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**USE COMMON SENSE!**

The partial refunding of overpaid money for paying purposes to property owners on West Second and Third South streets, brings to the front some pertinent questions. Particulars of the entire subject were given in the Deseret Evening News last Saturday.

In the first place it is clear from the particulars then published, that the assessments for the paving of those parts of the city were excessive. There was no real need to put the property owners to so much trouble and expense as were involved in the demands made upon them. A number of them had to mortgage their homes in order to raise the money required by the city authorities, and some of them were unable to obtain the full sum of the assessment. A fair estimate would have rendered part of the inconvenience and loss unnecessary.

The city has paid back considerable amounts to persons who met the full demand, but these do not include the interest on the excess money borrowed for the purpose. The unfortunate who have paid more than the necessary sum, but could not reach the full amount assessed, are at present unable to recover what they have overpaid, because of a brilliant legal opinion, one of the sort for which the City Attorney is noted. He says, so it is announced, that until they pay up the full sum of the original but excessive assessment, they cannot receive back the amounts they have overpaid.

That may possibly be a construction of law, but it is certainly not an administration of justice. If A. has paid to the city a hundred dollars more than was actually due from him, he ought to have that excess refunded, just as surely as his neighbor B. who was able to pay the full sum assessed. If not, why not? The blunder was not his, why should he be required to borrow money to reach the full extent of the city's erroneous estimate, and then still greater amount in excess was expended, in order to have the excess already extorted?

Why ought to take up May, soon as the members 1,000 meet in regular session, either it out in a common Star, cost of the paving sold, 3,000, city, should be paid Butler-Libb, without forcing California, still more, or to New York, and recover 100 at 191; Sha at the city's Victor Consoli

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Dual citizens, and the as valiant military ca-

Carless, of his earthly ca-

briefly published in the

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aken fled some days before his de-

parture. It is sorrowful that his strug-

gle with death until his sons would

reach his bedside were not fully suc-

cessful. One of them did not arrive

until the strong and sturdy spirit had

left the frail tabernacle, brought down

from its wonted vigor by the ravages

of disease. Gen. Penrose has left a

splendid record as a soldier and a citi-

zen. The people here learned to love

him, and from the time he commanded

at the Post to the date of his retire-

ment, he figured before them as an offi-

cer and a gentleman, to be respected

and admired. No less so he appeared

when he laid by the trappings of war

and cast his lot with us here, as an ac-

tive and enterprising civilian. And

now he is gone, his place is vacant, we

shall see him no more on earth, and

violent opposition from the Mayor and a minority of the City Council.

"There are four forty-inch centrifugal pumps of the double section pattern, having a suction and discharge of 40 inches, in diameter. They stand 10 feet high and weigh, each, about 12 tons. They throw 60 cubic feet of water per second. To operate these pumps there are four 100-horse-power Westinghouse induction motors and three transformers of 170 K. V. each to transform the current from 15,000 volts to 500 volts. The motors weigh about 6,500 pounds each, and the transformers about 4,500 pounds each. The cost of the whole plant, land, foundations, buildings and the entire machinery and its installation was \$50,000."

**UNIVERSES MELTING.**

One of the latest conclusions based upon the strange qualities of the newly discovered metal, radium, is that the entire universe is disintegrating—melting as lumps of sugar in a cup of hot water. This is the suggestion made by Prof. Oliver Lodge, in a recent lecture. Not that the process is very rapid. In fact, it is so slow, as to defy the figures of the mathematician, as well as the imagination of the poet. But it is going on all the same.

Prof. Lodge's idea is that radium, and similar substances, are gradually disintegrating and falling into other, and ultimately into more stable forms of matter. But these are not stable, either. They, too, are disintegrating, but at a vastly slower rate of speed, "perhaps not more than a few hundred atoms changing and diffusing away each second." On this supposition it becomes evident that the systems of worlds that float in space are transitory, as terrestrial structures like the pyramids or as the mountains and the continents themselves are transitory; of all these things it may be said that in any given form they have their day and cease to be. But whereas geological and astronomical configurations pass through their phases in a time to be reckoned in millions of years, the active life of a solar system covering perhaps no very long period. It is probable that the changes we have begun to suspect in the foundation-stones of the universe, the more stable elemental atoms themselves, must require a period to be expressed only by millions of millions of centuries.

All this is, of course, interesting. And all the more so, because it is guessing about matters of which human beings necessarily are ignorant, at present, "scientific" discussion is very much like the dispute of blind men about colors and forms in a room.

The idea prevalent hitherto has been that the globes in space are condensing, instead of disintegrating. It has even been calculated how many millions of years the condensation would go on in a given planet, before it ended in "death." Surely, some eminent scientist will be able to explain the qualities of radium on the condensation theory. If the worlds are being slowly squeezed, like a lemon, something must surely "radiate" from them, as the juice from the lemon, the water from the sponge. But we venture no suggestion on this subject. The important fact, however, is that those who boast of the infallibility of science as against the alleged uncertainty of revelation, are finding themselves losing ground. In science, too, there is progress from light to light. New facts found upset old theories and systems, and finally the scientists themselves will be glad to listen to the suggestions of the inspired word. That was the case with Newton, and hosts of others, prominent in the world of science. That will always be the case with earnest seekers after truth, no matter in what field. For all truth has really its origin in one divine source.

**REVIVAL OF WALKING.**

Illustrated Sporting News thinks that pedestrianism as an exercise is about to be revived, and the event is hailed with joy. For there is, perhaps, no more healthy exercise. It is one that brings both physical and moral benefits. It is natural, and therefore beneficial.

The Sporting News says the present taste for walking commenced in England, this summer, where members of the London Stock Exchange took to walking and covered as many as thirty miles in a single jaunt. This awakened interest among the members of the Amateur Athletic association, and walking expeditions became popular. These pedestrian tours spread the enthusiasm, and walking clubs are now in existence in many English towns. At Manchester a pedestrian club has been organized on a strong basis, for the purpose of engaging in healthful country walks and other social outings.

We hope this fashion will spread. Years ago students and others, often spent their summer vacations in long tramps into the country, where they enjoyed the fragrance of the woods, the pure air of lake and mountain, and the hospitality of the farmers along the roads. They returned invigorated in mind and body, with a fund of experience and observation, to be had in no other way. But the time has become too swift for much natural exercises. The era of the bicycle and the automobile has relegated pedestrianism to the past. Even those who do not own an automobile generously give to the horse the exercise they so much need themselves.

The revival of pedestrianism promises to remedy this evil. An eastern exchange says ten ladies have started a walk of fifty miles around the east shore of Lake Winnebago. This indicates that the British example is catching. Where there are good roads and not far between the habitations of man, pedestrianism gives pleasure, unknown to those who always skip through the country in a hurry.

**ON THE MEXICAN BOUNDARY.**

General F. D. Grant has made a great discovery on the Mexican boundary. It is nothing less than that the Mexicans are building great forts along it, and worst of all, doing it in a stealthy manner. General Grant says that he made the discovery by accident. Which shows that it will happen in the best regulated manner, but having made it he steps at once taken to probe the American side of the

Ello Grande, and makes the point that as the initiative has been taken by Mexico, the fortification of the American side could not be now construed as an unfriendly act. General Grant takes the ground that this is but a most ordinary precaution that should have been taken long ago and emphasizes the present peaceful relations existing between the countries, but speaks of "possibilities" that might disturb such relations.

This government is in just about as much danger from Mexico as it is from the Chikot Indians. Ever since the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo our relations with that country have been very friendly, and in no country have Americans been made more welcome, whether as visitors or as colonists. Should Mexico build a string of strong forts all along her northern frontier, placing them as close together as were the Spanish blockhouses in Cuba, still this country would have nothing to fear from her. That country in military resources is a Lilliputian to a Brobdingnagian, only in this case the Brobdingnagians outnumber the Lilliputians four to one. Arming against "possibilities" is in large measure arming against bugaboos. Were our mountains all solid gold there would not be enough to defray the expense of arming against "possibilities."

It looks very much as though General Grant has had a violent attack of the military alarms. He is following in the footsteps of those who would make of this free Republic a great military power such as are now burdening Europe. This is quite natural for a military man but in this country the military is subordinate to the civil power. We are a people who love peace and her ways, and so long as they are pursued along the paths of truth and liberty we have nothing to fear.

**Summer clothing is again in demand.**

The cruel mimic war is over. Let us have peace.

Ament the typhoid scare: Boil your water and keep cool.

"Lehr" means empty, but Harry is full of animal spirits.

Sir Thomas hasn't ever hops now, nothing but Shamrock III.

Adrianople is in flames but it is far from being a blaze of glory.

The Macedonian situation may be described as worse and more of it.

"Sooners" are to be driven off the Utah reservation. And the sooner the better.

Sir Thomas hears what the wild waves are saying but do the wild waves catch his remarks?

Uncle Sam says that Turkey must keep the peace. If she doesn't she will have no peace.

Sir Thomas will have to give up the trifoliate shamrock and look out for a four-leafed clover if he would change his luck.

The German South Pole expedition has failed. In this respect it has but repeated the history of the North Pole expedition.

Convicted three times and the death sentence imposed on the last, Caleb Powers should have learned to let well enough alone.

Tomorrow the Telluride miners will go on a sympathetic strike. In the language of Fock: "What fools these mortals be."

The Zionists have their eyes on Palestine but the lion in the path is the fact that the Sultan has his hands upon it at the same time.

Ex-Champion Jim Corbett wants a classical play written especially for him. How would "Ajax Defying the Lightning" do?

The startling news is telegraphed all over the country that the President went to church yesterday. To which it may be added, there were others.

A man in Bloomington, Illinois has millions, but no relatives or heirs. Wait till he is dead and widows and children galore will spring up and claim to be his.

A Missouri state senator who took a bribe of a thousand dollars has been fined a hundred dollars. At this rate he is nine hundred dollars to the good for the bad.

The coming horse show in Madison Square Garden, New York, will be made the occasion for a grand display of dress. In other words, the horses won't be in it at the horse show.

The Panama canal treaty having failed, the administration will be in no hurry to open negotiations with Nicaragua. It is desirable but it is not indispensable, and the country can afford to wait a few years longer.

The Boston Globe asks: "Why is it easier for the humorist to write paragraphs about women that will make men smile than it is to write paragraphs about men that will make women smile?" Because the humorist, being "a man," thinks he is "so smart."

"Teddy" Jr. is going to South Dakota where he will take a ride through the hills that will exceed by ten miles the longest ride ever taken by his father, and to be accomplished, if possible, in exactly the same length of time. Surely here is a case of "like father like son."

The Cripple Creek miners who went on strike are anxious to get back, admitting that the strike has been a failure. It is the same old story but it seems that laborers under the control of unions will never learn. Very few and exceedingly far between have been the successful strikes.

The Kaiser has had Herr Pechnner, the court portrait painter, make a lithographic drawing of President Roosevelt. Only two copies were struck off, one of which the Kaiser keeps, sending the other to the President. Mr. Roosevelt's name may not be written in stone, but his picture has been made in it.

August Ohlburger of Chicago and the working housekeeper, Anna Holman, who has been in his employ continuously for thirty years, claim to have

solved the domestic help problem. Ohlburger's rules are: "Don't expect from a servant more work than you could do yourself. Remember that your servant is a human being, not a beast of burden. Follow the golden rule." Experience teaches that you shouldn't expect a servant to do more than half as much as you do yourself. If you do, you will surely be disappointed.

**THE TURKISH IMBROGLIO.**

New York American.  
 With the fate of the defenders of the sultan in mind, it is not surprising that there are no longer witnesses to testify that Consul Rothovski proceeded on the theory that the only way to set along with Ottomans was to demine over them, and that when the sultan failed to give him a military salute he struck at him with his driving whip and tried to shoot him. This was the story of the sultan as given out when it happened—before Russia had begun to demand sacrifices and atonements. Those Americans who were in China during the last Chinese troubles will remember the attitude of Russian army officers and political officials to the people of that country, and will understand how the Turks, who lack neither pride nor courage, feel toward the Russians.

New York Evening Post.  
 All the powers one may imagine, are reluctant to give Russia the sole trusteeship for Christianity in the Near East. The example of England's sole trusteeship for Egypt is instructively close at hand. Of course, the formation of a partition concert, the abstention of Germany from which would wear a sinister aspect, will cause delays. It will, however, make a serious attempt to settle the eastern question more probable, and it will make a repetition of the errors of the congress of Berlin less likely to recur.

San Francisco Chronicle.  
 For the first time since the wars of Napoleon Bonaparte, Great Britain is supporting Russia's policy. All of the other great powers, except Germany, are also in accord with Austria and Russia. The latter has made special demands on the Sublime Porte for reparation for the murder of her consul, and her course in this matter is also approved by the powers. The situation is thus growing ominous for Turkey. If Christian Europe arrays itself against her, Ottoman rule on that continent must terminate. The best interests of humanity would doubtless be subserved by the partition of Turkey among the Christian nations, or its separation into independent states in which permanent peace could be in time established. The effects Turk has been a disturbing element in Europe ever since he obtained a footing there, and his sojourn on its soil is a standing menace to its peace.

New York Evening Sun.  
 In his book "Zavel Raisen in der Türkei" Paul Lindau, the German traveler, tells us that finer "cannon food" than the Turkish reservists, whom the sultan is now calling out for service in Macedonia, he never saw. Herr Lindau's admiration of the Turk who is content to be kept up long against Christian Europe, and especially the nations that border on the bloody scene, will be compelled to interfere. It is a pitiful commentary on European and Christian statesmanship that mutual jealousy between the Christian powers is the actual cause of the Balkan situation. Motives of state and dynastic ambitions, pride of position and fear of a change in the balance of power keep the Turk in Europe and Europe in a turmoil.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.  
 The people of Bulgaria warmly sympathize with the oppressed Macedonians, and they are helping them in every possible way without openly declaring war against Turkey. The sultan declares he will subdue the rebels, cost what it will, and may follow the insurgent band into Bulgaria. Russia is trying to pacify matters, but she has hard work, because recently a Russian consul was killed by some Turkish officials in Salonica. No one supposes that a war will grow out of this Macedonian complication, because both Russia and Austria are determined that there shall be no war. But, nevertheless, there is a warlike ferment which more or less disturbs western Europe.

**THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY.**

At last the doctor consented to smile: the nurse was already laughing; the shadow had lifted from the sick room, and everything was well; and after profusely bathing her eyes Aunt Jane came down to the breakfast table, where her two small nieces were seated, wondering what had turned the house so tony-turvy that morning. "Guess what I know, girls!" she said, gayly. "There is a little baby brother upstairs. He came this morning when you were asleep. What do you think of that?" "Did he?" exclaimed the sharp-eyed Edith. "Then I know who brought him." "You do." "Yes, it was the milkman. It said so on his card yesterday." "Said what?" said Aunt Jennie in astonishment. "Why, 'Families supplied daily'!" was the quick reply.—Boyce's Weekly.

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