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AN OLD STORY REVIVED.

The old yarn about the Church authorities introducing religion into the schools of Utah is being revived at this time, by the arch-agitators who seem determined to pursue their course until they are effectually overwhelmed by enlightened public opinion. To anyone conversant with the actual conditions in Utah it is perfectly obvious that no church authorities, be they of one denomination or of another, have any such influence over the public school system as is implied in the absurd charge that they had introduced religion in the schools, but the story was, at one time, relied upon for effect, and it is evidently hoped that it may do service once more in a cause that has absolutely no justification, except such as can be offered by the masters in the art of distorting truth into grotesque forms.

The grain of fact upon which the story rests is this that religion classes were at one time held in some schoolhouses after school had been dismissed. The trustees never dreamed of doing anything wrong by opening a schoolhouse to religious instruction, and no wrong was committed, that we know of, unless, as has been alleged, in a few cases the classes were interfered with by the dismissal of the school by the teachers, before the regular hour. If this is a fact, the teachers and no one else were responsible for that, and we dare say in no instance was any real injury done. Schoolhouses all over the country are opened, when the trustees see fit to do so, for meetings, and many traveling missionaries of various churches have availed themselves of the privilege of speaking and teaching religion in such buildings, without anyone raising a rumpus about it, but things are so different here under the suicidal agitation directed against the Church. Molehills are magnified into mountains, all for the purpose of keeping the agitation going.

No attempt was ever made by the Church authorities, nor by the superintendency of the Religion classes, to introduce religion into the schools. That charge is as malicious as it is absurd. On the contrary, when the complaint was made the teachers of religion classes were advised not to interfere with the schools in any shape or manner whatever, and that advise, we believe, has been followed in every instance. And, in the meantime, there is a wide difference between "introducing religion into the schools" and using a schoolhouse for a religion class after school hours. It is by obscuring the questions at issue and confusing the ideas that the agitators keep their dupes in line. When the terms are clearly defined and understood, it is obvious that there is nothing to complain about.

His resolution to exclude the Senator rom Utah was lost by a vote of 43 to 27, and thus that long drawn-out contest ended.

ROOSEVELT FOR THE SENATE.

The New York World urges the election of Mr. Roosevelt as Senator to succeed Senator Platt of New

York. That paper has strongly criticised President Roosevelt for some of his utterances from the presidential chair; but it holds that the Senate is a peculiarly fitting place for a man of President Roosevelt's temperament,

knowledge, and energy. Any man who has been President of the United States has gained an xperience that is invaluable to the Nation and should not be lost. "He ties. His familiarity with all the adknowledge of foreign relations which is of the utmost importance to the Senate in the consideration of treaties. His familiarity with all the deministrative departments makes him a veritable cyclopaedia of information. Whether his own policies be good or bad, whether his judgement be sound or weak, his experiences in the White House is a great national asset which the American people should have the benefit of." That reasoning applies to all ex-

presidents, and if the argument is followed out a little further, it compels the conclusion that-the re-appointment of all public men who have served well, is a wise policy. For the experience of all public officials may be considered in the light of an asset of value to the Nation, and one, moreover, for which the people have paid.

NON-PARTISAN SCHOOLS.

All who favor a non-partisan school board should attend the non-partisan conventions and help placing good, trustworthy men in nomination, and then turn out and cast their votes for them, and help interesting their friends and neighbors in them. Another attempt will, it seems, be made to capture the schools for the benefit of the partisans who have declared war upon the people and who have announced the un-American doctrine that officials are responsible to party bosses and not to the people. Such efforts should be frustrated at the polls. The schools should be kept out of the maelstrom of partisan politics, particularly when it becomes so raging as it is in Utah, and the only way to do this is to nominate and elect independent men who are willing to serve the people. This is a matter in which the citizens are all equally interested. Keep the schools out of the grasp of the un-American rollticians who consider offices as "spolls."

SUDDENLY CALLED.

The Northwestern Christian Advocate brings a message of the sudden death of Dr. David D. Thompson, the editor of that paper, at St. Louis, Mo., on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Dr. Thompson was in attendance upon the sessions of a committee on missionary work. On his ways to the meeting Monday evening, he was just about to cross Lindell Boulevard to enter the church when he was struck by an automobile and thrown some distance along the ground. He was instantly cared for and taken to the Lorraine Hotel, where examination disclosed conditions requiring surgical attention. He was then removed to St. Luke's Hospital, where he lingered through the night, and passed away in the morning.

on the coast as in Salt Lake City, or even cheaper, after the freight is added, on the same principle that American goods are sold cheaper in European markets than to the American consumer. Several products could be specified.

It is necessary to take in both sides in a discussion of this kind. The problem of the cost of living, of which transportation rates form an important, but by no means the only, factor, is so complicated that unless we approach it in a spirit of perfect impartiality we are apt to do injustice to important business interests without rendering the public any material service.

# Gossip is the real spice of life.

The most usual charity ball is the codfish ball.

Dry rot is the disease that kills most family trees.

Marcelle wave. Nothing ever made Rome howl like a pent up pup can.

A man sometimes is run down just to show him up.

No old doctor was ever as wise as a young doctor looks. It is better to drive a horse to drink than to drive to a saloon.

Let him who scalps tickets beware lest he lose his own scalp.

A musician will sometimes toot his own horn but rarely or never another's. And does the Duke of the Abruzzi

whistle, "The Girl I Left Behind Me?" The country looks for a sweeping

decision against the broom trust some day.

Will Prince Pu Yi, the new emperor of China, listen like a three years' child?

It takes a long time to acquire the art of letting the other fellow do the worrying. Prosperity will not come to those who

do not make a good sturdy effort to meet it half way.

As no negroes anywhere were elected to the next Congress its complexion will be white.

If for no other reason the forests should be preserved for the sake of the babes in the woods.

The German people strongly object

tive and referendum. It is said that Mrs. Langtry will return to the stage. But will the audiences return to see her?

Ruef has asked for a change of venue. No doubt almost any kind of a change would be welcome

Should Mr. Roosevelt ever become a United States senator no one would accuse him of being trust controlled.

President Eliot of Harvard says that he can still go up two steps at a time. That is the way he went up and reached his proud eminence.

I got two orchestra chairs for three years from tonight,-Life. 'Time's Changes.

"Before we were married you said you'd lay down your life for me," she sobbed. "I know it," he returned solemnly: "but this confounded liat is so tiny there's no place to lay anything down." --Harper's Bazar.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the November issue of the World's Work there appears the second chap-ter of John D. Rockefeller's Reminiscences, which he entitled "Some Old Friends." In this chapter he tells what his associations were with Mr. John D. Archbold, Mr. H. M. Flagler, Mr. Still-Archoold, Mr. H. M. Flagler, Mr. Sub-man Witt, Mr. S. V. Harkness, and other names familiar in the industrial and financial history of America. There are several photographs hitherto un-published of Rockefeller and his old friends in this issue of the magazine. Iogether with a ploture of an interest together with a picture of an interest. ing group taken at Rockefeller's Cleve-Ing group taken at Rockefeller's Cleve-land estate which shows what success his system of landscape gardening has brought him in affording beautiful views. In the third chapter of Rocke-feller's autobiography, which is to ap-pear in the December issue of the World's Work he goes systematically into the idea of a benevolent trust and discusses the art of giving.-Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. Page & Co., New York.

The Century, in the November issue, begins a group of articles appropriate to the Lincoln centenary year with Frederick Trevor Hill's "The Lincoln-Douglas Debates Fifty Years After," a new account of this famous forensic "seven days' battle," Mr. Hill has pre-served the local color of this unique episode in American history, weaving his story from material, much of it un-famillar, based on the testimony of This story from material, much of it un-familiar, based on the testimony of cyc-witnesses and documentary evi-dence. First of another unusual series of paper is "A Conversation of Music with Paderewski." It is the record, set down by Daniel Gregory Mason, of a free and intimate chat at the great musiclan's table, touching, among othmusician's table, touching, among oth-er Interesting matters, upon modern French composers and their music. Robert Haven Schaufler begins a ser-ies of papers on his impressions of Dantzic, city of romance, with illus-trations by the German artist Scherres. Of country-wide interest are the arti-cle by L. H. Balley, director of the College of Agriculture, Cornell Univer-sity, and chairman of the Commission College of Agriculture, Cornell Univer-sity, and chairman of the Commission on Country Life, appointed by Presi-dent Roosevelt, and the paper by John Gilmer Speed. A new and notable chapter in Helen Keller's unique auto-biographical record is a feature of the November Century, "My Dreams," a suggestive, Interesting, poetical study of the "life larger than our own" of which we catch gilmpses in dreams. There are four notable pages in color in the number; and short stories by In the number; and short stories by Edith Wharton, Caspar Day, Edith Rickert, Owen Johnson and James Hopper.--New York. Salt Lake Theater Geo. D. Pyper, Mar. Tonight and Wednesday Night, Wednesday Matinee, CHECKERS

LIBERTY WARD FAIR! THE LIBERTY WARD AMUSEMENT HALL WED., THURS. & FRI., Nov. 18, 19, 20 All the attractions of a Fair: Art Booths, Fish Ponds, Candy Stand and Refreshments. Wednesday and Thursday Evenings excellent programs. Friday Evening, Queen's Ball. BE SURE TO COME. CHAMBERLAIN THE HOUSE MUSIC CO. : QUALITY

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#### TOO MANY MURDERS.

There have been altogether too many murders recently in this country, where the law ought to reign supreme. Perhaps one of the most deplorable was the killing of ex-Senator Carmack at Nashville, Tenn., since the provocation was slight and the murder was committed almost in the presence of a lady.

The ostensible cause for the murder was a series of editorials in the paper controlled by Carmack. We understand the editorials were bad enough, but not so bad as to form even a shadow of an excuse for the shedding of blood. They were in a light, flippant and sarcastic vein, poking fun at Major Cooper, a politician of the place, designating him as the "fiery diplomat of the political zweibund." According to the accounts of the shooting the assailant made a rush at the victim while Mr. Carmack had his hat raised in his pistol hand in greeting to a passing lady.

The killing is another instance of a factional fight developing into murderous brutality. There is absolutely no excuse for it, and the perpetrators of such crimes should be dealt with according to the demands of justice.

One deplorable feature in connection with the Nashville tragedy is the fact that some newspapers refer to it as a "duel," evidently for the purpose of concealing some of its hideousness. But it was not a "duel." A duel was a pre-arranged affair, a combat carried on under certain recognized rules. There were challenges and the selection of weapons. There was due deliberation in measuring the ground and adjusting preliminaries. No such thing as being unprepared was possible. Today, when after a brawl one brawler draws a pistol and shoots down another we are told that the affair was a "duel," somebody is simply trying to mislead us. A murder is not a duel. The duel was sometimes justifiable in olden times when laws and courts were less efficient than they are now But it had to pass away before a more perfect civilization, because the ends of justice were but imperfectly served by methods in which chance or brute force are the determining factors.

Mr. Carmack is very highly spoken of by those who knew him personally. He served his state four years in the national House and six years in the United States Senate. In both branches of Congress he made a reputation as a keen, forceful man, a brilliant speaker. As will be remembered he took an active part in the debate in the Senate on the report on Senator Smoot.

Dr. Thompson was a prominent figure in the Methodist church and his sudden removal will cause sorrow throughout that denomination. The Advocate has been a well edited paper. although in its anti-"Mormon" policy it has evidenced unusual narrowmindedness. It has, however, never descended to the contemptible tactics of some other papers claiming to be Christian, and this, we believe, is wholly due to the noble Christian character of the now departed leader.

BAILROAD RATES.

There always are two sides to every question, and the question of railroad rates is no exception to the general rule. Mr. George J. Kindel of Denver told one side at the meeting held at the Commercial club on Monday evening. He stated that sheepmen are paying \$168,000 more yearly to ship their 15,000,000 pounds of wool to Boston than it costs the California sheepmen to ship a similar amount to Boston from San Francisco. He declared that the freight on the steel used in the construction of the Newhouse buildings, cos \$1.10 per hundred to ship from Pittsburg to Salt Lake while it would cost only 75 cents per hundred from

Pittsburg to any city on the Pacific coast. He also said: "Your new Commercial club building will require 450 tons of steel. That will mean that you will pay \$3,150 li-cense to the rallroads to put that up. That much would be saved by building that structure in any one of the Pa-cific const citles. And that tribute is will on the structural steel alone." scope

paid on the structural steel alone.' This is probably true. At least, as a general proposition it is true that freight to inland cities is higher than

freight to coast cities. We believe the scale generally is the freight to the coast plus the freight to the inland point from the coast. The freight for nstance, to Sacramento is the freight to San Francisco with the rate from San Francisco to Sacramento added. This certainly looks bad, and if anything can be done within reason to equalize the rates it should be done. But it seems that the interstate commerce regulations permit this arrangenent, to enable the roads to meet water-way competition, and that Utah and Colorado points are no exception to the general rule.

As we have said, there is another side, and in fairness that should be stated, too. Railroad rates have constantly decreased with the increase of business, and the decrease will continue. It is not many years since a ticket to the Missouri river from here, which now costs \$30, was more than double that amount. Freight rates have been lowered proportionally.

It is also true that products manufactured in Utah are sold just as cheap

The attempted assassination of Attorney Heney has aroused San Francisco's civic pride. Usually the trouble with aroused civic pride is that it so soon falls asleep.

The full report of the discourses held at the Seventy-ninth semi-annual conference which convened in Salt Lake Ctiy, Oct. 4, this year, is now issued in pamphlet form and published by the Deseret News. It is a publication in which all the Latter-day Saints are interested. They want to read the addresses delivered by the speakers and contemplate the instructions given. Send for the pamphlet, read it, and spread it broadcast among friends and investigators,

### ANNEXATION NOT LIKELY. Boston Transcript.

Boston Transcript. We have learned that the Cubans have a real national sentiment, not to be ignored either now or in our future relations with the island. They do not want to be a depen-dency, and annexation is viewed with abhorrence by the masses. What annexation sentiment exists is limit-ed to the capitalistic element, which cannot exceed 10 per cent of Cuba's population. So pronounced is popu-lar aversion to annexation that only conquest could bring it about, in the opinion of army officers on the island who, in the midst of present activities have endeavored to store activities have endeavored to store up information for the future. That there will be either closer commer-cial or political relations between Cuba and the United States than now exist is not the teaching of their horo-

## TALE OF A NAIL Chicago News.

It has been discovered that a happy miller's family living in the vicinity of the battle-field of Watervicinity of the battle-field of Water-loo have derived a regular income since 1815 from the sale of a rusty iron nail. It was not many years after the battle that an eccentric Englishman on the strength of an eye-witness's evidence discovered that Napoleon's hat had been hanging on that nail, the emperor having rested a while at the mill during the battle. An offer for the old nail was imme-diately accepted by the previously guileless miller, who after the dear replaced it by another old nail an guinerss miller, who after the deal replaced it by another old nail an painted an inscription round it on the wall pointing out its historica, value. One nail after another has gone to enrich collections as price-less Napleonic relics. JUST FOR FUN. Unhygienic Roosting.

The Countryman-Down here sir, we make it a rule to go to bed with the chickens The Britisher-Er-don't you find it beastly unhealthy?-Puck.

Going to the Play. Wife-Did you get the seats for that play I'm so anxious to see? Husband-Yes, I was very fortunate.