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THE POPULAR TOPIC,

The topic of overwhelming interest at present is the action of the United States House of Representatives in reference to the scating of the Congressman from Utah. Interest in the President's message was entirely overshadowed by the debate on this question. The plan to prevent his taking his seat was shrewdly laid and promptly carried out. It is evident that if the member-elect had been permitted to take the oath of office and occupy the seat to which he is clearly entitled, the scheme to oust him would have failed. This was admitted by Mr. Tayler of Ohio, who led the attack and volced the wishes of the millions of people who, without understanding of the facts in the case, raised their voices in concert against Mr. Roberts. He and prosperity of this great nation of asked:

"Is it wise if the acts be as alleged, unless we are absolutely without power to keep Roberts out, to subject his case to the doubtful process of expulsion? "Doubtful for two reasons, first, because it requires the concurrence of two-thirds to expel him, second, because very eminent lawyers from the beginning of the government down to the present time, have taken the posl-tion that the House has no right to expel except for some misconduct while a member, and relating to his office as a member

This accounts for the extraordinary effort, admitted to be unusual, to deny a seat in Congress to a member duly elected, having the constitutional qualifications, and against whom there was no contest. Mr. Tayler claimed that though this procedure was unusual, it was not without precedents; but neither of the cases which he cited as precedents bear any resemblance to that of the member-elect from Utah.

The speech made by Mr. Roberts, a pretty full synopsis of which appears to be given by the Associated Press, the text of which will be found in another part of this paper, was a brief but concise statement of his position, and one particular point he presented covered the whole legal ground of ob- the distinguished Saul of Tarsus of old,

nelfy Him, crucity H As the matter now stands, Utah will remain for a while with no representation in the House and with but one voice in the Senate. It is guite likely that the committee to whom the harges against Mr. Roberts have been referred, will take considerable time to samine into them and will not be in great haste to render their decision. Notwithstanding the significant fact that none of the gentlemen, thirty in number, who voted for the seating of the member from Utah were placed upon the committee, we are of the opinion that both sides of the question will be heard, and that mere hearsny, street umor, and newspaper charges without proof will count for very little. Many of the accusations that have been made will certainly fall to the ground. But in view of the wide-spread agitation that has been raised, and the desire of

public men to retain the support of their constituents, it will be surprising if Mr. Roberts is ever permitted to occupy the place to which he is legally entlilled, and from which he could not e ejected except by an arbitrary exerise of legislative power The notion that this will have any

opressive effect upon the "Mormon "hurch will be very soon dissipated. It will be seen that it is a matter entirely separate from "Mormonism," and that the tumult raised by the preachers and the papers which thick that in lighting Roberts they are making war upon the "Mormons," is utterly in vain. It will not affect our faith or our energies in the promutgation of the principles revealed from heaven in this dispensation, in any respect.

The interest taken by the "News" and he people whom it represents, in this question is simply that of regard for the maintenance of the Constitution which we believe to have been inspired of God. Any menace to that sacred instrument we view with profound regret, feeling that it threatens the peace

which we form a part. But no matter what happens, the destiny of nations as well as of men is in the hands of One who is not swayed by the volces of the multitude, nor by the actions of parlia. ments or the edicts of potentates. All things will be overruled by Him for the accomplishment of His eternal purpases, and we will say Amen.

HOW TO INVESTIGATE.

We are told that Miss Helen Gould has diligently investigated "Mormonism," with the result that she concluded to throw her wealth and influence against the Church. In a letter published over her name, the estimable lady enumerates a few doctrines she conceives to be "Mormonism" and then says: "It is indeed very necessary, therefore, that our people should become better informed as to their pecuflar tenets and practices. " Miss Gould.

therefore, has been persuaded to direct her efforts against the Church, and she has the courage to say so honestly and unequivocally, instead of acting under false pretenses. While we admire the frankness and

enthuslasm with which the lady, like nters upon her unde taking wa ve

fury with the cry, "Away with Him. Fathers place themselves under suspicion of disloyalty to Rome, by predict. ing the fall of that empire and the establishment of a millennial kingdom. Irenaus expressly mentions Rome as anti-Christ, and he says among other

things; "The days shall come in which vines shall grow, each bearing ten thousand branches, and in one branch ten thousand shoots; and in every shoot, ten thousand bunches; and in every bunch, ten thousand grapes; and every grape expressed, will yield twenty-five metretas, or fickins of wine. And when any of the Saints shall lay hold of a bunch, another will cry out, 'I am a better bunch; take me, and by me, bless the

Lord

Shall Christianity be judged from such extracts, or from the inspired word of God?

No one can investigate "Mormonism" except in the way that noble lady of Thyatira, Lydia, investigated Christan. ity. Paul himself did not hesitate to eay that the Gospel, viewed from the standpoint of the worldly philosopher, was "foolishness," but when the Lord opened Lydia's heart, so that she gave attention to that which was spoken by the great Apostle, she believed. This s as true today as it was then. The Gospel must be investigated under earnest prayer to the Almighty for light and truth. Those who bring to it only their own wisdom, will never understand it. He who were to study a human being, the noblest of God's handiwork, only on an anatomical table, would arrive at an entirely different conclusion from that obtained by God's

children mingling together in sweet family or social intercourse. Too many "investigate" the Gospel with a dissecting knife and think they have done their duty and made a full inquiry.

CHURCH HIGHER EDUCATION.

Elsewhere in this issue of the "News' will be found the text of a resolution vitally affecting Church schools, which was recently passed by the General Church Board of Education. The action taken recognizes each of

the three leading Church schools-the Brigham Young Academy at Provo, the Brigham Young College at Logan, and the Latter-day Saints' College of this city-as of co-ordinate rank in the work of higher education among the Latter-day Saints. In addition to this formal recognition of the rank of these three institutions, the action assigns to each of them its lines of work and

defines its especial sphere of ac-

This division of labor in the work of higher education, is in harmony with the growth of these schools, with the intentions of the founders thereof, and with the spirit and needs of the times. To the Latter-day Saints' College of this city has been assigned the higher work that may be named, the humanities, sociology, etc., comprising such studies as the languages, philosophy, the fine arts, and law.

To the Brigham Young College of Logan has been assigned the higher work in the pure sciences, such as chemistry, biology, physics, mathematics, etc., and advanced work in pedagogy.

To the Brigham Young Academy at Provo has been assigned the higher work in the lines of engineering, such as civil and mechanical engineering, and also advanced work in pedagogy. In addition each institution will mainliserction in the matter, tain a high school preparatory to the advanced work named above, and may offer four-years courses leading to a certificate of graduation, in an academic (or high school) course, a normal course, and a business course; but no degree will be granted for less than four years of proper collegiate work beyond the high school. The Brigham Young College is authorized to confer the degree of bachclor of arts (B. A.); the Latter-day Saints' College, the degree of bachelor of philosophy (Ph. B.); the Brigham Young Academy the degrees of bachelor of science (B. S.), and bachelor of pedagogy, (B. Pd.). The decision of the general board does not imply any radical changes in the work of any of these institutions, but simply indicates the lines they are respectively to develop and the subjects to which each is to be confined. If either were to attempt to cover the whole field of education, failure would result in all. But when each takes up one line only of higher work, it may be expected that the line so taken up as a specialty will be fully developed, so that a degree from any of these colleges will be the equivalent of the same degree in the best institutions of learning elsewhere. This co-ordination of the work of the three colleges, will make of them a strong university in the aggregate, and we sincerely congratulate these institutions, as well as their patrons on the important step they have taken. It scarcely needs special mention that in each of these institutions for higher education, the principles of the Gospel and the truths of revealed religion form an integral part of the work in all the departments of study; that all the Stake academies will pattern after these institutions as far as they are able to do any parts of the high school work necessary for entrance into the colleges; and that the regulations characteristic of the Church schools will continue to be guiding principles in the education of our youth.

German capital? Or would the marriage be the initial step towards the ncorporation of Holland, with her

colonies, in the German empire? Such an effect of the alliance would at once make Germany the second largest colonial power of the world. It

would change European politics. Can Queen Victoria have given her consent to a marriage that may have such farreaching consequences, and if not, will It be consummated without her approval? All such questions come at Pretoria. naturally, but only history can furnish

## the correct answer.

#### COMMENTS ON ROBERTS.

The Ogden Standard (Republican and non-"Mormon") of December 5th has the annexed editorial comments on the action of the House of Representatives in the Roberts case:

The action taken by the House, rather by the Speaker and those supporting him, in foreing Congressman Roberts to stand aside while the oath of office was being administered to the necessary. members of Congress, is one of the most unparliamentary, irregular acts ever perpetrated by that body. While Congress is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members, it must be a its dealings with all men who come to its portals with credentials from the different States, said credentials being prima facie evidence of their rights to seats in Congress. After ongress has been regularly organized then is the time to investigate charges and not before, otherwise there must be a pre-judging and necessarily a great opportunity for misrepresenta-

But, strange to say, there are some men so eager to gain a point in their favor that they scruple not at irregu-lar methods as long as those methods can be done by an evasion of the law though the spirit of the law be outbeing from Utah. raged. There are those whose sense of ustice can be blunted if an injustice is practiced in promoting a cause they espouse; they laugh at the clever ruse and when driven to a corner to explain the wrong, resort to the old defense. "the end justifies the means." The question passed upon, the reader must bear in mind, is not polygamy or the fitness of Roberts in any essential to hold his seat, but the exercis of the arbitrary power of a majority to defy all precedents and the rules of fair play and allow the word of any able. man to prevail against the credentials supplied a Congressman-elect by a sovereign State.

The Chicago Times-Herald of Satur. day. Dec. 2, expressed these opinions, reasoning from a constitutional point of view

Republicans of the House altogether misinterpret popular sentiment if they think that its opposition to Congress-man Roberts of Utah will justify or tol. any violation of constitutional rights to exclude him from Congress Presenting himself as he will with his will accuse the "News" of partisanship certificate of election; the statute rein publishing the President's attack on quires the clerk to put his name on the the trusts; also that no one on "the list of members. There can be no vari-ation from this procedure. Neither can other side" of the political fence, will the speaker refuse to swear in any member who presents himself with a take offence at our publication of the President's views as to the proper Philroperly vertified certificate of election. ippine policy. It will be as well to un-He cannot go behind it.

It must be remembered that under the Constitution "each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualderstand before exploding, that in both instances they are not the utterances of the Deseret News, but of the Presifications of its own members." Each House determines the rules of its own dent of the United States. proceedings. The rules of one Congress remain those of succeeding Congresses unless otherwise ordered.

using the white flag, and the Boers The House is called to order by the charge the British with murdering clerk of the last House, who by statute charge the British with murdering is required in making out the roll of prisoners. Such accusations may be expected where contending armies so thoroughly hate each other as in this case; but the accusations are not there-



turned into a massacre, the result might have been "as terrible" as General Methuen describes it and possibly too revolting to parrate at present in detail. If no quarter was given the absence of prisoners is easily accounted for. It is to be hoped, for the sake of humanity, that the bitterness between contending forces has not reached the that stage of savage barbarity

Los Angeles Express.

To get at really bloody battles, where inflinching nerve was developed, the annals of the American army and navy must not be overlooked. During entire Civil War the Union side The British accuse the Boers of mis-During th lost 96,000 men killed in battle, and 184,000 who died of disease during the war. There were in all 1,500,000 men engaged on the Union side, and nearly 1,000,000 on that of the Confederacy. This was probably the bloodlest war in the his-



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CHRISTMAS HELPS

tion urged by Mr. Tayler. It was this:

The Enabling Act passed by Congress for the admission of Utah as a State annuiled by a repealing clause, all the | troversy, for what she has been told preceding acts of Congress relating to the franchise of citizens in Utab on which Mr. Tayler placed so much relfonce. Persons who were, under those previous statutes, deprived of the right to vote and hold office, were restored by the Enabling Act to the exercise of those rights, so far as being permitted to take part in the organization of the State government, and framing constitutional provisions for the future excreise of the voting and office-holding power. That not only removed all the disabilities of the Edmunds and Edmunds-Tucker acts, but rendered unnecessary, so far as the elective franchise was concerned, the provisions of the amnesty proclamations that preceded it.

There can be no doubt that many of the members who voted for the Tayler resolutions simply yielded to the force of public opinion, and thrust aside the rules of the House, the constitutional rights of the member-elect, and their own convictions of the proper course to pursue. The dootrine enunciated by Mr. Tayler was accepted and they agreed, most of them, beforehand, to follow his lead. He declared:

"We are the servants of the people empowered, thank God, under the Con stitution to do the right as we see the right; that is the law to us. The pub. eye is on us, the lie conscience quickens us. In that presence and before such a judge we can do no wrong if we but obey it."

According to that reasoning, the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of our country amount to nothing when popular clamor is considered. What the people, or a large number of them, demand when agitated by strong prejudice and blind as to actual facts, is to be paramount, and the Constitution is to be regarded as a thing of naught. It is a repetition of the cry: "The people are the Constitution nowa.days."

Some of the most thoughtful papers of the country have reached the conclusion, after weighing both sides of the question, that there is positively no authority under the Constitution or the rules of Congress to Justify the exclusion of the member from Utah from taking his sent, though there may be abundant reason for his expulsion afterward. They regard the establishment of a new method of procedure as a dangerous precedent, which will be certain to arise some time to vex 11s authors. That no doubt is true. But the doctrine advanced by Mr. Taylor and endorsed by the applause from his side of the House is still more dangerous and fraught with evil to this nation.

Vox populi, when aroused to passion, has been proven by history to be vox diaboli. It is also fickle and shifting as the wind. Two scenes at the opening of the Christian era afford an apt illustration of this fact. The voices of the multitude which one day were heard in concert, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord," while

ture to point out that her method of investigation is much at fault. She has heard but one side of the great conof the other side has come to her through unfriendly and prejudiced channels

A logical mind cannot but feel the force and justice of this criticism. She has gathered newspaper clippings and anti-"Mormon" literature: she has mingled with apostates and anti-"Mormons;" she has read the doctrines of 'Mormonism" as presented by those who do not understand it, and studied it through fragments of "Mormon" writings, often presented apart from the context and therefore unintelligible. But did she ever read an authentic history of the Prophet Joseph, and of the Church? Did she ever hear a "Mormon" Elder set forth the faith? If not, the "investigation" is no in-

vestigation at all. We ask for "Mormonism" only the kind of hearing all Christians demand for the Christian faith. What would be the verdict on Christianity if it were to be judged from the light in which it was presented by the priests that brought the great Nazarene before Pilate? Or by the early satirists of the Roman empire? Or by Voltaire? Or Ingersoll? Let history reply. Or what would be the verdict, were we to judge from some of the peculiar notions held by the early advocates of

that religion, who nevertheless fought and died for it and carried it to victory against Roman paganism? This is an important point, for the enomies of our Church are in the habit

of ignoring the standards of our faith -the Bible, Book of Marmon, Doctrine and Covenanta and the Pearl of Great Price-the books in which "Mormonism" is contained, and to refer to opinlons expressed by more or less prominent men in the Church. How would Christianity fare under a similar mode of procedure?

Nearly all the early fathers of the hurch said and wrote much which later had to be forgotten. Clemens Romanus tells us of a bird called Phonnix which lives five hundred years and makes itself a sepulchre of frankincense and myrrh upon which it dies; but of its corrupted flesh a worm is generated, which, pourished by the moisture of the dead, becomes feathered." Then it removes from Arabia to Egypt and deposits the nest and the ry banes on the altar of the sun god." Tertullian attempts to prove this fable by Scripture, and Eusebius, Lactantius, Ambrose, Jerome, Citil, all fondle this miraculous bird as an emblem of the resurrection. But here is an extract

ent orthodox theology "I was already bishop of Hippo when I went into Ethlopia with some serv-vants of Christ, there to preach the Gospel. In this country we saw many men and women without head, who had two great eyes in their breasts; and in countries still more southerly we saw people when

we saw people who had but one eye in their foreheads." Justine quotes Scripture to prove that Egypt was inhabited by evil spirpaim branches were strewn in the path its, and accounts for their origin by

#### A ROYAL ALLIANCE.

The report is current that Emperor William is trying to obtain the hand of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland for his son, the Crown Prince of Germany, and the rumor is largely commented on in Europe. If there is any foundation for it, it would explain the mysterious visit of the emperor to Queen Victoria at this time. It would account for the fact that German papers denied any political significance of that visit. from Augustine, the father of the pres-The Dutch Queen is young and good.

It is not said that she is considered a beauty, but in royal alliances neither appearance nor the qualities of the heart are considered of first importance. The marriage would be a great political stroke for Germany, but would it suit Great Britain? What would be the status when, in course of time, the Crown Prince succeeds to the imperial throne? Would Wilhelmina abdicate of Him that rode in honor into Jerusa- the supposed marriage of angels with she continue to reign and live in Hollem, a tew days later were raised in women. And nearly all the early land, while her hushand lived in the canvassing board'in reference to false side may never be revealed. General

ordance with the laws of their States fore to be accepted as true, except it respectively, or the laws of the United States," The clerk cannot exercise any extreme individual cases where parties

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Harper's, it is said, commenced their

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MODDER RIVER BATTLE.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

The first statement telegraphed from

South Africa concerning the battle on Modder river did not relate the whole

truth. The report, as first published, gave the Boer fighting strength as 8,000

men and two guns. Later details state that the Boers had two long-range

pieces of similar artillery. How the British soldiers were able to ford the

river and storm the intrenchments

under such a terrific fire as was leveled

at their attacking party can be ex-plained only by the well-known axiom

that audacity and courage will ac

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Up to this point there is no authority tive that it is the will of the Lord that anywhere to object to the swearing in the wickedness shall be done, and those any member whose name is on the I. Obviously the danger from the who do it are chosen insttruments in His hands, and of course He is, thereabuse of such authority is too great to be risked. fore, responsible for all that occurs.

Not until the House is completely or-We fear, however, that its theology is ganized is it actually invested with au-thority to inquire into the qualifications no more sound than its logic, nor more acceptable than its grammar: For inif its members. Under the Constitustance, when speaking of certain "Mor-

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Each House may determine the rules mons" it says: "They believed they of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and with the could, as they formerly had, defy the concurrence of two-thirds expel a memlaws." In grammar, in logic and in theology, that paper is editorially This power was interpreted by the

judiciary committee of the Forty-fourth Congress as evidence given to enable unique. each House to exercise its constitution-al functions unobstructed and not to est in Congress a jurisdiction "to try member for an offense committed Lippincotts, have met with disaster. The latter suffered a loss by fire, at before his election; for such offense a first estimated at millions, but later member, like any other citizen, is amenable to the courts alone. found to be less serious; the former

It therefore appears that the only le acknowledged bankruptcy, with liabiligal and constitutional procedure for the unseating of Polygamist Roberts is by expulsion after it shall be proved that Both these publishing houses are his offence has been committed or perlooked upon as almost national instisisted in since his election. tutions, and the greatest satisfaction

On Sunday, December 3rd, the same paper made these remarks:

To refuse to permit Roberts to be sworn in as a representative from Utah on a mere majority vote, when the regularity of his election is un-questioned, would be a precedent more dangerous than allowing a polygamist to participate in national legislation. If the committee on elections finds that Roberts has forfeited his right to sit in Congress by a violation of law there need be no fear that the House will not promptly vote to expel him. In fact, the sentiment of the country against polygamy is so strong that the House will not be disposed to give the Utah representative the benefit of any doubt ul construction of the law by which Utah was admitted to statehood.

Prosperity is the coal-dealer's portion this weather.

Haverhill, Mass., has now a Socialist mayor. He can easily do as well in the office as some other "ists."

When men make up their minds to perpetrate injustice, the matter of conetitutional rights is a small barrier.

New York wants the blg national political conventions this year. Sait Lake is willing, since she cannot get them herself.

Still another division of troops, the seventh, is to be raised in England for the South African campaign. The longer the war goes on there, the bigger it seems to get.

Hay "pancakes," compressed into fifty cubic feet of space per ton, may be convenient for shipment, but the animais fed thereon must do a lot of chewing to soften the beaten food.

Gov. Bradley of Kentucky may be a

tory of mankind.

Sacramento Bee As we expected, Methuen's third battle on Modder river turns out to have been a draw rather than a decisive victory. The Boers picked off the of-ficers, as usual, and Methuen was lucky victory. to escape with a bullet in the thigh.

#### Springfield Republican.

At this rate the relief of Kimberley In the will prove a costly operation. three successive battles of Belmont Enslin and Modder river the undisci plined Boer levies have displayed the sternest fighting qualities, while opposing the troops of the proudest and most powerful nation in the world. The unexpected loss of life is a shock to the British .cople, who cannot look forward with feelings of the slightest pleasure to the long marches and bloody fighting yet to come.

### Baltimore Sun.

The battle at Modder river, where 10 hours of cannonading were sfollowed by the bayonet, seems to have been exceptionally bloody. The English, who claim a victory, shudder in anticipation f the long death list that is to follow. The result of the last battle is to place the English army in a position of ad-vantage within 25 miles of Kimberley, at which place it will probably have to encounter another Boer army. It is supposed that General Methuen's design is to make Kimberley his base for the invasion of the Orange Free State.

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