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George Washington. Entace G. Whitney, Business Manager The senator, in a letter to the Press, jenies this. Here is the correction: SUBSCRIPTION PRICES.

that Senator Hoar had, on the floor of

the Senate, compared Aguinaldo to

"Worcester, Mass., April 2, 1901.--My Dear Siri In your issue of March 30th rou say I likened Aguinaldo to George

ashington on the floor of the Senate. That is not literally true, I have

kened him to Bollvar and Garibaldi,

and to other famous lovers of liberty nd to Toussaint L'Ouverture and to

Kossuth. I have never regretted that

mparison, and I have never been more

disposed to make it than now in the days of his adversity. But I believe, if

I am not much mistaken, I have al-ways refrained from comparing any

iving man to Washington, "This whole business of the capture

of Aguinaldo is miserable and pitiful.

"I am, with high regard, "Faithfully yours, "GEO, F. HOAR."

The Press in its issue of April 4th

gives a prominent place to this letter,

"Having frequently seen the compari-

in made ascribed to Senator Hoar, we

rection of the statement. Much loose rumor is current regarding the utter-ances of distinguished public men, and

we always aim to avoid its repetition.

but are sometimes led into error as in

This is "amende honorable," and

credit is due the Press for the frank-

ness with which it acknowledges that

it was led into error by current ru-

ments made concerning "Mormons"

and "Mormonism?" Newspaper editors

frequently see and hear loose rumors

concerning these subjects. They are

manufactured by people interested in

their circulation. And the editors "take

their truthfulness for granted," and

unwittingly aid in the dissemination of

Editors are but human, and their

search is limited. They cannot always

personally investigate every subject.

But when their attention is called to

errors, they can acknowledge them and

do something to correct false impres-

slons. That course is manly and hon-

orable, and of benefit to the public.

DIVORCE STATISTICS.

A writer in the New York World, who

and apologizes as follows:

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SALT LARE CITY, APRIL 11, 1901

## THE RAILROAD ROUTE.

The movement smong leading business men of this city, towards securing the route for the Southern Pacific took its truthfulness for granted, and are glad to print an authoritative corround the south end of the Great Salt Lake, is not a more theory, or desire on their part to effect an improbability. It was prompted by definite information, that the proposed cut-off across the northern part of the lake is considered, by the present controllers of the road, as bazardous and of very doubtful utility. Also that a mistake was made in not taking the advice of President Brigham Young at the first, to build the mors. Why not be equally frank and road through this city and by the south honorable as to the erroneous state. end of the lake.

The harmonious meeting held on Wednesday evening, full particulars of which will be found elsewhere in the "News," is indicative of the strength of the movement. It was a gathering of representative men, who knew what they were about and whose names are a guaranty of business responsibility and the probability of success. If the railroad company, specially interested in the proposed change, will state deflnftely what will be required of this city to ensure the route suggested, we have no doubt that the people here will meet anything reasonable and possible that may be asked of them. The committee appointed to attend to this matier will soon set this part of the ques-

tion at rest. We notice that the Ogden Standard is seems to have made a special study of hadly ratiled over the proposition. It divorce proceedings, has come to the says, "This shows a petty spirit on the conclusion that there are more divorces part of the Salt Lakers," and denounces in the United States each year than in the step taken by them as "backcap- all the rest of the world put together; ping." That kind of talk is not evi- and also that the number of divorces is dence of wisdom on the part of our growing at an alarming rate. While northern contemporary. It is not argu- the population is increasing 28 per cent ment. It is only a mild sort of raving. per annum, divorces are multiplying to there appears many flaws and imper-What is there "petty" about the pro- the extent of 69.2 per cent annually. He | fections in the organization of human motion of a grand scheme, to make the claims that in 1870 only 31/2 per cent society. But there is also presented a nter which it is bound at some time

vitally interested, but it is more than terest. That we may reasonably look that. And until this fact is recognized, no rules can be found for its successful. control. The spirit of the age is in the direction of emancipation from all kinds HOAR AND THE TROY PRESS. of authority, both divine and human, and the result is seen in the deadening The Troy Press, reference to which of conscience, the relaxation of morals, has at times been made in these coland the prevalence of brute force. umns because of its attitude to "Mor-There is no way out of all this except in mon" Elders, n few days ago stated a return to first principles.

TOLSTOI PHILOSOPHY.

The prominence into which Count Tolstol has come through the recent acts of ecclesiastical and civil authorities makes his views upon certain topics. of peculiar interest. No man now living, perhaps, has had a harder struggle for light than he has had. If he still remains in darkness on many of life's greatest problems, it is not because he has not sought earnestly for the thread of Ariadne that might lead him out of the labyrinth; it is rather because he has searched within himself for that which can only be found outside the recesses of human understanding.

On the question of property right, Toistol has come to the conclusion that possession is in itself sinful. By what mental processes he has arrived at this view, it is difficult to say. Others, before him, have, however, taught a similar doctrine. The example of the Master, they have held, condemns not only the improper use of wealth, but wealth itself. Tolstoi has carried this to the extreme. To him, a man or woman who has a large estate is really a transgressor of God's laws, to spend money on the fineries for sale in modern mercantile establishments is a sin. Equally glaring are his views on existing forms of government. Speaking in condemnatory language of the levying of taxes by States, he says the fact that in England, France, America, and all constitutional countries, taxes are determined by parliaments, that is, by assemblies of "pretended representatives of the people," does not affect the question, because elections are so organized that "the members of parliaments do not represent the people, being nothing but professional politicians, occupied only with their personal ambitions and the interests of their parties; or, if they are not so at first, they become so as soon as they enter parliament." To Count Tolstoi, consequently, all who are in authority, whether by virtue of birth or by the choice of the people, are really usurpers. He can see no necessity for government, and no good in those who hold positions of

power It is almost pathetic to find a master mind like Tolstoi's, thus groping in vain for something whereupon to build its hope for the future of the human race. He finds fault with everything that exists, but can offer no substitute. How different would the entire world appear to him, if he could view it through the light that revelation sheds upon it! In that light, too,

ceed in capturing Dewet by the same means that Funston captured Aguinaldo, would the British press insist upon his release and return to the veldt?

It is not generally known that the Historian Rhodes and Senator Mark Hanna were once partners. One turned his attention to writing history and the other to making it. The partnership should become famous in history.

The city of Glasgow has ordered recently 3,500 tons of steel rails and fish plates from the United States for the municipal railway of Glasgow, It isn't a far cry from carrying American rails to Glasgow to carrying coals to Newcastle.

According to the latest census the population of Samoa has remained nearly stationary during the last thirty years. This seems to contradict the well known fact that the population was decidedly active and on the move during the last few years.

It is by no means improbable that tariff reform may become an election cry in England in the near future. And if it does come it will be in favor of protection and against free trade, thereby being the reverse of what it has been in this country.

"I hope I shall be able before I die, having made as many speeches as I wish, to make a reputation as a man of silence," says Senator George F. Hoar. This is a very good time to begin to establish that reputation for the senator has a very long talking record to live down.

The board of ordnance has decided to accept what is technically known as "sub-caliber" practice for big guns. It is calculated that this will save the government a million or two dollars annually. In politics there would be a great saving to the country if the suband inferior-caliber practice could be done away with entirely, and in its stead some genuine big guns could be brought into practice.

A young lady of Brunswick, N. J. thinks that town has too many saloons. She proposes to raid them, not with hatchets, but with rhymed tracts. Here "If to buy this you should choose,

It would cost you only the price of booze,

There's a desire running through my veins

To save the pocketbook and the brains, I shall give my lectures on the street And visit the saloons throughout the week."

It is a milder method than Mrs. Nation's, but it may be doubted if it will be as effectual.

## TOLSTOI EXILED.

Chicago Record-Herald.

That there should be more or less of bewilderment and mystery in the stories concerning Count Tolstol's ex-communication, his connection with the students' rlots and his banishment is inevitable from the system of news suppression which prevails in Russia. The first of the students' outbreaks in metropolis of Utah the great railroad of the marriages contracted ended in remedy for all such, and the assurance is March, but there was nothing in the iven, on the word of Omnipotence, local papers on the subject until March local papers on the subject until March 19. On that date an official organ, The Government Messenger, printed a of the disturbances from the beginning, under strict instituctions from the authorities, but no other paper was allowed to say a word. The St. Petersburg public and the larger public outside were compelled to get their in-formation from the single report colored to suit the official taste. The New Springfield Republican, That Tolstoi in his old age has been **Daniel Sully** banished from Russia seems incredible. Political expediency, if no other reason of state, argues against so extreme course. Such evidence as is allowed to percolate through the censorship shows that the great author and reformer is The rumor of his expulsion popular. needs to be verified. PARISH PRIEST Boston Transcript. As we have already said with respect A Sweet, Wholesome Play. to her present unrest, Russia is yet dominated from czar to peasant by a Humor and Pathos Deftly Combined. system which has been the development of centuries. She cannot escape from The Theatrical Surprise of the Seait in a year, or even a generation. Recovery is slow. Time is the physician which must work the change. Doubtless Tolstoi would be willing to endure the pains of exile could be carry with him the assurance that he had been a

and women, thoughtful people general-ly will concur in what he has to say about the evils of militarism. There

will disappear of themselves.

Worcester Gazette.

Sacramento Bee,

life and moral conduct are concerned. And he has sacrificed in his own person

all distinction of rank and caste; he garbs himself like a peasant, toils in the field and at his bench, and so lives

the life of industry and self-denial that

New York World.

Of course there are millions of Rus

sians who believe that Tolstoi has told

them the truth; that he has helped

them with his mind as with his hand and purse. Of course these millions

read further oppression of themselves in the bitter punishment of the count.

But the church and government have nothing to do with all that. What is

absolute power but vanity if it must concillate a mere public sentiment?

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The Standard presumes that these hope to retard the progress" of that there will in this country be more dicity. Of what advantage would that be to them? This lealousy of Salt Lake, so often exhibited, shows the real the total of divorces for one year is will always derive advantages from the

development of its tributary towns. We do not know what will be the outcome of the present movement. We do that divorces occur most frequently know that it is reasonable and probable when the parties concerned belong to of success. Also that, eventually, it different religious denominations. Of would prove far more profitable to the such "mixed marriages," as they are Southern Pacific than the water way called, there are 605 divorces to every for the projected cut-off. It would be | 100,000 marriages. Another point is that less expensive, less dangerous, more the divorce evil is less in evidence permanent and easier to keep in condition. It would also be in closer connection with other lines that will converge to this point, and is altogether a most excellent plan for the benefit of the whole State as well as of this city, and also of vast advantage to the traveling public. Anyhow, the scheme should be pushed with vigor and without the loss of a minute's delay.

## INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY.

It is to be hoped that the City Council, at its moeting this evening, will not act tashly on the measure proposed by the Board of Public Works in reference to the form for city contracts. Although it has been formulated by the City Attorney, that functionary has stated that it was drawn up at the in. stigation of that board, and also that the City Engineer has not had any hand in it, but that it is designed to eliminato his joint action with the board as at present required."

There has been so much friction between the loard and the engineer, that the public are sick of the quarrel, and have become sumicious of any move. ment indicating the continuance of had feeling. When the City Attorney frankly admits that, were It not for this state of things there would not have been much need for the proposed change, we think it time for very close scrutiny of the scheme.

If the City Engineer is to be made in any way responsible for contracts in reference to work which he is to supervise, he should not be shut out from participating in their formation The engineer is a necessary officer in the multicipal government. The Board of Public Works could be very well dis. moved with. However, it is a fixture for the present, and must be honored while it lasts. The House of Representatives passed a bill to abolish it, but maild but yes through the Senate sa he hourd remains. But it need not be tion of the City Council.

We do not pretend to pass on the how a change for the better can be on the Council the duty of thoroughly examining it and its purport and pur- that the divine element has been elimpose, and deciding, not with a view to | insted from it. To be sure, it is also a

divorce, while in 1890 this ne had nearly doubled. In 1900 the rate had increased to 8 per cent, and he centlemen are "endeavoring to prevent | naturally concludes that at the end of Ogden reaping a benefit," or that "they the century, if no remedy is found, daily. That is what makes believers vorced persons than married. In countries outside the United States

"petty spirit." The growth of Ogden is given as 20,111, while in this country no setback to Salt Lake. The bigger it is 23,472. The country that comes and more important Ogden becomes. closest to the United States in this rethe better it will be for this city, which | gard is France with 6.245 divorces, Canada had only 12. A point of much interest in these sta-

tistics is this that the figures prove among Catholics than among Protestants. There are only 73 divorces to 100,000 Catholic couples, while there are 283 to the same number of Protestants. The statistician further points out that divorces are more frequent among married couples having no children than among those with offspring. The following figures for four States show the proportion:

Divorce of Divorce of couples with couples with children out children The sky in Salt Lake and Pekin is per year per year

per 100,000 per 100.000 New Jersey.... 45.8 165.5 Minnesota ..... 96.9 369.8 Maryland ..... 140.5 40.3 Colorado ... 260.7 1.421.6 Divorces are, further, more numerous in cities than in the country districts, the ratio being 5 to 1.

Now, here is a subject well worth the most carnest attention of everyone concerned for the welfare of his country.

Many quations agitating the public are insignificant as compared to this. And yet, very little of a practical nature is done to overcome this growing evil.

We have noticed that the legislators of Indiana have been talking about legislation for the prevention of "ill-ascorted marriages." A bill passed by the sonate provides for a commission to pass upon the physical and mental

qualifications of applicants for a marriage license. It forbids the union of persons not conforming to the rules adopted. The question naturally arises, how can a line of unfitness of any practical use be drawn, when "mental" qualifications are to be considered?

In Pennsylvania legislators have proposed to impose a heavy fine on male applicants for marriage license, over forty years of age. Of what earthly use such a regulation could be is impossible to divine.

There is an uncertainty among legislators of the country, whenever they assay to do something for the regulaclethed with extra powers, nor should tion of marriages and divorces, which any dispute between that body and the | indicates that they recognize the threatengineer he possibled to color the ac- | ening danger but are at a loss as to the remedy. Nor is it easy to understand

merits of the plan now under considera- effected, until there is a general return tion, for its details have been kept to i to first principles. Marraige was, from come extent under cover, but we urge the beginning, a divine institution. Most of the trouble arises from the fact pleasing some person, or party, or body, civil institution in which the State is

that all will be restored to perfection in due time, with the added assurance that the work of progression is going on In the Gospel optimists, though they may discover around them as many evils, as does Tolstoi when he focuses his mind upon the world in which he lives. That is what makes them go to work, with cheerful hearts, for the betterment of mankind. They know that every little thing done in this direction will bear abundant fruit. There is a great difference between the philosophy of mere human origin and the philosophy of the Gospel. The great Russian has still much to

learn. Among other things, he should acknowledge that wealth can be used in the service of mankind, just as well as intellect; also that governments are instituted by the Ruler of the universe, and that there can be no order, no progress, without proper government. Tolstoi may not, in this life, advance far enough to realize this, but he has numerous followers, many of whom are bright, young, and intelligent. He has prepared a good soil in which the most precious seeds of truth should find nourishment and growth. His life's work cannot be in vain.

Mr. Carnegie does not measure the value of libraries in dollars.

without cloud today. May it continue 80. "Can women count?" asks Alice Stone Blackwell in the Boston Transcript. They can countess.

And now it is said that Dewet's mind is unbalanced. If it is there is wonderful method in his madness,

Buffalo Bill continues to exhibit his Wild West show in New York. It takes better there than in the cultured West.

Of course Russia loves China but Yang Yu may still ask M, de Glers, "If you love me, why did you kick me down stairs?"

"The husband reigns, but the wife rules." gays an exchange. It might be added that the husband sometimes storms

Cuba, it seems, must accept the Platt amendment. She may take it with or without the sugar coat, but she will have to take it.

Perhaps there would not be so many congressmen going to the Philippines to make "investigations" if they paid the freight and not the government,

Prince Kropotkin, the distinguished Russian who is lecturing in this country, has a beard that would make a Kansas Populist die of envy,

Aguinaldo must think it pretty tough that he shall secure the surrender of Gen. Tino before he is liberated. He might call in Gen. Funston to aid him.

Sir Alfred Milner thinks the Boers have been treated too leniently. Some of those people who indulge in burning negroes think the same thing regarding

lynching negroes.

If some English officer should suc-

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