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AS TO THE "NEWS" POLICY.

In an alleged report of the proceedings at a meeting of members of the car men's union, the local perverter of facts represents one of the speakers as referring to an editorial in the "News" of Tuesday, as follows: stand in favor of branding that as a dirty lie. They never were ready to arbitrate at any stage of the game."

Is that true? On Saturday afternoon, after the conference with the Mayor, Mr. Bancroft made the following statement, published Sunday morning: "The company stands exactly on the proposal made originally to arbitrate the wage question, agree to make the award effective for one or two years, as the men may choose, and protect every man concerned in the present agitation from any discrimination because of his activity. That has been our position right along." In the same statement he said: "The men themselves, through their committee which conferred with me, said they had no grievances now except the wage scale. We offer to arbitrate that."

Those who, possibly, are not aware of the attitude of the company should read the statement from which the sentences quoted are taken. We based our opinion that the wage question could have been settled without a strike, on that statement,

As for the rest of the article to which exception is said to have been taken, it compliments the men because of the moderation of their demands and their exemplary conduct during the controversy, and pays a well deserved tribute to the intelligence of the laborers of this city generally. We upheld the men through the strike, by giving voice to the public sentiment in favor of higher wages and by warning them against thoughtless acts by which public sympathy would surely have been forfelted. Are the boys quite sure that the influence of the "News" did not materially aid them in the speedy accomplishment of their purposes?

We also strongly condemned the studied indifference of the police at a time when a mob threatened to take matters in hand. That the situation was grave is proved by the fact that Mr. P. L. Williams found it necessary to call upon the Mayor and Chief of Police and tell them in no uncertain language what the emergency demanded of them. But, at no time did the "News" intimate that the street car men were responsible for the disorderly conduct of the mob. In what, then, lice. If department revenues are to fall off at the rate of over forty thouvertised. sand dollars a year, with the force as it is at present constituted, and if the town. men now in it can prevent the proper execution of the law, now much more difficult would it not be with an augmented strength of the same kind, to secure justice being done in the event of wholesale riots or trouble? From any more pollcemen of the sort we not

have, may the Fates save us!

CHINESE MISSIONS.

ceived. They were generally called

The meddling of missionaries with

the political affairs of the empire, and

of view to assert China's right to gov-

ern its own affairs, without foreign

by the Chinese themselves. We are

told that the medical missionary

treats about from 5,000 to 15,000

cases a year. The educational work

has also proved a great blessing to

a significant fact that contact with

so-called Christian nations has awak-

ened the entire empire from a dream

of perpetual peace to military activity

that will ultimately make the Chinese

nation one of the formidable warrior

nations on earth. It does not appear

that the emissaries who have gone to

that part of the world as the bearers

of a message of love from the Prince

of peace, have occasion to rejoice at

the influence they have exerted in that

ADVERTISING CRIME.

direction.

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apidly approaching.

Last Sunday, April 28, the onestreet car looks like a triumphal car hundredth anniversary of the estabto the pedestrian lishment of Protestant missions in "hina was observed in the churches It was a saturnalla while it lasted, interested. The missionaries claim to have accomplished a great work in the so-called celestial empire. The Methodists count a membership of 22,000, and the other churches about 06.000, but that is only a total of much less than 100,000 for a century

of missionary effort, The statement is made by compe tent authority that more has been accomplished during the last ten years

The weather bureau is entitled to a than during the previous 90. It is ouly lately that the better classes of vote of thanks for scheduling good the population have been reached. weather during the strike.

> choice lot, so much time and pains are being expended in selecting it. Not the limitation of armament but

> be discussed by the Salt Lake peace congress.

"Who is the greatest living American?" asks the Rochester Post-Express. That's dead casy. Uncle Sam, of course

If street car companies and their employes will consent to be guided by Roberts' rules of order they will have no trouble

"I have nothing to ask of the American people. All I ask is a chance to pay back the debt I owe to them." says Colonel Bryan.

fles the old saying that they who dig pits for others shall themselves fall into them.

A Spanish soothsayer has predicted that the royal babe of Spain will be a princess. And if it isn't a princess it will be a prince, unless it should be twins.

Lear.

Not long ago a Chicago judge, presiding at a murder trial, ordered all children from the room and announced that in the future no minors would be ad-National Convention. mitted. In laying down this rule, the judge said: "They come here to feed their minds on the sensational details, GOOD MUSIC AND BAD. and it is a bad kind of mental food for

Arthur Symons in the London Sat-urday Review,

judge is that nothing in music is good because it is old, or demode because it is old, or original because it is mod-ern, not a flute-note in the "Zauber-flote" has been drowned by the thun-ders of the orchestra of the "Ring." and if any one tells me, as people still sometimes do, that he only cares in music for Wagner, I have a strong suspicion that he does not care for nusic at all.

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only it took place Sunday and Monday instead of Saturday. Secretary Garfield says that college graduates are imbued with cynicism. Doesn't he mean football? "This is McGregor's heath," says the McGregor of Ohio, but who the Mc-Gregor is is hard to say. Formerly the work was confined al most exclusively to the poorer classes, The Ruef jury should be a very and it was a matter of common knowledge that a large per cent of converts came to the churches exclusively for the temporal benfits re-

rebuilt first?

third time.

the limitation of egg-throwing should

subsequent interference by home governments, has been a source of constant annoyance to the Chinese government. This will cease, we presume, only when the Pekin authorities are strong enough, from a military point

meddling. And that time seems to be

The most important result of the missions in China is, we believe, the introduction to that country of western medical and educational methods. These are now very much appreciated

> A contractor running into one of his own trenches with an automobile veri-

the nation. These facts the educated patives willingly admit. It is only since the advent of the missionary that the people have become acquainted with geography, history, and nature. Whether they have been benefited morally, is a different question. It is

"If the Panama canal is not completed within eight years, I shall be greatly disappointed," says Secretary of War Taft. Every American hopes that he will not be disappointed.

"A New York man has been adjudged insane because he insisted on quoting Shakespeare when he might have talked business," says an exchange. He probably quoted Hamlet and King

The Cubans will not be put in control of the government of their island before September. 1908, according to Secretary Taft. The date for this event might be made the twenty-first of that month to make it synchronize with the assembling of the French

immature minds." The wisdom of this will be admitted What is not always understood by the enthusiasts who listen and do not by all. A court room, where the sick-

crowded as long as crime is freely ad-All is fair in love, war and James-Will San Francisco be reformed or

has the "News" offended, except in speaking the truth, and counseling to harmony between all interests concerned?

DEFENDING THE POLICE.

Realizing the humiliating and disgraceful spectacle of the city police standing idly and unconcernedly by while acts of violence were being committed in their presence upon person and property, the organ which rushed to the defense of the gang in the Mc-Whirter robbery, has again taken up the cudgels in behalf of the former.

No matter whether the department's misdeeds are by way of offense or defense, its championship is the same. It is clearly a case of stand or fall together. One is as deep in the mud as the other is in the mire. If the police permit the saloons to do business on Sunday the organ declares they do nothing of the kind. When gambling becomes flagrant it pulls a long face and says the game stopped long ago. When petty crooks and police unite, when bunco sharps fleece strangers of sums of money ranging from ten dollars to ten thousand dollars, when strikes occur, when riot prevails, when individuals are assaulted and property destroyed, it is ever on the side of the lawless, indulging in brainstorm defenses of whatever wrong is committed. It is altogether a thug journal. From that fact there is no way of escape. Its own columns furnish the proof every day. What a disgusting show it makes of itself in attempting to defend the infamy of George Sheets and his followers! We admit that they need a defender in this case. Their conduct in a crucial moment was such as might have been expected in St. Petersburg or Warsaw but not in Salt Lake, and foreshadows the seriousness of the situation the community would be in, should grave danger arise. Enforcement of law, it is quite clear, would have to come from other sources. It is certain the police could not be depended upon.

The only time they aroused themselves to affirmative action in the recent crisis was when a thoughtless hoy threw an egg into one of the winking eyes of an officer. Then there was a mighty call for help. That deed must be avenged if it took all of the majesty and machinery of the law to do it. And what a response there was from the bluecoats to the commands of their chief in this case! The boy was run down all right, but the bruisers who beat faithful employes of the company almost to death. and who were taken away with broken bodies and bleeding wounds, were not interfered with, except in those instances where the sheriff's deputies. made arrests. And in the face of all

ening details of crime necessarily must be recounted, in the interest of justice, is no place for children whose plastic minds are ready for any impression. They should be preserved, and as carefully guarded against stains as a sheet of paper upon which an author means to record the important results of bought, or research.

But, unfortunately, the closing of the ourt room does not carry with it the rotection from the depraving influence of the sensational newspaper, the low grade dime novel, or the crime-promoting exhibitions of "moving pictures." These constitute so many dangers to the youth, and even to grown up persons who are not masters over themrelves. Many newspapers make a speclaity of reporting murder trials and crimes of all descriptions, as sensationally as pen and ink can make them. It is a question whether parents and guardians have a proper appreciation of the moral danger that lurks under such exhibitions, in text or picture. Boys, it has been said truly, might crowd s court room every day in the year and not be in anything like the dangers of being corrupted morally that they are if they read each day any one of the vicious newspapers which are sold in the streets of nearly every city in the country, or, if they habitually gaze upon a certain class of vitascope exhibitions of julls and jail life. In these criminals are generally represented as

heroes, or their bideousness is concealed under some "funny" situations. Even the so-called "funny pages" are iften so conducted as to make deception and crime seem attractive. Yet, many well meaning people buy them habitually and carry them home to be read by the children. A writer in the Cosmos, published in

Patis, has recently paid some attention the subject of "advertising crime. As quoted in the Literary Digest, he ministains that:

"Hosts of individuals find in these journalistic tales the germs of criminal locas, which thrive in a properly pre-pared soil and await only the proper memont to sprout. It is be-yond doubt that acts of violence of all kinds are often suggested by pathetic ctories of similar acts read in the pa-pers. The example is contagious; the idea takes possession of a weak or de-pressed mind and becomes a soft of fa-tality against which it is impossible to strongle. When we peruse the rec-ards of criminal justice we must be deeply surprised at the preliminary in-struction acquired by murderers. These marderers, by reading the accounts of utils and of sensational crimes, have been initiated into the first idea of crime and instructed in the manner of compatiting it. Georget, who studied question long ago, said. 'I never this duration long ago, said 'I never heard of so many cases of homicidal havin before the journals began to re-hearse incessantly the details of the most recent affilirs in which this mala-dy figures. It would be say to inditiply examples of crimes whose suggestion came to their authors from realing newspaper stories."

These are self-evident and important

this, the organ is calling for more po- iruths. Courts will always be over-

RATTLESNAKE SEASON BEGINS.

Madras Pioneer Madras Pioneer. Rattlesnakes arc making an early appearance in this section, five large ones have already been fulled this year on Agency Plains. Three were killed by Cliff and Ray Jackson, two others by one of the Gard boys, last week. One killed by Ray Jackson had nine rattles and a button. Last year a number of rattlesnakes were killed upon the Plains, but very few were killed until much later in the year. They were more numerous about har-vest time, and as many as eight or ten were killed under one hay stack on several occasions. several occasions.

SECRETARY TAFT FOR CUBA?

Boston Herald. Secretary Taft has made such a hit in reconciling all the parties in Cuba -Liberals, Conservatives and Repub-icans-to his plan of delay in starting the new republic, that he would seem to be its logical candidate for Presi dent. It looks as if he might go h unantmously if he would consent to serve. But can we spare him?

HUGGED BY A BEAR

Reno Correspondence Sacramento Bee On entering a deserted mining tunnel about six miles north of this city, about six miles north of this city, George Hensler, a mining man of Reno, was surprised to find himself face to face with a huge brown bear. The bear was fighting mad and Hensler saw that he was in for it. He grabbed a kulfe from his belt and made a lunge at the bear, but Mr. Bruin grabbed him, and after giving him a bone-cracking hug threw him to the ground and rushed out of the tunnel. Hensler followed the bear, but lost no time bi hurrying to his horse, which was tied to a pine tree a few yords down the nountain side. He made record time to Reno, and, bleeding and with clothes torn, related the story to a number of

JUST FOR FUN. An Idiot's Logic.

It was a hot summer evening, and be minister proved on interminably, II, pausing to look around, he found verybody had gone to sleep but the everybody had gone to sleep but the village idiot. "Nobody." he exclaimed reproach-fully, "is listening to me but one poor idiot."

Idiot." The idiot immediately rose and said: "If I were not an idiot I should not be listening to you." and marched out of the building.—London Spectator. What May Happen.

After a while some presidential can-didate may discover the tariff and waka up to find himself nominated.

The Ingenius Militiaman. Little or nothing was known about

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