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ANOTHER TRIBUNE FALSEHOOD.

The Tribune prints a story credited to the Caldwell Tribune to the effect that, according to a rumor, the Deseret News has secured the controlling interest in the Capital News of Boise, Idaho. The Caldwell paper adds that it has been unable to verify the rumor though it comes from "persons who

A representative of the Salt Lake sheet was informed several days ago, on inquiry over the telephone, that the rumor was without foundation, but that does not prevent its unscrupulous scribes from asserting that they have "verified" it. They have not "verified" They simply "lie like --- " as a prominent citizen recently said, with more force and truth than rhetorical

The story is false. The "News" has not obtained the controlling interest or any portion of the stock of the Capital News, or any other Idaho paper the rumor, which the Caldwell Tribune says comes "from people who orght to know," were traced to its source, it would probably be found to have originated in the Salt Lake Tribune office, where so many falsehoods have been concocted and sent out over the country for sinister purposes.

In this case the purpose is the creation of the impression that the Church is playing politics in Idaho and endeavoring to influence public opinion for political purposes. That this is the object the Tribune is alming at is evident from its misleading headlines.

We are authorized to state emphatically that the story representing the Church as having secured control of the paper in question, or any other paper, In Idaho, is false. The Church has not furnished one cent, either by loan or otherwise, for any such purthe use of tithing money for political purposes is, therefore, worthy of the wretch in whose besotted brain it originated. But it is without any foundation in fact. The Church has no interest whatever in the matter. It is up to the Tribune to prove its headline assertions, or stand branded again as the most conspicuous member of the club, of which poor Ananias, we fancy, would have been heartily ashamed, though his name has been affixed to it.

We call attention again to the peculiar fact that the Tribune is leading its anti-"Mormon" crusade with all manner of falsehoods and misrepresentations, exaggeration of faults it may find, and pure inventions when facts are Can the decent followers of that sheet afford to follow such a lead? Those to whom moral assets are worth anything ought to reflect for a moment whether a deceiver is a safe guide No honest man will follow a liar, even if he should lie in a good cause?

A RASH OFFICER.

If that over zealous officer, Mr. Po-Heeman Conyers, has not already seen the handwriting on the wall, he will be able to descry it, if he gives his orbs a vigorous rubbing. He will learn that he has committed the sin unpardonable in taking his superiors seriously. Being a new man in the service, he has allowed his zeal to run away with him. Fired by reading the reports in the American party organ, of the gambling that was rampant in this city, and auxious to make a record for himself, he set out on the chase and ran to earth a covey of green cloth knights. Poor innocent-how was he to know that the Tribune's fulminations against gamblers were all sound and fury, signifying nothing, that Chief Pitts' appointment was made as a direct sop to the "sporty" element of the city, and that the impertment interference of a policeman with a stud outfit was a violation of a sacred understanding with the element that ever supplies a big part of the American party vote? Poor Convers! He will learn another time to read between the lines, when he gets his orders to go after the gambling fraternity. the meantime, the decent citizens commend him for his services and hope he will continue to do his duty.

WAR IN THE AIR.

Rumors of war between Russia and Turkey still come from the capitals of

Some time ago the Turks, it is claimed, penetrated into Persia and committed some depredations while mobilizing its forces in Armenia. The Russian government then decided to execute a formidable military demonstration, and dispatched to the Turkish frontier an expedition of 60,000 select troops from Central Russia, with full war equipment.

Now it seems that the matter is being taken seriously in Russia. In the capitals of Austria and Germany it is charged that Russia is trying to obtain revenge for her failure in the Far East turning her attention to the Near East and is resuming the ancient traditional policy of aiming at Constantinople. It is further asserted that she is helped in this, above board by France and secretly by Great Britain, the latter thus opposing German influ-

Russia has emphatically declared that it would be impossible to tolerate the carrying out of the proposed plan for the construction of railroads in the Halkans as announced by Baron Von Achrenthal, the Austria-Hungarian foreign minister, as this would mean,

practical Austrian supremacy throughout the Balkans. If a conflict breaks out, it will not be between Russia and Austria, but between Russia and Turkey, the latter being accused of favoring the Austrian plans under

German influence, The movement of Russian troops may be only a bluff, but it is just as well to keep an eye on the developments in the near east. Russia is by tradition committed to a policy of expansion in the direction of Constantinople and the Russians would probably not be slow to make an attack, upon the Moham-Russians would probably not object to an attack upon the Mohamto what happens in the north. If Turkey feels herself competent to take up a contest with Russia, it is not impossible that the quarrel may end in war, particularly if Germany promises her moral support.

ON THE SIDE OF RIGHT.

There is not, in American history since the days of George Washington, more prominent character than Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday was celebrated a short time ago all over the country. No president of the United States has stood nearer the people than he did. No one has been more devoted to the highest ideals of morality and patriotism. And yet, it is a question whether any man in that exalted position has endured more vilification, more abuse than he did.

It has been observed that no man was ever fought by political opponents so vehemently as Lincoln was. The speeches and newspapers and general fury were simply horrible. No supporter of Lincoln, then, and of the cause for which he stood, would even speak to one on the other side if he ould avoid it. So venomous were politics then. Hatred of Lincoln in the South was but natural. But why should

it have been so vehement in the North? Without entering any further into that question, we merely obsherve that time has worked a wonderful change. Today the memory of Abraham Lincoln is revered by all parties and factions. Next year, the first centennial of his birth, will see a general outpouring of panegyric. Time has vindicated Lincoln, while his enemies, loud-mouthed though they were, are almost forgotten. It is best to be on the side of right, even when right is unpopular.

SPEAKS FOR LIBERTY.

A few days ago we mentioned in these columns the commotion caused in certain religious circles in Paterson, N. J., by the presence in that city of a couple of "Mormon" boys. The Paterson News, which seems to be a fair and broad-minded paper, ably edited, reminds the good people of Patterson that the "Mormons" in Ctah neither close their houses of worship against ministers of other denominations, nor create any disturbances at the meetings of other sects, and suggests that this example of tolerance be followed. Our Paterson contemporary says:

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"There are some people in this city who are greatly worked up because a couple of Mormon elders who seem to be very inoffensive chaps, have come to this city to preach their peculiar doctrines. The News does not take any stock in Mormonism but it thinks that as this is a free country and the Constitution grants freedom of belief to everybody and prohibits favoring any religion, that it is a waste of breath because these Mormons have come to the benighted East to preach their doctrines. Out in Utah, where the Mormons are in a majority, the Gentiles, as Mormons term non-believers, have sent their missionaries of all denominations to preach to the Mormons and turn them from the error of their ways. The Mormons let them preach and even open their churches to them. Nobody ever hears now-a-days of the Mormons disturbing the preachers of other sects. The example these Mormons sest should be followed by us. Let them preach all they like. It's a free country and nobody is compelled to attend their preaching or to believe in their doctrines. Their peculiar doctrine of a plurality of wives has been knocked out by the laws passed by Congress. The Smoot investigation proved that the practice has been abandoned. These elders, now in Paterson, deny that the Mormon Church believes in rolygamy or practices it. They certainly do not preach it. We believe that if the opponents of Mormonism refrain from advertising the subject it will be a ten days wonder and be forgotten. But, if these men are persecuted there is certain to be sympathy felt for them. The average American always takes the side of the under dog and many will be attracted to their meetings who otherwise would never think of going to them."

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The advice of our contemporary is as sound as that of Gamaliel of old. Its contention that the Smoot investigation proved that the practice of polygamy, has been abandoned by the Church is unassailable. There is, therefore, absolutely no excuse now for persecution, whatever basis there may have been for it formerly. And this is as true in Utah as in New Jersey.

AS TO PROHIBITION

The extraordinary spread of prohibition in the States is a cause for general congratulation.

But is absolute prohibition the visest course? Does it prohibit? This paper stands for any honest and just measures that tend to diminish the evils of intemperance. Absolute prohibition suits us. But this does not prevent us from giving due weight to the arguments of others.

The German-American Alliance protests against prohibition because it would destroy great industries which consume a vast amount of products and represent enormous investments. The protest is sound from a business standpoint. The labor unions protest against it because it would throw thousands of men out of employment. Their protest sound, too, from an economic stand-

point. Others argue that there is a sounder basis for the protests of all American citizens regardless of the economic lesses which prohibition would cause; that basis is the principle of personal liberty, which is fundamental and essential to free government. The violation of the principle in one respect is said to be only a stepping stone to paternal policies which in the end would destroy all freedom of action and bring about

intolerable conditions. We cannot fully endorse these arguments; yet they represent something

under the guise of commercial interest, real and vital in a government in which the rights of the ininority are jealously guarded by constitutions.

A State dispensary system modeled after the plan that prevails in Gothenburg, Sweden, would not be open to these objections. That system is a great education in temperance. Absolute prohibition is never absolute, except in the case of those who do not need prohibition at all, and thus it falls to prohibit. Laws that regulate the evil, when enforced, are said to produce all the good results of prohibitory laws, and are not open to any valid objections.

L. J. Wood, expert boomerang manipulator. References, Tommy Atkins and Jake Raleigh.

A man named F. Him sheared 325 sheep at Phoenix yesterday in nine hours. That's pretty good for Him.

After seeing those Indian war veterans at their dance last night, it's going to take many years to convince us that they are old men.

Governor Pennypacker is very busy defending the acts of the board of which he was chairman and which had in its control the building of the Pennsylvania capitol. That seems natural.

At San Francisco yesterday a grad ing foreman killed a cook because his eggs were not well cooked. Now he is under arrest, but claims self-defense. Could those eggs have been that bad?

Governor Pennypacker seems to think that chairs are worth a thousand dollars apiece and bootblack stands twice that much. There are those in the Quaker State whose views differhence the charges of conspiracy now

The Salt Lake Tribune suggests that the "American" party is responsible for the proposed raise in the valuation of property in this City, and that the increase in taxes is needed to help the administration out of the hole in which extravagance, incompetence and fraud have plunged the City. We have not looked upon the proposition in that way. But the Tribune ought to know. By the way, how much is the City in the hole? The tax-payers are possibly interested in that question.

The trouble with political investigations of the record of political tools is that truth is never brought out by them. This has been proved time and again in numerous instances all over the country. When an official can be depended upon as a vote-getter, the bosses of the party to whose services he is sold are sure to see to it that a little crookedness and graft are covered up, one way or another. The main question in investigations of that kind is not, what is the truth in the matter? It is rather, how can the truth be concealed from public view, and that problem is generally solved by means known to the experts in deception.

NATIONAL DECADENCE.

New York Evening Post.

What renders much of the present talk about national decadence particularly empty is the unmistakable, growing, solidarity of the world. The primitive theory of commerce, still adhered to in the Congo, perhaps, and at Washington, held that one of two parties to a bargain was bound to be the victim. Economists have now taught us that free exchange will benefit buyer and seller alike. One of the two may get the better of the bargain, as we call it; but the whole process is based on the principle that both get a certain amount of good out of it. It is largely the same with modern historical evolution. Nations may compete, but even when one nation gets so decidedly the better of the other, as Germany did of France in 1870, good accrues to both. Germany attained the hegemony in Europe, but France, out of the ashes of defeat, built up a more complete democracy than she had had since the resolution. No nation can progress without drawing other nations along with her. Our own unparalleled material development does not imply retrogression for Europe. On the contrary, Great Britain, Ireland, northern Europe, Italy, in giving us their surplus population, have themselves profited tremendously. By commerce, by the telegraph, and the cable; by the triumphs of science which knows no country, by such international movements as socialism and the emancipation of women, it is being New York Evening Post. al movements as socialism and the emancipation of women, it is being made less and less possible for one nation to sicken and decay without inflicting hurt beyond its boundaries, or the most forward to the control of forward toward a healthier life without impelling others in the same

FOG PREVENTION.

Scientific American,

An Italian engineer has offered to secure immunity for London from the dense fogs which occasionally envelop her and paralyze her traffic, and as he asks for financial aid to demonstrate op her and paralyze her traffic, and as he asks for financial aid to demonstrate his theories the London county council has declined his offer. Writing of this fog problem, Consul-General Wynne of London says: "In replying to the report which made light of the theory that fogs could be driven away by the discharge of cannon, a civil and electric engineer informs the writer that the inventor of the fog dispeller has never claimed to be able to displace the atmosphere in order to prevent the fog from forming or to drive it away when once formed. His theory is quite different and the work to do very simple. He states that in order to prevent the phenomenon from taking place it suffices to destroy the atmospheric equilibrium which exists at the moment when the fog forms and which lasts as long as the fog lasts. The inventor states that the tranquility of the atmosphere is the sole cause of fog; his purpose is to produce a movement in the air molecules. This movement is easily obtained by means of vibrations of the atmosphere. In order to produce molecular movement in 100 tons of metal it is not in the least necessary to displace the n order to produce molecular move-ment in 100 tons of metal it is not in ment in 100 tons of metal it is not in the least necessary to displace the mass of metal—it is sufficient to strike it with a hammer to put the molecules of the entire mass in vibration." The inventor quotes the case of hali in France, where a discharge at the right moment has often dispersed a gathering storm. According to a recently issued report of the District Viticulture Society of Lyons, France, it appears that in the ten years preceding the use of protection against hall the losses amounted to about \$2,600,000. In the six following years they amounted only to \$20,000, and it is here stated that "all the slight failures sustained were invariably due to the relaxation of discipline on the part of the firers, who allowed themselves to be taken unawares."

USEFUL LABOR SAVERS.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat The steam shovels at work along the Fanama canal save the work of 5,000 men. They will come in handy later on in internal improvements nearer home.

A SERMONET FOR WORKERS

[For the "News" by H. J. Hapgood.] Neither the employer nor the employee should allow himself to underestimate the value, an asset it might be termed, of appearing as well dressed as circumstances and kind of service will permit.

When the term "well dressed" is used, however, it is not done in the serse of being foppishly or flashily attired, but rather of being garbed in a good suit, though not necessarily an expensive one, clean linen, and polished shoos.

The employer who does not appear cleanly and tidy in personal appearance, cannot expect the respect of his employees, for they look more or less to the head of their concern as a model. Let the employee note that his employer is unkempt, and it can-

not fall to have a bad effect on him. The employee who does not appear well dressed is losing sight of an asset which is of inestimable value, and cannot fail to drop in the estimation of his employer and working associates. He surely cannot expect to make a favorable impression upon all those self-respecting individuals with whom he comes in contact in a busi-

ness or social way. The proposition of appearing as well dressed as possible applies to the unemployed as well as to the employed, and in the former case brings forcibly to one's attention the recent comment of one of Boston's most popular and successful men, who

"If I were out of employment, with only a dollar in my pocket, I would spend that dollar in an hour. I would divide most of it between a bath, a shave and a shine, and with the remainder I would get the best dinner I could. I might have to carry a hod for my next meal, but never would I miss one opportunity -to make myself presentable for better position. A salesman stands better chance to get business, from a personal point of view, if he looks well-kept and comfortable. Somehow prospective customers resent anything that suggests shabblness and gives their patronage to neatly dressed and prosperous looking salesmen."

The Boston man's statement is ab solutely a correct presentation of facts. Personal appearance means more than all the printer's ink creation can describe.

JUST FOR FUN.

Knicker-What makes a successful Bocker—The ability to tell a band-wagon from a hearse.—Judge.

A financier's outing—"Where's the boss?"
"In Europe."
"Back soon?"
"It depends on his lawyer."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Lawyer—Was your friend an accessory before the fact?
Witness—Sure, sor, but most sorry he wor after the fact, sor.—Baltimere American.

Friend (in whisper)—The toastmaster wants you to get off a good joke.

The Bashful Man—Beg pardon—er—I didn't know I was on it.—Chicago Dally

"The poor we have always with us," said Kindman, in hopes of getting a contribution. "That's better than having them against us," responded Flintheart, with intent to dodge the same.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

English as She is Spoke.

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An amusing dialogue occurred yesterday between Judge Willis, K. C., and a plaintiff who sued a man for the value of a quantity of grain supplied.

His honor said he had received a letter from the defendant, who said he could only offer half a crown a month. "That," continued his honor, "will take six years to get rid of the debt."

Plaintiff (emphatically)—I would willingly forgive a poor man, but when you find he is a "swanker," and doing every one in the neighborhood, it puts your back up. (Laughter.) We have to cut things very fine in order to get a shilling or two, and then these gentry come "swanking" about the country as if they were toffs. (Laughter.) I am told by others that he is nothing more than a "duck-shover." (Laughter.) His Honor-A what shover? (Loud

laughter.)
Plaintiff—Duck-shover. Your honor; a man who gets things on the bounce and the nod. (Renewed laughter.)
His Honor—You mean a man who gets people to let him have things on credit by representations that are not correct? Is that what you mean to convey by your big phrases—duck-shover and so forth? (Laughter.)
Plaintiff—That's it—duck-shover and swanker. (Renewed laughter.)
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