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AN OLD TALE TOLD AGAIN.

"Mexico City, June 26 + A report is being circulated here to the effect that the Mormon Church would be quite acthe Mormon Church would be quite ac-tively engaged during the next 1-w months in securing land in various por-ulons of Mexico for the purpose of eclonization. The assertion is made that it was recently decided to pur-chase a tract of 500,000 acres in Sonora or Chihuahua to be used as an ex-tension of the colonies of Colonia, Dublan and Diaz. The arrangements are about completed, it is said, and with-in a few weeks the deeds will be ready

for transfer, "In addition to these lands, it is learned, the Mormon Elders have taken, hold of several other land offers re-cently made to them. Among these are said to be large tracts of land in Sina-loa and Chiapas."

The foregoing press dispatch has been published in a large number of newspapers in this country. It is one of those periodical reports about "Mormons moving into Mexico," or, as varied lately, "into Canada," or some other place, where a few of our people have settled. Like the rest of the stories of that kind, it is without foundation in truth

Offers of land for "Mormon" colonization are frequently made to the Church authorities. Also applications are entered for "Mormon" colonists, the idea still being entertained that the Church is engaged in a great immigration scheme, and that "Mormons" can be had for the asking to enter upon lands that need occupation and cultivation. Our people are recognized as splendid pioneers, industrious homemakers, and permanent and peaceable citizens. That is why they are wanted at different points, and that is why it is supposed that the Church is ready to buy land on which to place them.

Although it may seem to be labor in vain, we have to continue to deny these rumors, and to explain the facts. The Church is not possessed of the large sums of money supposed to be at its command. It is yet paying interest on half the bonds, issued in consequence of losses during the litigation in which it was once for some time involved. These will no doubt be redeemed before

a small modicum of good sense which is otherwise undisplayed. We did not intend to notice the ravings of the Herald correspondent further, believing that they carry their own refutation to people who think as well as read. For, the effusion embodies contradictions of well known facts, and rakes up alleged occurrences of 40 years ago that never took place, and mixes them with current events and present falsehoods, in such a way that it is a matter of great astonishment that a reputable and widely circulated paper will persist in publishing such rhodomontades, personal in their libelious character, and irritating to a class of its readers who know the malicious mixture to be false. It is only because we do not wish to be discourteous to the gentleman who signs his name to his letter, that we have inserted it in the "News" and made these comments. We suggest to our friends in Brigham City and Boxelder county, many of whom have expressed their displeasure at the objec-

tionable publications, that they had better either let the miserable defamer and his drivel severely alone, or, if they want to take any steps concerning them to proceed through the courts. But, after all, they are not obliged to read the rubbish nor harbor it in their homes.

JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

The "Yellow Peril" is a subject disussed in all parts of the world. Mr. Seddon, the premier of New Zealand, has recently expressed the opinion that Australia would be in immediate danger, should Japan triumph over Russia

in this conflict. The Japanese Consul-general at Shanghal takes occasion to contradict Mr. Seddon. He asserts that Japan is a peace loving country, and states, in proof of this, that the Japanese have enjoyed periods of from 100 to 300 or 400 years at a time of unbroken peace, and that their whole and sole desire is to live at peace with all the nations of the world. This, he says, is expressed very clearly in the text of his imperial majesty's declaration of war against Russia. He, further, ridicules the idea that his country covets Aus-"We have," he argues, "an tralta. emigration law in Japan, which proves not only that we do not want to lose our population, but also that our government is very solicitous as to the welfare and behavior of those who emigrate. A Japanese cannot leave his country without a passport, nor can he obtain a passport without providing two responsible and substantial sureties for

his good conduct in the country to which he wishes to go." This may all be very true, but neither the Japanese representative at Shanghal, nor anyone else, is at this moment qualified to say what Japan will do, or not do, in case her armies and navies prove victorious in this war. The fact is that Australia has immigration laws that discriminate against the Japanese. Will not the latter insist on the respect due to a first-class power? And if this is not complied with, who can

foretell what Japan's course will be?

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In Australia it is feared that friction of more or less serious nature would en-

POLAND UNEASY.

lution in Poland, but the opinion as to

the proper steps to take are divided.

The governor-general of Varsavia rec-

ommends that an "attitude of expec-

tation" be assumed, this official being

opposed to harsh measures. On the

other hand, the commander of the fort-

ress of Varsavia, General Kasbek, be-

lieves that steps should be taken to pre-

vent the outbreak of a Polish revolution

by the adoption of "measures of ex-

The numbers of police in the whole

of Polish Russia have been greatly in-

creased. All travelers are watched, the

hotels being guarded day and night by

the police. Further in Varsavia domi-

nothing would be gained by it.

treme rigor.'

from abroad.

One of the serious features of the

it contains, and thus shows that he has despotic governments. While there are a great many patriots in Russia, and while many more are loyal to the Czar, as dogs to a master, yet on the whole, the subjugated nations are but looking for a chance of breaking their schackels, and when the country faces danger, as at present, they are plotting in the interests of the enemy. And what else can be expected? How different were the conditions here, when the country faced a foreign foe! Thousands from every state hastened to the front. More than were needed donned the uniform. Differences on national questions were forgotten, and all were united on the one issue-to uphold the glory of the American flag. That is the difference, in our age, between despotism and democracy. The former has no longer a legitimate place in our civilization. The Russian rulers should learn this by the present experiences of their country.

The crop of LL. D's for 1904 has been gathered.

Aguinaldo refuses to talk. Here is a hint for Colonel Bryan.

Enforce the bicycle ordinances we have, before flying to others we know not of. Suit has been brought in the New Jer-

Has some Japanese bullet pflugged General Pflug that no more is heard of him?

"Measure for Measure" does not seem to be the favorite plans of the hucksters.

Up to date there is nothing but dark horses for the St. Louis nomination race.

The days of the June brides are numbered. But July is just as good a month. Although Speaker Cannon did not get

the vice presidential nomination, he is still Illinois' Joe.

That great battle that has been impending for so long a time in the Far East is still impending.

Kuropatkin must have graduated at the head of his class at the How-Notto-Do-It military academy.

The campaign orator plays with fireworks as no one else does, yet one was never known to have lockjaw.

All over the country, life preservers are being tested. It is a good idea, one too infrequently put in practice.

It is a sad condition of affairs when party loyalty is looked upon as being the same as patriolism.

sey court of chancery to dissolve the Standard Oil company. Being in chancery its life will be almost perpetual,

Ion Perdicaris is profoundly grateful to Secretary Hay. He should be, for it was for him a de profundis proceeding.

Dr. Dowle is mad at the reporters. There is method in his madness. See what a lot of free advertising it gives

According to reports the Russian officers are fighting among themselves,

the wounds from tox sistols and fire-crackers which will inevitably occur to Young America on the Fourth of July, has warned the mothers of this unhap-py land of the need of preparation for the worst that may befall. Mindful of the danger of lockjaw, and of the require-ments of modern aseptic surgery, she is thus specific: "Here are some of the things which every mother should have at hand on the Fourth: A percelain or agate pitcher and basin, a package of absorbent cotton and one of lodoform gauze, some safety pins, a carboil's so-lution, a solution of linseed oil and lime water; a solution of boric acid, antisep-tic soap, flaxseed for poulities, and a surgeon's probe. The carboil's solution is known as the 'two per cent,' a tea-spoonful of carboile acid to a plat of water. The boric solution calls for a teasponful of the acid to a glass of warm water." The same thoughful writer proceeds to give elaborate in-structions as to the use of these various washes and dressings, warning anxious the wounds from togepistols and firewashes and dressings, warning anxious mothers on no acount to touch wounds with the fingers, or even with the probe unless it is sterilized by immersion a sufficient length of time in boiling water.



very long. But the "immense wealth' credited to it is a myth.

If the Church was as rich as imagined, it would not be engaged in the business that some crafty land speculators propose for it. The notion that land is offered by it as an inducement to people abroad to emigrate to this region, is absolutely untrue and absurd. There is nothing offered to anyone by our missionaries but the pure Gospel of Christ and the promise of persecution. Converts come her because they want to, and at their own cost. If they obtain land they acquire title to it as other folks do and hold it in their own right.

Our people are advised to own the land they till and the houses they live Some of them move out of Utah into places adjoining, or from one valley to another, that they may have farms and homes of their own. But there is no extensive exodus, and no great land schemes on foot for that purpose. Speculators would like it to go out that the Church is about to buy their acres, so that others may be infuced to purchase, and that "Mormons" are going to occupy certain areas, so as to raise the value of lands adjoining. The present story about Mexican purchases and colonizing by the "Mormon" Church is but the echo or repetition of m old canard.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

We congratulate the City Council on rising high enough above party feeling and mistaken economy, to furnish the Scaler of Weights and Measures with the horse and vehicle absolutely necessary to an efficient discharge of his duties. Now let every dealer in this city. whether in regular business or setting along the streets, see to it that his weights or measures or both are up to the standard, and let buyers take notice that those utensils are properly sealed. in token that they are up to the lawful mark, and if not, refuse to take their wares. It is important that the public shall co-operate with bonest merchants m securing "a just balance and a fair neasure." Every housewife should see that short weight and short measare count up to a considerable loss in the course of a year. Respectable dealirs are the safest to trade with and those figms that cheerfully comply with the law should command the patronage of the public. Every scale and every measure used in business in this city sught now to be officially sealed and if iot, the violator of the law should be leaft with accordingly.

A LETTER FROM BRIGHAM.

We give place today to a letter from Brigham City in reference to the latest lose of slander from that place, inlicted upon its Sunday readers by a norning contemporary. The writer of

condition in Russia is the agitation that of it at the front? is said to have commenced among the Poles. The authorities do all in their power to suppress news about internal disturbances, but it is claimed that the Polish agitation is increasing daily. It the proper place for them. is said to be headed by Socialists, who are distributing thousands of manifes-

toes, and holding meetings. ters are largely overestimated, but un-According to a correspondent of an fortunately they have not been in the Italian paper, quoted in Public Opinion, case of the General Slocum. the Russian government is very much impressed with the possibility of a rev-

him.



lies are being told about him. That surely is an exaggeration, for he is not a presidential candidate, not even a gubernatorial one.

Hon. John L. Webster of Nebraska prophesies that by A. D. 2000 a population of 40,000,000 will be tributary to Omaha. A splendid prophecy that is

PERILS OF THE FOURTH.

cillary inquisitions are continually Boston Transcript. made, resulting in numerous arrests, People will watch the Fourth of July celebration in Chicago this year with great interest to see if the attempt to rationalize it makes headway among the irrational and undeveloped. All the preparations for a truly patriotic ob-servance of the day have been made. The firing of harmless torpedoes and email creakers will go on as usual, but while in the neighboring cities of Losnewich, Kolisch, Czenstochau, and other places, secret police have been established whose duty it is to see that no revolutionists enter the country But notwithstanding these precauemail crackers will go on as usual, but the police will be under instructions to confiscate all revolvers, blank carttionary measures, the agitation is proceeding. A proclamation issued by the ridges and caps. During the morning hours parks, playgrounds and vacant lots will be thrown open to young America for purposes of legitimate noise-making. Under the supervision representatives of the labor party concludes with these revolutionary words: "The war will hasten the time when we shall be able to make up our ac-counts with czardom. At all events Russia must suffer enormous losses. The war will inevitably weaken the power of the czar. And if Japan should win? We wish this with all our hearts. For Japan is an enemy of our enemy, and the defeat of the czar's government is our victory: the pride of czarism will be gone forever, and with that its strong prestige will also vanish. It will then be easy for us to fight this hu-miliated and demoralized foe. And however the war may result, let us carry out our great mission, organize ourselves, unite ourselves, and, through constant agitation and a bold demand for our rights, undermine this govern-ment. First and last let us work for the welfare of the people and for the destruction of czarism!" The war will hasten the time when noise-making. Under the supervision of a policeman, a fireman, a teacher and a member of the Illinois Naval Bri-gade, small boys and girls will not only be allowed to explode all the crackers they want, but will even be instructed in methods of getting the most fun for their money. In the afternoon and their money. In the afternoon and evening there will be various patriotic observances, band concerts, a sham naval battle and fireworks. The whole effort will be to keep the control of the

amateurs.

New York Evening Sun.

The police commissioner says that he The police commissioner says that he will try to abate the firecracker nui-sance in the neighborhood of hospitals prior to and after the Fourth of July. It is admitted that on that date the small boy cannot be deprived of his in-alienable rights. As a matter of fact, to which anybody can testify who has been in any crowded part of the city in the evening within the last week, the celebration has begun already. Of late years there has been a tendency to start the noise-making not days but weeks The question is already openly asked, whether the time has not come for another insurrection. The Polish people generally however, are not as ready as they were once for extreme measures. They have learned, through bitter experience, to be careful. But it is supthe noise-making not days but weeks ahead of the proper time. As many of the crackers explode with a volume of posed that should the time ever come when there should be a fair prospect of the cracter explore with a torun of sound equal to that made by a gun, the addition to the ordinary roar of the town is very considerable. It is a ter-rible trial, not merely to the patients in hospitals, but to the sick every-where. gaining anything by a revolution, even the most conservative would join the forces of the revolutionists. All that now holds them back is the fear that The present conditions in Russia Sacramento Bee,

he slander appears to be ashamed to should be an object lesson to all the A conscientious woman writer, look-append his signature to the absurdities world, on the failure, in our age, of ing forward in dread anticipation to

wear is best of the season-Every line is intact. But will not be able to say that long at the present rate of Anywhere from 50c to \$10.00 you can make a pleasing selection, and be sure of getting the most underwear satisfaction obtainable for the price you pay. Better come now while your PRICE J. P. GARDNER, MAIN ST. WORLDS FAIR NO CHANCE OF CARS UNION PACIFIC In connection with the Wabash Railroad, the Union Pacific now runs through Electric Lighted Sleepers to St. Louis Passengers are landed at main entrance of the Expo-sition at a convenient hour in the morning, thus saving time and expense on arrival at St. Louis, and avoiding the great crowds at the big Union Station. MANY HOURS QUICKER THAN ANY OTHER ROUTE CITY TICKET OFFICE, 201 MAIN ST., SALT LAKE CITY.

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