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AS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

It gives the NEWS much pleasure to publish in the proceedings of the latest meeting of the Salt Lake City school board two official communications which effectually dispose of the baseless stories that in the selection of teachers there was discrimination against local and in favor of imported talent, and, by implication, that an important requisite for the success of an applicant was a church membership presumed to be acceptable to the city superintendent.

That such stories should ever have received the recognition that comes of publication in a newspaper, is no less a pain marred than is such newspaper's confession of their falsity a present joy. For, as to the former, there has never been a time when a few moments' investigation and inquiry would not have demolished either charge as completely as has now been done by the official action of the board—to the satisfaction, let us hope, of all who have entertained, welcomed or disseminated them.

For itself, the NEWS has never credited either rumor, nor given much heed to various other charges against school board, superintendent, principals or teachers, which from time to time have been brought to its attention from usually reliable sources, but which on investigation have been found to be exaggerations, misunderstandings and in some cases outright falsehoods. It hopes the present demonstration of the latter quality in the newsmonger review will be sufficient to set the public mind at rest, and restore full confidence in and satisfaction with the management of the public schools. Only in this spirit can the educational work of the community be successfully prosecuted. And while it would be a source of pride if all the teachers could be comprised within the definition of "home talent," we must bear in mind the point so excellently stated by the committee on teachers and school work: "Our first and highest duty is to the children rather than to the applicant for a position."

We are firmly convinced that the committee and the superintendent have leaned with quite as much generosity and consideration to "home talent" in the making of appointments, as could be expected or justified. And if the results of the competition have not been in all respects satisfactory to those whose applications had to be rejected, we apprehend that the fault is not with the officials. Before making further complaints as to unfair treatment, unsuccessful applicants or their friends ought to be sure that a public comparison of the examination papers would result in their triumph, not in their humiliation.

AN ENGAGEMENT AWAITED.

If the two sides in the Sharkfish controversy are really determined to fight, and nothing but fighting will satisfy them, why then, in the interest of news and of science let them get it quickly, make a complete job of it, and get through without any unnecessary delay or palaver. The relict admiral on his part seems to be willing to meet the government's navy half way in pursuance of this program, he has been to get out on the high seas and engage the vessel endeavoring to be hearing to the harbor of Rio. How severely his own ships may have been injured in their efforts to run the gauntlet of the shore forts and batteries can only be surmised but if he has escaped without mortal loss, and shall really come to a passage at arms with the newly-patched American vessel, the NEWS says, there ought to be a holiday sight with much useful information for the promoters and participants in future naval wagers.

The questions to be settled by the conflict, in this view of the case, are interesting. Foremost among them is as to the efficiency of the pneumatic dynamite gun—the Zalinski invention—and which has never yet been employed to a fight. It is supposed to be of immense destructive power to an opponent, but there is also a lingering fear that the element of danger is not confined to the enemy alone. Whether the new monster may not serve unmanageable, and whether the carrying of its fearful ammunition is not at the risk of complete annihilation—these are questions that, from the other standpoint, arouse interest. Then the conflict will be expected to solve much dispute as to the efficacy of an iron craft as compared with a wooden ship. The Nictheroy is one of the latter class, the Aquidaban, Admiral Mello's vessel, is armored. Furthermore, their maneuvering and fighting will not merely resort to showing which style of craft is the better for purposes of slaughter, and which class of ship can better give and receive punishment, but also which can run away the more cleverly and do the another "fire and fall back"—in the boastful, timid, clumsy and vindictive defeat of the other.

On all these matters the forthcoming trial of continuous craft ought to throw considerable light. No further explanation is needed of the impatience with which news from Brazil is awaited, and of the avidity with which each succeeding rumor from the seat of war is perused, commented upon and swallowed.

AS VIEWED BY A HINDOO.

Mr. Protchom Ban Telang is the name of a high-caste Hindoo from Bombay who attracted much attention during the World's Fair on account of the ethnic way in which he dissected cards, using only his finger nails as tools. He is at present in San Francisco, where he intends to remain during the Midwinter Fair.

Mr. Telang has just written a book which he calls, Impressions of the World's Fair and America in General. In this work, which is said to be very cleverly written, the author commends us what he has seen, since his arrival in this country. The San Francisco Chronicle gives a few extracts from the work. Some are highly colored with humor, but most of them the reader will find as just as they are striking. He says:

This is a civilized nation, and a man from the East has no right to criticise it. Half-naked, life-size pictures of women in all positions can be exhibited in the streets for a shopping. My servant can see half-naked on the stage. There is no shame in this. It is all modesty. Rich talent and gentlemen with very high notions of modesty and morality can go to the theater and enjoy the sight of a half-naked actress.

Of the innocence American he says: He is simple in manner, and has no guile in the backbone. He is generous and obliging, quite of perception to such humor, which he thinks very much. He is not dry and he reserves his remarks without being offended. Indeed marriage he is jolly and free, after marriage he looks thoughtful and sober. One can make out a married man from a bachelor by his expressive face. So it seems the best time of his life he enjoys is before marriage. He seems to envy the bachelors who are free and have no drawn well at home and abroad. Often have I marked a gentleman standing at the door when his spouse went into the shop and look out little at one. He carries her umbrella, overcoat and other necessary things, and guards the wheeled chairs in which he passed, or rather drew it, the lady sitting in.

Of the American woman he says: Her dress is most wonderful. In it you can see beauty, ornithology, zoology, geology, mineralogy and all others put together. If you stand in Midway Plaisance and look at the beauties of a group of ladies you will see a moving flower garden in full bloom with birds of all kinds, all dead, but one alive. After marriage she is more free than before. Here is a distinct contrast between the lady and gentleman. While the gentleman is a bachelor he is free and jolly like lady as a spinster (unmarried woman), after marriage she is free and has no cares. She is more proud of her country than the gentleman, but besides she knows much about it, but she has there is a greater freedom.

The distinguished Hindoo, notwithstanding his sarcasm, admires the American ladies very much, for he concludes by saying that their intelligence on almost every question, combined with their rare beauty, makes them "the handsomest of all God's handiwork."

PEOPLE WITH PECULIARITIES.

A great many persons, especially among the fair sex, have a strong inclination toward peculiarities in their wearing apparel. With some this inclination leads to efforts at dress reform which in many cases would be a marked improvement on prevailing fashions. In other instances the change sought seems to have little to commend it. The latest attempt at a remarkably peculiar nature of outrageous, or rather non-outrageous, fashion is that of Mrs. Aled, reported in the NEWS a few days since. It is said the lady is a resident of Salt Lake, if so, her residence here has been of brief duration. Her efforts in the line of dress reform were made at Coronado Beach, California, where the atmosphere at the present season of the year is less wintry than in this climate, and therefore more suitable to going bareheaded. The lady is no doubt impelled by a worthy motive in her peculiarity, and she certainly has reason to feel defeated at the growing conviction given to the contrary by the attractive appearance "of wifedom gown and men that sees." The fact that the necessity of poverty did not require her to dispense with bonnet and shoes. But its influence on the gambling writers, for such is the order of men which we claim with fashionable of men which usually accompany the necessity of going barefoot in the crowded office of civilized societies is far from being attractive.

There is in Tennessee a young lady who sometimes very considerably startling the amount of her attire. She doesn't work, as some young women do, to wear the trousers figuratively, but to do so in fact. She was dressed in this costume by the effect of two clothing for a year. A letter in Chattanooga, Mr. Williams, read of an answer who was remarkable for the attractiveness of San Jose, Cal., to wear man's clothing on the street this summer, and he answered doubt any lady in Tennessee would get permission to wear male attire the world be disturbed by the firm with clothing for a year. The next day a well-dressed woman called and learning the conditions started to secure the required permission. The press department reported this to the mayor who acted by the tailoring establishment to the extent of withholding from the lady permission to wear masculine trousers for a year.

An original peculiarity is, however, reported from Maine. It is a man that dress particular and yet the same time conceived in his own dignity as a person of morality and intelligence. He is Commander James Hudson, of the lately post G. A. R., Cooper's Mills, Lincoln county, Maine. He is a prominent man of the town, and when he goes down street in the mail and to do his marketing he slips on his accustomed peculiarities. This fact is probably what prevents him from being publicly commentated as a crank. For when he goes out he always wears a woman's N., a dress, with high heels and graceful, slender shape. He is about 160 pounds in weight, and the effect produced by these dress peeping out from beneath manly trouser legs is said to be startling, at least to the inexperienced observer. The gentleman does not blush or bridle, and his dress seem to fit him pretty well.

Mr. Hudson reserves his peculiarity for the quietly of the home circle, his friends to the garden or visits to his friends friends. He says he enjoys wearing them, and does so admirably. Every detail of feminine attire is there, and Mr. Hudson is so fussy about their arrangement as a lady can be. In fact it is said there is no woman in Cooper's Mills who owns so many dresses of such excellent material as does the commander of the G. A. R. post there.

There is no question that certain modifications in attire, particularly in the dire that some fashion impose upon the gentler sex, would greatly add to the health, comfort and comfortness of those who wear it, and such modification should be met by warm commendation until a garb is more comfortable and attractive is secured. But the efforts at radical changes as in the instances cited, instead of aiding dress reform are really its greatest enemies, because they reduce suggestions of change to an absurdity in the eyes of thinking people. Such extremes hardly can be said to be characteristic of persons whose minds are evenly balanced by a tendency to "be temperate in all things."

TEACHERS' CONGRESS.

Tuesday, March 14, 1894, has been selected as the day for a school teachers' congress in connection with the Midwinter Fair in San Francisco. Invitations to attend are to be sent to educators in all the cities and towns of the West, and a large attendance of the pedagogues is hoped for.

The program for the occasion has not been definitely determined on as yet, though the promoters of the scheme have decided that the exercises shall be of a combined literary and musical character, intended to be alike pleasing and instructive. Among those who are to receive invitations to address the congress are W. T. Harris, United States commissioner of education in Washington, President Hilgard, of the California university, and President Jordan, of the Leland Stanford university, who are to speak on selected topics, and Professors Earl and Barows, of the California and Stanford universities, who are to deliver addresses upon the science and art of teaching. In addition to this, it is to be arranged that sessions will be held in different halls for the purpose of consultation, and where the members of the congress can listen to lectures and witness demonstrations, etc., upon the studies and methods in use in the several departments of the common schools and universities. An orchestra of school children for the musical exercises will be provided by the state. It is hoped that much good may be done among the teachers of the Pacific coast by such meetings as are proposed for the congress.

CEASED PUBLICATION.

Another Utah journal has gone to the wall, and now rejoices with the "great majority." It is the Salt Lake Journal of Commerce, which for six years has been issued monthly by H. L. A. Culmer, who has been both editor and proprietor. The cause of the cessation is the never-failing expression, and as Mr. Culmer frankly said to a reporter, "I owe than anyone else, to run a paper that no one wants, which is financial support kill every the good life in humanity."

The Journal has done a great deal of good work for Utah during its existence, in giving a compendium of facts relating to the material resources of the Territory and disseminating this information in the eastern states of the country. In the issue of November, December, which is the closing issue, the editor says:

As long as the Journal was supported by our business men we continued to publish it, but the time has come when Utah ought to stand more on Journal and support its industries. We are not believers in there is much to do in Utah. The time is ripe for a change, but there seems a lack of enterprise.

Later when both the publisher and the editor, under [illegible] circumstances, had [illegible] that they had [illegible] all that can be expected of them, and, [illegible] their time and talents were [illegible] where they can [illegible] more appreciation. In this [illegible] we extend our sincere thanks to all who have contributed and to our way to the success of The Journal of Commerce. We feel that it would be better for the business community if such a publication at this time could be suspended, and we sincerely trust that the business men and firms will be taken up the responsibility for the good of the country, and that the public will know so much more concerning the resources of the country, and so far that we will not warrant in continuing them for into the future.

CALLED UPON to decide whether a rope could be considered a deadly weapon, a Delaware judge ruled in the negative. And yet the average barber's razor that he's chary enough to cut a throat is still capable of inflicting death by stropping the victim alive.

A NEW YORK [illegible] claimed that W. B. Vanderbilt plays poker. It is about another [illegible] that that isn't the way [illegible] Vanderbilts [illegible] money. One of the usual ways [illegible] the Vanderbilts [illegible] poker.

IN THE [illegible] divorcees, we [illegible] Christmas, New Year's, and the meeting of the Utah Legislature. The latter is expected to spend a good deal of its time fighting for harmony.

THE EXPERIENCE of American girls who marry European princes is in the majority of cases not what they might have expected—it would be cruel to say it is just what they deserve.

A FIRMLY young woman of Indiana, not yet 22 years old, has been already married and divorced four times.

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