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NON-TAXPAYING AGITATORS.

It would be worth the trouble—perhaps, to make out a list of the school teachers in this city, who want to make such a stir about taxation, because the bill to increase it for school purposes did not succeed, and to give the amount in dollars and cents that they contribute to the city treasury. We are of the opinion that such investigation would show that the majority of those who find so much fault with the present system of assessment and taxing of property are not taxpayerz at all. They gain their living out of the taxes that are collected, but put nothing themselves into the public treasury. The attacks they make, therefore, come with very ill grace.

We notice, too, that a number of individuals, some of them members of the City Council, who are the most blatant demanders of additional bonds, are also non-taxpayers. Yet they are very loud in their fault-finding against men who are regularly taxed for the support of the city government, but who do not think it wise to increase the bonded indebtedness of this municipality.

There have been a good many invidious remarks from our city contemporaries about some members of the Council, who are at least consistent in their cause, but we do not recall any comment on the recklessness with which non-taxpaying members try to rush the city into further debt, towards which they do not contribute a cent in either way.

There is a loud call for changes in the management of our municipal affairs. Some are sadly needed, there is no doubt. We ought to have a real business administration. It should be conducted by responsible as well as capable men. Suppose it is insisted that all who are elected in future shall be taxpayers, not merely in theory but in actual assessment and payment. They should be holders of real estate. If not, why not?

Voting ordinarily, may not be confined to those who pay a property tax. Every adult citizen should have some voice in public affairs. But should not every member elected to the Legislature, and every officer in the city government be a freeholder in the state? It looks that way to us. Also every election for the levying of taxes should be so conducted that taxpayers only shall take part therein, and so with every measure for the expenditure of the public funds.

It is often the case that the greatest grumblers about taxation and public expenditures, and the most vehement supporters of debt-making schemes, are not to be found on the list of taxpayers, but are ever ready to push to the front and become conspicuous in such matters. We do not mean by this that there are no advocates of bonding, nor objectors to insufficient assessments, among the large taxpayers of the city. There are a number of them, and their views are entitled to attention and respect, for they are backed by evidences of sincerity. But we merely draw attention to the other class and their pretentions and self-important sayings and doings, to show how little importance is to be attached to the assumptions.

Let us have such reforms in our public finances as are needful and right. But let them be based upon a full understanding of what is proper and necessary, and not on the one-sided and sensational statements and demands of non-taxpaying persons, who have only in view their private grievances and personal ends.

THIS IS SOMETHING NEW.

The Chicago Record-Herald of June 21, contains a well written and conscientious illustrated article entitled "How Mormonism Has Grown." Strange to say, it has nothing in it of a sarcastic or misleading character, but embodies a great amount of truth, and a well-arranged array of facts concerning the subject which the writer has undertaken to discuss. Much of the information imparted was evidently obtained in Utah, and is spread before the readers of that widely circulated journal, with the purpose of representing instead of distorting the "Mormonism of today."

The article commences with a description of the State of Utah and an account of its population and products, its agriculture, mining, manufactures, and its educational facilities. The supposed difference in appearance between "Mormons" and Gentiles is denied, and the writer says: "You would never know one from the other by their appearance." He adds, however, "Should you enter a Mormon home you would find two things: at dinner the father would return thanks, and there would surround the table a host of children—'Utah's best crop.'"

After describing his visits to the Tabernacle, both when unoccupied and during the Sunday services, the writer gives a brief account of the first vision received by the Prophet Joseph Smith, the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, its translation into English, and the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The growth of the Church follows, and an account of the drivings and mobbings of the Saints, culminating in the assassination of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the movement of the "Mormon" people to the present site of Salt Lake City. The establishment of irrigation is related and the rapid settlement by the "Mormons" of surrounding states and territories.

The missionary system of the Church is then described, and a brief explanation is made of the organization of the Church, with its Presidency, Apostles, Seventies, Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons; also the division of the Church into stakes and wards, with the duties of the Bishops and other officers, the tithing system, the care of the poor, etc. The Articles of Faith are summarized, and the subject of polygamy is touched upon, with the conclusion that it is "rapidly becoming extinct." The entire article conveys the idea that the writer endeavored to describe "Mormonism" as he found it, and not as it is popularly misunderstood. Further, he has the courage to sign his name in full at the close of his contribution, and does not hide behind a nom de plume. It is Charles N. Crewdson.

We must compliment the Chicago Record-Herald for publishing so straightforward and honest an account of "How Mormonism Has Grown," and for its well executed cuts of the Temple, the interior and exterior of the Tabernacle, and the Pavilion at Saltair. The sketch cannot fail to be productive of good, particularly in Chicago, where it is stated by that paper that there are about 200 resident "Mormons." That such an article appears in so prominent a newspaper without a word of misrepresentation or vilification of the "Mormons," is almost a "new thing under the sun."

AMERICA AND RUSSIA.

According to a recent dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald, the relations between this country and Russia are said to be strained at present. One of the reasons alleged is the stand our government has taken in the question of the Kishineff massacre. Russia is said to regard this as an unwarranted interference in her own domestic affairs. There is, however, no valid ground for the objection. In 1840, when Hebrews were slain in Damascus, President Van Buren instructed the American representatives at Alexandria and Constantinople to interpose their good offices in behalf of the Jews in Turkey. Had President Roosevelt taken similar action, Russia might have had ground for complaint, but he did not follow this precedent; he merely promised to transmit, through the proper channel, a communication from American citizens, to the Russian government, on a question that has demanded the attention of the world.

But this matter is not the most important issue. This country complains of the attitude of Russia in Manchuria. It is claimed that the diplomacy of Russia in that matter is of such a nature as to render continued negotiations useless. The strained relations are felt keenly by the Russian ambassador in Washington, and it is hinted that he may be recalled at any moment.

The friendship between Russia and America is traditional. But the question is whether the tradition is founded in fact. Lately it has been pointed out that no American needs to be depressed by the thought of possible ingratitude to a power which began its relation to us by opposing our independence, and later menaced our existence by forming the Holy alliance.

But for all that there will be no serious disagreement between the United States and Russia at this time. Russia is in Manchuria to stay. That is pretty well understood. And if Russia has violated its agreements as to that country she has only followed the example set by all other European powers. As long as the road to diplomatic "success" is strewn with torn up treaties, Russia cannot be too severely censured for adding one more to the aggregation. Russia's diplomacy is essentially different from that of Uncle Sam, the latter being straightforward, truthful, sincere. But this difference is nothing new. It is as old as Czar Peter the Great.

SPEAKING OF SENATOR SMOOT.

Judge T. Botkin, of this city, is visiting friends in Kansas, and the representatives of the press are after him for statements of "conditions in Utah." That seems to be a topic of considerable interest all over the United States. To the Hutchinson Independent, Judge Botkin spoke regarding the senatorial question of Utah. Undoubtedly he represents the general sentiment among the enlightened people of the country, on that question. He said:

"Well, so far, there is no case against Senator Reed Smoot. As an individual he is yet unimpeached in a single particular that would of right of law or of justice disqualify him to sit as a United States senator. His membership in the Mormon Church is certainly not an argument against his right. His ecclesiastical position as one of the Apostles might have been a proper subject for the consideration of the individual voter before election, but it is not one which the senate may properly consider. As a free man and citizen of this great republic he has an absolute and indisputable right to belong to whatever church he pleases or to none at all. That is nobody's political business. He has the same right to be an Apostle in his church that Bishop Warren has to his position in the Methodist."

"In what, then, is the sinning of Senator Smoot?"

"He is not a polygamist nor a bigamist or, at least, if there is any proof of his being such, it is not forthcoming. Secret agents have scoured the Pacific plateau from Chihuahua to Alberta for evidence of some sort to justify the charge made by Dr. Leilich, but in vain.

"But about his oath as an Apostle?

"Well, what about that oath if there be such? The senate can't assume that Mr. Smoot has taken an oath that would conflict with his duties in that body or to the nation. The only oath that he has taken, so far as my information goes, is the one that is taken in common by every Mormon Elder and there is nothing in that that would shake the foundations of any man's loyalty. But should the senate otherwise rule, then they would virtually disqualify every Elder of the Mormon Church which would virtually amount to all the male voters of that sect."

People who walk in the sun are under fire.

Wyoming sheep are suffering from scab. Why not unionize them?

Were she in Kansas today Maud Muller could get a job raking hay.

"Sometimes the best gain is to lose," says Herbert. And then again it isn't.

It was seventy to ninety-five on the Old Folks' excursion train today.

The great Steel trust has been marked down $466,000,000. A mid summer sale must be on.

From Sagamore Hill the President can Oyster Bay the moon if he chooses.

There is a great demand this year for a "sensible Fourth." Which means less noise and more thought.

Confession isn't good for the soul when a man is being bound to a stake to be burned by a mob of lynchers.

King Peter has entered on a course of personal experience of the truth of the adage: "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

Against the Philadelphia cricketers it is charged that they are weak. Were it that they are slow it would generally be accepted.

What earthly use can a comet have for two tails? Come to think of it comets themselves have no earthly use so two tails may be perfectly proper.

"The leafy month of June" on the morrow will be no more. It has been a pleasant and prosperous month, the crop of brides being unusually large.

Kansas is putting Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow in training for Mr. Roosevelt's running mate. He is pretty tall timber standing six feet two inches in his stocking feet.

A Berlin scientist is insisting that alcohol is the source of life and energy. But it was an Irishman who insisted that while bread is the staff of life whisky is life itself.

This year Wellesley turned out a hundred and forty-nine sweet girl graduates. Some cum laude, others magna cum laude and still others summa cum laude.

Professor Trueblood of the University of Michigan, who has been lecturing on how to make love, is in Colorado lecturing to summer classes. There is no fitter subject for his lectures than the mountain summer girl.

That Chicago preacher who justified lynching did not even achieve the moment momentary notoriety he so craved. Two days after his talk not even the newspapers can remember his name.

The Old Folks enjoyed their excursion with all the zest of youth. Blessings on their gray hairs! And the good people of American Fork they deserve and have the best wishes and kindest regard of their guests and their friends.

Lord Mayor Samuel of London does not think Russia can be influenced, by agitation, in her treatment of the Jews. This is worse than the case of the Scotchman who was open to conviction but would like to see anyone convince him.

Utah youths who enlist in the navy and desert, disgrace themselves, their families and their State. If they had a proper sense of honor and self-respect they would die before they would desert. Some of them will yet be caught and punished most severely.

General John B. Gordon, most lovable of survivors of the Civil war, in Scribner's tells this: "One of these furious leaders at the South declared if we would secede from the Union there would be no war; and if there should be a war we could 'whip the Yankees with children's popguns.' When, after the war, this same gentleman was addressing an audience, he was asked by an old, maimed soldier: 'Say judge, ain't you the same man that told us before the war that we could whip the Yankees with popguns?' 'Yes,' replied the witty speaker, 'and we could, but confound 'em, they wouldn't fight us that way.'"

THE SERVIAN CRIME.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Popular sentiment in Servia is undergoing a change which forebodes no good for the new king, Peter Karageorgevitch. The sober second thought is beginning to assert itself. The enormity of the crime committed to secure his elevation to the throne is dawning on the public conscience. The refusal of some of the powers to continue diplomatic relations with the country until the murderers of King Alexander and Queen Draga have been duly punished and the demands of the two great powers which have recognized the new ruler that the regicides shall not escape the lawful consequences of their crimes, have paralyzed the conspirators and nullified the military terrorism they created.

New York American.

The Servian government, hurt at Great Britain's recall of her minister, publishes a statement to the effect that the assassination of King Alexander was sanctioned by the army and the whole people. Why the fact that an entire nation sanctioned assassination should be considered as making that nation fit for a place in the diplomatic family only the Servian ministry knows.

New York World.

Marie Antoinette, escaping from the Tuileries, turned to the right instead of to the left after passing the inner arch. She lost her way, lost time and by this means lost her own head and the head of Louis XVI. So the story of Carlyle runs. Queen Draga of Servia, according to the cable news of the hour, meant to leave Belgrade, but waited for a going-away gown, being anxious that, as a fugitive, she should appear in becoming attire. It was a fatal delay. The Queen and Alexander fell in the palace, victims of "nothing to wear."

San Francisco Call.

Perhaps the most horrifying incident in connection with the assassination of the King and Queen of Servia was the prayer offered by the aged Metropolitan of Belgrade for the welfare of the regicides. It is seldom that religion stoops so low in the service of the state.

Worcester Spy.

The Czar of Russia and the Emperor of Austria, in writing to King Peter of Servia, acted on the supposition that he was innocent of any complicity in the plot as a result of which the Servians' king and queen were killed. Each ruler was very careful when congratulating him to express disgust over the murder. If King Peter did have any part in that plot he will read in the congratulations a deep reproach and if he did not, and is powerless to punish the murderers his position will not be free from embarassment.

Providence Journal.

King Peter I and the unstable throne of Servia can hardly be an object of envy to anybody. In a very short time, indeed, he may himself be looking back with sorrowful longing to the greater happiness of his long years of exile.

Hartford Courant.

The Servian military gentlemen who cleared the throne of that country for King Peter think that the Czar's friendly dispatch settles the question of the new king's position. They are right, too—at least for the time being.

London Chronicle.

Assassination tempered by abdication—such has been the fate of most Balkan rulers. Since the Balkan peoples were emancipated, King Otho of Greece, Prince Cuza of Roumania, Prince Alexander of Bulgaria, Prince Alexander Karageorgevitch and King Milan of Servia have been forced to abdicate, while Prince Danilo of Montenegro, Prince Michael, King Alexander and Queen Draga of Servia, as well as Kara George, the Servian liberator, have been murdered. In addition, attempts were made on the lives of the late Queen Amalia and King George of Greece, as well as on the late King Milan of Servia.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

McClure's Magazine for July presents several changes which greatly enhance the beauty of that publication. It has, as always, good stories and other interesting features. O. Henry's "The Fourth in Salvador," is a seasonable burlesque, "Judy," by M. G. Sampson, is a homely love story of two Irish lads and an Irish lass; and "A Bird's Eye View of Heaven," by Philip Verrill Mighles, is a bit of love making of the true American sort. "In the Matter of the Mission," by Bayard Veiller, is a piece of fiction altogether out of the ordinary—the story of a Presbyterian mission founded by an old Jew, a convert to Christianity. Most readable is an account of "Mountaineering in Switzerland Without Guides," by Ashley P. Abraham, illustrated with some marvelous photographs by G. P. Abraham. The verse is by Florence Wilkinson, A. H. Kemper, and Paul Kester. A notable editorial on Patriotism completes the number.—McClure, Phillips & Co., New York.

In Cassier's Magazine for July the following articles of interest occur: "Capital and Labor Harmony, Partnership and Profit-Sharing Plans," by Andrew Carnegie; "The 'Kaiser Wilhelm II,' the Newest and Largest Atlantic Liner," by Gustave H. Schwab; "The Industrial Regeneration of India," by John Wallace, C. E.; "Electric Shocks," by Archibald Wilson; "Milling as a Method of Machining, Its Development in American Shop Practice, by Charles S. Gingrich, M. E.; and "Current Topics." A splendidly executed portrait of Andrew Carnegie is printed as a frontispiece in this issue.—New York.

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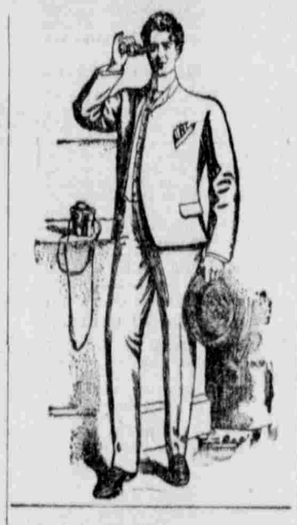

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