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telephone with any department of the  
Deseret News, will save themselves and  
this establishment a great deal of annoyance  
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rings.

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AN IMPORTANT GATHERING.

The general conference of the Mutual  
Improvement associations of the  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
Saints, held in this city on June 5, 6  
and 7, was a most important gathering  
of workers in the field of human im-  
provement and progress. It was more  
numerously attended and fraught with  
greater interest than any previous as-  
sembly of the kind. The officers' meet-  
ings were characterized by well-digested  
plans, bright thoughts clearly ex-  
pressed, wise suggestions and a spirit  
of energy, unity and perseverance that  
augurs well for future success.The Young Men's association, with  
the Young Ladies' association, and with  
the Young Men's in all the plans and  
movements and addresses for the bat-  
terment of those organizations, and the  
Primates were also fully up to the  
mark, and performed their part in the  
proceedings with similar talent and  
vim.The public meetings on Sunday were  
exceedingly interesting, and the great  
crowds that met in the Tabernacle, re-  
quiring the opening of the galleries and  
the close occupation of seats, indicated  
the feeling of the public towards the  
objects of the conference. The dis-  
cussions delivered were forcible, elo-  
quent and pertinent, and were listened  
to with earnest attention and full ap-  
preciation. The musical exercises were  
of a high order and added greatly to  
the enjoyment of the occasion.The good that is being accomplished  
by these societies among the young  
people of the Church and of the State,  
is beyond computation. The active  
part taken in their direction by the  
general authorities of the Church gives  
them a strength, solidity and impetus  
that is observable in all their delibera-  
tions and movements. The associations  
are auxiliary establishments, but they  
have become integral factors in the sum  
of Church work and are essential to its  
present form of labor and advancement.  
The influence which they carry stimu-  
lates to all that is uplifting and pro-  
motive of peace, love, virtue and intelli-  
gence.The periodical gathering of the repre-  
sentatives of those forces, for inter-  
change of thought and plan and co-  
operative effort, is in the highest degree  
desirable and commendable. It takes  
the workers out of grooves into broader  
paths and higher aspirations, and mind  
is thus refocused upon mind to the in-  
crease of light and power for good.We congratulate our friends on the  
success attending their recent con-  
ference, and believe it will result in  
greater unity and strength than ever in  
the forwarding and consummation of  
the purposes in view, namely the guid-  
ing of the feet of our youth in the way  
of life, the diffusion of useful knowl-  
edge, and the surrounding of our chil-  
dren and the young men and young  
women of our people, with those safe-  
guards and environments which will  
influence them to lives of chastity, tem-  
perance and devotion, that they may be  
good citizens of their country and  
faithful servants of the living God.

EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

A correspondent in Platte county asks  
the following of the Deseret News:There has been a great deal of con-  
troversy about taxation of school bonds  
in this locality. The question is, Can  
school bonds be taxed? Please reply  
and oblige.  
SUBSCRIBER.The Constitution of the State defines  
property as including monies, credits,  
bonds, stocks, franchises and all mat-  
ters and things (real, personal and  
mixed) capable of private ownership.  
This relates to corporations as well as  
individuals. But it also provides: "That  
the property of the United States, of  
the state, counties, cities, towns, school  
districts, municipal corporations and  
public libraries, together with the build-  
ings thereon used exclusively for religious  
worship or charitable purposes, and  
places of burial not held or used for  
private or corporate benefit, shall be  
exempt from taxation." That, we should  
think, ought to end all controversy on  
the question whether in Platte county or  
elsewhere.

RUSSIAN COSSACKS.

The reports from the battlefields in  
Asia indicate that the Russian Cossacks  
have met their masters in the Japa-  
nese soldiers. One Tokio dispatch the  
other day, told of an engagement in  
which the Cossacks were three timesdefeated. It was learned, says the re-  
port, that Russian forces of that class  
had been located at Telissu, and the  
Japanese thereupon dispatched infantry  
and cavalry, which defeated and pur-  
sued them. The Russians had three  
squadrons. At Chang-Chi-Tun this  
force was joined by two additional  
squadrons, and the Japanese again at-  
tacked and defeated them. Five com-  
panies of infantry and a battery of  
horse artillery joined the Russians at  
Lung-Wang-Miao, where the Japanese  
attacked for the third time and the  
Russians fell back to Telissu.Russian accounts confirm the Japa-  
nese claims to superiority over the Cos-  
sacks. A St. Petersburg dispatch says  
the war office has received news of a  
sharp fight twenty miles north of Siam-  
atza (north of Feng-Wang-Cheng).  
June 1, in which six Cossacks were  
killed and twenty-two wounded. Five  
companies of Gen. Rennenkampf's Cos-  
sacks discovered Japanese detachments  
at Pen-Chou-Ling Pass, half-way be-  
tween Siamatza and Ajudjam. The  
Cossacks dismounted and attacked on  
foot, but owing to the difficult nature  
of the ground and the strong defensive  
position held by the enemy, and the lat-  
ter's stubborn resistance, the attack  
was not pressed, and the Cossacks drew  
off.It is recalled that the Russian Cos-  
sack has the reputation of being an in-  
vincible soldier, and the question is  
naturally asked, what has become of  
this reputation.A former Russian officer, now living  
in New York, undertakes to explain the  
matter. As quoted by the New York  
Evening Mail, he says that the Cos-  
sacks, now in the field against the Japa-  
nese, are not genuine Cossacks. They  
are from Ussuri, Kubanski and Sibera,  
and are called Cossacks only by  
courtesy. The real Cossacks, he says,  
who have cut such a wide swath in  
history, are those of the Don and the  
Volga, and they have not yet gone to  
the front in any considerable numbers.The first detachment of Cossacks from  
the Don, he continued, has just been  
ordered east, and they cannot have got  
to the front in time to take part in the  
recent fighting.According to this gentleman the mili-  
tary authorities of Russia are severely  
criticized for not having sent the best  
regiments to the front at the outset.  
The Siberian Cossacks are said to be  
men of mixed blood. The very old Cos-  
sack strain has been much diluted by  
intermarriage for generations with Bu-  
riat Mongols, Kalmucks, Samoyeds,  
Chinese, Manchus and other peoples  
who are inferior from the military point  
of view. The Ussuri Cossacks, so-called  
from the province of which Vladivostok  
is the seat, are of a somewhat  
what purer type, and Gen. Rennen-  
kampf's raiding brigade is composed of  
these men. But the real Cossack has  
not yet appeared on the stage in the  
east.The hope of the Russians seems to be  
that when the genuine fighters from  
the south of Russia arrive, the tide will  
be turned in Russia's favor. That re-  
mains to be seen. Even the Cossacks  
have been influenced by civilization.  
They have lost some of the savage in-  
stincts that made them invincible in  
the days of old, and even if they had  
not, savage instinct today does not  
count a great deal against scientific  
skill, armed with modern engines of war.

THE FINGER OF GOD.

A strange story comes from Chicago,  
concerning a young agnostic who chal-  
lenged the Almighty to demonstrate  
His existence, and who had the demon-  
stration given instantaneously.According to the account sent to the  
Cincinnati Inquirer the name of the  
young infidel is Renfro. He was born  
of parents religiously inclined, and had  
grown up in a religious atmosphere,  
but his views and inclinations were  
different.The other day young Renfro and  
three friends were playing whist. Their  
conversation turned upon religious top-  
ics, and all expressed their ideas on  
that subject. Mr. Renfro said he would  
believe in God if he could, "but," he  
continued, "I read a good deal of In-  
gersoll's writings and am unable to  
have faith. If God would demonstrate  
Himself to me in some way—for in-  
stance, if He should strike me deaf  
and dumb and blind—I might admit  
His existence."The account goes on to say that one  
of the young men was about to reply  
to the argument when he noticed Renfro  
turn pale. The next moment the  
skeptical threw his arms out before him  
as if warding off a blow, and convul-  
sively placed his hands before his face.  
An instant later he fell forward, off  
his chair and to the floor. Dr. O. G.  
Draper, 205 East Chicago avenue, found  
that Renfro had become deaf, dumb  
and blind, and naturally took upon his  
afflictions as a direct rebuke from  
the Almighty.There is nothing improbable in this  
story, although events of that kind are  
rare. Yet many an Elder in the  
Church can recall parallels to this case,  
that have come under his own obser-  
vation in the mission field. Ordinarily  
the Almighty takes no notice of the  
foolish "challenges," or childish sayings  
of erring mortals, any more than a  
wise ruler notices the stupidities that  
find expression among a certain class  
of subjects, and which are as harm-  
less as the winds that blow, now in  
this direction and now in the other.  
But sometimes, for wise purposes, the  
Eternal power is made manifest. And  
then, priests of Baal are struck down  
on the mount of Carmel, or Saul is  
made blind on the road to Damascus.

Welcome, statement!

Many are candidates; few are chosen.

This Palma trophy rifle controversy  
has become a bore.A legal action—that the law is su-  
preme in Colorado.Cast your bread upon the waters and  
after a few days the tramp will re-  
turn.

Why not turn an automobile loose

among the desperadoes of Cripple  
Creek?Things are quite topsy-turvy in Crip-  
ple Creek. The officials have either to  
resign or die.Labor agitators never were more agi-  
tated than they are just now in Teller  
county, Colorado.Does President Roosevelt think that  
Mr. James Bryce is the next greatest  
Englishman?It is proposed to fortify Newport. Is  
the purpose to protect society from the  
gaze of the vulgar?Octogenarian Millionaire John B.  
Platt is trying to find out what is the  
matter with Hannah.The late beginning of the Fourth of  
July celebration by the small boys this  
year is owing to the cold weather.Mr. Cleveland is for Parker; Mr.  
Bryan is against him. Plainly a  
Charlybdis-Scylla position for the Judge.No matter how much train robbers  
secure, the express people always de-  
clare that it was "only a small  
amount."Oxford has made W. D. Howells a  
doctor of laws. Mr. Howells is the  
gentleman who says that one Walter  
Scott is a back number as a novelist.The other day a Michigan man was  
arrested and declared to be insane be-  
cause he deemed himself a presidential  
candidate. The woods are full of such.The men who raided and wrecked the  
Victor, Colorado, Record office would  
do well to remember the wrecking of Love-  
joy's office, his murder and its eventual  
consequences."I believe that in the next genera-  
tion it will be vulgar to be rich, vul-  
gar to spend money," says Rev. Newell  
Dwight Hillis. Possibly, but it will  
always be pleasanter far to be vulgar  
rich than vulgar poor.The most sensible advice given the  
miners of the Cripple Creek district is  
that of the Victor Record. It is to call  
off the strike. The only trouble with  
it is that it is probably much too sensi-  
ble to be taken by those to whom it is  
addressed.It is now claimed that King Peter of  
Serbia, who occupies the blood-stained  
throne upon which assassins have plac-  
ed him, is becoming insane. He thinks  
he is pursued by the ghost of King Mil-  
an. No wonder if he sees ghosts ev-  
erywhere! What an opportunity for a  
modern Shakespeare to make himself  
immortal with a drama on the Serbian  
revolution! The elements are there, and  
ghost and all.Whenever icebergs are floating  
about in the Atlantic in unusual num-  
bers, the temperature all over the coun-  
try, or at least east of the Rocky Moun-  
tains, seems to be lowered. This is the  
case at present. Steamers recently ar-  
rived in New York bring reports of no  
less than thirteen huge icebergs en-  
countered in the usual routes of trans-  
atlantic travel. The Danish steamship  
Island, which arrived last Saturday  
from Copenhagen, passed on May 30 ten  
icebergs, the largest about 120 feet long  
and 60 feet high. The icebergs were  
scattered from latitude 41.12, longitude  
48.27, to latitude 49.45, longitude 49.30.  
The steamship La Lorraine also report-  
ed, on her arrival the same day, that  
she passed three large icebergs on June  
1, in latitude 42.30, longitude 50.54.

LEGAL RIGHTS OF FILIPINOS.

Binghamton Press.

Under decisions of the United States  
Supreme Court handed down this week  
the Filipinos are brought within the  
Constitutional protection as to retrial  
in a case where the defendant in a  
criminal action has been acquitted,  
while they are denied the right of retrial  
by jury. The Constitution provides that  
no person shall be twice put in jeopardy  
for the same offence. This means that  
where a defendant on a criminal charge  
is acquitted by a jury, he shall not be  
again tried for that crime. This man-  
date of the Constitution the court up-  
holds as applicable to the Filipinos, but  
the immemorial right to a jury trial by  
a person accused of crime is denied to  
the Filipinos in the other decision re-  
ferred to. Apparently the court re-  
gards freedom from retrial after acquit-  
tal as being of such fundamental im-  
portance that it must be granted on  
general principles, and did not make  
its ruling solely or at all on the au-  
thority of the Constitution.

Chicago Record-Herald.

There were intimations in a speech  
which Governor Taft delivered before  
his departure from Manila that a group  
of American residents in the Philip-  
pines was grossly offended in its sense  
of proprietorship. As the islands are  
now "ours" the representatives of this  
group felt that it devolved upon them  
to come into their own and they were  
pained and outraged at the nauseating  
sentimentality of those who talked of  
the Philippines for the Filipinos.

BRIEFERY IN BUSINESS.

Springfield Republican.

One of the measures passed by the  
present Massachusetts legislature is at-  
tracting attention outside of the state.  
It is the one which provides that:  
"Whoever gives, offers or promises to  
an agent, employee or servant any gift  
or gratuity whatever with intent to  
influence his action in relation to his  
principal's, employer's or master's busi-  
ness, or any agent, employee or servant  
who receives or accepts a gift or gratuity  
or promise, under an agreement  
or with the understanding that he shall  
act in any particular manner in relation  
to his employer's business, shall be  
punished by a fine of not less than \$10  
nor more than \$500, or imprisonment for  
not longer than one year." It has been  
explained that the bill is aimed at the  
practice of provision supply houses in giv-  
ing gratuities to the purchasing agents  
of hotels, etc.; but it is obviously broad  
enough to cover the whole field of trade,  
and no one needs to be told that this  
field today is crowded with such prac-  
tices.

Chicago Public.

One of the well recognized arts of  
the modern salesman is to know how to  
"sweeten" a proposal so as to make  
it palatable to purchasers. He is not  
officially, and the business house which  
refuses to keep a "slush" fund for bribe-  
purposes of this kind must be con-  
sidered not only an ignorant, but a  
fool, but to lose much of what it already  
has. For the practice is misnamed when  
called bribery. It is really blackmail.  
That is to say, it is a universally attri-  
butable loss by far to salesmen whotempt with bribes than to buyers who  
intimidate with holdups.

Chicago Tribune.

The Massachusetts legislature has  
passed a bill to promote honesty among  
the employees of private individuals and  
corporations. A New York state sena-  
tor says: "I regret deeply to say that  
franchise grabbing is rampant in the  
state legislature." That is true of other  
states. As long as honest legislators  
cannot be elected, why try to reform  
cooks?

Washington Post.

It is just as insulting to the American  
intelligence as some of the famous blue  
laws which are still on the Massachu-  
setts statute books. There is no ques-  
tion but this system of petty grafting  
between stewards and merchants exists  
to a greater or less degree in all large  
cities, but it cannot be stopped by  
sumptuary legislation. The average  
American merchant knows how to dis-  
criminate between honest and dishonest  
employees, just as the average Ameri-  
can housewife soon discovers the dis-  
honest domestic, and it would be hu-  
miliating to confess that this were not  
true. The business man who is not able  
to make this distinction between em-  
ployees will not make a success in trade,  
no matter how many fool laws of the  
kind proposed may be passed for his  
protection. That such a measure could  
have been seriously considered and adopt-  
ed by the legislature of the state is  
not complimentary to the intelligence of  
that body.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In What to Eat, for June, the house-  
keeper will find a great number of  
valuable hints and suggestions. Among  
the subjects to which space is given  
are these: "Dietetic Health Hints—  
Forbidden Fruits," "Was it Mullet?"  
"The International Cafe," "The Nat-  
ural Oil in Foods," "Illustrated Dishes,"  
"For Menu Cards," "The Hygiene of  
Contentment," "Reasonable Dishes for  
June," "Three Delicious Summer Sal-  
ads," "Some June Entertainments,"  
and so on.—Pierce Pub. Co., Chicago, Ill.The Delinquent for July is already  
at hand, with its many useful articles  
and illustrations. The list of the con-  
tents we notice: "Fashions in New  
York," "The Fashions of London,"  
"Dress and Gossip of Paris," "Sum-  
mer Styles," "Home-Building and Home-  
Making," "Stories and Fables for  
Children," "Needlework," "Flowers  
Made from Ribbon," "Childhood," "The  
Kitchen," "Poisonous Plants," etc.  
There are also many short stories and  
continued stories. The cover design  
is very artistic, and the frontispiece  
represents a summer garden party.—  
The Butterick Publishing Co., New York.Business Woman's Magazine for  
June presents, on the cover, a portrait  
of Mrs. May Wright Sewell, president  
of the International Council of Wom-  
en. It has a number of interesting  
illustrated articles. Among these are:  
"California," W. J. Wise; "Some Re-  
flections Regarding the Science of  
Evolution," Ezra Palmer; "What Women Are  
Doing Today," Linda Lee, and "The  
Indian Girl," Ora V. Edelman. The de-  
sign on the cover is a beautiful one,  
filled with good things.—Denver, Colo.In System for May the following  
topics are treated on: "The Co-opera-  
tive Systems of Business," Hon. Wil-  
liam E. Mason; "A City Underneath a  
City," H. I. Cleveland; "Business Cen-  
ters of Great American Cities, I, Chi-  
cago," Jones; "Organizing a Factory,"  
C. E. Woods; C. E. M. "How Fac-  
tory Costs Are Found," Norton W.  
Charles; "System in Shipping,"  
Charles P. Kellogg; "Organizing an Ad-  
vertising Department," Helen  
Shaw; "The Handling of Subscrip-  
tions," Ernest A. Holz; "A Vertical File  
for Charts," J. F. Backus; "The  
Management of Real Estate," Robert  
C. Mallette, and many others.—Chicago,  
Illinois.The possibility that Port Arthur may  
be bombarded from a balloon is opened  
by the disclosure that the prohibition  
against this kind of warfare among the  
nations agreed upon at The Hague  
tribunal will expire in July. In the  
current issue of Leslie's Weekly the  
front page is a striking drawing, show-  
ing the bombardment of Port Arthur  
from a balloon. Other illustrations of  
particular note include photographs of  
the intercollegiate championship meet  
in Philadelphia; the Baltimore horse  
show; the great chess contest at Cam-  
bridge Springs; Secretary Hay confer-  
ring with the Japanese minister; and  
features of the St. Louis exposition. It  
is a fine number.—New York.The June American Boy is replete  
with matter of interest to wide awake  
boys. There are scores of articles long  
and short appealing directly to Ameri-  
can youth. Among the stories are:  
"The Organization of the Barryville  
Fire Brigade," "Riding the Bucking  
Broncos of the Sea," "The Rescue" and  
"The Ranch on the Pecos." Leading  
articles are "A Yankee boy who became  
the people's champion," "Famous  
Guides of Forest and Stream," "Miss  
Clara Barton," and others. There is  
also the beginning of a two-part story  
by Arthur F. Duffey. This is easily the  
best story on athletics that has ever  
appeared in The American Boy. This  
number also contains a splendid article  
on "The Advantages of Physical Train-  
ing for Boys" by Dr. George L. Meylan.  
The Sprague Publishing Company,  
Detroit, Mich.

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