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SALT LAKE CITY, - FEB, 6, 1903 THAT SENATE DISCUSSION.

If any fair-minded observers of current events entertain doubts as to the necessity of having representatives in the councils of the nation, who not only are without prejudice as regards the so-called "Mormon" question, but also are well versed in the history and tenets of the Church, the senators who took occasion to discuss Church affairs in connection with the statehood bill furnished proof of that necessity. For as long as legislative asemblies deem an organization important enough to form the subject of debate, simple justice demands that it be represented in its true light, and not as seen through the colored glasses of prejudice.

If, for instance, the question were of reviving the old talk about Catholtelsm being a menace to the government, and the Catholic church being "the beast" of the Apocalypse, and legislators would deem it expedient to display their powers of oratory along that antiquated line, simple justice would demand that against such argument be placed the replies that the Catholics themselves alone could furnish. Otherwise injustice would be done to a great portion of citizens. Accusations would be made without refutations, and erroneous impressions would be sent abroad form the halls where, if in any place on earth, truth should be enthroned in all her majesty.

But the case is not different when the "Mormon" Church is concerned. The "Mormons," too, have a right to be represented as they are, if their enemies have a right to caricature them. If it is deemed expedient to give voice in legislative halis to the views of sectarian ministers, who are personally interested in keeping the country misinformed as to the Church, It is necessary that the truth should be heard too.

parents with a large offspring generally are happy and content, even if they have to struggle hard for existence. It is also claimed that mothers of many children, as a rule, are hale and hearty, with natures as rich and bounteous as their capacious forms." There are no languid invalids among them. Many of them have never needed a doctor except when a new member was added to the family. And the father of such a flock is too busy and too happy to be sick often. Love doubles and triples this is its fifty-third year of publica-tion. It must therefore have been startour strength, and stimulates all our ed with the birth of Salt Lake City as a Mormon settlement and with the or-Physically and morally healthy pa-

cents can never have too many children.

It looks stormy in the direction of the Balkan states. Both Turkey and Roumania are purchasing large quantitles of arms and ammunition, and Turkish troops are being massed along the Macedonian frontier. Austria-Hungary is said to have arranged for the mobilization of an eastern army corps, and the explanation that this is done in the interest of army maneuvers is not believed to be correct. The Macedonians claim that they have influential friends in Europe, who would come out for their cause if they

ensive machinery now required to pro had gained a victory or two over the luce a Christmas issue of the official Turks, and hence their plans for an organ of his enterprising descendants in the faith. Sweets are evidently des-tined for the industrious, and the "land of the honey-bee" is clearly the happy hunting-ground in "which those sweets are to be found." early rising. It is also claimed that Russia and Austria have agreed on a scheme for the amelioration of the condition of the oppressed people of Macedonia, Al-

bania and Armenia. But as this plan involves practically autonomy, at least for the Macedonians and Al-The university of Pennsylvania is barnans, it is believed that the sultan publishing a volume containing accounts of the important and interestwill refuse to accede to any proposing discoveries made of late years in tions of that kind. Those who have closely studied the Dabylonia and other ancient countries. The most remarkable of these discoversituation believe that if the diplomats

ies is that of the temple library at Nipare unable to coerce Turkey and to prevent the contemplated rising in pur, by Professor Hilprecht. As formorly stated in these columns, the Macedonia, a great storm is likely to break out before long. The situation mound covering the library rises on an average 25 feet above the plain and is interesting enough, for few doubt that such a storm must come before covers about 13 acres. So far about a the Millennial peace and caim can rest twelfth part has been excavated, and upon the surface of the earth. more than 20,000 cuneiform tablets and fragments antedating the birth of In looking over the world today it becomes evident that the relations be-Abraham have been taken out. As has been reported before, these tablets contween the nations are very much strained. The Venezuela affair has intain mathematical, astronomical, medivolved most of the civilized countries of the world in a controversy that is not

cal, historical, linguistical and religious writings of various sorts. It was a repository for all kinds of learning. yet beyond the critical stage. Not only the United States, Great Britain, Gerthough little enough has been found of many and Italy are interested in this what we should call literature; while conflict, but France, Spain, Belgium, on the other hand a great deal of the Holland, and the Scandinavian counremains so far unearthed are those tries. In the Balkan states, all the of the pupils' exercises in the schools great powers of Europe are interested. attached to the college and temple of In Central America, the little states ap-Nippur-exercises in calculation of figpear to be all in a ferment. Honduras mes, grammatical constructions, drawing and sculpture. Also there was unrecently elected a new president; but earthed the beginning of an archeothe present incumbent declines to yield the place. The presidents of San Sallegical museum, in the shape of an vador and of Nicaragua with their arearthen jar, containing 19 very choice mies declared for the incumbent; while specimens of then ancient date-all the president, and Honduras itself bewhich, with their original jar, are now came divided. Gen. Sierra controls the part of the archeological museum of Honduras army, but his opponent rethe university of Pennsylvania. ceived the indorsement of the congress.

Meantime, the armies of Salvador and What Mr. Marconi now wants is more Guatemala were skirmishing and plunspace.

fashioned Rammage press" of the Paimyra days, and the costly and ex-

THE NIPPUR LIBRARY.

Warwickshire being baptized in a canal running through Learnington. It was in 1840 the first forty emigrants left Liverpool under the direction of Brig-ham Young, then president of the Eng-lish mission. I well remember reading accounts in the newspapers of the as-sassination of Joseph Smith at Nauvoo, the temporary break-up of Mormonism there, the exodus therefrom under the then chief. Brigham Young, the plunge into the wilderness, the settlement in into the wilderness, the settlement in the valley of the Great Salt Lake, and ter and has been right along. There s every indication that the collection of the organization in 1849 of the State of Descret (the "land of the honey bee"). lebts due from Venezuela is but a pretext while a deeper and more far reach-I note that on the Christmas issue of e "Deseret News" it is indicated that ing game is being played. How it will all end perhaps no one can say. THE VENEZUELA IMBROGLIO.

Milwaukee Wisconsin. We are gratified that the United

ganization of the State of Deseret in 1849. The "land of the honey-bee" has evidently been a signal success to the human busy-bees that have made it their home and flourished there. It is recorded of the late Joseph Smith, the States is not engaged in the demeaning process of collecting debts from other nations at the cannon's mouth. The best people in England feel humiliated that Premier Balfour should have been such a fool as to make an alliance with Gerfounder of Mormonism, that when a boy some fitteen years of age (in 1820) he would "stroll into the office of the old 'Palmyra Register' for his father's many for that purpose. If individuals of a nation trust a bankrupt nation and paper," and that "the printers' devils there would blacken his face with the a bankrupt government with their loos ash, they should not call upon their old fashioned pelt balls when he used to put himself in the way of working the wn nation to enforce their claims with he power of its army and navy. The old-fashioned Hammage press." In all probability the founder of Mormonism would open his eyes very wide indeed if he were to stroll into the office of the "Deseret News" ioday, and note the dif-ference between the "pelt balls and old-ference determinese" of the United States has a grand record in his matter, and may it ever so coninue

New York World. The negotiations over Venezuela are now delayed over the knotty question of "preferential creditors." The "war now delayed over the knotty question of "preferential creditors." The "war lord" party hold that to the victors in the glorious work of shelling weak ships, crumbling forts and detenseless villages belong the spoils—or at least the first chance at them. This diffi-uity nod not long data a settlement culty need not long delay a settlement. But meanwhile the regrettable delay is alding the army party in our own Congress to secure more money for warlike

Chicago News. The French contention that to give powers using force an advantage over powers using peaceful methods is to put a premium on war is eminently reasonable. At the beginning of the reasonable. At the beginning of the present crisis, moreover, the French government plainly announced that while not participating in the alliance it reserved the right to insist upon equal treatment as a creditor. If Great Britain and Germany are now to insist upon priority in the division of the Vanezuelan customs-receipta they will Venezuelan customs receipts they will not only raise an issue embarrassing to all parties concerned but will force Venmaining under blockade for an indefinite period or of repudiating its own treaty arrangements with other powers and thereby risking dangers from a new source.

New York Mail and Express.

Minister Bowen, nominally speaking for Venezuela, will point out that the French claim, and the other European claims too, can be paid with forty per cent of the customs reserve. By such an arrangement Venezuela would be in fact evading her direct responsibil-ity to France, and putting a first mortgage on the same terms as a second Mr. Bowen, neither as Venezuela's representative nor as an American diplo-matic officer, could do less than urge that the established claims of Franc should be provided for as well as the others. He will be in every way war-ranted in maintaining the justice of this proposition.

Portland Oregonian. Here is the basis of the proceeding of Germany and England against Vene-zuela. It was her own folly that brought Venezuela into such a strait, when she went into debt on terms dic-tated by the foreigner, and mortgaged her customs to meet the charges. The result is fust what over the charges here result is just what ought to have been foreseen. It probably was foreseen by





intended to deceive those who do not think very profoundly. But it is nevertheless sophistry, and nothing else. An official of the Church has consented to give his time to the affairs of the Church. The First Presidency naturally depend on him for the service to which he has been appointed. He should not leave that service without should not prejudice the minds of the people against him. No public man in all Utah has more friends at notice to the authorities in charge, Does not common courtesy demand that a gentleman who has promised to fill an all Utah has more friends afnong the acclemantical office. If he desires to act Gentlies than he. * * From my point of view Reed Smoot will acquit himself with credit in the United States in some other capacity shall notify his brethren of the fact, so that senate. His word is better than the bonds of most of his detractors would they can say whether he . can be in a business transaction. I am a Gentile and a believer in fair play, Reed Smoot is a Mormon and a believ-er in fair play. He is not a radical in be spared from his ecclesiastical dutics, temporarily or permanently, without detriment to the Church? anything and all the hue and cry raised in Utah comes from a few disappoint-Would not a corporation, a firm, or an association require an employe or agent to give notice of an intention to engage in some other activity? And should that be construed as detrimental to the candidate?

So flimsy are the objections to "Mormons" as candidates for Congress. And yet when the sophisticated arguments are embellished with proper oratorical ornaments, and flaunted before the face of the public that have but little power of discernment, they appear as solemn truth. Hence the necessity of meeting sophistry with reason, falsehood with truth, even in the legislative halls of the nation.

NOT CHILDREN ENOUGH.

The Medical Brief for February contains an earnest editorial on the "Decrease of the Birth Rate." The writer says that the birthrate is decreasing in the United States, especially in the families of the well to do, and that every day doctors are appealed to for. information which will keep down the size of families. And then he points out that this really means "that the curse of selfishness is sapping at the very roots of life. It means the decay of spiritual ideals. It means the death of true patriotism. It means the breaking up of homes. It means the triumph of sensualism."

There can be no doubt that the evil the Deseret News. He says in part: pointed out in this article in the Medical Brief is the sin of the age. It has thrown its blight upon France, and upon a large part of the civilized world. to the many and great moustres that flourish in the extensive territories de-scribed, together with the portraits and hiographical notices of some of the leading citizens who have been in the The Jews, we are told, still believe in large families. They consider children as the gift of God, and as a blessing. That fact alone is a guarantee for the future of the Hebrey race. For the world belongs to the, who do not shirk world belongs to thole who do not shirk their responsibilities. Nations with large families are powerful. Or, per-haps we should say that powerful ma-tions have large families. No matter what we make the proposition, it means that the future belongs to the nations that live in accordance with the laws of nature. It has often been pointed out that

ing on the Salvador boundary. Rumors of wars are continually It is an easy matter to sighs up heard, in addition to those of famine, melancholy person. earthquakes, and disasters in many It's a dull day that doesn't see a colplaces. lision on some railroad.

THE FIGHT ON REED SMOOT. When Calve marries M. Bois it will be their wooden wedding.

Under that heading the Kansas City Star of Jan. 29 has the following: What the sultan would like is to

"Reed Smoot, recently elected to represent Utah in the United States Senate is entitled to the position," said W. P. O'Menra of Sait Lake City at the have the pretender bound in Morocco. The sun wouldn't shine for all, if certain trust magnates could have their Hotel Baltimore this morning. 'He is an earnest churchman, I'll admit, but way. is honest, intelligent and industrious. The road to destruction these days As an apostle of the Mormon Church he lives his religion as an apostle should, but he is not an advocate of polygamy and never has been. He probably has defended the peculiar tenet of the Church, but that fact is too frequently coincident with

raliway track. Pure food bills should prohibit the eating of crow under any circumstances

What an amount of Bowen and scrapping this Venezuelan business has brought about. The allies are taking the statutory

time in which to answer Mr. Bowen's latest proposition.

Even in the diplomatic contest now going on in Washington the battle is not to the strong alone. There seems to be a few hold-ups

never happy inless they are exercising their hammers on the reputations of men who outclass them in everything left. Will Mr. Morrison and Policeman that goes to make a good citizen, such Heath make note of the fact?

> It makes the weather seem a little less severe to know that there is an abundant supply of coal in town. That Oregon convict who killed himself showed a due consideration for 'the good name and fame of his state.

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The Milwaukee Free Press remarks:

"If it was the intention of the good

people of the United States to keep Mor-mons out of Congress they should have

efused Utah admission as a state, bu

naving admitted it, the state is as much

ntified to elect its representative citi-en to Congress as any other state, and

Congress has no more to do with the religious belief of the gentleman from

as Reed Smoot is."

siders to be right.

ive to fight another day," appears to A copy of the Free Labour Press, of he the motto of the Moroccan pre-Jan. I., a weekly journal published in tender. London in the interests of trade, labor The difference between a man like and commerce, has reached the office Mr. John D. Rockefeller and an ordinof the "News," by courtesy of Mr. Wm. ary individual is about four hundred J. Sliver of this city. The Press is a million dollars. well edited journal, alive to the issues of the times, and without fear in Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson the advocacy of that which it con-

insists that his resignation be acceptd. He is very popular with the peo-As an illustration of the widespread ole, but isn't he getting to be just a lit. interest taken in the affairs of Utah, the too insistent? we mention the fact that the editor of the Press devotes nearly a column

Massachusetts has a distinguished if its space to the Christmas edition of itizen and colonel named Drinkwater. Centucky has many distinguished cititens and colonels but none bearing that nir is designated the "Utah and Idaho edition," and its contents are devoted ame.

No man, be he mayor or chief, should x given absolute control over either the fire or police department of this city. No matter by whom held absopast engaged in building up these in-dustries, together with the captains of lute power is always abused,

ndustry at present so engaged. One annot but be impressed with the mag-It seems that Ambassador Herbert



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