## Organ of the Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints. LCPENZO SNOW. TRUSTEE-IN-TRUST. TUBLISHED EVERY EVENING.
(CONTAIN EXCEPTED.)

(CHICLET Foul) Trunchesed Fast Temple Streets
Fall Lake City, Utah.

Charles W. Penrose, . . . Horace G. Whitney, Business Manager

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES. 

Correspondence and other reading matter or rublication should be addressed to the

Address all business communications THE DESCRET NEWS, Salt Lake City, Utah. NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE

R. A. Craig. - 41 Times Building CHICAGO REPRESENTATIVE. - 87 Washington St SAN FRANCISCO REPRESENTATIVE.

C.S. King-Sheridan & Co., 409 Examiner Big. SALT LAKE CITY, - MAY 21, 1500.

SOMETHING MORE THAN A JOKE.

I see the women are going to hold

a Mothers' Congress."
"Yes, I wonder what they'll talk about most, their children, their dress-makers, or their servants?"

The foregoing is supposed to be humor. It is credited to the Chicago Times-Herald, and is copied into other papers as "Spice," "Fun," "Comicalitles," etc. The wit in it, if any, is not easily discernible, and a joke that has to be explained turns out to be rather a serious matter, It is so with the Mothers' Congress. Some of the most serious topics were discussed in the meetings held in the Assembly Hall in this city. They were also of grave importance. It is a pity that more mothers did not attend them than were present.

Among the subjects presented were: The purpose and progress of the organization of Mothers' clubs; the influence of mothers in the moral and industrial training of children; the causes of crime; the work of the kindergarten; children's stories and their effects; the aid of the press; home occupation for children; relations of parents to the school; school and domestic life; educational preparation for parenthood; honor between men and women; physical rights of children; children as bread-winners; children's songs; ethical rights of children; etc.

These are topics of the times and worthy the consideration of all mothers in the land. Fathers, too, and statesmen might reflect upon them with profit to the family and therefore to the nation. The following resolution adopted by the Mothers' Congress is commended to the attention of our City Council, and also to the keepers of licensed saloons:

"Resolved, That we, the Mothers' Congress of Utah, appeal to the city fathers to enforce the laws and prevent young girls from entering wine shops, and the sale of eigarettes to minors, that our evils that threaten them."

Under our State laws and city ordinance the sale of tobacco and liquors is regulated by license. Prohibition, in communities composed of persons many of whom are users of those articles, has been found impracticable though strongly desired by very estimable men and women. Therefore high license has been imposed, so as to restrict the traffie and hold it within certain limits, The privileges conferred by license are defined and their limits prescribed. These should be fully understood and the terms rigidly enforced.

Keepers of places where the articles mentioned are disposed of, ought to know that the sale of liquor to minors is prohibited. In wine rooms it is forbidden to females. Cigarettes may not be lawfully sold in the city to persons under 18 years of age. If these laws and ordinances are violated, the officers of the law ought to exercise greater vigilance so that the offenders may be brought to justice,

Laws are made to be enforced. If they cannot be carried out they had better be repealed. Saloon keepers and tobac. co dealers would render their places of business more reputable, if they would keep strictly within the lines of the law and the terms of their licenses. There would then be less friction between them and that portion of the public which they are engaged.

The Mothers' Congress has done a service to society in calling attention to these violations of the law. Evils are increasing in Utah which would receive a salutary check, if the laws and ordinances in reference to these matters were enforced, according to their intent and the duty incumbent upon

the officers of the law. The mothers in this State will do well to act in the spirit of the Congress held in this city, and engage in the good work which was mapped out for them, by the able and energetic ladles and gentlemen who took part in the proceedings. The Mothers' congresses in this country ought not to be made the subject of thin jokes, or exposed to the

#### ridicule of the newspaper cynics. AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, that it has no jurisdiction of the matter in dispute in Kentucky, which leaves the State in the hands of the Democratic officials, may not be pleasant to the partisans who are satisfactory to the people of this country, as it maintains the rights of the respective States as defined in the na-

tional Constitution, With regard to the merits or demerits of the dispute in Kentucky we have nothing to say at present. The law which permits the contest to be decided in the manner that has led to the appeal. now dismissed, is peculiar, to say the least. But the great point to be considered is the question of the rights of the States and those of the nation, These are to be kept distinct and within their own bounds and limits. The sovereignty of a State is perfectly compatible with that of the United States,

judicial power of that State, are supreme within their legitimate aphere. This principle the Supreme Court of the United States recognizes in this important decision. Therefore the court declines to enter into the case appealed from the Kentucky court, from lack of jurisdiction in a purely State matter.

There is no partisan politics in this. Republicans and Democrats alike should perceive the importance of preserving the form of government established by its founders. Therein is involved the perpetuity of our institutions and the liberties protected by the Constitution of our country.

"States rights," in the sense employed by some extremists, is not to be upheld, But in the meaning of the Supreme law of the land, as now maintained by the Supreme Court of the country, it is to be contended for, when necessary, as a principle fundamental to the structure | of the American system of government. The decision is right, let it cut where

#### THE RACE PROBLEM.

The "News" has, on several occasions, said a good word for the colored citizens of this country, when their rights have been trampled under foot by lawless mobs. We can, therefore, not be charged with prejudice, if we utter a word of warning to the colored people, against any possible attempt at lawlessness in retaliation for alleged wrong-doing.

This remark is called forth by the rumor that is said to be affoat in the city, to the effect that negroes are planning a raid on the saloon where the shooting took place a few days ago. Now this is all wrong, and two wrongs do not make one right. If the colored people of this, or any other, community have been injured, there are courts and law, and to these the appeal must be made for an adjustment of grievances. Some lawlessness has already been committed on both sides, and the guilty parties should have full justice meted out to them, but there must be no further attempt at violation of the law. This community is not a place for vendettas.

The race problem is to the front at the present time, particularly in the South. Its importance is recognized. The wisest statesmen of both races have taken it up for earnest discussion. The first deliberations may not have cleared away the difficulties that surround it, but one fact is clear, that unless the encounter that seems inevitable be carried on in the proper forum, the difficulties of a final settlement will

Booker T. Washington correctly insists on industrial education as the force that will eventually place the two races on the same level. His words should be headed. It is better for the black men, if necessary, to suffer injury in patience for the time being, and to work upward by all the educational means at their disposal. There is power in meekness and humility. It is a principle but little understood, commonly, but it is nevertheless true philosophy, that "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

#### IN SPAIN.

The condition in which Spain finds Itself after the war with this country is of considerable interest here, because it is evident that the fate of the country was given an entirely new direction by the outcome of that war. The United States was instrumental in shaping Spain's destiny for a long time

It appears that the Spanish government has considerable difficulty in collecting taxes. The taxpayers have formed a union, whose members refuse to pay the taxes, until there is a re-adjustment of the budget. They demand reform and entrenchment. They obfect to paying the Cuban deht after the sovereignty of the island has been lost, but their real grievance is that the amount proposed by the ministry to be spent on public works, education and the like is only one-thirty-sixth part of the amount devoted to interest on the public debt, the civic list, public worship and army and navy. That is to say, for every peso spent on productive services thirty-six pesos are spent on services that make no return to the taxpayer. They openly advocate the repudiation of part of the indebtedness, and the reduction of expenses to the capacity of the diminished resources. On that is strongly opposed to the traffic in | the 10th of this month, it seems, stores and shops all over the kingdom were closed as a protest against the continuance of the old taxes.

In Catalonia, it is said, the dissatisfaction has assumed such proportions that a secession of that province is threatened. The people there are asking for autonomy. They are convinced that they can manage their own affairs better and more economically than can the high-salaried officials at Madrid. They demand a government similar to that of Canada. The government, of course, is trying to suppress both the National union and the movement in Catalonia for autonomy, but

with little or no effect. It is conceivable that the war with this country will ultimately lead to the establishment of a republican form of government on the historic peninsula, as the Franco-Prussian conflict ended with the rise of the present French republic. That would bring to the front the best intelligence, the greatest power of the people, which necessarily lie dormant, or are kept in the background, by monarchial institutions. If so, the kept out of office, but it ought to be | war, with all its disasters, would prove a blessing in disguise to the Spanish

### STARVATION FAD.

Curing illness by starvation is one f the latest fads. And, like the everchanging fashions, it seems to be

Report has it that a New York gentleman fasted forty days for the purpose of reducing his flesh, and that the result was entirely satisfactory. Another New Yorker is said to have been cured of rheumatism by abstaining from food twenty-one days. A Toledo man conquered a bad case of when neither encroaches upon the gout by fasting three weeks. But more wonderful is the store that alleges

fasting two weeks, with the result that a third set of teeth started to grow in

his mouth. Other equally absurd stories are circulated about the wonders an empty stomach can perform, and the probability is that some will experiment upon themselves to the great detriment of their physical well-being. Fasting, when observed properly, has been known, as far back as the early childhood of man, to be invigorating both physically, mentally and spiritually, But carried to extremes, it will break down the system and cause many physical disorders. Temperate habits as to eating and drinking are a sure guarantee of good health and mental vigor. but there must be reason in everything. To deviate from natural laws, no matter in which direction this is done, is always followed by evil consequences. From the retaliation of nature there is no escape.

#### TOLSTOI ON CRIME.

Tolstol's opinion on the way society treats the criminal class is given in his latest literary work, "The Resurrection." He illustrates his views by the case of a young mun accused of stealing. The author makes one of the jurymen reflect as follows on the case. We quote from an extract in the Literary Digest:

"Even supposing that this boy is the most dangerous of all that are here in the court, what should be done from a common-sense point of view when he has been caught? It is clear that he is not an exceptional evil-doer, but most ordinary boy: every one sees it and that he has become what he is sim-ply because he got into circumstances that create such characters; and, there-fore, to prevent such a boy from going wrong, the circumstances that create these unfortunate beings must be done

But what do we do? We seize one such lad who happens to get caught, knowing well that there are thousands like him whom we have not caught, and send him to prison, where idleness, o most unwholesome, useless labor is forced upon him, in company of others weakened and ensuared by the lives they have led. And then we send him, at the public expense, from the Mos-cow to the Irkutsk government, in company with the most depraved of men

"But we do nothing to destrey the conditions in which people like these are produced; on the contrary, we sup-port the establishments where they are formed. These establishments are well known: factories, mills, workshops, public-houses, gin-shops, brothels. And we do not destroy these places; but, looking at them as necessary, we sup-port and regulate them. We educate in this way not one, but millions of peo-ple, and then catch one of them and imagine that we have done something, that we have guarded ourselves, and nothing more can be expected of us.

No one who would have taken pity on him came across this apprentice in the years he lived like a poor little animal in the town, and with his hair cut close so as not to breed vermin, and ran errands for the workmen. No, all he heard and saw, from the older worklive in town, was that he who cheats. drinks, swears, who gives another a thrashing, who goes on the loose, is a fine fellow. Ill, his constitution undermined by unhealthy labor, drink and debauchery—bewildered as in a dream Freeking alphabet about town dream, knocking aimlessly about town, he gets into some sort of a shed, and takes from there some old mats, which nobody needs—and here we, all of us clothes and fine uniforms, in a splendid apartment, to mock this unfortunate brother of ours whom we ourselves have ruined."

#### REMEDY FOR CANCER.

An Ohio physician of repute is treating cancer by a new process, which it is claimed has proved successful. It is a combination of electric and chemical. agencies. Salts of mercury are diffused through the diseased tissue by electric action.

Cancer forms one of the most perplexing problems for solution by medical There have been a number of so-called curatives that have been claimed as effectual in certain cases. but the knife is considered by the faculty the only sure remedy, and when the roots and fibres of the cancer have penetrated to vital parts, nothing known to the medical world can arrest the progress of the disease and save the life of the patient.

Electricity, a paper devoted to the subject which its name denotes, has the following in relation to this process. We hope it will prove to be all that is said concerning it. There surely must be a remedy for every disease, and we have the divine promise that even the arch enemy Itself shall be conquered; but "the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Electricity says: -

"A method of destroying cancer germs by the aid of electricity has recently been discovered which, it is claimed, almost invariably proves successful, pro-vided the disease has not gone too far In a paper read a short time ago before the Medical Association of Columbus, Ohio, by Dr. G. Betton Massey, this new method of treating cancer was fully exed. It consists in inserting in the of the person afflicted nuscent salts of mercury by electric diffusion. This is said to be a most convenient means of destroying tuberculous depos-its in any part of the body, except the brain, the lungs, and the abdomen. The details of the method of procedure are interesting as showing the important part played by electricity. The patient lies on a large pad connected with the negative pole of a battery, and a tubular gold electrods filled with mercury is inserted into the cancerous growth The action of the current results in the formation of an oxychloride of mercury, which diffuses into the tissue in all di-rections at the rate of about an inch in half an hour, depending on the vol-age of the current. The diseased the es are thus absolutely destroyed, wh the healthy ones beyond are only sligh ly affected. 'In concluding,' says the writer, 'the author states that out of ten cases of carcinoma, or cancer, operated upon, he succeeded in curing nine by the use of electricity as outlined above."

A big spinners' trust has been organized in Japan. Outside competition is Hable soon to wind it up.

The Boer envoys got a hearty welcome to Washington. Their chief worry now is whether they will get any. thing more.

The Transvanl Boers as a nation are ready to give up, but England will not allow it. In the British plan, the Boers are never again to act in a national capacity.

Peace in German Samoa is likely to be maintained only by force of arms. The Samoans who have come under The legislature of Kentucky and the that a Pennsylvania gentleman was German rule do not appear to enjoy

a less liberal government than they knew before.

Now Chinamen are not allowed to travel by rail eastward from San Franciaco. There is nothing, however, to prevent John from walking out of town, and taking train for Chicago, if he wishes to do so.

A Ohio man shot his wife in mistake for a rat. In this case the evidence is plain that the unfortunate handles of the gun did not make an intentional mistake, but that he actually became

A New York dispatch says that special care should be taken in selecting the running-mate of President McKinley in the next election, because if the President should die a good man would be wanted to fill his place. As if any. thing but a good man ever is nominated for the high office of Vice President!

The story that Prest, Kruger had approached Lord Salisbury with a new. proposal of peace, is emphatically denied by the Associated Press, which evidently speaks by the card. Oom Paul will do well not to waste his time and money in sending unnecessary dis-

Gen. Buller has had another dose. He tried to get fifty cases of champagae through under the name of easter oll, and an under officer sent him twenty cases of the real product of the castor bean. This is said to have hurt Sir Redvers' feelings worse than Lord Roberts' Spian Kop criticism.

Kentucky, too, is relieved, Gov. Tays or and the Republican State officers being defeated by Gov. Beckham and his Democratic associates, under the ruling of the U. S. Supreme court today. There should now be peace in the Blue Grass State, but the Kentucky politicians' love of excitement may not allow it.

The later reports of Filipinos ambushing American troops indicate that the business has become more dangerous to the Filipinos than to the Americans. The rebel Tagalos will learn that they cannot play any tune so lively that the Yankees cannot "catch on," and make the music themselves.

There is to be no trifling with the bubonic plague situation at San Francisco. The disease there is regarded as a national peril and the national government has taken it out of the hands of the municipal authorities. This is in line with the attitude assumed in case of yellow fever in the South, and secures a uniformity of restrictions in States that may be affected.

The assertion at the Washington meeting on Sunday night, that the possession of Canada as a British colonial dependency is a menace to the Monroe doctrine, has a notable significance in the fact that there is a broadly prevailing sentiment in this country that no European flag should wave over any part of this continent. Any vigorous agitation of the question would be liable to produce startling changes.

cratic rejoicings described as occurring in Great Britain on Sunday, over the relief of Mafeking, tell of a people "drunken with joy" in a manner that will not evoke the approval of the civilized world. Even the Rev. Lord Ceell, son of the British premier, found it necessary to rebuke publicly these riotous rejoicings which resulted in damage to property and injury to several persons, and called for the intervention of the police.

#### SHE SOFT-NOSED SHELL.

New York Mail and Express. The controversy over the question of

armor plate passes into an interesting stage through the invention of a new shell which is said to develop such ex-traordinary force of penetration that no variety of armor now in use can with stand it. Secret tests of this shell of all kinds of plate, including the Krupi have produced such astonishing result that the Senate considers it prudent to discuss the subject of armor behind closed doors in order that important in-formation which belongs exclusively to the United State may not be improperly lisseminated.

#### Milwaukee Wisconsin.

It transpires that the mysterious shell which in a test at the Indian Head proving ground pierced a plate of armor as though it were putty, is the soft-nosed shell which was exploited some years ago. The point of the shell is covered with soft steel and when the missile strikes, this steel is forced buck and around the shell, holding the chille nose of the shell proper firmly to its work of piercing the plate.

There is never any real secrecy about such things. All the great foreign powers have emissaries in this counry, and there is much more known it can army and mavy than there is in the Senate of the United States. And who should Uncle Sam care to conceal his strength? It is only weakness that need be hidden. After all, this wonderful new shell may prove to be of no more account than the "terrible lyd-dita" with which the British sought to frighten the Boers.

#### Worcester Gazette.

It appears that officers of the navy have discovered a shell before which the very highest grade of armor plate known to naval construction becomes vulnerable. This discovery was made purely by accident.

#### Springfield Republican.

The notion that a wonderful new disthe notion that a wonderful new discovery in shells has been obtained by the navy department was industriously spread throughout the United States yesterday. Rear Adinral O'Neill, however, is cruel enough to say that he has known of nothing new in projectiles for four years. It seems that the soft-capped shell, the most powerful known, was recently used against Krupp armor was recently used against Krupp armor plate for the first time. Its victor; over Krupp was as complete apparents
by as it had been previously over other
armor plate makers, and this test gave
rise to the sudden furors over the alleged new projectile. Rear Admiral
O'Neill is authority for the statement
that the sun is ahead of armor plate in the struggle for supremacy, and proba-bly always will be.

#### San Francisco Chronicle,

Two reasons, however, present them-selves very forcibly at this stage of naval development which suggest the wisdom of delay in the extensive use of armor plate. One is that the best armor for battleships, as already stated, is vulnerable to modern guns and projectiles. Nothing can be gained, therefore, by multiplying this type of war

# NEW STOCK,\_ Choice and Good.

Anticipating a heavy patronge at our Great May Sale, we made large orders for New and Choice Goods of the Very Latest Styles and Best Qualities with which to supply our patrons with everything thosour staple goods found its way with all our Special Sale Goods into the hands of our patrons, whose continued good will and confidence we hope to maintain by liberal dealing. The store space made vacant last week is now filled up with new goods which have been unloading in our warehouse the past few days, so that we now offer and OPENENED ON MONDAY MORNING a complete new stock of

# LADIES' WAISTS AND OTHER SEASONABLE LADIES GOODS.

WASH DRESS GOODS FOR SUMMER WEAR, DRESS GOODS, DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, ETC.

And Everything You Want, All at the Lowest Prices. Come and see,

### CARPET DEPARTMENT SPECIALS.

After our Creat Sale we have many ODDS AND ENDS IN CARPETS. Some of them large enough to cover small rooms, and all sizes from Rugs up, that were left after filling larger orders. These we will sell to our customers AT YOUR OWN PRICE THIS WEEK. Besides these we have

### MANY ODD LACE CURTAINS.

Just the thing for single windows, and in many cases to match others in use a short time. All these are good, but we will not keep them in stock, so to our patrons they go AT YOUR OWN PRICE THIS

### CHLORINE.

Remember, this is the Great Wall Paper Cleaner, the only successful one on the market, a wonderful invention. We are the sole agents. Thousands of our customers have used it, and it has never falled to give satisfaction. You can clean a room for 50 cents and make the paper look as good as new,

Z. C. 74. I.

the art of naval warfare is undergoing material change. The success of the Holland submarine boat has demon-strated the fact that the best of battleships is open to attack at a point where defense is seemingly impossible. No amount of armor plate can save a ship from destruction by one of these invisible agents.

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the May number of Lee's Texas Magazine Olive Lee has an illustrated sketch of "The Vales of Descret." This is followed by a story by Mary Polk Winn, entitled "Before the Judge." F. M. Crawford is the subject of a sketch in the "Department of Literature." There are a number of poems and the usual amount of "Editorials," "Book Reviews," "Literary" and "Miscellaneous Notes."—Dallas, Texas.

The May number of the Successful American has been received. Among the partraits that adorn its pages are those of Marcus Daly, Theodore Rooset. John H. Washburn, and General app Wheeler. The latter contributes Facts About the Philippines." torials deal with the topics of the day.-Park Row Building, New York.

SALT LAKE THEATRE,
GEORGE D. PYPISR, Manager

Tuesday, May 22,

# FISK JUBILEE SINGERS.

Car Gne more chance to hear the songs that have touched the heart of the world, sing as only the Fisk Jubilee singers can sing them.

PRICES: Stails and loges. \$1.00; par-quette and dress circle. 75 cents; first circle. 50 cents; second circle, 25 cents. SEAT SALE TODAY.



#### STOCKS, INVESTMENTS AND BONDS.

Utah Bank and Commercial Stocks and other high grade investment securities cought and sold. Loans on Stocks. Dividend paying stocks bought and sold. Investment orders from institutions, trustees of estates and capitalists will receive the bost of attoution. JOHN C. GUTLER, JR. Tel. 127. 36 Main Street.

Exciting Experiences

War with Spain and the Filipinos

LIFE OF ADMIRAL DEWEY

CIVEN AWAY FOR 25 CTS.

With a year's subscription to the DAILY DESERT NEWS

Call and examine the book.
Over 500 pages handsomely bound and profusely illustrated.
Worth \$2.00, and we give it to you for 2
Cents by your subscribing for the Desero
Newsfor one year.

### GARDNER DAILY STORE NEWS. TODAY-A New lot of \$7.50 Suits.



Saturday brought some new \$7.50 Suits.

And they're hummers, But only 18 in the lot. They're of a handsome gray

check cheviot. The coat is round cut style. The linings are of good Italian cloth. The canvas is thoroughly shrunken, so the coats will hold their shape. They're as good as most \$10.00

suits we've seen offered elsewhere. With such a small lot, of course they can't last long

GARDNER, 136 and 138 Main. postanon annon anno an

"KEEP MONEY AT HOME"

By Insuring with the

# HOME FIRE OF TA-

HEBER J. GRANT & CO., General Agents.



One More Week of Our

GRAND OVERSTOCK

Unprecedented Bargains-A big lot of \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and

\$4.50 Boys' and Children's Suits cut to \$2.65. Another better lot of \$4.50, \$5,00, \$5.50 and \$6.00

\$3.85.

Fresh, Reliable Goods.

T些 SIEGEL CLOTHING CO.,

61-63-65 Main.

MCDC Should Use the 10L110 Semi-Weekly News

if they desire to reach the people of the Western , States and Territories in their homes. CIRCULATION BOOKS OPEN TO ADVERTISERS