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AN UNFOUNDED ACCUSATION.

It is evident from the anti-Church organs that the old myth about Church interference in politics is again to be repeated, with such variations in the text as ingenuity may suggest. The recital of that story has become one of the infallible signs of an approaching election. It is told for its effects upon a certain class of voters, just as half-raising nursery tales at one time were recounted to children, to make them do what was expected of them. There is, however, not the slightest foundation in fact for the oft-repeated accusation that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints exercises influence upon the politics of this, or any other, state, except as any church as an exponent of the principles of truth and righteousness, may influence private and public life. No matter how often the allegation is made, frequency of repetition does not make it true. Nor does the ready acceptance of the story, by unthinking multitudes constitute proof of its truth. There is no truth in it.

The reader is not asked to take our word alone for this. One of the charges made by the anti-Mormon agitators before the Senate was that the Church interferes in and controls political affairs in Utah. This was one of the big bombs depended upon for the success of the conspiracy. But, after a most searching investigation, it was found that, "While it is no doubt true that the habit which the Church and the members of the Church had followed for so many years prior to the breaking up of the old parties, of voters receiving counsel from officials of the Church in regard to the selection of candidates for office was not at once completely broken off, yet the evidence further establishes that the improvement in this regard has been very rapid, and that, of late years, the Mormon voters of the State adhere more closely to party lines than the non-Mormons do." This was proved by that investigation, and the Senate accepted, by a large majority vote, the reports offered, as conclusive. The report further says: "We think the evidence establishes the fact that since Reed Smoot became an Apostle of the Mormon Church on the 6th day of April, 1900, the Mormon Church has not controlled or attempted to control elections in Utah." (Proceedings before the Committee of Privileges and Elections of the United States Senate, Vol. IV, page 524.)

The fact, then, is simply this. On the one side we have certain political agitators who, for the furtherance of their own selfish interests, accuse the Church of undue interference in politics; on the other side we have the impartial verdict of the United States Senate, declaring that the accusation is not supported by the evidence. Can any sane citizen hesitate as to where the truth is found? Who, knowing the character of some of the leading anti-Mormon aspirants for political honors will take their word in preference to the official declaration of the United States Senate?

The very essence of "Mormonism" is liberty in everything, including politics. The Church does not believe in coercion. Even in matters of faith, liberty prevails. According to the conception of the Church the fundamental principle of the plan of salvation is liberty. The free agency of man is recognized in the Church, as in no other organization, perhaps. For that reason Church members cannot be subject to undue influence in politics. Those who have charged such influence have not been able to give one instance. They cannot. They may talk in general terms and set off oratorical pyrotechnics for the delectation of crowds, but there is absolutely nothing by which to substantiate their accusations.

THE CHURCH SCHOOLS.

The Church schools of Utah are excellent institutions. They are well equipped. Each has an efficient force of teachers, and the spirit and discipline are admirable. Each individual student is looked after and counseled, as children would be by wise parents solicitors both of their intellectual advancement and moral development.

The writer had these facts impressed upon him during a recent visit to the B. Y. University at Provo, where he had an opportunity of meeting with the faculty and the students. There are at present in the neighborhood of 1,500 students, the total enrollment being about 1,700, and they are making fine progress in the various branches of study. It is a pleasure to be present at the class exercises, to inspect the art products and the specimens of "sloyd" that are turned out to listen to the singing which is, no doubt, an exceptionally strong feature of the Provo institution, under the leadership of Prof. Lund; and to see the numerous evidences of the loyalty of the boys to their Alma Mater. In their excellent work they have done for the beautifying of the grounds surrounding the buildings. All speak well for the efficiency and faithfulness of the Principal, Dr. Hrimhall, and his corps of teachers.

The Provo University is by no means an exception among the Church schools. A great deal of means is expended every year to make them all as efficient as circumstances will permit and the results achieved are very encouraging.

It is needless to say that in speaking a good word for the Church schools, no reflection is intended upon the public

schools of the State. They, too, are excellent in the various fields covered by them, a fact well known to all the world, almost.

The children and young men and women of today have wonderful opportunities for advancement in knowledge. We are living in an age in which knowledge, literally, is being "increased," as predicted by Daniel, the prophet. But, unless the moral development keeps up with the increase in knowledge, the latter is of very little use to beings that are destined to live eternally. Knowledge is necessary, but the development of moral character is still more necessary for eternal progress, and the Church school system, we may say, is founded especially upon this important principle.

A PALACE OF PEACE.

The cornerstone has been laid in Washington of a new building, which is to contain the offices of the Bureau of American Republics. It has been called a temple of peace. And this is a fitting designation. The Bureau of American Republics is an institution intended to bring the countries of the New World together, by disseminating correct information about the peoples and the resources of these countries. In this institution twenty-one independent nations of America, each possessing a Republican government, have united, without sacrificing in any way their independence or sovereignty, to promote their common interests. For that reason the palace about to be erected will be a palace of peace.

When friends of peace first commenced their work in peace organizations, almost a century ago, they timidly hoped for the acceptance by nations of arbitration treaties. Now they look forward to the consolidation of nations into a federation of the world, and the establishment of a parliament of man. The Bureau of American Republics is but a beginning of the realization of this grand ideal. It is an expression of the hope that the period of warfare will disappear forever from human history, and that we have entered upon a new era in the progress of humanity, an era in which man's chief concern should be not how he may conquer his neighbors or avoid conquest by them, but how to use the highest measure of united effort of which the human race is capable to promote the general well being of humanity. For this reason the laying of that cornerstone was an important event in history.

REAR ADMIRAL EVANS.

Admiral Evans will retire from the navy on the 18th of August, but his active services are practically over now, and it must be admitted that his long and honorable career as a sailor has ended in a veritable blaze of glory. He is a sailor of the old school, who, nevertheless has kept up with the times. Few officers in the navy understand better the modern engines of naval warfare than he does, and few have greater influence over the men than he had.

Several stories are told of him, portraying the man. When he was at Kiel in 1895, attending the opening of the Kiel canal, the Emperor came aboard. One of the questions he asked of Evans was, how long it would take him to close all water-tight doors, and Evans said it could be done in two minutes. The Emperor astonished Evans by asking him to do it himself. Evans tried to blow the siren, but there was not steam enough and it would not blow. "Ah!" said the Kaiser. "You can't close your bulkheads!" Evans touched a general alarm button, and in an instant the men were swarming up. In one minute and a half, by the emperor's watch, the doors were closed and the ship ready for action. This was at 2 o'clock in the morning, and the Emperor could not compliment him enough on the way in which he handled his ship. The superior seamanship of the commanders and men of the American navy accounts for the naval successes of this country.

Another story is told, also typical of the man. He went to a place of worship one fine Sunday and happened to enter a fashionable Fifth Avenue church, where he calmly took possession of a front pew. Here he appeared oblivious of everything except the pulpit. A dignified gentleman seemed annoyed to find the pew occupied, and took a seat in the one behind Evans. After a while the dignified one removed a card from his case and wrote the following message on the back: "Dear Sir: I pay \$5,000 for the pew you are occupying."

Without a word the intruder read the card and drawing one from his own pocket scribbled a few words on the surface and passed it to the man in the rear. Slowly that gentleman adjusted his glasses and spelled out the answer: "You pay too much."

Robley D. Evans, Rear Admiral, U. S. N.

Whether this story is founded on fact or not, it is typical of a man who, proud of his country and his country's flag, refuses to take a back seat for anyone, or anywhere. And that is the naval officer who is about to retire from the service in which he has won an honored name, and fame.

One can be for Knox without being a knocker.

There may be good trusts but they are as scarce as hen's teeth.

Professor Bowden's idea of marriage seems to be "go as you please."

The girls who don't wear them call them pique-a-boo waists.

Senator Rayner's tongue is, at times, almost sharper than a serpent's tooth.

There seems to be a coolness between the weather bureau and the people.

Already half of Utah's wool clip has been sold. At this clip it will soon all be sold.

That soldier who ran a muck in the Philippines probably ran an automobile at some period of his life.

The city administration appears to

think that it is immaterial what kind of material is used for macadam.

The Doukhobors proceed on the theory that naked they came into the world and naked they will go through it.

"A man without a purpose in life is like a dog with no tail to wag," says the Philadelphia Record. Yes, sort of up a stump.

If missing freight rates will tend to restore prosperity then of course the greater the raise the greater will be the prosperity.

If still alive, Bella Guinness will learn something to her disadvantage by communicating with Sheriff Smulzer of Laporte, Ind.

Governor Johnson says that if Mr. Bryan is nominated he will give him his hearty support. From afar it looks as though he would support Mr. Bryan.

The President says that if Congress will not perpetuate the inland waterways commission, he will do it himself. Where there's a will there's a (water)way.

There is no such dreary, flat, stale and unprofitable reading in all the world as the epistolary expostulations of a disgruntled and defeated politician.

If the policy of publicity were generally adopted by mining companies it would be better for the mining industry, but not for the fake mining schemes.

The only terms on which Mexico will treat with the Yaqui Indians is unconditional surrender. It is not stated whether she proposes to move on their works at once if the terms are not accepted.

Prince Helle de Sagan has been at Monte Carlo and has lost "just a trifle." But what matter his losses at Monte Carlo or elsewhere so long as his "angel" is near to help bear them?

The Times are more emergent than strenuous. There are the emergency currency bill, the emergency ration, the emergency call, the emergency ambulance and other emergencies too numerous to mention.

THE LAPORTE HORROR.

Los Angeles Times.

One of the most shocking exhibitions of morbid curiosity ever witnessed was that seen yesterday at that little farm, "the home of missing men," near Laporte, Ind., where a fat old murderer, crazed with the lust of blood and gold, has secretly buried no one knows how many victims and where the remains of a dozen have been disinterred. Fifteen thousand people spent their Sabbath in merrymaking at the scene of the greatest horror of the age. Peasants, peddlers, pop-corn men, post-card hawkers crying their wares—and the postcards had views of the "great murder mystery"—made the scene one of grotesque picaresque. Aside from the repulsive trait of human nature that the discovery of this charnel house has brought to light, the weird methods employed by the woman and the number of men who fell victims to her wiles are astounding. Mrs. Belle Guinness advertised for a husband and as fast as one came, it seems, she killed him and took what he had. She had no charms to win favor in men's eyes, according to the accounts of her personal appearance. She was not young. She weighed over two hundred pounds, and her ways in walk and talk were masculine; yet many men were willing to marry her. Two young men met her on the train. She engaged them in conversation and the first thing she said was that she was lonesome and wanted to get married. Then she told them about her farm. The two young men recoiled and escaped the fate that had already befallen others. But that many were willing to marry her, despite her crude love-making and coarse appearance, the backyard disclosures prove.

TOO MUCH "IN A HURRY."

Leslie's Weekly.

The rage for risk in this country is only equalled by the rage to make it. It is an old proverb, but it is peculiarly applicable to our present tendencies, to "make haste slowly." Yet this proverb appears to have no believers in our trying and strenuous age. The papers are full of deaths by drowning of those who have ventured upon thin ice, in haste to avail themselves of a winter outing. The daily chronicles are filled with accidents to life and limb by those who insist on trying to catch a trolley car flying past. Time flies, and every one pursues it, regardless of what may happen. New Yorkers who a few years ago spent an hour in reaching their homes from their offices rush frantically to catch a subway train which will take them to the city in a quarter of the time, and are impatient if they miss it, though they know another will be available in two or three minutes; the fastest ocean steamers are the most crowded, though the voyage is too short for the rest and change which should be accompaniments of sea travel; even our elevators must shoot up with rocket-like velocity to the top of our skyscrapers. What those and the other manifold hurries of modern life mean to our mental and physical health the neurologists can tell us, and their report is not reassuring. It is, perhaps, too late to warn this generation against the vice of hurrying but perhaps a later one may develop a saner philosophy of travel.

WORCESTER'S NEW IDEA.

Boston Transcript.

Worcester is not only distinguished as being the largest city in the country operating under a no-license policy, but she is also taking a leading part in this state at least, in putting her vacant lands at the service of the unemployed.

Twenty-one sun gardens are in shape for planting today, and more are coming. The society having this enterprise in charge is well organized and means business. Although in its first year, it is making a great success, and is receiving public support and encouragement beyond anything that was anticipated. Seeds and fertilizers are in demand, and for these essentials of production the money is freely flowing in. One woman, in behalf of her husband, had made application for a garden in which to rear and employ for her five children, and one of the best has been assigned to her. This is a practical philanthropy, or rather an economic benefit to the city that makes the most of these opportunities. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of acres in Boston lying unprofitably fallow, that would be better for cultivation and give wholesome occupation and good returns to many a poor family. It was perhaps the best idea that "Potato" Pingree left behind him.

JUST FOR FUN.

Not Even a Carrot.

"I don't think you should make such a fuss over that soup," grumbled the

landlady. "I don't see anything in it." "Neither do I," snapped the comedian boarder as he adjusted his glasses and peered down into the thin mixture; "that's why I am kicking."

Take Care of the Pennies, Etc.
"Make anything on this deal?" Gotsa Goldie inquired.
"Only a million," Mydusa gloomily replied.
"Well, every million counts!"

Long Range.
Eva—I see they have invented a gun that will shoot 500 miles.
Edwin—Gracious! I guess when I go to ask your father for your hand I'll have to get on the other side of the Rockies and use the long-distance telephone.

One Big Question.
Reporter—Here is a list of all the foreign diplomats present at the banquet. Editor—And what does the interrogation point in the center of the list mean?

Reporter—Oh, that stands for the Chinese diplomat.

Always Tired.
Political Candidate—Which way do the farmhands lean around here?
Harner Rytrop—Well, stammer, around plowing and planting time you will see them leaning against the barn or fence every time your back is turned.

Pleasant for Mother.
Small Boy (noticing the Phil Beta Kappa key hanging from the minister's watch chain)—Did you find it again, or is this another?
Minister—Why, my little man, what do you mean? I never lost it.
Small Boy—Oh, mother said you had lost the charm you had when you were young—Judge.

One on Mother.
They talked during dinner of the recent anarchic activity.
"But, papa, what is an anarchist?" little Willie asked.
"Well, my boy," replied the father, "he's a person who is always blowing somebody up."
The child turned to his mother.
"Then are you an anarchist, Ma?" he said.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

People's Magazine for June contains, besides its 132 pages of complete fiction, 32 pages of clearly printed pictures representing scenes from the current plays. An especially interesting feature of this number is the new series of military stories by Wolcott LeClear Beard, who, having been himself on the fighting-line in three countries, has a deep knowledge and insight into this life, which bristles in every page. An illustrated military poem, entitled "Sailing Orders," by Alfred Damon Runyon, will give of timely interest to readers. Among other stories eminently worth while are "Prize of War," by Harold Bindloss, and "Do Unto Others," by Edward S. Pilsworth, in which Billings—Hobo continues his rescue of unfortunate ladies and "gents" of the underworld.—79-89, 7th Ave., New York.

The May number of American Historical Magazine opens with an article on "Douglas, Lincoln and the Nebraska Bill," by Albert Watkins. The second article is "Mormonism and the Mormons," by Theodore Schroeder. This is merely a parody on history, unworthy of serious notice. It is really to be regretted that a magazine of the quality of this publication admits its pages to the unreliable, frothy contributions of Theodore Schroeder, that have no higher historical value than the oratory of a "barber" outside the gates of an American Revolution, by Don E. Mowry, is a readable article. "The Book of Bruce," by Lyman Horace Weeks, is continuing. The illustrations are exceptionally fine.—The Americana Society, 154 East, Twenty-third St., New York.

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