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of the Norwegian crown by a German prince would be objectionable to the

rulers around the Baltic, comes, prob-

ably, very near the truth. It is not

hard to believe that the Czar gracious-

ly consented to that arrangement, pro-

vided that the Kalser would not object

to a slight re-adjustment of Russia's

Atlantic border, which would mean, if

anything, the cutting off of a little silce

Norway, at least even with the

orthern boundary of Finland. Such is

the information that comes from Lon-

ion, which, however, is denied in Ber-

iot, Great Britain has promptly de-

elded to make a naval demonstration

in the Baltic, to remind all concerned

of the fact that England will not be left

out of the schemes and plans that con-

corn the Scandinavian peninsula. The

fuct should be another reminder to the

Scandinavians that their safety is best

insured by a union of interests, call it

alliance, or any other name, as long

A curious situation has developed in

this country, in some states, as a con-

sequence of the revolution in Norway.

Minnesota, we are told, has a large

number of Scandinavian voters, the

vast majority of whom are Republi-

probability is that the difficulty in the

Old Countries will divide the Scandi-

navian voters in those states, and thus,

as the New York Evening Post ob-

serves, ''It is a new principle of world

polities that when two peoples cease

to be governed together in the Old

World, they should cease voting to-

We believe the Scandinavians in this

country should remember that they

are, first of all. Americans, and that

this country has the first claim to their

allegiance. If they can exercise any

influence upon the affairs of the Old

Countries, that should be exerted for

harmony and union, and not for divi-

sion. For unity-we do not mean uni-

ty under one king or one government.

but unity in policy-is the safeguard

against the loss of national independ-

ANTI-AMERICAN AGITATION.

Those who may have entertained the

idea that China will cease her war up on American business interests, because

Chinese students and officials have been

promised better treatment in this coun-

try, are likely to be disappointed. The

reports from China are to the effect

that the hostile agitation continues.

Circulars are being distributed among the ignorant masses, telling of the boy-

cotting movement decided on at the

meeting at Shanghai, and it is also

said that reports are spread broadcast

about outrages perpetrated on Chinese

in this country. One rumor has it that

200 "celestials" have been put to death

recently, in the United States. And

such rumors are believed --- a fact that is

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ANOTHER GOOD TESTIMONY.

The Pomona, Los Angeles County, California, Times, of July 19 contains a long but very readable paper on the visit of the writer, John Wasson, one of the editors, to Salt Lake City, in company with the Southern California Editorial Association, recently. This was not Mr. Wasson's first visit to Utah, as he spent a month in this city in 1863, nine days in 1880 and three days on his last trip here. In 1863 he says he enloved exceptionally good opportunities for seeing how the people lived in all the settlements from Franklin, ninety miles north to this city (the distance is really 112 miles). On his first journey he camped at ranch homes, ate meals at the family table and obtained opportunities for learning about the "Mormons" that travelers and tourists seldom find. He says concerning the "Mormon" people:

"I found them industrious, thrifty, temperate, contented and hospitable, with a strong desire for education, including vocal and instrumental music, for frequent entertainments, especially for the young. Of course a percentage of them practiced polygamy and in so far as I could discover were content with it as a part of their religious belief. One could be a Mormon in belief and profession and not be a polygamist. Polygamy was not a fundamental con-dition precedent to good standing in the church and community; but indussobriety, thrift and respect for the rights of others were.

The writer gives a very good account of affairs at that time, with their contrast now. He describes the chief points of interest in the city, the places of worship of the different denominations as well as those of the Latter-day Saints, speaks well of the newspapers, and says: "The street car service is equal to the best in the country." He recommends the Seeing Salt Lake car to the traveling public as an easy, quick and satisfactory way of seeing the city. He praises the Commercial Club, the hotels, the places of amusement, talks delightedly about the special organ recital in the Tabernacle, and describes the journey over the new Salt Lake Route as very satisfactory, the road being solid and smooth and "the service all that experienced travelers could desire." He predicts great improvements along the line of the railroads and a splendid future for Salt Lake City. On the absorbing question with travelers he has this to say: "I have been asked about polygamy "I have been asked about polygamy in Utah. I probably know as much of it as other passing scribes. It is doubl-less practiced some yet, but is not sanc-tioned or encouraged by the Mormon Church. The laws against theft, ar-son, murder, etc., are violated in the beat governed communities, and doubl-less the one forbidding polygamy is vi-olated to some extent in Utah. Poly-gamy was openly practiced about half a century in Utah. Relationships of this kind cannot be honorably breken off at will. Women and children have rights that honorable men recognize as off at will. Women and children have rights that honorable men recognize as binding, but considering the life of polygamy as a legal institution, it is passing away as rapidly as reasonable people think it can. It will soon be a thing of the past in the United States." From what we have seen in Southern California papers since the visit of the editors, it is evident that they were favorably impressed with Utah and Its. affairs, and that their minds do not run in those narrow channels that carry along most of their Eastern contemporaries. We are glad they had a good time while here, and hope that tion. "My life," he said to a reporter, pleasant memories of their visit and pehoes of the music of the organ and of the joyful sounds at Saltair and other places where they were entertained. will linger around them while working at home for the enlightenment and progress of the people of the Golden State.

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different. What is this satisfaction

which he has not attained? We presume the man does not exist who is fully satisfied with his own life's work. In fact, one who has nothing to regret, nothing to wish changed, probably has never done anything worth while taking notice of. He is, in all probability, as insipid as he who never made any enemies among ruscals. But while this is admitted, it must also be remembered that the one who has no other earthly aim than his own pleasure and his own interests, wastes his life. Selfish activity brings no satisfaction, even when it appears to be most successful. The fruits of selfishness, though appearing ripe and desirable when viewed from a distance, are found to be, when plucked, no better than the traditional apples of Sodoma filled with ashes and smoke, Only in self-sacrifice for mankind is true happiness to be found. The Prophet Joseph was happy, even in the face of death at the hands of the cruel, relentless and murderous persecutors, because he had been true to his mission. His life had been one unselfish sacrifice for mankind, and he was calm as the end approached. Solomon, of old, had tried everything. He possessed power, fame, wealth, knowledge, friends, but he found all to be "vanity," while the "fear of God" was the be ginning, and the only foundation of happiness. We mistake not, we hope, if we venture the conjecture that this is the conviction of Senator Platt too, as he now views life.

Don't blame the weather man; he can't help it.

All over the country the grafters will have to go. God speed the day!

Now Orleans is the center of the real yellow peril to the United States,

'Fads and Fancies'' because he wanted The wanton It is said that death by drowning is the pleasantest of deaths. It must be

doubly pleasant in hot weather. There is no longer any leak in the

cotton reports. The news now is coming out through the official bung.

tes will make the Czar's pet disarmament scheme feasible-for Russia. John D. Rockefeller says: "Everyone is striving to get ahead." Some a

head of hair but few a bald head. Ida Tarbell has finished her picture of J. D. Rockefeller. It is very doubtful if he is as bad as painted by the lady.

All complain of the end seat hog, but there are few of those who complain of him that would not be glad to take his

not surprising, when it is remembered Paul Morton will manage to worry that equally absurd and malicious stoalong on eighty thousand a year. That, ries are spread, and credited, in our is just ten times what he got as a meniown enlightened country, about an ber of the President's cabinet.

place

greatest living decorator of Satsuma, He employs 15 artists, all his own pu-pils. The extreme minuteness of some f Melzan's decorations is almost in-redible. On the interior of a bowl 15 of Melzan's inches in circumference and three in depth he has painted 10,000 butterflies, indistinguishable to the naked eye, but through the glass seen to be perfect in form and coloring. form and coloring.

HOW PAUL JONES COUNTERED.



MOVING FOR PEACE.

The action of the Swedish parliament, ilmost unanimously adopting the report of the joint committee, which recommends the dissolution of the Scandinavian union, on certain conditions, insures a peaceful settlement of the difficulty, provided foreign interference does not change the now prevailing sentiment. It is to be hoped the Norwegian Storthing having gained its point regarding dissolution, will not now make the conditions of separation more dimcult than necessary. Statesmanship now prompts moderation.

One consequence of the dispute is already apparent, and that is one which, possibly, the leaders had not anticipated so soon. It is that two of the great powers are already "jockeying" for position of influence in Scandinavian waters. The Emperor of Germany has, as usually, got "ahead of possible rivals, and "seen," first King Oscar, and then Czar Nicholas, and has, further, arranged for a conference with Denmark's venerable King, Christian, Not one seems to know for certain what these meetings mean, but the London dispatch that conveys information to the effect that Emperor William

unpopular community. The fact is, that the cause of Chinese animosity is not the alleged ill-treatment of the educated travelers, but the exclusion of the laborers, while we demand an open door for ourselves. The Chinese understand that a country, strong enough to enforce its laws, has a perfect right to make whatever regulations it thinks best, for the restriction, or extension, of immigration; but at the same time, they have a sufficiently well developed sense of right and wrong to feel the injustice of being discriminated against. It is for that reason they object to the exclusion laws, and emphasize their objection by an attempt at boycottling American business in China. They have come to

regard us as enomies, and under the circumstances Wu Ting Fang has found willing instruments, to carry out his suggestions.

That the Chinese are taking a decided stand in this matter is, nevertheless significant. It means, if we read the signs correctly, that Japan's victories over Russia have taught the Chinese that Asla may successfully resist western aggression. Possibly the Pekin government is supported in this matter by Japan. There seems to be no alternative for this county, if the business interests in China are not to suffer seriously, but to make such modifications in the exclusion laws as impartial

justice may demand.

PLATT'S POINT OF VIEW.

Senator Platt, on his 72nd birthday, looking backward, freely admitted that his career has not given him satisfac-'could have been much better; it has not been worth while. If I had it to do over again I would model my political course along other lines." Mr. Platt has had a remarkable career. He has attained to both wealth and political power. He has succeeded where many have failed. His estimate of the value of his life's work is, there-

fore, not prompted by failure to reach the goal of his ambition, but by a clearer understanding of the real worth of that for which he has lived, such as comes to a human being drawing nearer to the portais of eternity. No wonder that this confession of the Senator has elicited volumnious comment! But, having volunteered that much of a statement, he should go further. For the benefit of young, aspiring politicians he would do well to point out just wherein he has erred; wherein his political course has been wrong, and

what the other lines are along which he would model his life now, if it were possible for him to commence anew. Such a confession might be of immense henefit to others-and to the country. By most onlookers Menator Platt is regarded as a successful man, rather to be envied. From a poor boy he has come to wealth and prominence in the business world. In the political urena he has won repeatedly the United States Senatorship. As a leader he has had more real power and influence, both in his state and in the nation, than many men who reached the White House. Nevertheless, as he nears the tion to the effect that Emperor William end of life he is dissatisfied with it it not been preserved by a potter. Mr. sealed to know whether the acceptance all and utters the wish that it had been Meizan, of Osalaa, is said to be the

Probably Massachusetts objected to the Duke of Cornwall's Own Rifles passing through that commonwealth because the name sounds so much like Cornwallis.

It was an attempt to place a Hohenzollern on the Spanish throne that caused the Franco-Prussian war. An attempt to put one on the Norwegian throne might result in another war.

It is said that it was the vanity of the New York "smart set" that caused them to pay anywhere from \$1,500 to \$10,000 for a copy of "Fads and Fan-"Vanity of vanities; all is vanclen." ity."

Federal supervision of life insurance is pretty sure to be an issue before Congress next winter, says Walter Wellman. It needs some kind of supervision from that recent developments have shown it to have.

It begins to look as though Japan's peace terms would be pretty stiff. Had Russia occupied her place undoubtedly she would have made them equally stiff, or even stiffer. It is the fortune of war and those who lose must abide by it.

WORK FOR WIZARD BURBANK.

San Antonio Express. When Wisard Burbank has evolved from his experimentation in agriculture a cobless corn and a seedless watermelon, he might turn his attention to an odorless onton.



Newcomb in Harper's Magazine. The moon being much the nearest to us of all the heavenly bodies, we can than in any other. We know that neither air nor water exists on the moon in quantities sufficient to be perceived by the most delicate tests at our command. the most delicate tests at our command. It is certain that the moon's atmos-phere, if any exists, is less than the thousandth part of the density of that around us. The vacuum is greater than any ordinary air pump is capable of producing. We can hardly suppose that so small a quantity of air could be of any benefit whatever in sustaining life; an animal that could get along on so little could get along on none at all. But the proof of the absence of life as yet stronger when we consider the results of actual telescopic observa-tion. An object such as an ordinary city block could be detected on the moon. If anything life vegetation were present on its surface we should see the changes which it would under-go in the course of a month, during one portion of which it would he ex-posed to the rays of the unclouded sun, posed to the rays of the unclouded sun, and during another to the intense cold of space,

SATSUMA POTTERY DECORATION.

Philadelphia Press.

Satsuma, adored of all pottery-loving women, has been manufactured for many hundreds of years in Japan. In old feudal days the Japanese princes old feudal days the Japanese princes delight; in private potteries, in which art craftsmen made all the pottery used in their lord's establishment. The ware made on the estate of the Princes of Satsuma acquired a world wide fame. During the internal wars of the almeteenth century, however, which resulted in the new Japan, the secret

