested in the matters distorted do not consider him or anything he says of any special value. Suffice it to say, that incidents and events occurring during a number of years and having no immediate connection or relevance to the matter recently adjudicated, are strung together in that letter so as to convey to the uninformed the impression that they all related to the dispute which has now been settled. These with a number of positive falsehoods, proved to be so in the recent trial, constitute the substance of the communication and proclaim the character of its author.

It might be naturally supposed that after the parties who felt themselves aggrieved had submitted the dispute to tribunals of their own choice, and had personally acquiesced in the decision rendered, there would be no further need for discussion of the case. But there are some people who are never satisfied unless they are stirring up strife and finding fault with their betters, and so it is likely that such communications as that which we here briefly refer to will continue to be thrust before the public, if papers engaged in such business and which delight in giving voice to anything anti-"Mormon" are willing to publish the venomous effusions. We suppose that while society is organized as at present, and the liberty of speech and of the press which ought to be maintained is prostituted, that license that scandal-mongers and ribald gossips love to indulge in, will occasionally disturb the sensitive. However, it will be found that, in the end, they fail of their purpose and bring derision and contempt upon their little-minded authors. The anonymous Brigham City correspondent may as well be left to the oblivion which his petty fictions merit.

ture on Mormonism at the People's church Sunday. No one came." Where! oh where! were the Elks on that important occasion? And why was is that even the name of Senator Burrows did not prove a charm to draw

the people, to hear disclosures from the great "Dr," who, according to the announcement "has had years of experience with the Mormon system?" The papers stated that,

'It should be the duty of every Chris The should be the duty of every chris-tian to support this great effort of bringing out the facts of this political organization, who have 60,000 mission-aries in the field, known as Latter-day Saints. All the important places and days of this organization will be thor-oracher dimensed " oughly discussed.

It is evident that the Elks had nothing to do with the "missionary in the west," and no doubt his claim as to Senator Burrows was about as valid as the other. He is clearly one of the regard. America would not be a land same class as the male and female impostors who are endeavoring to make money out of the present agitation on the "Mormon" question. It is to be hoped, however, that people in other

his enemies. parts of the country will give this wreiched defamer as wide a berth as

did the citizens of Toledo, Ohio, on Suni little longer.

MIDSUMMER EXCURSION.

day, June 12th, 1904.

day.

The Scandinavian midsummer festival will be observed at Lagoon, tomorrow, Thursday, June 23. It is called "Scandina lian" because arranged by a committee consisting of representatives of the three northern countries of Europe, but all are cordially welcome, without regard to nationality. An elaborate program has been prepared this year, and many valuable prizes are to be distributed. The proceeds will be devoted to the Latter-day Saints mis-

sion in Stockholm, for which the Scandinavians in Utah are endeavoring to raise means, and this object, as well as the elaborate program, should prove a drawing card for this excursion. It is tomorrow, Thursday, and not on Fri

TWO SENSIBLE VIEWS.

Referring to the recent controversy in Idaho, the Enterprise, a non-"Mormon" paper of that state, deprecates the hostility which certain persons fo political purposes have excited against the "Mormon" citizens there. On prominent questions the Enterprise makes the annexed remarks:

"The adoption of the anti-Mormon resolutions at the Democratic state convention will give a faise impression to people outside the state, for it will be taken as an expression of the senti-ment of the non-Mormons who live the Mormona. The convention among the Mormons. The opposition to the Mormons today comes from portions of the state where there tions of the state where there are scarcely any members of that Church. Before the manifesto the strongest op-position came from people who lived among the Mormons and who were op-posed to the practise of polygamy. And thy are as strongly ofposed to it today. But they realize that, although there may be a dozen members of the Church in this state today who are living with the plural wives they married before are the plural wives they married before 1890, polygamy is practically dead."

On the subject of the alleged interference of the "Mormon" Church in political affairs, the Enterprise has something to say, and we believe that the sensible people of our neighboring ate view the matter in a similar light and we therefore expect that the attempted friction between the Latterday Saints and the rest of the citizens in Idaho will fizzle out, and the object In view of the conspirators who are endeavoring to promote it will utterly fade away and fall. The Enterprise SAVE: "Doubtless there are unscrupulous individuals who have gained prestige by virtue of their ecclesiastical posi-tions in the Mormon Church and used tions in the Mormon Church and used that prestige to promote the success of the party or candidates they desired to see succeed. And so have ministers of the different churches of our state and also the members of different se-cret societies of the country. Possibly Mormons conspire to shield each other. So do sectarian ministers and members of fraternal orders. Why, then, in the case of the Mormons attack church of fraternal orders. Why, then, in the case of the Mormons attack church while in the other instances the indi-viduals are punished. Mormons are equally amenable to the laws with other citizens, and upon the other hand are entitled to all the safeguards and are entitled to all the safeguards and But the privileges granted to others. charge that the Church as an organiza-tion uses its power to influence its members in affairs political is untrue.

was entrusted, were greatly to blame, but so were those whose duty it is to inspect vessels and see to it that they are seaworthy. It is the Chicago theater disaster over again, as far as regards neglect to see that the rules relating to

the safety of the public, are kept. In the Old World such a disaster would be almost impossible, because there government officials watch over

out-going vessels and see that the regulations are observed. In this country, we have good laws and statutes, but officials do not appear to regard it as their duty to watch over the enforcement of those laws, unless some private citizen makes it his business to enter a complaint. This absurd inactivity on the part of salaried officials, until goaded forward by public sentiment, is the cause of so many disasters, and much lawlessness. We need a change in this

of disasters and crimes, if the elected officers would do their duty.

Perdicaris still dwells in the midst of The President must have patience yet

In Colorado the open shop is closed against the union miner.

Stop the sale of the toy pistols. It is

against the law to sell them. It was a nice shower, but like most nice things in this world, too little of

Seconding speeches of Mr. Roosevelt's nomination will be essentially a secondary matter.

When a boy returns home sick from a picnic it is a sure sign that he has, had a good time.

The Independent Telephone can't be any more independent than the other telephone company.

Judge Parker, it is said, carefully weighs his words. They appear to have been lost by the wayside.

The history of Iceland for 1,000 years records but two thefts. The records are undoubtedly incomplete.

Dr. Depew called yesterday's proceedings "a curtain raiser." The good doctor is nothing if not theatrical.

If the General Slocum disaster was not the result of criminal neglect it was something close akin to it. Raisuli expects to be rewarded, and

handsomely, for doing evil. Most men expect to be rewarded for doing good. Ex-Secretary Root's speech read won

derfully like a presidential message Was it the shadow of a coming event?

Everybody knows what will transpire at Chicago, but where is he who can foretell what will happen at St. Louis?

"Missouri's Schools of Crime," is the heading of an editorial in the Kansas City Times. The House of Delegates seems to be the place where the post graduates finish up.

Citizens' Alliance state. Colorado la Incapable for the present to escape from one or the other stages of her wild de-lirium—each equally bad and danger-ous. Sooner or later she must receive treatment at the hands of Uncle Sam. The sooner the better.

says evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights: that amongst these are life, liberty and the fundamental principle of civil liberty. When this occurred in Colorado and the denial was accentuated by dynamite murder, what was the proper course for the state?

Gen. Bell's defense of his acts in de-



IT DID NOT WORK.

Toledo, Ohio, papers less than two weeks ago, announced a lecture, to be delivered in the People's Church on Sunday, June 12th, by one calling himself "Dr. R. W. Tavener of Salt Lake City." They stated that, "The Doctor is endorsed by Senator Burrows," and that "the Elks have interested themselves in the lecture." One prominent paper published an "interview" with the so-called "Dr.," from which we take the following excerpts:

'Moral degradation has infected the "Moral degradation has infected the entire city and state and it all finds its base in polygamy. Mormon youths have no respect for gentile women. They seek in every way to degrade them and a woman going to Salt Lake City without her husband or brother or father is in the greatest of dan-

ger. "If people could once see the result of woman suffrage in Utah they would have no more use for it." Dr. Tavener continued. "There you will see womcontinued. There you will see women en talking from drygoods boxes ask-ing the crowd to vote for 'my candi-date.' They will go out on the street, buttonhole voters, put their arms around their necks and lead them to the polls to vote for 'my candidate.' Women engaged in such work lose the refinement and the sense of the mother. They are no longer what women should

We have made some inquiries concerning the person who uttered the foregoing abominable falsehoods, and who claims to have been engaged in "missionary work in the west," and to have "essisted the senate committee in their investigations on the Reed Smoot case," but we can learn nothing concerning him or any one of that name. except that there was until recently a hanger-on at low saloons in this city by the name of Tayener, and the twain may possibly be one and the same.

It appears, however, that notwithstanding the advertisements and interviews and efforts to obtain an audience at the People's Church, to hear his lecture on "Polygamy and its Awful Influence over the People of this Country." the expected congregation and the emoluments to be gained therefrom failed to materialize. The following announcement appeared in the papers on Monday evening:

"Dr Tavener failed to give his lec-

ONLY AMERICA NOW.

According to an order by Secretary Hay, the words "United States" are to be stricken from the seals of all our embassies and consulates. By this order our country virtually changes name. It is no longer the "United States of America," but only "America." And

we are "Americans." This is generally considered an improvement. United States of America is others. a long name, and therefore inconvenient. And, somehow, the inhabitants of this country have come to be known as 'Americans" par excellence, as it were. Canadians, Mexicans, Brazilians are, in common parlance Americans, only in a generic sense of the word. Citizens of this country are the Americans. By the order given, the secretary only gives official sanction to an already popularly adopted usage.

But the question naturally arises, whether the secretary has power to change the name of the country in the seals of our foreign representatives. The Constitution, as is well known, in the preamble and in the different articles recognizes "The United States," and "The United States of America," but not "America." Can our official scals bear any other name than that adopted in the Constitution?

WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE?

The first shock caused by the terrible disaster in New York, being over, indignation is expressed on every hand at the condition in which the General Slocum was, on the fatal day. The fire hose was decayed, it is said, and the life preservers were mostly unaccessible and rotten. Some were filled with worthless material, and they sank. The boat itself is declared to have been a

tinder box. The question is natural, who was responsible for these fatal defects? The company that owned the boat, or the officers to whom the care of the vessel

The Utah Pioneer, S. A. Kenner's new paper, for June 22, is out on time and of course is spicy and neat and up-todate. The editor takes occasion to correct the impression that the Pioneer succeeds the Great Campaign simply, as for the coming political contest; it is intended to keep it going "as long as the fates will permit." We hope that "the fates" will prove propitious,

William Pinkerton, in his book, gives the following derivation of the word "hobo:" "As late as twenty years ago one tramp meeting another and wishing to be sure of his identity as a professional tramp, would address him as 'Ho, beau.' This expression subsequently developed the word 'hobo,' " Another recent explanation is that the word is an abbreviation of Hoboken. which is the eastern terminal of transcontinental railway lines patronized by enterprising tramps.

The recent decision of the Methodist conference, to retain the rule against worldly amusements, does not seem to have been understood by all of that denomination. According to a dispatch from Knightsville, Ind., a club of that

place, a few evenings ago, gave a dance. The members, we are told, though Methodists, had their minister open the affair with prayer, and then they danced contentedly all night. Our friends in the world are imitating the 'Mormons' in everything except charity and regard for the rights and views of

The Portland Oregonian has looked up the history of conventions and found that "it is sixteen years since the last Republican convention in Chicagothat of 1888. The convention four years iater, 1892, met in Minneapolis; in 1896 in St. Louis; in 1900 in Philadelphia, Of the Republican candidates nominated at Chicago, Lincoln and Garfield were assassinated; Blaine was defeated and died an unhappy and disappointed man. Harrison, renominated at Minneapolis, was defeated. The warring Republican candidates before the National Republican convention of 1880, Grant, Blaine, Sherman, Windom, Garfield, are all dead. Conkling and Curtis are dead. The leading candidates of the Republican convention of 1896 are dead-McKinley and Reed. Hanna, the executive head of McKinley's campaign, is dead; so is Quay.'

IN COLORADO. Pueblo Chleftain.

The authorities of Teiler county claim to have a clew to the perpetrator of the Independence explosion outrage. If this is the case every means should be employed to run the miscreant to earth and compel him to suffer the extreme penalty for his dastardly act.

Sacramento Bee.

It is high time Colorado were shocked into sobriety. She is in a delirium of lawlessness, reveling in a drunken sat-urnalia of oppression and misrule. She cannot regain her sober senses by re-lapsing into her first stage of Labor Union inebriety. Nor should she be per-mitted to remain in her present crazy