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THE CHURCH UNIVERSITIES, Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 20, 1904. Editor Deseret News:

A large number of young people are about to graduate from the eighth grades of the public schools, and pa-rents are confronted with the necessity of deciding at once where these graduates will be sent for the purpose of continuing their schooling. .Without desiring to cast the slightest reflection upon the excellence of our public school system or upon the high-minded and competent principals and teachers thereof (for whom we all have great respect), I wish to speak a word in be-half of the Latter-day Saints' Univer-

It goes without saying, I take it, that no institution of high-school grade in this city has a corps of teachers of higher educational or personal qualifications than Joshua H. Paul, John M. Mills, Bryant S. Hinckley, Henry Pe-terson, John T. Miller, Joseph L. Horne, John H. Evans, Benjamin Goddard, Marlow Porter, E. S. Bowen, R. L. Bird (not to mention the long list of other

in the least, nor to draw invidious comparisons. The purpose in view is evident, we think, and the reason for speaking of this one institution just at this juncture will be readily understood. There are excellent educational establishments where no creed or religious faith is or can be taught, which are sulted to other people than "Mormons." While non-"Mormon" pupils are not under any necessity or requirement to attend the theological classes, the L. D. S. University offers peculiar and special inducements to the children of the Saints who have passed through the tuition of the district schools. We hope the matter will receive due attention from parents who are interested in the eternal welfare of their sons and

MURDERERS AS HEROES.

daughters.

It is really peculiar that murderers, instead of inspiring universal horror, draw sympathy, and even admiration, from so many. Something is wrong somewhere. Moral ideals must be very low; conceptions of right and wrong must be very crude, when anyone stained with the blood of fellowman is elevated to the pedestal of a hero.

It is often observed that some women are drawn with irresistible power, through their own diseased imagination, toward a murderer, provided he has not exhibited the qualities of a coward. There seems to be to them a fascination about such persons, such as it is claimed the snake exercises over the bird. This is singular, but perhaps not more so than the sympathy all men have for women murderers, no matter how savage their deed may have been. This peculiarity may be explained on psychological grounds, but there are other facts that seem utterly unreasonable and that can be explained only on the supposition that our age has lowered its moral standards.

For instance: In Missouri the other day, a condemned murderer was permitted to hold a reception. The function was held in the sheriff's office. It is said that "at least 500 citizens" attended. Men, women and children passed the criminal in line and shook hands with him. Presumably there were floral tributes, as in the case of an-

other murderer not long ago. The fellow had killed his father-inlaw, but what specific virtue there was in the crime to call for the expression of esteem accorded him is not related. What insanity must have possessed a community in which five hundred citizens were anxious to press the hand of a fellow condemned to die! And yet, we wonder why homicides are so numerous! Some people think more hangings would be the remedy against the flow of blood. But not as long as a certain part of the public lionize the murderers. A general elevation of the moral standards is the only remedy. But how is that to be effected?

CONSCIENCE AND THE LAW.

defenders cautions the of the cause of "the proletariat and the poor." not to use language calculated to inspire aversion among the people for other classes of society. Let them refrain from speaking of redress and justice, when the matter comes within

the domain of charity only." These rules are made mandatory. The closing instructions are that they "be transmitted to all Catholic committees, societies and unions of every kind. All these societies are to keep them exposed in their rooms and to have them read frequently at their meetings. We ordain, moreover, that Catholic papers publish them in their entirety and make declaration of their observance of them, and, in fact, observe them religiously; failing to do this they are to be gravely admonished, and if they do not then amend let them be interdicted by ecclesiastical authority."

The question on which this papal letter treats is one of utmost importance. Probably the time is past when social inequality, coupled with "equal inditariat" to what it regards as oppression is no longer accepted as a virtue. Then again, laborers are not satisfied with accepting "charity." It is their "rights" they claim, and more, if they can obtain it. The times have changed, and the new conditions demand new rules of action.

Armed peace is better than no peace, and that is about all.

Perhaps the snow is piling up in anticipation of the January thaw.

Automobiles have their uses but that of a band wagon is not one of them.

When the Panama canal is built the patrols should be provided with gondo-

In this movement for better roads the highway of life should not be forgotten.

Chicago theaters and churches have been closed but her saloons are still open.

If radium will cure cancer, why not apply it to the cancerous growth on the body politic?

St. Louis hack and carriage drivers have gone on strike. Getting ready for the exposition?

New York papers are calling for more rapid transit. 'There is no denying that New York is "rapid."

The Panama canal treaty is not to be amended. "It's better mit out it." as Rip Van Winkle would say.

And so Senator Morgan wants to annex Panama. After all it might be the shortest cut out of many difficulties.

follow one with England, and, if the cope of the convention were limited to the one already in existence between England and France, there is no reason apparent, even to a jingo mind, why our pacific advances should not also include Russia and Germany.

New York World. "There has been no purely moral sentiment since the abolition of slavery that appeals so strongly to the mind and heart as this idea of substituting the civilized methods of peace and reason for the barbarism of needless war." Its present agitation becomes more than ordinarily opportune in view of growing tendencies toward expansion into world-power interests and activi-ties. It is likely to find the soberer of Congress more favorably insense clined toward arbitration as a future corrective and safeguard for a development of national policy that is not viewed without apprehension.

New York Evening Post.

The international arbitration conference at Washington has very wisely concentrated its efforts upon the at-tainment of an Anglo-American treaty, Six years ago such a treaty was igno-miniously cold-shouldered by the seninequality, coupled with "equal indi-vidual responsibility to God" will be admitted, we fear, and there-fore the mild submission of the "prole-tariat" to what it regards as oppres-and Lity England and Sector and the principle of arbi-tration has gained ground. The Hague Tribunal has been established: France-and Lity England and Sector and the principle of arbi-tration has gained ground. The Hague Tribunal has been established: Franceand Italy, England and France, have entered into permanent agreements for peaceful adjudication of contested claims; Mr. Balfour has not the suspicious attitude of his illustrious uncle towards the new-fangled diplomacy of peace; and a Senate that is trying to square the Panama aggression with general moral principles is in a more amiable mood than was the body which voted President Cleveland's emergency 'War credit.'

> San Francisco Bulletin. What the world needs today is a tri-

bunal that will prevent needless wars. Wars are often brought on by designs that are not based on considerations of national welfare. There are millions of money wasted even in a small war, When a government is engaged in war It cannot be stern in its dealings with influential supporters whose patriotism may never reach above their pockets. War in itself is spectacular. It opens a short cut to the center of the world s stage. It brings into prominence men whom the nation had not discovered. The sentiment, now so nearly universal, that the people must rally to the sup port of a government which finds itself involved in war, holds the sober judgment of the nation in the background. Opposition that would be tolerated in time of peace becomes treason when is gives aid and comfort to an enemy. The tremendous cost of war is in itself a reason why war should only be re-sorted to when all other methods of settlement have failed. The result of war is now determined rather by the contents of the national money chest than by any display of skill or courage on the battlefield. The statesman of the future will outline policies on peace-ful lines. The minister who comes from

the council chamber with an agreement that may be described "Peace with Honor" will precede in the world's estimation the successful general.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Professor Simon Newcomb writes informingly about 'The Mariner's Com-pass' in the February Harper's. The phenomena of the needle-its strange changes, not definitely explainable by any known law-form a large and interesting portion of Professor Newomb's Daper. All the research of sci ence has failed thus far to discover the reasons for the various deviations that tiny but all-powerful guide to mankind, There are fourteen cold pages in this magazine. The colored frontispiece, illustrating Robert Chambers' story, "The Sphyx," is by Henry Hutt. Among other artists rep-resented are Albert Sterner, Louis Loeb, F. C. Yohn, W. T. Smedley, Harry Fenn, Orson Lowell, Alice Barber Ste-phens and Peter Newell. "A Forgotten Tragedy in Early American History" is the subtille of an article by Corns the subtitle of an article by Cyrus Townsend Brady, in which he describes the fate of the sailing-ship Tonquin, sent by John Jacob Aster in 1810 to establish a settlement at what is now Astoria, on the far northwest . coast These are only a few features of this excellent publicitation .- Harper & Bros., New York. The following features are among the ontents of Harper's Bazar for Febru-ry: "The Spinster." Agnes Repplier; The Memoirs of a Baby," part xl. Conclusion Josephine Daskam; "The Cor-onation of Mrs. Beacock," a story, Mary B. Mullett; "The Masquerader, a novel, chapters iv., v., vi, Katherine Ce. cil Thurston: "The Redemption of Ma-bel Muriel," a story, Elizabeth G. Jorbel Murlel," a story, Elizabeth G, Jor-dan: "Midwinter Fashions:" "Evening Gowns and Wraps;" "Curtains and Draperies," Ada Sterling: "Lessons in Home Sewing," Rose E. Payne; "Win-ter House Plants"-fi, George R, Knapp; "Valentime Luncheons," Jose-phine Grenier; and "Hints to House-wives," Margaret Hamilton Welch,---Harper & Bros, New York. It is not generally known that the United States government loans a school-ship to the New York board of education for the education of sailor ads in seamanship. The story of this school is given in the current issue of Leslie's Weekly, with a double page of illustrations. Other illustrations inlude the destruction by fire of the magnificent \$4,000,000, capitol of Iowa; e recent frightful Rock Island Railroad wreck; the famous historic paint-ing, "Signing the Peace Protocol," pre-' presented to the White House by H. C. Frick: "Counterfeiting in the Philip-pines;" "The Queer New Year's Frolic at Philadelphia:" the dramatic and amateur photographic pages, and other timely features.-New York.



competent teachers). I have had occasion to investigate the workings of this school, and believe, and therefore unhesitatingly express the opinion, that its discipline and instruction are unexcelled in any institution of equal grade in this city. Its pupils cover substantially the same ground as is required in our public institutions, and, what is vasily important to the Latter-day Saint, make a systematic study of the-If our children are to receive ology. thorough instruction in the superlative-ly important subject of religion, where will they obtain it except in the schools of academic grade which are being maintained, at tremendous cost, by the Church?

It is not the policy of the Church, as I understand it, to duplicate the work of the graded schools or, to any substantial extent, of the State University and Agricultural College, but to confine its efforts, chiefly, to high school instruction. In conformity with this plan, academies have been established and are being maintained from Canada to Mexico. If we would have our chil-Mexico. dren versed in the principles of Chris-tianity, as we understand them; if we would have them acquire that devotional spirit and interest in the Gospel, which is characteristic of these Church schools; if we would have them thoroughly grounded in morality; if, in short, we are anxious that they will not depart from the way of the Gospel or good morals, then should we carefully train them in the days of their youth. After all, there is so much of opposition to "Mormonism," so many influences operating to lead our members astray, that no member of the Church, it would seem, will be held guiltless in neglecting any means of confirming the faith or morals of his children-particularly such palpable and effective means as are afforded by our Church Academies and Colleges.

understand that the Latter-day Saints' University will begin classes in each of its courses at the commence-ment of the second semester, within a few days.

Yours sincerely, RICHARD W. YOUNG.

We give place on this page to the foregoing letter, as it touches on a matter of special importance to Latter-day Saints. The advanced educational institutions that have been established under the auspices of the Church, deserve all the encomlums that can be passed upon them. They are specially provided for the children of our people who have passed through the distrief schools, including the eighth grade, and are thus prepared for a higher education. They should also receive instruction in those principles of religion and morality that are taught in the Church academics and universkies.

It should be known and understood that the preceptors and their aids in those institutions are competent as well as exemplary men and women. Their personal character is of the highest, and their scholastic learning and trained abilities for teaching qualify them for the position they occupy.

The L. D. S. University in this city is specially mentioned, just now, because of the graduating period from the city district schools. This is the time for parents to consider the question, whether they desire their children who have passed the eighth grade to continue their studies further, and if so where they will send them. It is to the Latter-day Saints that the appeal is addressed which is presented in the letter we publish today. They should ponder upon its suggestions and take steps accordingly. The advantages of the theological training, and the spirit and influence and example to be had in the institution named, are too great to

The Portland Morning Oregonian of Jan: 18 has a thoughtful editorial with the above title in reference to the senatorial question now under examination by a committee of the Senate. We copy the following paragraphs as worthy of consideration by thoughtful people who take an interest in the case:

"It is charged against Reed Smoot that he puts his religious convictions before his duty to the government. If this be true, it is a thing to be con-sidered; but the difficulty of proving it is obvious. The man himself and his Mormon co-religionists will deny it; and the case is one in which it is awkward to go behind the returns. Charges of this kind have become a familiar story in our history. We have had anti-Masonic and anti-Catholic fury. In France and Russia there is an anti-Hebrew fury. They are all discreditable to popular intelligence and call in question the sense of justice. This is a realm where consistency is

exceedingly rare. "The fraudulent pretensions of Motmonism and the deleterious influence of polygamy are too patent for argu-But this does not bear in any ment. respect upon the rectitude of Mormon believers in adhering to their religious convictions. Wheever is ready to apos. tatize from any faith upon a moment's notice or for unworthy considerations of financial or social advantage, will ot be worth much to his new co The truth or falsity of the phys. tion. tion. The truth of taisity of the phys-ical facts to which devotees profess ad-herence has nothing whatever to do with the fidelity of the moral nature to accepted faith. The best Catholic girls are not those upon whom the adjura-tions of the priesthood, whether concerning chastity or the sacraments, sit lightly Let us, who pride ourselves pon the defiance out Covenanter or Huguenot or Puritan ancestors showed the laws of a Catholic king, not be too ready to condemn a Mormon be-cause he listens to the voice of conscience as well as to the mandate of the law."

THE POPE TO LABORERS.

Pope Plus X has given some instructions relative to the duties of laborers and capitalists. The letter on the subject contains the Pontifi's personal tews, and if they are acted upon, there will be few serious labor troubles in the Catholic world. But will they be accepted?

The pope states in substance that 'society is composed of unequal elements, whose only equality is in their redemption by Jesus Christ and their equal individual responsibility to God.' He maintains "the right of property" as a natural right, and that everybody

can dispose of his property as he thinks fit. Then he defines the obligations of the "proletariat" and the working man to be, "to perform fully and faith. fully the work which has been freely and according to equity agreed upon; not to injure the property or outrage the persons of masters; to abstaln from acts of violence even in the defense of their known rights, and never to make mutiny of their defense.

The capitalists, or employers, also have their obligations. These are "To pay just wages to their workingmen, not to injure their just savings by violence or fraud or by overt or covert usuries; not to expose them to corrupting seductions and danger of scandal; not to allenate them from the spirit of family life and from love of economy, and not to impose upon them labor beyoud their strength or unsuitable for their age or sex."

timate. This is not intended to decry other schools and academies and universities

The weather bureau service costs the people of the country about two cents per capita. It doesn't come high but the people must have it.

Thomas Hardy's new play has nineteen acts and a hundred and thirty scenes. While it may not be great there is nothing small about it. In all this talk of war between Japan

and Russia not once has mention been made, so far as we have seen, of the "dogs of war."

A bull fight with no bull or horse killed is about another such performance as "Hamlet" with the Prince of Denmark left out.

It is said that France has refused to give Russia armed support in the event of war in the orient. This looks like taking French leave of the much heralded alliance.

> "Herbert Spencer was supposed to be a very wise man. Yet he left a will that is three columns long," says the Record-Herald. Well, wasn't he wise not to take the will with him?

A Chicago professor says that it will not be many years before the final elephant and the final camel will pass from these earthly scenes. He forgot to say whether the final camel will pass through the eye of a needle.

"Germany expects every bullet to do its duty." says Prince Henry of Prussta. A very nice little adaptation of Nelson's famous saying. What is that duty? To kill a man? Statistics show that it takes about a thousand bullets to kill one man in battle.

'As far as I can see, the conditions in New York now are just as the majority of the people want them. I am

absolutely discouraged about New York," says President Hadley of Yale. If Gothamites who live in New York are not discouraged, why should Dr. Hadley, who lives in New Haven, be? Then he forgets that this is a country where the majority rules."

AS TO ARBITRATION.

Los Angeles Times. The International Peace Congress is disposed, as it would seem, to postone its session until next summer but considering the rumors of trouble among our great and good friends of the orient, it would seem as if an ex-tra session ought to be called instante. provided there is anyone with sufficient authority to issue the call. Unless the signs are awry there is an immediate signs are awry there is an innectate demand for a peace talk with Russia and Japan; not to mention Colombia, which has a bad look in its eye when-ever that dusky optic is turned in the direction of Uncle Sam and the fledg-ling republic of Panama.

Springfield Republican. We really need arbitration treaties with various European powers as much with the British empire. Unfor tunately, it seems easier to secure these instruments for the preservation of national sanity during periods of poss,. ble hysteria with the nations that are the least liable to come into serious an-tagonism with ourselves. As an insurance against war this country re-quires an arbitration treaty with Germany and Russia more than with Eng-land or France. In these matters however, an administration naturally and inevitably follows the line of least



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