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PETITIONS AND PETITIONS.

"Now, we put it up to the church began to explain why it is that peti-tions with regard to the simple matter of carrying out the American idea and codent against the intrusion of high beliests in civil affairs should be so condemned, it being a simple proposi-tion, easy to understand by everybedy; and why, on the other hand, the com-plicated question involving the liquor traffic, the certainty of large lower of traffic, the certainty of large losses of revenues by the city, the unavoidable fact that the liquor selling goes on just the same, only that it does not render its due portion to the support and en-forcement of the laws under pro-bibition that it does under license-w say, why is it that in the simpler cas a petition area, is to nothing and in a petition area, is to nothing and in the complete to case a petition amounts to so much?

This is front the leading local saloor organ. It is meant for an unanswer able argument against the right of petition in the cause of temperance, but It is merely another evidence of the beclouded condition of the mind that controls the editorial columns of that puper

Nothing, we fear, can be explained to that organ. On the question of what it terms "the intrusion of high ecclesiasts in civil affairs" it is a monomanic. No light of reason ever enters Ha crantum on that subject. We have repeatedly asked it to prove by compotent authority that, according t American principles of governmen men had women are disfranchised by virtue of being actively engaged in church work. But no such proof is offered. The assertions, however, g on for ever. To a mind befuddled by prejudices no explanation is possible But the following facts should, pevertheless, be stated, for the benefit or

flusso who are capable of reasoning The signatures to the peritions against Reed Smoot were very largely those of men and women who knew absolutely nothing about either the Senator or about the conditions in Utah, except by hearsny, The majority of names were obtained under false protonsos. Why, ombssarles were sent out frem Utah who were paid for disseminating falsehoods and obtaining signatures. The entire agitation was a complitacy in favor of ambitious aspirants for pollical honors to which they were not entitled, nor qualified. Falsehood, hypocricy, sham, deception, were the leading features of an agitation in which men morally rotten posed as the champions of virtue; unscrupulous politicians as patterns of patriotism; the patrons of saloons and dens of infamy as the friends and allies of Christian churches. Never before was such a grotesque farce presented on the political stage of this country, and it was rendered more revolting by the fact that its chief advance agent and promoter was a sheet that lives on lies like a buzzard on currion. But, notwithstanding all this, we never questioned the right of the mon and women who were induced to sign the petitions, to do so. We were fully aware of their constitutional right to be heard in the legislative chambers of the Nation. We did expect, though, that the Senate would take cognizance of the manner in which the names were obtained. And this was done, Senator Beveridge said: "It is pertinent in a debate of this kind to refer to what exists in the minds of the publis-what the people have been led to If has been given out to the people in numberless meththat a violator of our laws in that particular [polygamy] is holding a seat in this body. That is entirely untrue The manner in which the signatures were obtained was duly considered by Sona-LOIS But there is absolutely no comparison between the late anti-"Mormon" agitation and the present demand in Utah for effective temperance laws. The signers of the prohibition petitions know by actual observation, or experience, that the saloon is a curse to any community. Many of them are pathers and mothers who have seen the It would be a fitting tribute to the evil influences of intemperance, and suffered untold agonles on account of their boys. Many of them are wives name of New Mexico might properly who know something of the miserian drink has caused in their own homes. not depend on hearsay. Many of them are convinced in their innermost souls of the necessity of cleansing the State of the saloou traf-Be. They believe in the divine impiration of the Word of Wisdom, and they appeal to their representatives in the full strength of this conviction, to do what is right. No correlon has been used by anyone to obtain a single signature. No misrepresentations have been made to induce anyone to sign. Everything that has been done by the leaders of the temperance movement has been open and above board. They have no personal schemes to further, no personal ambition to gratify. In all this there is a wide difference between the two movements. There is also this great difference: The anti-Church agitators demanded that the Senators violate their onth of loyalty to the Consilitution of the United States: that they should place an alleged "unwritten law" above that instrument of liberty and deprive a sovernign State of its Constitutional right to representation. The signors of the prohibition petitions merely ask for a constitutional law in the interest of temperance and morality generally,

tween petitions, the anti-Church petitions must be compared with those the saloon advocates now are getting up According to reports saloon-keepers are giving free drinks to all kinds of charactors that can be induced to put their names to an anti-prohibition petition. Consequently, saloon patrons, R is said, are going from one temple of Bacchus to another, drinking and signing. That a great number of names can be ob-'tained in that manner, is evident, since there is, practically, no limit to the variations a drunkard may give to a signature. But no importance can be attached to such signatures. It is an nsult to the Legislature to offer them in contravention of the expressed wishes of the sober, moral, and respeciable part of the community. It s an insult of which only moral per-

erts would be guilty.

FREEDOM AND LICENSE.

A great deal is said at present of the reedum of the press. It seems to be juite a general impression that newspapers are at liberty to charge the government with all kinds of misdemennors and felonies, under the pretense that they have a right to criticize public officials, but this is an er-The liberty of the press does not DOM: N include the liberty to libel the government. Such libels are punishable as crimes under the common law, in state

The last prosocution under the cohimon law for libeling the government. a contributor to the Boston Transcript. says, was that of Croswell in 1804, over foundred years ago. The indictment

of Harry Croswell charged that he, "be ing a multcious and seditions man, of a depraved mind and a wleked and diacolical disposition," did assail "Thomas Jefferson, Esg., President of the United States of America, to detract from, scandalize, traduce, vilify, and to represent him, the said Thomas Jefferson, as unworthy the confidence, respect and attachment of the people of the United States, and to allneate and with draw from the said Thomas Jefferson Esq., President as aforesaid, the obs dience, fidelity and allegiance of the citizens of the State of New York, and also of the said United States; and seditiously and wickedly to disturb the peace and tranquility, as well of the State of New York as of the United States; and also to bring the said Thomas Jefferson, Esq., . . . Into great hatrod, contempt and disgrace, not on ly with the State of New York and the said people of the United States, but also with the citizens and subjects of

other nations." Croswell, the publisher of a paper called The Wasp, had charged that Jefferson paid Callender, the author of a pamphlet, for calling Washington traitor, a robber, and a perjurer; for calling Adams [President Adams] a hoary-headed incendiary, and for most grossly slandering the private charact ter of men who he well knew were virtuous." The court held that this was criminal libel, whether the charges were

true or not. Alexander Hamilton, one of the coun sel for Croswell, in moving for a new trial, maintained that, "The liberty of the press consists in the right to publish with impunity, truth, with good motives, and for justifiable ends; whether it respects government, magistracy, or individuals. . . . The allowance of this right is essential to the preservation of a free government; the disallowance, fatal," It was therefore necessary, he argued, that the jury be

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tion than the one it has always occupled on this question

As a considerable portion of the membership of the present Legislature are Church members, elected in the face of the Conference resolution by constituents who are flooding them with supplementary resolutions and well signed petitions, there can be no doubt of their joining gladly with other legislators in placing upon our statute books a law which will effectively put an end to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors In Utah. We are confident that in their wis-

dom as representatives of the people. In their discretion as law makers for the people our legislators will not hesitate in this matter to do their whole duty by the people

THE RUDOWITZ CASE.

Secretary of State Root has ruled that the offenses committed by Rudowitz, the Russian refugee, were of a political nature, and that the prisoner had the right of asylum. He was accused of grave crimes, but it was proved that a state of revolution existed at the time when they were said to have been committed, and this fact was given due consideration. The ruling of the Secretary of State is logical. For if revolutionists who take refuge in other countries were to be extradited on the plea that they had taken life and destroyed property, no political fugitives could escape their doom if key had taken part in any insurrection except boodless ones. But that would be destructive of American ideas of right of asylum

Our government is very careful in its onsideration of such cases. It always reserves the right to pass upon the question whether an alleged offense is political, or not. And the result is that a great number of requests for extradition have been answered in the regative. During the years 1840 and 399, it is stated, the Government received requests for the surrender of 604 persons. Of this number it surendered only 237. In the remaining nstances it decided-on a variety of rounds-that the demanding governnent had not made out its case. Our government is not oblivious of the importance of the preservation of the right of usylum to all who struggle, in other countries, for the abolition of tyranny. It will be a dark day for the cause of liberty, when political offenders can no longer find a place of safety.

Viva Cuba libra! It's a wise bill that knows its own

father. A kind word just fastens a tramp

on to you

The price of liberty, like everything se, is going up.

The pessimist is at his worst when in merful company. A novel on the unwritten law had best

be left unwritten. Virtue, being its own reward, never gets a Carnegie medal.

Should the directors of women's clubs were directorie gowns?

How much capital can the State afford to invest in a capitol?

One of the hardest things to do is to make a really good excuse.

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and scientist. This probably is a case times of so-called "asvages," describe of over confidence on the part of the of over confidence on the part of the poet-naturalist.

Daniel Webster, in the U. S. Congress in 1933, delivered a speech in which he said, in parts

"There are persons who constantly clamor. They complain of oppression, speculation and a permiciona influence of accomulated wealth. They cry out loudly against all bunks and corpora-loud and all means by which small tions and all means by which small capitals become united in order to pro-duce important and beneficial results. They carry on mud hostility against all established institutions. They would hoke the fountain of industry and dry choke the fountain of industry and dry all the streams. In a country of un-bounded liberty they clamor against oppression. In a country of perfect equality they would move heaven and earth against privilege and monopoly. In a country where property is more evenly divided than anywhere else they rend the air shouting agrarian doc-trines. In a country where the wages of labor are high beyond parallel they would teach the laborer that he is but an expressed slave." an oppressed slave.'

Nothing new under the sun, not even clamor

WASHINGTON'S SWORD.

Springville Republican. The sword worn by Gen, George Washington when he resigned his commission as comminder-in-chief of the Continental army at Annapolis in 1929 sword The Continental army at Annapolis in 1785, and also when he was inauguraf-ed as the first president of the United States at New York City in 1789, has been bought by J. Pierpont Morgan, who will present it to the Mourt Ver-non association. The sword was sold to Mr. Morgan by Miss Virginia Taylor Lewis of Baltimore, who had owned it for many years and who has now been obliged to dispose of the historic relie because of financial needs. The price because of financial needs. The price bud by Mr. Morgan is not known, but it may be guessed approximately from the fact that some years ago a bill ap-propriating \$25,000 for the purchase of the sword was passed by the United States Senate, although the bill failed in the Honse. Miss Lewis consented finally to a private sale after being as-sured that Mr. Morgan would place the sword where it would become the sword where it would become a public which it. She valued it so highly the for 20 years past she kept it in a safe deposit vault in a Baltimore bank. Miss Lewis is a collateral descendant of George Washington. In his will, the

To each of my nephews, William Au gustine Washington, George Lewis George Steptoe Washington, Hushroi Washington and Samuel Washington, give one of the swords or couteaux o which I may dis progressed and the which I may die possessed, and tre to choose in the order they named. These swirds are account

are to choose in the order they are named. These swords are necompan-ied with an injunction not to un-sheath them for the purpose of shedd-ing blood, exceept it be for salf-defonse or in the defense of their country and its rights, and in the latter case to keep them unsheathed and prefer fall-ing with them in their hands to the re-linquishment thereof. This clause of the will invests with special interest the sword which fell to the nephew, Maj. George Lewis He presented it to his son, Samuel, who in turn bequeathed it to his son George W. Lewis. The sword then became the property of George W. Lewis's brother, Henry Howell Lewis, who gave it to his duughter, Miss Virginia. The wea-pon, it is needless to add, has never been ansheathed "for the purpose of shedding blood." while in the possis-sion of the Lewis while in the possishedding blood. while in the sion of the Lowis family

JUST FOR FUN.

Duelling. o't I tell you to The Second-

The Second-son month I tell you to us mouth. French Duellist-Monsleur does not neerstand. His heart is new in his mouth .- Chicago News.

Obliging.

sting manner conton of Interest are stories of interest are "A White Wom-an in Cannibal Land," "My 'Experi-ences in Algeria," "A Voyage on an Ice-Floe," and an enthralling narra-tive written by F. 8. Martin of the Royal Niger Company's Service, who went disguised to the turbulent robber kingdom of Kontogors to secure reli-able information regarding a danger-ous rising.—\$3.85 Duane St., New York.

The Woman's Home Companion has established a reputation for beautiful illustrations, and the February Valen-tine number is even richer than asual in the display of pictures by well-known artists. C. Allan Gilbert's great new painting, "David Copperfield and Agnes," is reproduced in color. There is a full-page portrait of Lincoln at the age of fifteen, painted expectally for this magazine by Balfour Ker. The Valentine cover is painted by Howard Chandler Christy. Other illustrations are by Alloc Barber Stephens, Orson Lowell, Rose Cecii O'Neill and Her-man Pfeifer. The fieldon in this mag-zine is by such popular authors as Florence Morse Kingsley, Juliet Wilbor Tompkins, reving Bacheller and Mary Hastings. Anna Steese Richardson, one of the most distinguished author-ties in America on the working-stri The Woman's Home Companion has ties in America on the working-girl problem, in "A Substitute for Matri-nony" presents the strongest indictment yet brought against woman work - the successful woman worker does not marry. The centennial of the birth marry. marry. The centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln is celebrated in this magnaine by Balfour Ker's por-trait of "The Young Lincoln," painted especially for this occasion; by an arti-cle on "The Mothers of Lincoln," by Laura Spencer Portor, and by a list and brief description of all the best books about Lincoln. In addition to the stories and linetrations and acecial the stories and illustrations and specia the stories and illustrations and specia articles on important and interesting subjects, there are the regular depart-ments devoted to women's special home activities—fashions, dress-making,cook-ing, and the rest—together with a special department for the children.



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If a comparison is to be made he-

whether the charges constituting an almost criminal libel were true or not; and whether, if true, they were made public with a good purpose in view? After a new trial had been refused. the legislature took the matter up and passed a "declaratory" statute, giving to juries the right to consider the truth or falsity of charges constituting an alleged libel, and the motives with which the charges were made. Then a new trial was granted, but the case was never prosecuted. The liberty of the press must be Alls. jealously guarded, but this liberty

should not be made a cover for libelous attacks for partisan purposes.

TWO NEW STATES.

It is now believed that even in this short session Congress will admit Artzons and New Mexico to statehood Speaker Cannon is said to have guaranteed the right-of-way for statchood and it is now expected that President. Roosevelt will be authorized, before March 4, to issue a proclamation calling elections in those two Territories, preparatory to final admission into the union of American commonwealths. There is no reason why the two Territories should not be given state rights without further delay. There is every reason why they should he admitted. memory of Lincoln to add two new Stars to the Flag this year, and the be changed to Lincoln. Both territories have the size, natural advantages and population to warrant their admission. Both are considerably ahead of some of the states in population, wealth and importance, and their future is not doubtful.

IN THE FIGHT TO STAY.

It has been whispered around by those without authority to speak for the "News" and without a correct understanding of the position occupied by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, that this paper had been, or would be, "called off" in its fight for prohibition for the reason that the authorities of the Church are not in sympathy with the movement at this particular time.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. Since the days of Kirtland the Church has always favored total abstinence in the use of stimulants as well as intoxicants. In the revelation of February 27th, 1833, "in consequence of evils and designs in the hearts of conspiring men in the last days," a warning against the use which warning was afterwards made

ond dawn of Cuban independence. Literary hacks should be still cheaper since the advent of the taxicab. President Roosevelt's days are numbered as well as the hairs of his head. Inflammatory rheumatism and inflammatory language often go toget-There are no political cure-alls any more than there are medical cure-The thing to do with the anti-prohibition movement is to heat it to a frazzle. The City Council is finding out that t cannot work the Board of Public Works There is such a thing as having too much of a good thing. Too many legal holidays, for example.

Chief Wilkie keeps the key to the closet where most skeletons are kept. What if he should lose it!

It isn't pleasant to have greatness thrust upon one when it comes in the form of a snowslide.

Uncle Sam is a must successful miner. Last year his profit on minor coins was nearly \$10,000,000.

With some legislators a majority of the 'substantial husiness men' is substantially the whole thing.

Is the assertion of some of the ice men that the ice crop this year will he short a cold fact or marely hot air?

President Ellot of Harvard thinks that too few college women marry. This may be their misfortune rather than their Bult.

"Is Orville Wright, the aeroplanist, Jonah "" asks an exchange. Certainly not; he has never been in a whale's belly.

When a state senator ignores the wishes and dosiros of \$,000 of his constituents as set forth in a petition, he does not represent them or their sentiments whatever else he may do.

Although Representative Willett's secon denunciatory of the President has been expunded from the Congresssional Record there has been no in-

a mandate by President Young, reit. Adont that Mr. Gould was happier when terated later by President Woodroff, he hadn't even a dollar," says John

Lady-Pardon me, sut i cannot stand the strong smell of your pipe, Laborer-- i can put if out, madam. I would have done so before, only I thought from the looks on your face that you were turning up your at the odor from the cheese in pocket.-riegende Blactter. neeso in my

Horrible Example,

A certain manop was sampus as being the plainest man of England. One day, as this homeny parson sat n an omnibus he was amazed by the ersistent staring of a fellow passenger persistent staring of a fellow passenger who finally said: "Look 'ere, parson, would you mind comin' ome with me to see my wife?" Imagining the wife was sick and need-ed assistance, the clergyman, at great inconvenience to himself, went. On ar-riving at the bouse, the man pointed to the astonished parson, and said with a grin of delight: "Look 'e 'ere, Sairry. Yer said this morain' as I was the hugilest chap in Hengland. Now, just look at this bloke!"--Philadelinha Record.

Hengland, Now, just look at this bloke!"-Philadelphia Record.

The Great Pos.

"The late Charles Enot Norton," said a Bostonian, "used humorously to de-plore the modern youth's preference brawn to brain. "He used to tell of a football game he once witnessed. Princeton had a splendid player in Poe-yon will re-member little Poe³⁴ and Prof. Norton, member little Pee'' and Prof. Norton, thinking of 'The Raven' and 'Annabei Lee,' said to the lad at his side: "He plays well, that Pee.' "Doesn't he?" the youth cried. "'Is he,' said Prof. Norton, 'any re-lation to the great Poe?" "Any relation?" said the youth, frowning. Why he is the great Poe.'" -Boston Herald.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS. The following list of contents is found in Hampton's Magazine for Feb-ruary: "Hunting Ahead of Roosevet in East Africa," Capt. Fritz Duquesno; "The Vanishing Valentine," a story, Mary Mulleti: "Reducing the Tariff-Yos?" Charles Edward Russell; "The Grub and the Butterfly," a story, Mary Heaton Yorse; "Tired Out." verse, Marris Merton Lyon; "They That Ride by Night," Eugene P. Lyie, Jr.; "Lincoln," verse, Richard Wight-man: "The Silver Horde," serial story, Rex Beach: "Ilinstration for The Sil-ver Horde," H. T. Duan: "Lincoln and Beath, "Clark E. Laughlin; "The Bough, "Yocal Chords and Purses Strings," Reginald Wright Kauffman; "Superiority of Our Navy," Rear Ad-minal Robley D. Evans: "The Wind Tongues," verse, Lioyd Roberts: "Il Conte," a story, Joseph Conrad, "Flays and Players," "Fersonalities," "George Vashington's Enderstudy," a story, Jean Wobater," "Bil Barrett's Leg," a story, Ellicht Flower, "Web," s story, Washington's Enderstudy," a story, Jean Wobater, "Enderstudy," a story, Jean Wilt, and "The Future of Amer-ter, Gibert K. Choaterton.-es Weat Thirty-fifth street, New York.

The February Wide World Magazine is a striking number. From the very original "map contents" we learn that the stories and articles deal with such widely tion of Fobruary STUD. 1831. "In consequence of evils and designs in the hearts of conspiring men in the last days." a warning against the use of intoxicating liquors was given, which warning was afterwards made terated later by President Young, reit-terated later by President Woodruff. The Church can take no other post.

