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TO PROTECT THE VISITORS.

The City council have appointed a committee, to act in conjunction with a committee appointed by the Commercial club, for the purpose of taking whatever steps may be expedient for the protection of travelers and visitors during the encampment week, and especially the Grand Army veterans, against extortion. The appointment of such committees should hardly be necessary in this City, and yet it is a step in the right direction.

The committees will meet Tuesday evening in the council chamber. They invite hotel and restaurant keepers to meet with them. The purpose is to obtain an idea of how many can be accommodated conveniently so as to ascertain how many special privileges in that line will be needed. Such privileges will, on application, be granted to those who have licenses already. They will be permitted to establish branches of their business without additional license, provided they will agree not to raise their prices for the occasion. There should be no extra charge for rooms and meals during the encampment week.

The committees propose to hear all complaints regarding overcharges and to watch, as far as this can be done, the various places open to the public. Anyone who is found to take undue advantage of visitors is liable to find out, later on, that he made a serious mistake.

We hope there will be no occasion for the committees, or the City council, to take any retaliative measures. We hope everybody will consider the reputation of the City as precious as his own, and show the utmost hospitality to the veterans who honor us with their presence here. Too much cannot be done for their comfort and pleasure. And the very least that can be done is not to charge them for board and lodging anything above the regular rates.

BURDEN OF PROOF.

The anti-Mormon organ says the "News" does not prove the falsity of the assertions concerning polygamous marriages, that have appeared in the Tribune columns lately. This is but another evidence of the dense ignorance of the paper, since the burden of proof is upon the affirmative, and not the negative, side.

The anti-Mormon sheet asserted that hundreds of illegal marriages had been performed since the Manifesto and that such marriages are taught, practiced, and protected by the Church. That is the broad, malicious proposition the paper is under moral obligation to prove, or else stand convicted as a slanderer of an entire community, a persecutor of a religious denomination, without any rights under the American flag since that emblem of liberty never was meant to give protection to persecutors. We deny the charge. Upon the Tribune rests the burden of proof. If the sheet were not as ignorant of logic and the rules of controversy as it is malicious, it would not try to escape its plain obligation by the silly maneuver of asking for proof from the negative side. You give us the proof for your assertions, or hold your peace for ever.

But the sheet is not only ignorant. It is dishonest to the last degree. Its dishonesty is shown in the fact that it ignores what everybody knows to be true; that the number of families living in plural marriage relations has decreased since the Manifesto from over two thousand to considerably less than five hundred. If that does not prove that the Church has kept faith, what does it prove? If it does not prove that the Church leaders neither teach, encourage or protect illegal marriages, how can anything ever be proved? Would there have been a decrease in the number of plural families if that number had constantly been augmented by new accessions? Would it have decreased if it were true that the doctrine of plural marriage is still taught and practiced as before the Manifesto? In view of the statistics, is there a sane man or woman who will accept the Tribune statement on the question as true, or who will not readily admit that it is a falsehood?

But the paper enumerates ten alleged cases of polygamy that it says, have occurred since the Manifesto. It is a good many years since that document was issued, and ten cases do not constitute a very formidable showing. Is there a state in the Union that has a record of fewer illegal marriages during a period of almost 20 years?

We know absolutely nothing about the cases referred to, except what vague rumors, generally circulated for political purposes, have had to say about them. Nor does the Tribune know anything more. But we have never denied that a few cases may have occurred, as they will occur everywhere. We have never denied, nor affirmed, anything as to that. But we have denied, and do now deny, that hundreds, or any other number, of illegal marriages have been performed in Utah with the knowledge or consent of the Church authorities. We deny that the Church leaders have broken faith with the Nation in any respect. We assert that they have faithfully observed the Manifesto, and the proof of that is the constantly decreasing num-

ber of families living in plural relations. We assert, further, that whatever few exceptions may have occurred prove the rule.

We know perfectly well that argument is useless as far as our adversary is concerned. As well might the lamb argue with the hungry wolf, or Polycarp with blood-thirsty Nero. The Tribune is telling its falsehoods for the consumption of travelers and visitors to this City, in order to intensify existing prejudices, and make the Church odious in public view. It has the hope that this will help it politically. It is part of the conspiracy. Argument is of no avail, but it seems, nevertheless, that its false accusations and slanders demand a denial, lest silence should be construed as admission of guilt. We have no fear that the Church will not be vindicated, nor that the slanderers will not, in time, receive their dues in the form of public contempt. Truth always will be revealed. And those who are innocent can afford to wait for the impartial verdict of the future.

ARGENTINA AND BOLIVIA.

A great many people in this country are under the impression that the South American republics are diminutive countries and that their wars and revolutions generally are Lilliputian affairs. This is erroneous. Hon. John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of American Republics, in a letter to this paper, dated Washington, July 25, gives the following particulars about Argentina and Bolivia, the two countries that just now are in the throes of diplomatic troubles on account of a boundary dispute:

Argentina is a wonderland. In growing wheat, hay, cattle and sheep she is running the United States and Canada a close second, and today exports more corn than any country on earth. Yet so far only one-tenth of the agricultural possibilities are realized. It is a big country! It has 1,135,000 square miles—more than one-third of the size of the United States, and this means all the area west of the Mississippi and the first row of states from Minnesota to Louisiana west of that river in addition. Size, however, is not all there is to Argentina, by any means. She has the industry and the equipment to take advantage of her opportunities. This country is gridironed with railroads, 18,000 miles of them, so that the traveler can go from one end to the other as comfortably as from New York or Chicago to Texas. But Argentina is not satisfied. There are concessions and contracts for many more, so that in two decades more she purposes to have 60,000 miles. This is and will be all modern equipment, too, constructed as thoroughly as engineers know how to construct.

In fact, everything in Argentina is on an up-to-date and ambitious scale. One of the largest irrigation dams in existence has been built there, and the first train ferry in South America, across the Rio de la Plata for 27 miles, has been in operation for years. The traveler cannot go any place in the interior without finding modern farms and ranches on a splendid scale. The sheep and horses are of the best blooded stock, the great ranch houses will satisfy the finest taste for style and comfort. The fields of grain are cultivated by the newest methods, and the best of American agricultural machinery is in daily use. Into this splendid region is poured annually an immense stream of immigration, but even then not enough to till the fields, harvest the crops or transport them to market. But this is only the country; how about the towns?

Do many Americans realize that Buenos Aires is the largest city in the world south of the Equator? That the city has nearly one and a half million inhabitants; that it has more and better paved streets, in proportion to its size, than any city in the western hemisphere; that its trolley service carried last year nearly 8,000,000 people and is now so crowded that plans for an underground railway are prepared; that its opera house can put to shame any thing in America, and has entertained all celebrated artists from Patti to Bernhardt; that its home for the Jockey club is famous for art treasures and decorations in marble; that one of its many newspapers maintains a huge building all its own, in which are a library, lecture room, museum, and even a dispensary for the public, as well as rest and refreshment rooms for its employees? From Buenos Aires fifteen regular passenger lines run to Europe, with as fine steamers as money can buy, and England, France, Germany and Italy are engaged keenly for trade which we in the United States imagine is hardly worth a serious struggle. This is the capital of the republic, but Rosario, La Plata, Corioba and Bahia Blanca are also progressive, and the interior cities vie with those on the coast as centers of intellectual and industrial activity.

What about Bolivia? Many people think that this republic is in the same condition as the Spaniards found it 200 years ago. This is an error of ignorance! Bolivia is pushing into the front rank of industrial nations, and has long ago abandoned the isolation to which tradition unfortunately confined it. Bolivia is the third largest republic in South America; the area is 709,000 square miles and equals the size of the two tiers of states next the Pacific ocean. It is a mountainous country, in striking contrast to Argentina, which is essentially a land of plain and prairie. Bolivia practically leads the world in production of tin, but the silver and copper play a large part in foreign markets. But Bolivia has more than mineral wealth. There are hundreds of square miles of some of the richest agricultural lands on earth. On the plateau wheat, corn and fruits will grow. Further down there are limitless possibilities for coffee and cotton, while closer to the great rivers running into the Amazon and Paraguay are immense tracts of rubber trees and soil suitable for cacao.

Bolivia has decided to throw open these opportunities to the world. How will she do it? By building railroads into and across these virgin spots. Already there are two lines running from ports on the Pacific to La Paz, the capital, and a third is under construction. This is not enough, however. A

northern, an eastern and a southern outlet are demanded, and Bolivia has determined to supply them. Consequently the nation has agreed with Brazil to help construct from the north a wonderful road around the falls of the Madeira river; to tap the heart of the tropics. It has agreed with Argentina to run a line to the south to connect with the railway coming up from Buenos Aires, so that within a few years the traveler can journey in modern style over the old Inca and Spanish trail all the way to La Paz. The nation has also a plan of its own to build almost due east toward the wonderful forest land of the Chaco, and reach, within its own territory, the head of navigation on one of the great tributaries of the Rio de la Plata.

The electric wave has no white caps. If at first you don't succeed, kick, kick again.

All aviators should be instructed to handle with care.

Good reading for summer—weather bureau reports.

The man on the rock pile never makes his "pile."

There are no joy "riders" on the Payne-Aldrich bill.

Can a man who cannot read be read out of a party?

Why girls leave home? To see the circus parade, of course.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming is not a "unanimous" man.

A fly in the ointment isn't half so nauseating as a fly in the milk.

The milkmen are getting rich but their customers are not getting rich milk.

The stand-patters were not skinned alive but the hides were taken off them.

The shaking up in Mexico was due to natural causes and not revolutionary ones.

Is it because she is supersensitive that England is building super-Dreadnoughts?

The conference committee may be said to have been engaged in "settlement" work.

People who cannot reconcile their statements patch up a peace with their conscience.

The old order changes. Now the saying runs, "Nothing is sure but autos and taxes."

Those Mexican would-be-revolutionists would make it Diaz non in their country's calendar.

What Harry Thaw suffers from is not exaggerated ego or paranoia but too much past.

The tariff question has been adjusted; it is extremely doubtful if it can ever be settled.

We sincerely hope that General Humidity will not be in attendance on the G. A. R. encampment.

Order has been restored in Barcelona and peace reigns in Catalonia. "They made a solitude and called it peace."

Spain may suppress the revolution but even in the land of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza revolutions do not go backward.

Instead of breaking his aeroplane at Fort Myer, Orville broke all records. As he receives \$35,000 for his flight he breaks more than even.

"Girls, you shouldn't put powder on fiery hair, unless you wish to produce a puff," says the St. Louis Star, or, perhaps, a bang, says the Washington Herald. Rats!

The university of Leipzig has conferred the degree of LL. D. upon Colonel Roosevelt. He was a doctor of laws of large experience before Leipzig made him one.

Weston says that his walking trip across the country cost him \$2,400. He could have had a round trip in a special car for that. And look at the time he would have saved.

President Taft did not offer his advice to the conference committee until he was asked for it. Wise man. To have offered it would have been to offend the conferees and probably have it rejected.

There has, probably, never been any serious question in the minds of most people concerning the mental condition of Thaw. Few have seriously doubted that he was sane when he killed White—as sane as he is now. It has been supposed that the plea of insanity was made in order to save him from the electric chair. That being the case, he should be permitted to be considered insane. If he is declared sane, only a new trial for murder can fully meet the ends of justice. Criminals should not be allowed to prove that they are insane in order to be confined in an asylum and escape the consequences of their crimes; and then that they are sane, in order to get out of the asylum. Such proceedings make justice a farce.

DESTRUCTIVE SAND DUNES.

Philadelphia Ledger.

Shifting sand dunes are causing trouble on the borders of Lake Michigan. The dunes are formed by the on-shore winds, which sweep the beach sand beyond the reach of the waves. The sand accumulates in low mounds about any obstructions, such as stones or bushes; thus started the dune is sufficient cause for its own growth. The wind keeps piling the sand up from behind, the dune grows, and the sand on its crest is blown over to the seaward side of the mound, so that the dunes gradually march inland. On the east side of Lake Michigan the dry west winds have heaped up numbers of dunes, ranging in height up to 200 feet. In Indiana the dunes have moved inland across

a forested area, burying and killing trees, leaving the dead trunks as skeletons behind them in their march onward. A famous instance of dune migration is that of the Kurische Nehrung, a long sandbar off the coast of Germany, where a dune ridge marched over a church, burying it for thirty years, at the end of which time it was gradually uncovered by the process of the dune.

IN MR. CARNEGIE'S FIELD.

New York World.

Up to the close of 1908, according to his own figures, Mr. Carnegie had given to towns in the United States 959 library buildings and 203 buildings for branches, a total of 1,167. The United States Bureau of Education in a report just issued states that there were in this country last year, 15,416 persons to every library of record, while in all those there were seventy-two bound volumes in the libraries to every hundred persons. The frommaster has set up the house at last for approximately 14 per cent of the libraries covered by the bureau. But it is evident that his lately expressed apprehension that his field of preferred missionary endeavor was narrowing to a finish cannot be justified by the statistics. Scattered through the land, some here, some there, there still are to be crowned or valley uplifted by neat gift-homes for books. The cities, which are as a rule well supplied with libraries, do not account for all those groups of over 16,000 potential readers. Does no wireless warning of a neglected library site disturb the summer cool of Skibo?

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

By George F. Butler, A.M., M.D.

Never neglect your daily exercise. A brisk walk for a couple of miles in the fresh air is one of the first essentials. Plain, nourishing food, and abundance of good ripe fruit is another. Fruit is best eaten in the morning. Bananas are easy of digestion, and, as such, very nutritious; grapes are nourishing and fattening; apples are especially good for brain workers; and oranges are of great benefit to people afflicted with rheumatism. Personal cleanliness is the next essential in keeping young. A daily bath and a good rub will clear the complexion faster than medicine. Have plenty of fresh air in your living and sleeping rooms. Leave your bedroom window open from the top several inches every night, no matter how cold. On getting up in the morning arrange your bedding and bed so that they may be thoroughly aired; leave the windows open in your bedroom the greater part of the day. In your living room ventilation is also necessary, and sunshine, too. Poor ventilation is accountable for many diseases. Fresh air and sunshine are as essential to a human being as they are to a plant. Eight hours' sleep is absolutely required to rest the brain, and a fifteen-minute nap twice a day will do much toward warding off wrinkles and keeping the face youthful.

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Blesker. You did eh?

Meeker. Yes, and right then and there my leadership ended.—Ex.

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Nellie. Can't you? Well, perhaps it's just as well. You see, I'm engaged to Dick.—Chicago News.

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Mistress. My new skirt, which I thought I had lost! And I find it in your box.

Maid. How fortunate, madame. You thought it was stolen, you know.—Rire.

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