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"OLD FOLKS" DAY.

The "Old Folks" of this section are not forgotten. This year, as usually, on excursion and re-union will be given to them. The committee has already commenced preparations for that event. Ju'y 14th is the date set, and Spanish Fork the place of gathering. These facts we learn from a courteous letter of invitation, addressed to Bishop W. B. Preston, by the presidency of the Nebo Stake, Elders Jonathan S. Page, Hyrum Lemmon, and Henry Gardner, which invitation has been gratefully accepted. We feel sure that the "Old Folks," many of whom, however, are as strong, both intellectually and phydeally as many who are counted young, an look forward to this gathering with pleasant ant cipation. For no trouble will be spured to make the day one of pure joy and pleasure to all. We are glad the committee does not permit this distinctively Ltannian form of kind thoughtfulness to be discontinued. There will be again expenses to meet, and we hope the citizens generally, if no lady should ever venture out, except under the protection of an armed escort, ready to fight at the slightest slop of annoyance. Or wither, no lady should ever venture out on the streets, or publie grounds, for what right would an escort have to punish a hoodluin for that which is not a crime, and not even a misdemeanor?

As it happens, however, the use of abusive language, "menacing, ir.sulting, slanderous or profane," is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of as much as fifty dollars. Disturbance of peace is also a misdemeanor. And that is committed by a person using "brawling or noisy acclamations, tumultuous or offensive language or conduct." It is further unlawful to be found drunk in any public place of the city, and it is safe to say that most hoodlums become peace disturbers under the influence of liquor. It is also unlawful to fight. The ordinance reads: "It shall be unlawful for two or more persons to engage in a fight within the limits of this city; and the

persons guilty thereof shall, upon conviction, each be liable to be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars." There is no lack of law under which to reach hoodlumism. And it should te applied, too, until every woman and child is as secure in our public places as in the home, whether they are escorted by male friends or not. It should be as dangerous to insult a lonely woman, or a company of women, in this city, as to offer insults to those in company with mea. 'And upon the officers devolves the duty of accomplishing this as far as possible,

THE GREAT WAR.

The dispatches from the seat of war now indicate that great battles are im: minent both on land and sea, in which perhaps, the war may be practically decided.

At this time, therefore, the opinion of a French military expert on the Russian retreat is of interest. Lieutenant-Golonel Rousset thinks that the failure of the Russians to prevent the Japanese from crossing the Yalu can be accounted for only in this manner: Gen. Kuropatkin, he thinks, has seen through the strategy of the Japanese, who must combine their armies on the field of battle, moving from widely separated bases, in order to administer a decisive defeat to the Russlans, and he has withdrawn from the Liaotung

peninsula, leaving a garrison in Port

Arthur, to give them an opportunity to

form a junction and to fight the de-

clsive battle he also desires. If this is

not the explanation, he says, then Ku-

ropatkin's withdrawal and the conduct

of his campaign is an avowal of im-

potence, and Russia cannot long main-

It is also interesting to note, that, as

the posisbility dawns upon the world,

that Russia perhaps has now found

her Waterloo, the fears for the conse-

quences of her defeat are becoming

more general, and more defined. Prof.

Frederich Starr, of Chicago, for in-

stance, does not hesitate to say, that

the success of Japan over Russia would

mean the ultimate supremacy of the

yellow race and the final subjugation

tain the struggle.

United States in the same period there were 700,000 divorces. She recommended the serious study of the problem by parents and teachers that the young might be caused to regard marriage tiss as sacred. The unanimous opinion as to a remedy seemed to be that divorced per-

sons should be considered social outcasts. One said: "What is called the divorce problem the divorce problem at is the question of renot It all. marriage after divorce that is worry-ing the good people of this country. Everybody knows and recognizes the fact that all married people cannot live together--there must be legalized sepa-rations--call fhem by any name you choose; and if this were all that were involved in the question, it would hardly merit consideration, for I venture to think that if neither party to a divorce were allowed to remarry during the lifetime of the other there would not be very many divorces."

"The difficulty that lies at the root of all this evil," he continued, "is the very loose state of public opinion. I have yet to hear of a divorced person, anywhere, desiring to remarry, who cannot find some clergyman to officiate at the wedding, no matter how scandalous, nay loathsome, the divorce may have been." Another expressed the same thought

years between 1867 and 1901, and in the

thus "Divorcees are received back into high rociety and in middle class life with no distinction-the woman who has broken a man's heart and wronged her children, the man who has flung a aithful, trusting wife from him to wed an ut.worthy woman-and thus im-morality is encouraged. If there is not to be a national law, if the way there to is too long and devious to be practicable, then let us keep our homes from the contamination of immoral diorcees."

In view of the serious moral specters which haunt that congress, and others, by day and trouble the sleep by night, would it not be wise to let the "Mormons" alone for the time being? There is a parable about the beam and the mote, which is all but forgotten in our day and generation.

MUST BE A "DARK HORSE."

James Inman, "a native of Pennsylvania, but of late years a citizen of the state of Oregon," announces that he is an "independent" candidate for Presdent of the United States. He scorns the aid of conventions and party leaders, but he promises to perform miracles, if he is elected. When he is at the head of the nation, he says, he will see to it, "whether our country is to be one of liberty or theocracy; and that liberty, the grandest word ever spoken by man or God, shall be restored on every new coin. We will also see whether our country is to be a one man military power, or to be a people's peaceable power, and whether an International turbulence and warface or the white winged messinger of place and life." He must have the idea that a President is an almighty autocrat, who can change people and conditions at will: that all he needs to do is to speak, and his word takes form and shape. He talks about the restoration of liberty, as if that precious gift had been lost but could be found in the twinkling

The attendance at the St. Louis fair seems to be greater for the first two weeks than It was at the Chicago fair. This makes full, to date, St. Louis' cup of happiness,

The Russlans admit that ratiway communication with Port Arthur has been cut off. After a while they may go so far as to admit the Japanese to Port Arthur.

Mr. Kicks of the Bayonne, N. J., Married Men's Anti-Euchre club must feel like kicking himself since his better half sat down on him.

The New York World attained its majority the 11th inst. It has been a strong and lusty youth, and from it more will be expected in its manhood than in its youth. To solve that problem will be part of the labor of its owner and his able assistants.

AS TO THE CANAL.

New York World. The United States yesterday bought

the Panaria Canal rights of the French company by paying \$40,000,000 to J. P. Morgan & Co., as disbursing agents, who are to apportion the money to the beneficiaries. Ten million doilars is further to be paid to the Republic of Panama. Why? Why shoud something be paid for nothing? The list of benefits received from Uncle Sam upon which Panama is reckoning includes: Com-mercial prospective due to enormous mercial prosperity, due to enormous constructive expenditures at first and later to great and growing traffic. The sanitation of the unwholesome coast ports, with the introduction of a pure-water supply. The policing of the canal strip against marauders. The protec-tion by the United States of the Pana-ma republic itsel", without which proma republic itself, without which pro-tection it could not exist for a single month. Why, ir addition to all this, should we pay \$10,000,000 which we had agreed to give Colombia but never agreed to give Panama

Cincinnati Enquirer.

A well-informed man, who is just back from Panama, says there will be no digging on the canal for 16 months. This will be a great disappointment to those who were led to believe by the hurrah in Congress that the ships of the world would be salling grandly through the waterway by the time of the Presic .ntial election.

Chicago Record-Herald.

The formal instructions issued by the President to the Panama canal commission for the government of the canal zone are concise but cor prehensive. As it is not possible, however, to forsee every exigency that may rise in the direction of so great an engineering project and in the government of the canal strip, the letter of instructions will be supplemented and modified as occasion may require. Under the act finally adopted by Congress the President is given powers in the government of the canal zone strain o in the government of those 1.5n in the government of the Louisian Territory which are conferred of a him by the act of rei - n the which 1803. In the substitute for the Eist tredge bill the entire second sector of the act of 1973 that adopted, thus giv-ing absolute authority to the President in two control of the casal zor-

Deston Herald.

With those whose mental vision has of been distorted by the permition in-factores which such organizations as the Home .larket club have encour-aged, the hope rests that our country s before long to be the great workshop of the world; that such commodities as we need in the various elesses of manu-facturing industry shall freely come in to us from all parts of the world, t transmuted by us into articles ready



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THE JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS.

Both parties have held their judicial conventions and nomirated their candldates for judges for the Third district. The present incumbents and four new men are named. The present incumbents are all very good men and their records are before the people. Of the new nominees necessarily not so rauch is known. Presumably they, too, are good men. The bar almost unan mously petitioned the conventions to renominate the judges now on the bench, but the petition was not heeded. Each party renamed its own judges and put up two other candidates. What the result at the polls will be it is impossible to say. No attempt whatever was made to answer the arguments of the bar, which stated what the judiclary should be in a masterly way.

If there is any place where partisan. ship should not hold sway, it is in the selection of judicial officers. They should be without bias or fear in all things, but so long as a man feels that his continuance upon the bench depends upon the favor of party managers he will be more or less amenable

to the influence of those leaders. It is not meant that he will be corrupt or unduly biased but that he will always be conscientious of the presence of a power that in some measure holds his destiny within its hands. He knows that his tenure of office does not entirely depend, as it should, upon merit and a faithful discharge of the duties of his office. That ideal situation only comes where judges hold office during good behavlor. But a recognition of such setvice by both parties, or a non-partisan nomination, is the very next thing to The parties did not see their interests this way, each putting up candidates for the people's favor. Surely there is plenty of time between now and November for the people to decide to which candidates it will be given. Where there are so many candidates to select from, though all be good, there must be gome choice,

AN ABUNDANCE OF LAW.

The doctrine that any young man in the heat of passion has a right to take the law in his own hand, and administer what to him may seem to be justice, may be orthodox among savages, nihilists, and a low class of anarchists, but it is rank heresy in any civilized community, and it is as permicious as it is false. For to it is due the many lynchings that of late years have stained American soil with blood and burning shime. What are officers, courts, and laws for? Are they merely containontal appendices to the body politic?

It is to be hoped the hoodlum element will not feel encouraged to further molest peaceful ditizens who enjoy an outing to the public parks, by the assurance given it, that "foul language or insult in any other form is neither crime nor misdemeanor, if it stops short

of the white race. He says every race has its day, and the day of the white race may now be about done. . This may be considered an eccentric statement, but it indicates sufficiently the nature of the misgivings of some

thoughtful persons, Asia has about \$50,000,000 people-half the population of the carth. The Japanese are the only Aslatic nation that has maintained its independence. All the others have been conquered, or divided into spheres of influence. Even Persia is under the sway of Russia. A complete victory by Japan would mean a general awakening of Asia to a real. ization of its power. An eastern contemporary well remarks:

"The Chinese people will be given a confidence in the possible results of de-fensive action on their part which will go a long way toward permitting them Lot only to retain such political inde-pendence as they still possess, but to regain a great deal of that which under forced treaties they have been com-pelled to part with. Russia may not find it as easy to maintain her strict control over the Tartar tribes in the great central sections of Asia, England may find that the wish for independ-ence in India, in spite of the knowl-edge that but for her outside control the Hindu and Mahometan would fight for ascendency, will be much more demonstrative than it has been, and may require the maintenance of a larg er Indian army made up of white troops. The same experience will come upon the French in Tonquin; and even in our own possession of the Philip pine islands the Japanese victory wil cause a fermentation in the minds of those who have not brought themselves fish. to believe that Americans are their rightful rulers. Everywhere the senti-ment of Asia for the Asiatids will re-ceive increased support, and although Japan is not likely to give any direct recognition to agitations along these lines, her example, if she emerges from this war triumphant, will not improb-ably be the beginning of the end, pro-

longed it may be through generations, of the western world's attempt to lord it over the eastern." The battles now fought are therefore truly epoch-making. It is all the more plty that the news should be so unreliable, and tardy. For the war is of interest to all the world.

MOTHERS AND DIVORCE.

The national congress of Mothers, in session in Chicago, have been listening to addresses condemning the prevalent laxity in divorce laws. The speakers, naturally, had to spit and hiss at what they termed the "Mormon hierarchy"something that does not exist and has not existed-but they frankly admitted that there is not a great difference in the morality which condoned "succes-

sive polygamy," as remarriage after difailed. vorce was asserted to amount to, and "contemporaneous polygamy." The speakers emphasized the terrible growth of the divorce evil. One of them, a lawyer, who had written a paper on the subject which was read, he himself being prevented from being present, said that in Ohio, for instance,

one divorce in every twenty-five marringes was the ratio in 1870 and one divorce in eight marriages the ratio in 1962. The president of the congress compared conditions in the United States to those of Canada, and said that in the Dominion of Canada sixty-nine diof actual assault." If that were true, | vorces were granted in the thirty-four a Lhasa

settle all the pending questions by debating them. "Fcr;" he says, "we intend that after the old party (including the prohibition) candidates are nominated, we will draw them out as to their sentiments on some leading questions that are now, and have been, agitating this and other countries, such as the much vexed Philippine question, the Chinese question, the labor question, the polygamy question, the marriage and divorce question, the 'God in the Constitution' question, and last but not least, the negro race question, which are blossoming toward the bearing of fruit in the government soil." From all of which it appears, that even a presidential campaign can be used for advertising purposes by the enterprising individuals whose ruling ambition is to be seen and talked about.

of an eye. The "independent" gentle-

man, further has an idea that he can

To cure dyspepsia-eat less, talk less, walk more, think more.

Illinols proposes to have the Vice-Presidency, Hitt or miss.

Kuropatkin and his army apparently are suffering from that tired feeling.

So long as the National Editorial association is in St. Louis all will be well.

Those who have had experience with the Pike say it is worse than the gar-

It looks as though Kuropatkin and Kuroki would soon be playing ball again.

"Make money your slave," says a famous multi-millionaire. But first make your money.

Mr. Hearst says that he does not intend to bolt. Which shows there are o loose screws there.

The Czar is talking of going to the front. If he is in no great hurry it will meet him half way.

John D. Rockefeller says that in early youth he was taught to milk. And also, no doubt, to fry the fat out.

"History is only a record of crimes and misfortunes," says Voltaire. The Russlans say, "We too," to the latter part. A New York paper says that the

twilight of the blonde has come. Owing, no doubt, to the light (hair) that

Mrs. Singer, widow of the sewing machine man, is to be married. She is not a song bird but her notes are rich and high.

The United States furnishes 23 per cent of the salt supply of the world. And why shouldn't it? "he United States is the salt of the earth.

Some day the British column under Colonel Younghusband will announce the capture of the Tibetan capital, and then in their woe the Tibetans will cry,

ondition consumption, and in this condition sent out north, south, east and west to supply the needs of the world. Under such circumstances the seaboard states, with their easy approach to the ocean would occupy a highly advantageous position, and could unquestionably util-ize to great advantage the facilities which the isthmian canal would afford. No York Evening Mail. We are not supposed to have annexed any territory at the isthmus. We "control" the zone, but we do not own it. Nevertheless, all sovereignty on the Sole except our own is extinguished by the treaty with Panama. There is no jealousy of American authority on the part of the people of Panama. The con-trol which the new governor of the zone, Gen. Davis, will exercise, will practically make of the strip an Ameri-can colony whose localisature. For the

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