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POSITION OF THE CHURCH, To one who follows the discussion on prohibition it is evident that the apolegists for the saloon traffic are not fighting in the open. They do not come out like men, in a manly contest, and answer the arguments of the opponents, or advance their own, in the open daylight. They do not state why, in their opinion, we should continue to tolerate the saloans and concomitant evils, in our communities. They are, Instead, doing some work in the dark. The wireless telegraphy of rumor is kept busy. Whispered suggestions are being passed around, that seem important as long as they are surrounded by an air of mystery, but that cannot stand close scrutiny. The prohibitionists show up the evils of the liquor traffic. They prove that the drink habit is ruining body and soul; they point out its influences upon society; they prove that it is bad manufally and morally, no less than politically. To may lurk danger from disease. all these indictments the friends of the traffic are apparently slient, but under cover they are exerting all their influence to induce our legislators to bind of an opportunity. themselves for the saloon interests, THE WHOLE TRUTH. even before the prohibition bill comes up for consideration in the legislative chambers. In their private enslaughts

in public. We hope none will be misled by such tactics. The Church has spoken on the question in its conference held here on October 6th, last year. And those who want to be in harmony with the Church on temperance have no alternative but to act in accordance with the teachings given and the resolution passed on that occusion. At that conference nt Joseph F. Smith said, ir

on legislators they are using argu-

ments they would be ashamed of ad-

vancing in public, and they expect the

legistators to be swayed by such means.

They do not even seem to care whether

they bring the Leaders of the Church

into disrepute by the falsehoods they

promulgate concerning their alleged

views and desires, which they repre-

sent as different from those expressed

"Now there is a great movement on foot throughout the land, its waves have struck us here and are flowing over our State—a wave of temperance. Even the world is moved upon by an irresistible influence and spirit to advocate and establish among communities in states and counties and cities the principle of temperance. I am in favor of this movement, I endorse it with all my heart; I know that it is in the right direction, and I believe that direction upon those who are willing to devote their labor and time to this portlon of this good work in the world." portion of His good work in the world."

This is clear enough. There is no. ambiguity in that endorsement of the prohibition wave that is sweeping the country and the state, and, for that matter, the entire world, at the present

President Anthon II. Lund at the same meeting said, speaking of sa-

"I consider it a shaper to see such institutions in settlements largely com-

There is no uncertainty about that-President Francis M. Lyman said:

"It meems necessary to have laws of the land to confirm and assist the law of the Lord in probabiling the use of strong drinks, and the world has been moved upon to make an effort in that direction. This movement should find

Then the following resolution was

unanimously adopted: "Believing in the words and teachings of President Joseph P. Smith as set forth this morning on the subject of temperature, it is proposed therefore, temperatice. It is proposed therefore, that all officers and members of the Church of Jesty Christ of Latharday Saints will do all in their power, that can properly be done, with lawmakers generally to have such laws surered by our Legislature, seem to be elected, as may be necessary to close salmons, otherwise decrease the sale of Equor and enact what is known as the Sunday law.

observance of the Sabbath. The Church leaders, to be sure, have not taken the initiative in this im- ers, and is being represented by them stated, has struck us and is flowing over our State. The demand for the closing of the splooms comes with great force from the people, and the Church

and officers of the Church, in response to this demand, are tending their hearty believe it to be right, and for the best

and the Church Leaders, no matter what scure corner. It was in open daylight, before the world and before the high not going to be any retreat from that position. The fight against intemperence to to militable.

#### SOLVING A PROBLEM.

Standards charge. Today the exhiition car of the Agricultural College Utah is passing through Salt Lake in its way to southern settlements there to give practical examples of what experimentation may do for arms. Once an education consisted of eximing in chieffy Greek and Latin. And for a certain period such an eduration was of great value. The probms of the people those days were to drain the records of an ancient civilization dry, in order that every item of culture they contained might be added to the culture then forming after the long period of the Dark ages. And for years after this usefulness had passed, educators clung to the idea of Greek and Latin center to education, secause it had prestige, long usage, and was respectable so to be educated. But the problems of the people changed, and with the change came the shifting of the strength of schools. The most respected schools today are those which approach most nearly the prossing problems of the people. In Utah those problems are connected with the development of dry farm crops, the breeding of better poultry, animals, and fodder. Affied to them are problems of disease control, the fostering of that which is beautiful, and the hemical analysis of waters wherein

In sending a cur out to the people, to carry its laboratory to them, the Agricultural college is making the most

According to the newspaper reports of his sermon last Sunday, the Rev. Herbert E. Hays, paster of the Third Presbyterian church, preaching on the Liquor Question in Utah." said that he believed in prohibition, but that if prohibition were not practicable at this time, he would favor local op-

He stated further that there is a growing sentiment and there has been action. One-half of the territory of the Inited States is now under prohibitory law and there has been much advance other lands.

Then he made the following state-ment: "But Utah is far behind. There is hardly another state where so little has been done. Why this condition here? Many of the early settlers drink There never has been a large, aggressive element of the people against drink. But conditions are improving. There is much discussion, a growing sentiment and considerable demand for

The statement that "there has nev-计 1011聚石 462% the people against drink" needs considrable qualification.

The Latter-day Saints have always been, and are now, flatly opposed to the liquor traffic. Their repeated efforts to abolish, curb, or regulate it, are sufficient evidence of this fact as to the past; while the practical ununimity with which they, and others, are expressing themselves by pelitions to the Legislature, and in other ways, in favor of prohibition abundantly shows where they stand today on this ques-

We have no desire to revive oldtime animusities; but on the question of the attitude of the Latter-day Saints on the liquor question, as to both their sentiments and practice we might refer Mr. Hays to Bancroft's History of Utah, page 686. This historian says that up to the year 1882, all the keepers of brothers, and nearly all the gamesters and saloon keepers, were, non-"Mormons." Two hundred out of two hundred and fifty towns in the Territory contained not a single bagnie Until non "Mormons" settled in Sait Lake City, there were sidden heard on the streets or dwellings oaths, imprecations or explotives. There were no place hunts

It is an historical fact that the recolpts from internal revenue collections in 1883 in Utah were only \$48,336-a very little more than the receipts of The Sait Lake City postofflee for the

ers or beggar-politicians, and there was

However, it - is of comparatively small moment as to whether or not there has been in Utah strong opposition to the liquor traffic in the past; the question now is how we may abolish erritely the evils of that disastrons traffic, and we congratulate Mr. Hays upon using his influence for

#### CONTEMPTIBLE: METHODS.

of the record or Utah to go on record tain suscrupulous friends of that traf- pardon." "Granted," was the response fic are reserting to methods of de- and both passed on. ception and falsehood which are quite typical of the cause they represent and sonce are contemptible to the last degree. Within the last few days a new petilion on the prohibition questtion has made its appearance. It is The wave has most definite aim and being passed around with sly energy purpose. It is to stop the sale of by hired employes of the action-keepas favorable to probibition. In apprarance and probably in part of its wording it resembles the well-known petitions which have already received be removed from Havana burbor is the signatures of 1 ms of thousands of sminently proper and should be favor. autithesis of these; and while purports the inside or from the public, the

really in favor of continuing the liq- United States is too big a nation not uor business. Doubtless it has been to wish to have the whole truth told, signed to some extent by unwary per- let it be what it may. sons who were imposed upon by the falsehood. The regret of such persons when they find out the trick by which they were deceived will be sufficient punishment without farifier reproach But it may not be too late to preven others from falling into the same trus by thus giving timely warning of it. No petition should be signed-nor should any other decument in factuntil the proposed signer is full as quainted with and approves of that to which he is about to affix his name. Not only is it necessary to know and to have confidence in him or in those who present such papers for signature, it is also the part of prudence to be thoroughly cognizant of the purport, the use and as far possible the consequences of such algnature. t. is the right of petition when thus soberly and intelligently exercised which may not be denied, and which at the hands of the people' public servants must be treated with

respect. A sidelight thrown upon the prevailing question by the incident above referred to shows that it must be a bud cause which seeks to profit by a trick so transparent, and that its desparate straits when they can hope for benefits from an artifice so despicable. The wretched beachcomber who burns false lights to lure a distressed vessel to its doom is no less a wrecker than he who under a pretense so unworthy induces men and women to perpetuate an evil that is ruinous, alike to the estates, the health, the bodies and the souls of

In all probability the very purpose of this double dealing petition is to discredit petitions in general. Worded to deceive, circulated among people who are known friends of temperance, signed by . see who are misled by its opening sentence or by the lying assurances of its circulators, these petitions will be flourished in the legislative chambers by paid advocates the saloon interests as an evidence that petitions are valueless because people sign them without knowledge of their meaning. Some good people may hear th. names thus used to discredit the sincerity of the thousands who have with full knowledge and fixed purpose signed the petitions for prohibition on file with the legislative committees having the matter

To avoid the hamilation of having his name thus misused or of being placed in a false position before the world no one should sign a petition until he rends it himself or hears it read by some one in whom he has con-

Fire water is the burning question. Freak legislation is a mere side show

Are you for prohibition or for whisky?

Iways.

Secretary Root resigned in order to ave his Bacon.

The "band wagon" is the "water

vagon," Get on, The striking hat makers are still talking through their hats.

The law's delay isn't in it with the allor's and the shoemaker's.

A secret service report is as useful

The hot air of the landlord is a oor substitute for that of the furnace

When a doctor's residence is burglarized he finds it a bitter pill to

At sea "C-Q-D" are much more ominous letters than 'P-D-Q" are

commission can scarcely be catled salf-Judge Taft cannot play golf on the

cabinet making. Doing nothing and at the same time wishing to be wealthy is the worst

kind of idleness.

trip to Panama but he can induige in

For the four years following the 4th of March next Georgia will always pave a friend at court.

The members of the Ananias club are not topographical engineers yet all are reported to know the He of

Even if weather predictions are not reliable they are useful. They give people something to think about to see if they come true.

When an alrebip comes to grief through fire or for any other cause it is generally because of a defective

"Gossip is generally a dealer to get even," says the Atchinson Globe, Gossin is the gratification of the desire to dounto others as they would do natu

It isn't often that a street beggar is bested, but one was the other evening. A gentleman was passing along South Temple street near State when a man s opposed to the traffic in liquor, cer. | secosted bim, saying, "I beg your

A State exchange says the prohibition movement is "the ways of an aimless discontent." Nothing could be more inexact than this statement. whisky, the great source of drunkenone and its many attendant evils.

That the wrack of the Maine order-loving citizens. Carafully read, ably acted up. No matter whether the however, it is found to be the exact explosion that sent her down was from

#### WATER WAYS AND PEACE.

Philadelphia Record. The use of common water ways he always proved a prolific cause of interestional wranging. The joint navigation of such waters, the joint control of water power, the regulation of fishing rights and the determination of the open a continuous unsettled water way tebate between the United States and Front Britain from the time of the col des. It is therefore of most bappy ogury for the future that a treaty ha-cen successfully negotiated by Socre ary Root and Ambassader Bryce pro viding for amicable adjustment by a tolet high commission of all future vater way and boundary difficulties.

#### LIBERTY BELL NO HOBO.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

The bell is a heritage of the nation, at Philadelphia is its responsible keeps. Here, in Independence Hall, is the ne resting place that it should ever now. Take it away from its surpusilings and it because the first transfer and it because the control of the c coundings and it loses much centiment that attaches to it. on junketing expeditions is to cheap a it. If the policy of exhibiting it a traveling showman would exhibit ild animal from Africa is continued the time will certainly come who some railroad crash, it will be scattere in fragments. It has had one or tw pretty narrow escapes already. If any

#### THE APPARENT DECAY OF RE-

St. Louis Times. Of all the changes that are going of n this troublous world, there is note of more vital import and significance than the apparent decay of religion and the growing disregard of religious observances. That the forms of religious in are fast losing their hold not only upon the messes but likewise upon the cultivated classes is a fact so obvious as to need no discussion. It is likewise a truism that the pulpit is no longer a leader in thought, and that the great majority of the people think for themselves on religious matters, and with apparent entire disregard of all previously received tradition and in-

#### JUST FOR FUN.

Something Lacking Yet,

"Yes," said the old peer, "my son is willing to stand for Parliament. Unfortunately," he added, after a slight pause, "Parliament does not reciprocate."—Youth's Companion.

Hendrik Hudson was fined on Long Island for speeding his automobile, Perhaps it will not be long before Rip Van Winkle will astonish the natives by falling out of his aeroplane.—Bal-timore American.

Gigglery. The California man who can't help

### aughing when an earthquake comes

where he can glegle all the time-Washington Post. Texas Wisdom. A Toledo man is said to have two hearts. If he happens to be bucky in the draw, perhaps he can make a flush.—Houston Post.

If at first you don't succeed, don't fritter away your time explaining why.—Puck.

### "Sold" Again.

You may remember the old-fash ned man who was always "selling sopie. We met him today. "Di ou ever see the bug that rolls a ball long the roud?" he asked the report-; "ever watch him?" "The tumble bug," the reporter replied. "I have watched it many a time." "Well," the man replied, "you had mighty little to do."—Atchison Globe.

#### Her Reward.

Professor (to his aged cook). You have now been 25 years in my service. Reglus. As a reward for your fidelity I have determined to name the bug I recently discovered after you.— Whatever its merits, government by Fliegende Binetter.

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The January Atlantic is of special in the Johnson All The Level of the new year under its new ownership. The number is introduced as usual by the editor. Bliss Perry, with a poper entitled "The New Literature." Mr. Perry speaks again as the toastmaster, but in a somewhat more sections can then in a somewhat more serious vein than before. He discusses the ever-interest-ing question of magazine making, and ing question of magazine making, and its relation to our national literature. The Milton anniversary is marked by a scholarly paper on "Milton," by George A Gordon. Other literary features of the number are a review of "Two Plays by C. Rann Esannedy," by Elisabeth L. Cary, and "Recent Literature on the Elisabeth ar Drama," by W. A. Nellson. The first instalment of Prof. N. S. Shaler's autobiography is printed under the er's autobiography is printed under the directive title. "A Kentucky Boyattractive title. "A Kentucky Boybood," and a still more personal note is given to the issue by an appreciative estimate, from Barrett Wendell, of the late Charles Ellot Norton, Current offairs are touched upon in this number by papers on "Employers' Liability," by Frank W. Lewis, "The Meaning of the Election," by Charles A. Conant, and "American Democracy and Corporate Reform," by Robert R. Reed, Recont events in Germany give special point and timeliness to the Atlantic's around letter from termany by W. C. Wreher, The stories in this issue have the usual interest and charm attached to Atlantic fiction.—4 Park St., Boston.

"Kind hearted? Abraham Lincols of hearted?" says Ida M. Tarbell is the February American Magazine. Then she tells a wonderful story of Lincoln's genus for affection—how he loved peoand especially how he loved the amon soldiers in the war. Until one do this story it is impossible to realcommon soldiors in the war. Until one reads this story it is impossible to realize Lincoln's marvelous understanding of the details of the life and trials of the ordinary private. Lincoln Steffens contributes to the same issue of this magazine, "sending a State to College," in which he shows how the University of Wisconsin is really becoming what its president is trying to make it; a university that reaches anybody, anython, saybow. There begins also a new serial. "Margarita's Soul," by a new novelist, lugraham Lovell, and from the interest the opening installment awakens, the novel bids fair to create a widespread sensation. Lindsay Denison writes most absorbingly about the opening of the Rusebud Indian reservation for homestead seekers, how 114,000 men drew lots for 5,000 farms. William Allen White contributes his second article on 'The Cid Order Changeth,' and In addition to these features there are some exceptional stories by Lincoln Colcord, Marion Hill, Lugine Fineh, leaders, individually and as members | bug to be in favor of prohibition, it is | wreck should be removed. And the | Colcont, Marion Hill, Lucine Pinch,

Edith Barnard and others. This issue also contains the most interesting of the "Letters from U. G.," "The Interpreter's House" and "The Pilgrim's Scrip" are both full of good reading.—
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