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#### FOR THE CITY FATHERS.

The City Council will do well to give due consideration to the application, by Chief of Police Lynch, for an addition of ten or more patrolmen to the present force. There are several outlying districts, that is, places some distance from the center of the city, which need the presence of police, especially after dark. There are places, too, in the business part of town which require closer surveillance than is possible at present with the limited force at the Chlef's command. Balt Lake has prided itself in past times on the small police force necessary to preserve order. Times and circumstances have changed, so that a greater force has become necessary to maintain good order and enforce the city ordinances. Let this matter have fair consideration,

The projected improvement suggested by the committee on public grounds at Liberty Park is also worthy of the attention of the municipal authorities, To increase the area of the little lake which is used for boating and is a pretty feature of that public park, is demonstrated to be feasible and will not demand any great outlay to effect it. We hope this enlargement will take place, and we suggest that while it is under way, some means be adopted for med which grows there in profusion, and which at certain times of the year emits such a noxious scent as to be a great public nulsance. That evil can and ought to be remedied. Give us a larger lake, and make it pleasant for everybody who visits Liberty Park.

#### RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

In these times when there is a disposition among many people, particularly in what is called the "laboring class," to throw obstacles in the way of the great railroad enterprises of the country, and when legislatures are importuned to pass restrictive measures. against railway corporations, as though they were enemies to the body politic instead of benefactors to the community at large, it is quite refreshing to note that portion of the message of Governor John Sparks to the Legislature of the State of Nevada at its present session, that has reference to rallroad legislation. Here is what he said on this important subject:

pectation to predict the construction of railroads not only as transcontinental extensions, but that will radiate in all directions, thus connecting hitherto remote districts and completing a system of transportation long hoped for by our people. This is an age of enterprise and progress, but it will require facilities for intercourse to accommodate business. Our natural and undeveloped wealth will bring railroads, and business will follow.

It is, therefore, highly important that encouragement be given to the promo-tion of this enterprise, by adopting a fair and liberal policy of taxation, and

lleved from a very burdensome bonded debt now hanging over it."

The benefits account to the country son. Competition among them regulates their tariffs and prevents to a large extent excessive charges. Of course when they "pool their issues" and combine against the public, those benefits are minimized. But people doing business requiring transportation of large quantities of freight, and the general traveling public, very soon interpose objections and raise a rumpus which cannot be unheeded by the magnates who reg-

ulate railroad affairs.

conceded; but it is not necessary to the general welfare that obstructions shall be placed in the way of those enterprises, nor that unusual and oppressive conditions shall be imposed, which would have the effect of injuring them and preventing the introduction of new lines and the establishment of industries connected with them. Wisdom and good judgment, rather than a disposition to yield to popular clamer, should guide every legislative body in its dealings with the railroad companles, and with other organized investors of wealth for the upbuilding of the State and of the nation.

#### FORTUNETELLING IN STARS.

It was inevitable that astrologers should appear, at this stage of the war in Asia, with the claim that they predicted it, as well as the outcome. The Mikado, we are told, got a pointer from famous astrologers as to the most favorable time in which to commence the war. The sign of Aquarius, it is further explained, rules Russia, and when the Mikado's astrologers were consulted about five years ago, they gave it as their opinion that the most opportune rounded by luminous rings, passed into | self in Russia. the sign of Aquarius last year, and remains therein two and a half years. It has now reached the fifteenth degree in that sign, wielding its powerful inluence against the fortunes of Russia. Japan must, however, win before Saurn passes from Aquarius into the next sign, Pisces, for then the influence of evil will have passed away from Russia and Japan's chances against her would not be so favorable.

Had this explanation been given at the beginning of the war, when everyone was in doubt as to the ability of the Japanese generals and soldiers to cope with their opponents, it would have had beter claim to attention than now. But coming post festum, as it were, it will pass almost unnoticed. The testimony of astrology as to Russia's misfortunes

is not needed. But this reminds us of the experience of St. Augustine with astrology, as told by himself in his Confessions. He evidently had studied the subject thoroughly and was a firm believer in the alleged science, when one day a friend, Firminus, came to consult him concerning certain affairs of his life, as far as the constellations would indicate. Firminus told him that his father was so devoted to astrology that he would observe the very moment when "the dumb animals, which bred about the house, gave birth, and then observe the relative position of the heavens, thereby to make fresh experiments in this so-called art." And why not? For if the stars influence human beings, why not dogs and horses?

Firminus also told Augustine that the moment he came into this world one of his father's slaves gave birth to a son. As soon as the future church father heard this, his understanding was opened as to astrology. And, as he 'confesses." he immediately endeavored to reclaim Firminus, by telling him,"that upon inspecting your constellations, I ought, if I were to predict truly, to have seen in them, parents eminent the frequent removal of the offensive among their neighbors, a noble family in its own city, high birth, good edu cation, liberal learning, But if that servant had consulted me upon the same constellations, since they were his also, I ought again (to tell too truly) to see in them a lineage the most abject, a slavish condition, and everything else, atterly at variance with the former. Whence then if I spake the truth, I should from the same constellations, speak diversely, or if I spake the same, speak falsely; thence it followed most certainly, that whatever, upon consideration of the constellations, was spoken truly, was spoken not out of art, but chance; and whatever was spoken falsely, was not out of ignorance in the

art but the failure of the chance." We see no escape from this reasoning. Augustine belonged to a superstitious age, and his judgment was sometimes clouded by superstitions, but in this matter he was evidently set free by truth. It is strange that the subject should ever come up for serious consideration in this enlightened age. Is it because the light is commencing to "For the first time in the history of grow dimmer among the children of Nevada prospective railroad building begins to meet general favor with the great magnates engaged in transportation, and it is nor beyond reasonable expectation to predict the construction of than that which is satisfied with humbler material, such as tea leaves and coffee grounds.

#### SANTO DOMINGO.

There is no cause for alarm in the action of our government with regard to Santo Domingo. The little republic has become hopelessly involved in debt, and being without able financiers to steer it clear of the breakers, the Unitalso by enacting laws giving full and safe protection. This accomplished, taxable property will increase, cities will be built which will become terminals, and, naturally, transportation charges will be reduced. More main lines will produce more branches, reaching undeveloped regions in our State, It is a fact that railroads are the developers of all new countries, and especially contrib-

that railroads are the developers of all new countries, and especially contribute to the success of mining districts.

The last two meetings of the State-Board of Assessors have shown a very conservative disposition in favor of railroad assessments, and other classes of property throughout the State.

As an illustration, the San Pedro & Los Angeles Railroad, running through Lincoin County for a distance of about 200 miles, will so benefit the country as to enable it. in a few years to be relieved from a very burdensome bonded there can be no question of annexation. But it is necessary that Santo Domingo should realize her duties to her from the building and operation of creditors and not tempt any of them to radicoads are too great and well known send their squadrons there. For that to be disputed by any reasonable per- reason the step taken by our government must be considered wise and

#### HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF?

The popular storm in Russia has been compared to the beginning of the French revolution in 1789 and follow-DIE CHARM.

That outbreak was caused by the Extravagance of royalty and nobllity That some legislation is required on at a time when the common people

count of unbearable taxation. When the patience of the people was exhausted, the Bastile was destroyed, in July, 1789. A few months later a hungay and ragged multitude marched to Versaliles. In July, 1790, a constitution was adopted, but in June the following year, the king, fearing violence, attempted to escape in disguise. He did not succeed, but was brought back. The first legislative assembly under the constitution met October 1, 1791. The following year the palace of Tullleries was sacked, a republic was established in September, 1792, and the king was murdered Jan. 21, 1793.

If this is the Russian pattern, the revolutionists have ample time for their plans, but the Russian Emperor has the army-or the greater part of t-on his side. When the crisis came in France, Louis XVI was descried and left to the mercy of the mob. The Russian rulers have had the foresight of keeping no less than 50,000 troops in St. Petersburg, nearly all of whom can be depended on to kill the people, If ordered to do so. And that makes a vast difference.

Still, the Russian masses are being prepared for revolution; and should time to begin war would be when the a leader appear at the exact moment, evil planet Saturn passed through that It is not impossible that the history of sign. That bearer of evil, though sur- the French revolution would repeat it-

#### FOR TIME TO SOLVE.

The following paragraph is from Public Opinion of January 19:

"Senator Smoot is having his innings before the Senate committee on privi-leges and elections. Numerous wit-nesses are testifying in his behalf, enleges and elections. Numerous witnesses are testifying in his behalf, endeavoring to show that the Mormons are good citizens—that they do not, as a Church, interfere in politics and that plural marriage is a custom of the past. It is unnecessary to review the testimony; when such questions are aired there is always much to be sold on either side. But leaving 'politics' out of count and appealing to the judgment of all unbiased men who have had opportunity to study conditions in Utah, we submit, first, that the political authority of the hierarchy has been overestimated, and, second, that since the manifesto polygamous marriages have been nearly as infrequent as in the eastern states. The people of Utah, the Mormons themselves, do not want polygamy. As a matter of humanity and justice, however, they urge that family relations contracted before the manifesto should not be disturbed. Time alone will solve the problems of Utah."

Chicago Latin-Hic hæc, Hoch,

Butchered to make a Romanhoff rollday.

Runaway matches are not unlike uelfer matches.

St. Petersburg is like a city set up on a hill—that is mined.

Mr. Dean is the Dean if not the doyen of the City Council.

General Trepoff has the situation in

St. Petersburg well in hand-in the mailed fist. Governor-General Trepoff says the

erisis is over. All over the Russian

empire, we should say, Yale has a deficit. She should come to Utah and learn that there is no

such thing as a deficit. It is explained that the reason General Stoessel did not die in the last ditch is that the ditch was frozen over.

It begins to look as though nothing but some magic word, such as "Sesame," would open the Uintah reserva-

Forty thousand dollars to defray the expenses of Judge Swayne's impeachment! It comes high, but we must

Father Gopon says that the Czar no

onger exists. That sentence should be revised in the next edition of the good father's remarks. When it came to the test, Cassle Chad-

wick's Parkensburg friends failed her, The bonds of friendship were not strong enough to become bail bonds. Governor Pennypacker of Pennsyl-

vania says he believes that the Devil

is an editor. Silly saying. A paper

couldn't be printed where the Devil A bill has been introduced in the Legislature to teach children in the public schools the elements of agriculture. That's dead easy. They are

earth, air and water, No matter what people may think of the uprising in Russia and its cause, the sympathy of the whole world will go out to the Czar because of the

illness of his little son and helv. Mr. Tayler's argument is a mild revamping of Gladstone's anti-Catholic argument, applied to the Smoot case The only trouble with Mr. Gladstone's argument was the fact that Catholics tre loyal subjects and good citizens.

The President's plan for the government control of freight rates is proving very popular. Here is Mr. Bryan giving it his indersement and now comes Mr. Williams, the Democratic leader of the House, also indorsing it. The railroads themselves may yet be

expected to full into line.
The boys are bringing their marbles eqt, which is always a sure sign of

#### STRIKE IN GERMANY.

Springfield Republican. Emperor William is doubtle's glad of the chance of being able to emulate the chance of being able to emulate the example of his admired friend, the president of the United States in the matter of interfering in a coal strike. So far there seems to exist no disposition to respect the royal wishes on the part of either contestant, and the situation appears threatening. A tie-up of the coal mines in midwinter must cause untold suffering, as well as industrial disposter. The German government has lately been taking steps to buy up the mines for operation on pubbey up the mines for operation on pub-lic account, and an extended strike in the industry will be ant to hasten the public ownership movement.

Beston Transcript. these matters of general interest is were suffering from starvation on ac- her territory and a recent attempt was I

made to obtain a footing in the district where the present disturbance prevails, but it was unsuccessful. The list of grievances for which the miners ask redress is a long one. They comask redress is a long one. They com-plain in general of insufficient, wages and long working hours, and of lapses in work and wages from the practice of closing the shafts at intervals in or-der to limit the output. They object, like the Pennsylvania miners, to a relng on the weighing of truck is They ask for the appointment of pectors selected by themselves in dition to those appointed by the com-panies, and protest against deductions from pay on account of lost tools. They not only demand an entargement of the regular wage, but an increase for overtime and weekly paydays.

New York Evening Post, There has already been one collision of tween the strikers and the authorithere has literary has between the strikers and the authorities, but the promptness with which troops have been thrown into the "Rubr district" as the affected portion of Westphalia, is called is in marked contrast to the dilatoriness of the Governor of Pennsylvania in sending the proper military force. It is to be noted, also that the disposition of the trikeers is preeminently a penceable one; they have formed their own police to aid in preventing disorder. Just what the Emperor will do next, now that his intereference failed to prevent the declaration of a wholesale strike, can hardly be foretoid—he is still William the Sudden; but the influence of the Social-Democrats over the strike will naturally repel him, the autocrat, and make him look more favorably upon the mine-owners. the mine-owners.

#### THE REAL HERO. Clevaland Plain Dealer,

The claim is now made that the real hero of the defense was Gen. Kondra-tenko, and that while Gen. Stoessel was tenko, and that while Gen. Stoessel was dramatically declaring to the Czur and the world that he proposed to hold the fortress till death, it was Kondratenko who was keeping up the courage of the garrison and preventing any suggestion of surender. When he fell thei ife of the defense was ended, Gen. Stoessel quickly weakened and through him, according to the account, there was "a disgraceful conclusion of a splendid defense."

#### LURID JOURNALISM.

The Hartford Times.

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The accounts of the ordeal to which the young wife of Senator Clark of Montana was subjected by newspaper reporters and camera "flends" on her arrival at New York by European steamer on Wednesday again calls attention to a practice which disgraces New York City, and especially the newspapers thereof. There is no other city in the world where travelers in whom there is supposed to be a public interest are so bothered, pursued and insulted. The performances of the newspaper gangs on the steamship wharves in New York are a discredit to the American name. to the American name.

#### RECENT PURLICATIONS.

The following is the list of contents of the February number of McClure's magazine: "Rhode Island: A Stats for Sale," Lincoln Steffens; "The Old Major," Florence Tinsley Cox: "A Man and a Brother," Samuel Hopkins Adams; "A Personally Conducted Revolt," Harvey J. O'Hisgins; "The Golden Floed," Edwin Lefevre: "The Old Red School-House," Eugene Wood; "One Hundred Musterpleces of Painting," John La Farge; "Thus Runs the World Away," John Vance Cheney; "Mrs. Protheroe," Booth Tarkington; "What is a Lynching?" Ray Stannard-Baker; "Purple Crocuses in the Val Bregaglia, "Fiorence Wilkinson; "Wild Animal Trapping," A. W. Rolker; "Failure," Gelett Burgess, and "How to Save the Corporation," Peter S. Grosscup.—New York.

The most conspicuous article in the Booklovers' Magazine for February is by William Curtis Taylor, entitled "What Did Washington Look Like?" Mr. Taylor treats the subject from the point of view of contemporary painters. The second article in the series on The Real Australia," discusses the olitical and social development of the sland-continent. "A Kyoto Memory is a poem by Zaida Ben-Yusuf. It i descriptive of the dawn and the call b is a poem by Zaida Ben-Yusuf. It is descriptive of the dawn and the call to morning prayer sounded upon the bronze bells of Japan. The world-famous lee runs of St. Moritz furnish a seasonable theme for Mr. P. Henry's article on "Winter Sports in the Upper Engadine." The impressions of two full-blooded Africans from the shores of Lake Victoria Nyanza, representatives of their native state at King Edward's coronation, are set forth in "England Seen Through African Eyes," written by Ham Mukasa, one of the representatives. "Navigating the Air," by Frank H. Taylor, is a review of recent aeronautic progress, with special reference to the effort at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The dramatic article of the month is a critical review of "Present Couditions in the Theater," by John D. Barry. The art features of the magazine are up to its usual high standard. The story of the month, "The Cub of Cræsus," by Joseph Blethen, is a clever account of a western railroad magnate's search for an heir. "Madonna," a sonnet of motherhood, by Charles Coleman Stoddard, treats the subject with much feeling.—1323 Walbut St., Philadelphia.

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