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## BRING ON YOUR WITNESSES.

The same wonderful discoverer of political movements in the "Mormon" Church that published particulars of instructions given to children in the Sunday schools, as to how they should vote at the coming fall election, has now found out that "the Mormon people have received the order this year to vote the Republican ticket." Notwithstanding the patent fact that school children, whether in Sunday classes or week day classes, cannot vote, being under age, the stupid canard was repeated from day to day until its extreme silliness was exposed. The latest piece of stupidity is a complete reversal of the assertion from the same source made over and over again only a few weeks ago, that "this year the Mormons will be instructed to vote the Democratic ticket."

The poor creature that drools out this kind of stuff wherewith to beguile gentle newcomers and lead them into a fusion for the purposes of a few local politicians, declares that these statements are not made out of spite, that there is no malice in them. Well, there is more money than malice, perhaps, in the motif behind the falsehood. The hand that penned the nonsense was malicious and spiteful enough on the other side before it was bought for present purposes. One day the person who became the purchaser was represented as one of the vilest of parvenus, the butt of ridicule and satire, and his cause too low and vicious for decent remark. The day after the purchase, everything he touched or wanted was altogether lovely, to be extolled to the highest, to be fought for, to be held up as pure "American" principle and held by the one thing needful in Utah affairs.

It doesn't matter what proceeds from such a source, except that people who have come here recently may be led away by it, imagining that there must be some truth in it or it would not be so boldly though contradictorily set forth in print. For their benefit we suggest that an effort be made to bring to the light every alleged item of instruction to "Mormons" how they should vote at the fall election. To make this sure let the "Mormon" who has received such instruction, either directly or indirectly or by any process whatever, be trotted out and his statement verified.

Bring on your witnesses! Let us have facts! The mere say-so, without the slightest particle of proof, of one who will write anything for or against a party or a proposition for self, amounts to less than nothing with rational people informed as to the situation. The Deseret News has repeatedly announced the perfect and complete freedom of members of the "Mormon" church to vote for whom or what they please and has challenged proof to the contrary.

We do not care to keep up the protest against falsehood nor to argue against arrant nonsense. If the individuals or papers that cannot or will not get out of the rut in which they have wallowed and crawled so long, will bring forward some "Mormons" whose word is worth a cent, who will testify that they have been told how to vote at the coming election by any authority of the church, local or general, we will publish the alleged facts and give them a wider circulation than can be effected by all the papers combined which continually utter the untruths that we here contradict.

There never was a time in the history of the "Mormon" Church when there was less excuse now for the assertions, intimations and insinuations about Church deviation in political affairs that have been echoed for years. There is absolutely no foundation for the stories, assumptions and pretenses on this subject that are sent out by the class of writers in which we have alluded. It does not matter to them how many times nor how completely they are exposed in their miserable work, they continue in it either from force of habit, or for the malice which they deny, or for what there is in it from the power that has bought them, body and soul.

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## AN IMPORTANT AFFAIR.

The Fourteenth National Irrigation Congress, which will be held at Boise, Idaho, September 3 to 8, will present a number of novel as well as interesting features. Several States not heretofore represented at these annual gatherings intend to send delegates. Not only will the arid and semi-arid regions participate in the deliberations of the Congress, but some portions of the country which have too much moisture and where drainage is required, will send their representatives, so that they may gain the benefit of the lectures and experiences of able experts from different portions of the Republic. Some of the Southern States are moving in that direction.

Statistics are being compiled at different points, consisting of facts and

figures relating to the quantity of water in running streams, how much can be saved by storage, and the acreage that can be reclaimed through irrigation. These statistics will be authentic and may be relied upon by all investigators into the resources and capabilities of the semi-arid regions of this country.

A number of solid silver, loving cups, appropriately engraved, will be offered at the congress as prizes in contests for the best variety of fruits, grains, grasses, sugar beets, vegetable crops, etc., and a number of second cash prizes will also be awarded.

Social entertainments are being prepared by the board of control, and Boise will do its level best to make the occasion interesting to visitors. A grand symphony concert is to be given on the evening of September 4 in the Riverside Park Theater, which has a seating capacity of 2,200.

It is to be hoped and expected that the State, county and city authorities, irrigation companies and other associations interested in the work of the congress, will send full delegations, composed of talented and practical men, who will add to the value and interest of one of the most useful organizations that has been established in the United States.

## A GREAT DAY IN HISTORY.

Pioneer day will be appropriately remembered this year by the people of this city. An interesting program will be rendered at Liberty Park, to which the general public is invited, and that there will be a large turnout is certain, for this celebration is, by no means, in the interest of one class, or one faction, of citizens. It is an expression of the high esteem and sincere affection in which the first settlers of this region are held by every honorable man and woman here, regardless of both political and religious affiliations.

One of the features of the program will be a Pioneer camp, erected as nearly as can be done in imitation of the reality, and this camp is to be attacked by Indians, thus illustrating some of the perils of the journey westward. Besides this special feature there will be music, and speeches, and various kinds of innocent amusements. The surviving Pioneers will be the object of special attention, as being the guests of honor of the committee on arrangements. Last year there were present, we understand, 97 of these Pioneers, all having arrived here in 1847. Since then some have answered the summons and gone to another shore, but there will still be quite a reunion of these veterans in the service of an advanced and advancing civilization, and it will be an honor and pleasure to pay respects to them on this anniversary.

It should be unnecessary to say that the observance of Pioneer day is no evidence of indifference to the great Day of Independence and that for which the Fourth of July stands. On the contrary, loyalty to the country and love of its institutions only intensify the gratitude for the blessings of the 4th. The arrival of the Pioneers here marked the beginning of an epoch, it is true, in the history of a church, the members of which had escaped, as by a miracle, from the hands of ignorant, bigoted, and cruel mobs, and found a place where they can rear an altar on which to offer up their sacrifices of fervent prayer and songs of praise. They had found a place of refuge in which to devote themselves, undisturbed, to the studying of the wonderful truths that had been revealed to them, so as to obtain an understanding of them, and grow strong in their faith. But this is, after all, but one part of that which was accomplished by Providence in the guidance of the Pioneers to these valleys. Last year there were present, we understand, 97 of these Pioneers, all having arrived here in 1847. Since then some have answered the summons and gone to another shore, but there will still be quite a reunion of these veterans in the service of an advanced and advancing civilization, and it will be an honor and pleasure to pay respects to them on this anniversary.

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## ANTI-SEMITISM.

Prof. Goldwin Smith, writing for the Independent, endeavors to fasten the blame for anti-Semitism on the Jews themselves, to a large extent at least. He describes the Hebrews as a parasitic race, in pursuit of gain, wandering over the abodes of natives with which clinging jealously to its tribalism, it did not unite." Even the Russian Jew, he claims, partly responsible for the persecution he suffers. Prof. Smith says:

"In 1831 there was a great rising in Odessa and at other points in Russia which produced in England a passionate burst of generous indignation. From the reports of the British consuls which followed, it appeared that though most deplorable things had been done, there had been great exaggeration in the account. The destruction of property had been infinitely less than had been reported. . . . But what was most important was that the general cause of the outbreak, in the opinion of the census, was not religious, but social; in fact, was noisy. The Russian peasant, seeing the Jew's wealth, said 'That is my blood.' The Russian peasant is extremely superstitious, but it does not appear that he is intolerant. At least, if he is, it is toward heretics of his own race and church. He seems to think it natural that men of a different race should have a different religion."

"We find the same thing in other countries, so far as the Jews of the lower class and the peasantry with whom they come into account are concerned. Baring Gould tells us that 'in Germany there is scarcely a village without some Jews in it who do not cultivate land themselves, but lie in wait like spiders for the falling Bauer.' Wm. Haynes Page says 'the Jew is not less active in profiting by the vices and necessities of the peasant than those of the noble.' As sure as he gains a settlement in a village the peasant becomes poor."

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## THE MILK DIET.

New York World.

Prof. Metchnikoff's theory that skimmed milk, sour milk, curdled milk, buttermilk and the like are favorable to longevity is thus not opposed to the popular and correct idea that milk is not good for elderly people. If it is a family half, the household supply of milk is skimmed for the children, every one should be entitled to a glass of milk a day. In old age, which in Mrs. Fawcett's case began at sixty-five, little or no meat should be eaten. Science has greatly increased the average duration of human life, and the process is only at its beginning. Thus far the study has been mainly to cure disease. Diet and the prolongation of life will be an increasing care in the future.

## NO OCCASION FOR BOASTING.

Kansas City Times.

The American public has no disposition to boast. The spectacle of British chauvinism was not so edifying as to inspire a wish to emulate it. But it may be pertinently put up to the British government and public that since their derelictions have been at least equal to those uncovered in America, they must now demonstrate their capacity or incapacity to equal the great republic in meeting a shameful situation and in the expedition with which it was overcome.

## HONOR NOT APPRECIATED.

New York Mail.

Naturally the Sultan does not appreciate the honor done him in making our minister an ambassador. But if we correctly apprehend the character of Mr. Leitch, he will make an early call upon Abdul Hamid just the same, and will gently but firmly convince him that no other course is open to him. When Uncle Sam decides to honor a Sultan somewhere, that Sultan may as well make up his mind to be honored.

## YES, "IF."

Los Angeles Times.

If the newspapers would unanimously agree to leave out all these accounts of divorces, desertions, suicides, murders and general hell-raising throughout the country it would prove an infinite relief to a jaded, heart-sick and discouraged public.

## SCHOOLS OF ANARCHY.

New York Tribune.

It has remained for Russian officials to discover in our American libraries nurseries of crime, hotbeds of anarchy and armories of nihilism, furnishing fire, without money and without price, weapons ready forged for aiming at the heart of organized government and for striking at the divine right of kings. How real this library danger has come to public attention by an arrest made this week in this city when Harry Melnick was arrested in Jefferson market police court, charged with abstracting two books from the Astor Library. One of the volumes was an apparently innocent novel by Jules Verne, but the other was a work by Perez, entitled "Schriften," telling of the horrors of the Russian penal system in Siberia, and viewed in Russia as a highly seductive and pernicious publication.

## JUST FOR FUN.

The Society Way.

Duty called. The man looked at the card lazily. "Just say that I'm not at home," he ordered the maid.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Diplomacy.

"The members of his family are vigorously opposing the match." "What nonsense! They have everything to gain by an alliance with her family."

"Of course. But if they don't make a bluff her family will get on to the fact." —Philadelphia Ledger.

## PA'S IDEA.

"Say, pa!" "Well, Johnny?" "Why did they call him Edward the Confessor?" "Oh, I suppose he got caught grafting and had to own up." —Louisville Courier-Journal.

## THE AMERICAN EARTH.

Lawyer Untermyer evidently thinks that the Mutual Life "administration ticket" is maladministration.

Really there seem to be more crimes committed in the name of insanity these days than in the name of liberty.

Under the general welfare clause could not Uncle Sam be induced to furnish the people ice at a reasonable price?

Wallace Irwin announces a series of articles on "The Shame of the Colleges." The shame must be some of the shames.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The June-July number of the Sunset Magazine is a notable issue, containing full accounts of the great San Francisco disaster by writers who experienced it. Among the titles are impressions in a trio poem, C. S. Aiken's article, "San Francisco's Flight and Prospect," expresses the spirit of the times. Edwin Emerson, Jr., tells how affairs in San Francisco were controlled by men who knew just what to do. E. H. Harriman's story of San Francisco's experience will be read with interest. Mr. Harriman was in the east when the earthquake occurred and he hastened west to help. Alexander McAdie tells the scientific side of the earthquake, and his story is illustrated by seismograph maps made at San Francisco and Tokyo. Charles K. Field's poem, "The Chariot of the Gods" describes the sights seen in the streets during the fit. In contrast to the story of San Francisco, Or, by Donald Macdonald, E. T. Parsons follows this with a story of fishing for true salmon in the High Sierra, and Frank G. Davis tells how he climbed up Mt. Whitney in a Lone Pine trail. Charles Warren Stoddard's story of making of a mission is the first of the series of old mission