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"FAKE" JOURNALISM.

"Salt Lake City, Nov. 15, 1903.

"Editor Descret News: "In reading the account of 'Morten-sen's case' in last night's 'News,' ine statement of Attorney C. B. Stewart that whole pages in the papers of pur-ported interviews with Mortensen were to Mr. Stewart's personal knowledge wholly false, is a terrible accusation.

Mr "And when it is known that M Stewart is a man of such integrity character that his word cannot doubted, what opinion can the people have of the worth of the public press, when even a man who is being triad for his life cannot receive justice through its columns.

"Truth must be the foundation of out lives; of our characters, and the peohves, of our characters, and the peo-ple have a right to demand this from those who in public positions are sup-posed, and to a great extent do, mold the thought and tendency of the people. "Oh, it's only newspaper talk, 'utter-ed with the greatest degree of sarcasm,

a statement that is very, very fre-quently heard nowadays. But it is hard to believe that men in positions of such honor and trust can resort to such infamous measures for a few paltry

When whole pages are shown to be these what are we to believe about the "Panamalans," Panamalans, or Panamalans, "Panamalans," The control of a name is amaites." The question of a name is important enough, since the new nation falsehood; therefore cannot the public have some assurance that what printed in the daily papers is not pre meditated lies. Should not the pub-lishers be compelled to label these fabrications, as the grocer does his oleo-margarine. For should not our spirit-ual and educational food be as clean

fournalism is the real culprit and should bear the burden of the erime. for it often is a prime and ought to be troated as such. Of the same character is the practice,

in some of our contemporaries, of fab. on the church by using the heavy Virricating headlines that do not correginia creepers as a ladder; they discovspond with the reading matter that ered a coal hole in the church area, follows them. People who go through that no one had thought to guard, and t all are frequently puzzled to know before the police recovered from their why such headings are made. Others astonishment a score of them had deswho have either no time or no inclinacended the narrow, begrimed staittion to peruse the whole thing, are way into the cellar and were groping fooled and deluded by the lies put in among the dark coal bins, smearing bold type, often with intent to deceive

their dainty gloves and dresses with the hasty reader. coal dust. Now, this shows decidedly. Against all that kind of claptrap the "defect in good taste." It cannot be Descret News protests emphatically. denied. No lady with dainty gloves Mistakes will happen in the best reguhas any business in a coal cellar. But lated newspapers. They should be recdo not the worshipers of the golden tified if of any importance. A guard calf in great Britain do equally strange has to be placed over correspondence and ridiculous things? The American and other cources of information, lest ladies probably thought they had a errors are printed to the injury of inchance to see a circus. That would dividuals or the public. This superaccount for the freedom from "resvision is strictly kept up by the Deatraint" manifested. A circus-show aleret News, and it will not employ perways draws crowds in this country, and sons who make "fake" interviews, or they are never taken seriously. manufacture"stories,"or purposely mis-

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represent facts or individuals. We aim to make this paper reliable in every particular, and that is why it grows so rapidly in circulation and in public

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favor.

used by the Jews during the passover festival, went to Indianapolis to "puri-The board of education at Geneva, fy" a flourmill which the matzos manu-Il., have passed resolutions demanding facturer had chartered for six months. the enactment of a law providing that It appears that the flour used by the all executions in the state shall take Jews for their unleavened bread, which place in strict privacy. A murderer is to be killed there, and much excitement is eaten at the time of the passover, must be from an absolutely "pure" mill. is caused by the prospective event. The It must not have come in contact with signers of the resolution declare that any other flour. To accomplish this the proposed hanging of a human being the baker of the matzos must charter in this community has excited and aroused a morbid curiosity among the a mill, and subject it to an elaborate process of cleaning, or purification. people, and especially among the children, the tendency of which has been, This takes at least one week, during which time a rabbi must stay at the in the judgment of this board, to promill to see that the work is done well duce harmful results."

and not a speck of the unhallowed meal The sentiment expressed in these resremains. At the end of the week he olutions is correct. It is now genermakes a thorough examination, and ally admitted that the effect of executhen issues a report declaring the flour tions in public is absolutely degrading. religiously pure. The manufacturer of It is harmful to the grown up portion matzos begins at the latter part of Deof the community, and still more so to cember, although the passover restival the children. Familiarity with ghastly details goes far to spread the spirit does not commence until the beginning of April. But so great is the demand. that it responsible for brutal crimes. All these facts are well known, and that the manufacturer has all he can do to supply it within three moaths, recognized in the laws of at least some states. It should be recognized It is evident that the Jews, though in all. Even the newspaper reports affected in their sentiments and modes should be restricted to the mere facts of thought, by modern spiritual forces, of an execution.« The description of deare still clinging to the ancient law tails that can be of no interest to any with its many ceremonies and enactbut the morbidly curious has no room ments. And it is well that it is do. in respectable journalism. The citizens For these ceremonies are all types of who labor for the preservation of the something higher. And when the time of awakening comes, the higher truths decency of society, are doing a good work and deserve encouragement and and principles will be seen and support. A great many acts must be understood by such ceremonies, when done, and are properly performed in setheir significance is explained. That clusion, whereas the public exhibition is the use of the ceremonial law, If of them, or the detailed description of, the Jews should turn away from that them in public, would be improper, and dim light, before the greater light has wrong. Executions belong to this class. been lit in their midst, they would be Let the vell of sorrow and regret be in total darkness.

#### High coal makes the fire burn low, THE QUESTION OF NAME. Lou Dillon's record has only been And now the question has been raised

equalled by Steel common whether the people in the new republe on the isthmus are to be known as

O for a method whereby the water could be squeezed out of the price of coal!

money.

erally mobbed the bride and the church. of Frank J. Cannon appears as editor, They elimbed up on the steps of the and that of E. A. Littlefield as business bride's carriage and poked their heads manager, Under such brilliant and exthrough the window, some of them even perienced direction our Ogden contemattempting to pick flowern from the porary sught to achieve unbounded bride's dress and veil; they climbed up success; we wish it long life and great prosperity.

> The Boston Transcript is not very favorable towards the idea of having Gaello taught in the high schools of that city, Speaking of Councilman Grady's resolution it says: "Let us have the English language taught in our schools. And let it be taught so that the school children of the present who are to be the councilmen of the future will not write preambles statin ; that 'citizens desire to and are studying.' This would really accomplish more in the way of fostering civic pride than if public instruction is given in all the languages spoken at the confusion of tongues upon the Tower of Babel." Good advice that, appreciable to places where it is not sought to introduce the study of Gaelic,

## THE PANAMA SITUATION.

### Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Meantime, the construction of an Isthmian canal will be delayed. Should The Cincinnati Enquirer says an an-Panama win independence, new treates would have to be negotiated and new arrangements made. The revolt, while cient Jewish custom was revived when Rabbi Lipschitz and a local manufacprofessedly in the interest of the canal, may result in complications that will turer of matzos, the unleavened bread stop for 10 years, or forever, the con-struction of any waterway whatever,

Kansas City Times.

It is announced in Washington that under no circumstances will further negotiations be entered upon with Colombia with reference to an Isihmian canal. Even if the wholly unexpected should happen and Colombia should re-gain control of Panama, the United States could better afford to turn to the Nicaraguan route than to renew negotiations with a government whose representatives have attempted a big game of diplomatic blackmail.

### Portland Oregonian.

So now, in the mouths of these critics, we have "conscience" and "honor," to repletion. There is nothing to show that our government has encouraged secession and rebeliion in Panama. It has simply witnessed a course of events upon which it has acted. Doubtless the administration at Washington has been wise enough to make a forecast of what was coming. But the official of what was coming. But the official action of our government has been kept within the law of usage in such cases and within the rule of right; and recog-nition of the independence of Panama has been almost as prompt by the governments of Europe as by that of the United States.

## New York Tribune,

It is not the business of the United States to aid rebels in any country by recognizing their independence until that independence is an est fact, or to encourage them by established ing such recognition. It is a matter o course, without any special promise that recognition will be given wheneve and wherever it is deserved. Until is deserved it is not to be given Until This country could not afford to asked This country could not afford to incu the suspicion of having in any degre encounraged or aided the secessio movement not even if in so doing it se cured the canal. The canal would no ranay us for the loss of boror and fo epay us for the loss of honor and fo the loss of the confidence of our neigh bors. We could better afford to go elsewhere for a canal, or even to do without a canal, than to incur the re-proach of having conspired against the integrity of a friendly sovereign state.

St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Colombia is thoroughly exhausted by her prolonged, bloody and destructive struggle with the insurrections under Uribe-Uribe. Her industries, never vig-rous, have not recovered; her exchequer

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We publish the foregoing letter in order to call attention to the kind of journalism that is conducted by some of our contemporarles, and to enter our protest, once more, against the practice complained of. Our correspondent is not quite accurate in attempting to quote from our report of the remarks of the attorney. Here is what the "News" gave as the substance of the gentleman's objection:

"In speaking of public prejudice in this case, Mr. Stewart said that there this case, Mr. Stewart said that there had been interview after interview in the morning papers purported to be had with the defendant which were abso-lutely false to his own knowledge. On one occasion he said a reporter called at the state prison to see Mortensen and the latter refused to see him at all. Notwithstanding that fact, he said, the reporter had a whole column interview in the paper with Mortensen, all of which was absolutely false."

It will be seen by comparison that if is a mistake to state that Mr. Stewart said 'whole pages in the papers of purported interviews with Mortensen were false;" it is also incorrect to state that the "News" so reported him. The fact is, however, Mr. Stewart did affirm that purported interviews with Mortensen that had been published were wholly false. This charge does

not apply to the Deseret News. The so-called "fake" interview is not new to sensational journalism, nor by any means peculiar to some Salt Lake papers. Instances of the kind have been frequently exposed, here and elsewhere. It is a newspaper abomination. It is a form of vicious wholesale lying. It deceives thousands of readers at one telling.

The "fake" reporter is usually blamed for it and for lurid stories without truthful foundation, for distortions of public utterances, for exposures of private affairs, and for terrible tales either monstrously exaggerated or wholly untrue, that appear in papers which make a practice of startling the public, regardless of honor and reliabillty. But, justly, the chief fault lies with the management that requires reporters to "get a story" and fix up something attractive no matter whether it is right or wrong.

The mischlef about it is, that even if the errors are contradicted or apologized for-and that does not often occur-the first impression made on th. public mind usually remains. Many persons who see the falsehood do not notice its correction, or if they do, may

pay but small attention to it, or treat The Mail must be admitted to b it with a measure of incredulity. Men right, however, when it impeaches the whose employment depends upon their Americans for defect in good taste in getting "a story" and painting it up in such matters. It appears from the reglaring colors, will use their inventive ports of the event, that fully 5,000 wo faculties when they fail on facts. The men crowded the streets to get glimpse of the bridal couple. They litconcern that practices that sort of

will be referred to frequently from now on, in both speech and writing. Their name will be neither "Panamians," nor 'Panamaites,", nor Panamalans.' Either of these names is too awkward. 'Panamans" is easy and formed in accordance with usage: "Indians" from India: "Americans" from America; "Russians" from Russia, and so on Provided the Panamans retain the name Panama for their new state, they will be known as the "Panamans," no

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THAT WEDDING.

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that our Loudon contemporary is chag.

rined that the duke should go to Amer-

ica for a bride, or for the millions at-

best he could, and should not be too

severely censured. This business of go-

ing abroad for brides is as old as the

days of the vikings, when men searched

taste" and freedom from "restraints."

One of the most exquisitely sarcastic notes on the Roxburghe-Goelet wedding knowledge the new government, is by the London Mail. And the fact The great "coal war" seems to have that the great daily spoke quite seribeen inaugurated for the purpose of ously, makes its remarks on the topic

getting the "dear public" between the all the more enjoyable. The Mail said combatants and slaughtering it for "We may congratulate ourselves that more money. We may congratuate ourserves that the barbarle debauch of color, perfume and expensiveness did not take place in this country. Everything emblematic of mere religion seems to have been obliterated under the sensuous garment Emperor William himself is designing the cup that he will present as a trophy for the transatlantic vach

obilterated under the sensious garment of materialized wealth. It is in mo-ments like this that the Americans sur-pass the civilized and barbaric world. The supposable overpowering presence of money compensates them for any slight defects in good taste and re-straint. The Duke of Roxburghe, with his simple English bringing up, makes an odd figure in the crowd, almost a mathetic one lacking even the reason. race. We trust he has no designs on the America's cup. The French foreign office denies the report that a rupture of diplomatic relations has taken place between France and Siam. Of course not. Are they pathetic one, lacking even the reassur-ing consciousness of ante-nuptial setnot the Siamese twins since the others

died?

It would be difficult to say in what The New York Evening Post opines part of this paragraph the writer that, if the Angel Gabriel had been reaches the climax of irony. Has it nominated, he couldn't have beaten come to this, that democratic America Tammany this time. Possibly not, but must receive a rebuke from imperial as Gabriel was not nominated it is im-Britain, for "debauch of color, perfume possible to say definitely what would and expensiveness," in a public funchave been the result if he had been tion? And has it come to this that a candidate. duke from a center of European luxury

Captain Bernier of Ottawa, Canada, who has been beseeching the Canadian government to make him a grant in aid of an expedition to discover the North Pole, now threatens to abandon the project. In other words, he proposes to take his playthings and go home, and leave the pole out in the cold to take care of itself. Poor pole!

inched to her, but he did, no doubt, the Outrage is not the necessary concomitant of strikes, but it follows almost as the day does the night. The Chicago street railway strikers have begun to follow patforeign lands for beautiful women, and rons of cals that are run by non-union won their love by deeds of valor and crews and under police protection when by rich gifts. Times have changed, and they get out and beat or stone them some brides now are bought Such actions always deprive strikers of and sold, just as much as in the dopublic sympathy, no matter how just mains of Abdul Hamid. A man with their cause may be. But they have no a title cannot be too much blamed for one to blame but themsmelves. turning that into money as the world

at present is, if he has nothing but a We received today, for the first time copy (No. 7) of the new Ogden daily newspaper. It is called the "Daily Utah State Journal." and is a clean-looking well printed eight-page paper with local and general news, judiciously handled and presented. Its editorials are in double column style, ably written, forcible and pointed. The well-known name

Perfo.

At Panama it is government by inshe frankly confesses, is exhausted and the state of her credit is indicated by the fact that her paper money is now junction, Uncle Sam enjoining Colombia and all others to keep hands off. The motto of the cost barons seems to be: "Your money or your life." And of course the people give up their A protest from Colombia disturbs the United States' about as much, certainly not more, as an ultimatum from Europe disturbs the Porte. And now the Republic of Panama has been formally recognized by France. It will soon be Colombia's turn to ac-



