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upon the state.

homestead and of the state capitol

homestead and of the state capito, where the commander in chief of the militia had his headquarters. Noth-ing in the Governor's own account of that incident, nor in his story of the earlier lynching, satisfactorily explains why all the local authorities and the regiments of solidiers, including cavalry, measurements in successful outcave

EVILS OF OVERSTATEMENT.

Christian Registor.

In theological matters it is never de-drable, and is not now fashionable, to is for the glory of God. But a habit of exaggerating the evils which affilet ociety is still to be noted, and it is o be deplored, because when detected or any odynastic of stitus it desirors

to be deplored, because when detected in any advocate of virtue it destroys his influence. Understatement is al-ways more effective than overstate-ment. When one is trying to con-vince others that the evils which afflict society are enormous, they scrutilize his statements. If they can detect him in one evicent theorem, over

ment or miss atement, they at once &

ness and pay no more attention to what he says. False in one thing, false in everything, they say. In this way recepte are prejudiced against those who are pleading the cause of the poor and the unfortunate. Nothing has done more to retard the spreading of the truth concerning the influence of alcohol than the attempt to make it responsible for all the poverty and welcedness of society.

STAGGERING LOSSES BY FIRE.

New York Globe.

The totals of fire loss in this country may signify little to the average mind, but the comparative figures should

cisco fire of 1906 are included in it. And yet if these two fires, represent-ing about \$350,000,000, were deducted from the total fire loss of the country

r the five years—which is estimate \$1,257,716,955—the total would be re

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duced but little over a fourth. And the American per capita loss would re-main about six and one-half times larger than the European. What is to

JUST FOR FUN.

Rogers-There's Gregg over there.

I'd like to catch his eye. Randall—Well, here! Take my um-brella.—Harper's Weekly.

Little Loren had watched the rain

our down all day. Finally, when the louds began to break away, he said: Mamma, do you suppose those clouds

will ever be fit to use again?"-The De-

"Maw, what's paw doin' down in the

basement? Patching up the ice box?" "No, dear; he's putting new wire gauze in the screen doors."

"How do you know?" "By the language he is using, dear."-Chicago Tribune.

During the recent uprising in the south of France the minister of the in-terior telographed to the chief of police in a southern town, "Arrest the riot-ers. What are you waiting for?" Back came the succinct reply: "I am wait-ing until they let me go."—The Circle.

Pupil (reading)-And his body was

boiled."-Manchester Union.

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BIGOTRY

Religion in politics is in evidence in the attacks made upon the Republican candidate for the Presidency on account of his alleged theological views. A short time ago the Pentecostal Herald contained an editoria! objecting to Mr. Taft on the ground that he is said to be a Unitarian. The editorial was afterwards circulated in envelopes bearing the Louisville post mark.

Then we hear of some Methodists in Nebraska joining in the atlack upon Mr. Taft. Mr. Tobey, former private secretary to Senator Buckett, told the New York Sun that a number of Methodist preachers had asserted that "no good Methodist can vote for a man who openly declares he does not be-Heve in the divinity of Christ." Mr. Tobey said: "I did not meet a single preacher that was not against Taft because of his being a Unitarian."

With the New York Evening Post we belive that this movement is of no great importance, though it revents the smallness of soul and the ignorance of American principles of government, on the part of the citizens who permit agitators to influence them by appealing to their religious views, for political purposes. If necessary, all party managers and candidates for high offices could unite in denouncing and counteracting such an un-American agitation. A nation that is proud of Jefferson and honors Lincoln as one of the saviors of the Union cannot, consistently, bar from high offices the citizens whose views on the Trinity are not orthodox. The Constitution guarantees freedom of worship. If this freedom is to be abridged by the erection of arbitrary obstacles in the name of religion, the Constitution may as well be torn up and the pieces scattered to the four winds. Jesus of Nazareth Himself would be the first to denounce the bigotry that masquarades in the disguise of religious zeal.

If we had been inclined to believe that Utah and Idaho are the only states in which political ambition resorts to the stirring up of religious haired, for political purposes, the agitation against one of America's most prominent citizen because he is a Unitarian is calculated to correct this impression. There are bigots in other states too. But is it not time that all enlightened citizens unite in a strong effort to elminate from the field of pol itical discussion everywhere all antichurchism, be it anti-Unitarianism, anti-Catholicism, anti-Semitism, or anti-'Mormonism?" Let the churches their own battles, if fight they must contrary to the spirit of Christianity But do not let them make the ballotbox the center of religious controversy Religious questions no more belong to politics than do questions relating to the cut of the clothes or the color of the hair. We are pleased to notice that this bigotry is by no means general among the members of Christian denominations. In the Homiletic Review for September, several strong protests are entered against it. In the August number of that magazine one Rev. H. D. Boyer assailed the religious views of the Candidate. A correspondent writing over the nom de plume "Peter Orthodox," replies: "Several millions of orthodox Chris-tians will probably vote for Mr. Taft, because they believe him to be a true Christian man. Very few of them agree with any Unitarianism that he may happen to hold, but only now and then a man who should have been born then a man who should have been horn two hundred years ago will conclude (and prove it by misapplied texts) that a man's views on the Trinity should disqualify him for the Presidency of a mation that has honored Jefferson, who was a freethinker, and Lincoln, who belonged to no church at all. I am a triffe discouraged at the condition of our present day Christianity when I read such a letter as Mr. Boyer's signed in evident sincerity. 'Yours for Christ in evident sincerity, 'Yours for Christ and His Service.' I much rear that sort of service will be a long time in bring-ing in His kingdom."

and as they have not because individaffairs. They will find a hearty response among all whose moral vision ual interest, careless of the general has not been darkened by pharisaical pride and hypocritey.

WHO PAYS THE TAXES?

tection there are now thousands of them We have noticed, in these columns, on the headwaters of the Provo, the the efforts that are now being made in Spanish Fork, and Hobble Creek, which New York for reform in the municipal would be eagerly sought by saw mill edministration, owing to the exorbitant owners. Come a few more growing taxes exacted there and the consequent seasons, and saw mill men may safely higher cost of living. The taxpayers of be given a selection of trees, one here many other citles, including Salt Lake where they are too thick, another nearmight follow the example of New York, by that is matured to the point of full in this respect, to advantage. Bad city growth and old age, and perhaps an government, dishonesty in the financial other that grows where it is not needed

management of public funds, and disregard for the laws and ordinances that are framed for the suppression, or regulation, of vice are the greatest imaginable obstacles to healthy growth and rapid advancement.

give them to the public in such form

that they can be understood. It is

the purpose of this organization, co-

operating with the Bureau of Municipal

Research, and with the assistance of

experts, to make a thorough analysis

A better understanding by the citi-

of the community in which they live,

would make them more vigilant when

extravagant and incompetent council-

men arc in charge. But there is es-

pecially one point on which the tax-

payers should be enlightened, and that

is the real source from which taxes, it

may say that real estate, as in New

York, pays ninety per cent of the tax-

es. But that is only a partial explana-

tion. The owner of the real estate col-

lects his taxes from his tenants. The

tenant, if a storekeeper, makes his cus-

tomers pay his taxes; if a manufac-

turer and employer, he makes his busi-

ness pay the additional bill. In the

last analysis the tax is assessed upon

the entire community, and the man

with the least opportunity to collect

his tax from some other person-that

is, the consumer ultimately pays the

bill. And if the consumer is a work-

ingman with small wages, it is easy to

see that the tax-rate that is of little

consequence to the capitalist, is a

The latter may be surprised at the ra-

pidity with which his week's wages

melt away, but if he would stop to

consider that he pays, not only for the

food and clothing and other neces-

saries of life but the greatest part of

the cost of government, including in-

terest on debt, the maintenance of ar-

mies and navies, etc., etc., and then,

the commission of middlemen and

not infrequently, the bribes that

dishonest contractors pay equally dis-

honest city officials, and all manner

of graft, he cannot be surprised that

wages never seem to cover the cost of

A great many citizens seem to be

lieve that their only duty is to vote

for candidates turned out by the re-

spective machines. Some even sell their votes, ignorant of the fact that

confer upon a plunderbund the right

to rob them of their earnings, in the

form of graft." If the taxpayers and la-

heavy

living.

burden upon the workingman.

the last instance, are derived.

If the city's needs.

seeking single loads of wood for their own ranches, and the free passage of In New York, as stated in these colvisitors and campers over the reserve umns, a Taxpayers' conference has indicates the liberal manner of govbeen organized, representing more than ernment control, and the uniform infifty associations of real estate owners, telligence of its administration. as well as many individuals, and it is

form,

Utah should be keenly appreciative new seeking to discover why tax bills of the forest service. None, of its are so large. Comptroller Metz has phases deserve the condemnation been requested to have the estimates sometimes bestowed upon it by suof the various departments printed imperficial critics. mediately upon their receipt, and to

welfare, was allowed full swing.

To the critics of the government for-

est zervice the trees themselves are

their own best answer. Without pro-

to keep the forest in its general good

Sheep feeding in great flocks in the

Strawberry bottom lands, farmers

Could Mr. Taft ride a cockhorse to Banbury Cross?

In these race riots the negroes genrally outrun the whites.

Better late than never. Mr. Kern has been notified of his nomination.

the national board of fire inderwriters show that the average fire loss per cap-ita in the United States for the last five years was \$3.02, against 33 cents for six European countries, including France, Germany and Austria. If may be objected perhans that is is unfair to zens generally of the financial affairs Often patience is nothing but laziness; then it ceases to be a virtue. be objected perhaps that it is unfair to select this particular period for pur-poses of comparion, since both the Baltimore fire of 1904 and the San Fran-

It is a poor specimen of a boy who cannot take his own part-of a pie,

"Tricks in all trades but ours," says the "greatest trick mule in the world."

'My spear knows no brother, Abd-el-Aziz is Abd-el-Az Waz," says Mulai Hafid.

It isn't the man who is as "steady blame for this great disparity? Are we so much more careless than Euro-peans? Are European building codes fire departments and water supplies from six and a half to ten times better than those found in the United States? as clock work" that a girl wants for her "steady."

If Prosperity will only exceed the speed limit on the return no arrests will follow.

There are many things that a man annot live down, but his income is not one of them.

The city of Dublin has just made Mr. Richard Croker a burgess. New York made him a boss.

All over the country, "Old home week" should be made to coincide with election week.

As parties must have the "sinews of war," why not make the bank note the campaign note?

That Yellowstone Park lone highwayman proceeded on the theory that all the world's a stage.

War is to be waged on the larkspur. The warriors will have to be up with the lark to eatch them.

Wilbur Wright, the aeronaut, is suffering from an attack of fever. He is said to be quite "flighty." "Gossip is suicide," says an ex-

when they are so doing they really change. Bah! Gossip is the very breath and life of society.

Seven coaches held up in Yellow-

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nished on a moment's notice.

A Fresbyterian pastor has this to 将被龙:

'This is a late day for the injection of a deetrinal discussion into a political campaign in the United States-the hand of moral liberty, ecclesiastical in-dependence, creedal tolerance, mental techprocity, and bretherly love. An in-vestigation of the religious beliets of our early Presidents would probably reveal adherence by some of them to the creed which is understood to be during the sound probably reveal adherence by some of them to the creed which is understood to be during the sound probably reveal adherence by some of them to the creed which is understood to be during the sound probably reveal adherence by some of them to the creed which is understood to be during the sound the sound the sound the maximum to a creed which denies the personality of the Holy Spirit, but had been a preacher of that creed in his young manhood. The present chaptain of the Senate is the foromost product and exponent of Mr. Taff's creed, and at least one member of the Cabinet is in thorough sympathy with the denial of Christ's divinity. Fone of these ment sema to have done the country much at least one sound the country much at least one source the country much at least one source the country much sema to have done the country much at least one source the source much senates. "It we orthodox church people are to

damage, 'If we orthodox church people are to put any kind of a ban on these of Mr. Taft's way of believing, let us begin at the proper point -the ecclestatical hau; lat the proper point - the sociestastical bati-let us cense to sing the words of Mrs. Sarab Flower Adams, Nearcr. My God, to Thee,' and cut out of our worship the hymns of Rev. Samuel Longfellow. Then let us proceed to the itterary bat and demand the excition from our li-bratics and our schools of Henry. Wadsworth Longfellow, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and all others whose words are inspiring, whose lives were fine, but whose theology was awry. These ac-complishments will be excellent prepar-ation for a return to the ways of the phymouth colony in the days of Roger Williams."

These are words of truth very much needed in an age when bigotry is try-

could be made to realize what recklessness, extravagance and corruption in city government cost them. they would rise in their might and de. mand reform in no uncertain language.

"BUILD NOW."

According to circulars sent out by the American Lumberman, builders and contractors all over the country claim that the cost of building at present ranges from 10 to 25 per cent below the cost last year. The inference is that this is an opportune time for all who desire to build, to start. All classes of buildings, we are assured, can be put up much cheaper now than at any time within the last five years. Those to whom employment is given will do

more and botter work for the same wages or for less pay than was demanded last year, Material of all kinds can be supplied promptly, and promptness on the part of material pcople in delivering what is required has much to do with determining the final cost of a structure.

If the reports are correct, investors should take advantage of the situation and provide work for idle hands as well as save money for themselves There is no reason to believe that the present conditions will last very long. Activity will return. Homes will be needed, and the future should be wise anticipated. "Build now1" is the advice of the American Lumberman.

AN ANSWER OF THE TREES.

The City dweller who is overticed with his office cares, should take a lit tle vacation trip into either Wasate or Utah counties, ending at the sum mit of the Great Basia divide where he may look at the waters finding their way through the Strawberry valley to. wards the Colorado river, and those forcing a route into the Utab Like drainage from an opposite side of the same ridge.

But it is not at the waters especially we would have the vacationist hose. but at the young frees everywhere shooting up in the hopeful vigor youth from the desoluted wast- who the forests that were before them have fallen away under the edge of the cleme

per's axe. There is something face's up on the vistus of these young those just a there is in the notices postel on th larger ones, wathing the cumpor, ()builders of fires, and the priseson destroyer that he who interprets with a growing true interferes with the cational government, whose power he retaliate is extensive, and sure to hit the mark. Wards of the government, the trees sing their penceful sours in the Wasatch winds with a sense of security in which abyons seeing them cannot

help but participate. The culldren of the present generation are going to know forested mouning to gain the ascendency in public loan sides, just as their fathers did, in a stone throw of Abraham Lincoln's

stone Park. The spirit of the wild and woolly west still lives. These days prosecuting attorneys are after the railroads. There was a time

when they were after the passes Sometimes it is difficult to distinguish between character and temper. When you can't, leave the man



Mr. Fitzgerald, late assorting teller in the U.S. sub-treasury at Chicago, is charged with larceny as ballee of \$175,000. A ballee for higher,

Responsibility for the Yellowstone Park stage robbery rests with the Park authorities. They neglected to seal the gun of the lone highwayman before he entered the Park.

Secretary Garfield promises "a square deal" in the division of interstate streams for irrigation purposes. If he arries out his promise, it will be about the first time in history that a water deal was on the square."

"What has become of the old-fashioned mun who called a young man of whom he didn't approve, 'Jackanapes"' asks the Atchison Globe. Probably he became Jackanapes' father-in-law long years ago,

The California Fish company of Los Augulas and San Pedro have adopted unique method of advertising their alifornia Bardines and Tuna of bleb this year's pack is said to equal .500,000 cans. They offer to mall five ouvenir colored post cards free to anyone who will write for them.

A New York disputch says that a vireless telephone survice is to be astablished on the rower of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company's building, and that the promoter declares his bollef that eventually it will be possible to communicate by speech from the lafty nile in Madison Square to the top of the Eiffel Tower

DENEEN FOUND WANTING.

New York Press.

Governor Deneen's personal com-stand of the law and order forces in the Springfield riots possibly prevented elaughter and pillage compared to which what has happened would seem othing. Eest of his measures, for othing, the must have some could not which which less of his measures, for bothing. Best of his measures, for which he must have some credit, was the quartering of the colored colony in camp under the guns and havenets of the tate troops. But the Governor dealt with its mob in the spirit of con-addration and compromise, and this was a mistake against which experi-once should have warned him. One of was a mistake against which One of snce should have warned him. One of its results was the sickening scene where a negro was lynched, allke with-



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