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INTOLERANCE IN IDAHO.

The Boise Statesman has not only "put its foot into it," by its ill-considered combination with the Dubois faction, but has fallen neck high into the hole set as a trap for it, by the wily politician who expects to work certain elements of both parties in Idaho for his personal interest.

The fact is that the test oath disfranchised all members of the Mormon Church. If it should be re-announced it would again disfranchise all of them.

The legislature of 1891, availing itself of the power conferred by section 4, article 4 of the Constitution, framed the qualification for voting so that it would deprive members of the Church.

We do not think the substantial, bona fide residents of Idaho, of either political persuasion, will wish to proceed to any such an extreme as that desired by the Statesman.

"This makes it worse and more of it. The proposal seems to grow more sinister and more impossible the further its advocates go into the subject.

The Tribune takes up the question of the attempted disfranchisement of the negroes in the Southern States and shows how the laws there are evaded, and then argues:

"How white American citizens, charged personally with no offense, and only discriminated against because of the past offenses of their race, can be legally disfranchised, even when there is an overwhelming public demand for it, is not clear at this time.

As to the attempt that is to be made at the State convention in August to commit the Democratic party to the proposed anti-Mormon onslaught, the Coeur d'Alene Sun expresses the views of many papers and citizens, as follows:

"Almost the entire Democratic press of the state is arrayed against Senator Dubois in his fight against the Mormons, and it is just possible that the Senator may not be able to maintain his position at the Lewiston convention, which meets August 15.

We are inclined to believe that the

shrewd politicians of both parties in Idaho will hesitate before committing themselves to a policy which has no substantial basis in principle or in necessity, just to foster the plans and further the ambition of an unstable schemer, who has in view simply his own advancement and aggrandisement.

ARE THE RUSSIANS BEATEN?

The success of the Japanese in the present conflict has led to the conclusion that the power of Russia, so much dreaded by her rivals, is a delusion and a snare—that the vast empire, in fact, is a shell "with the meat inside absolutely dried up."

This is explained on the ground that the empire is built up of a number of races hating one another with an undying hatred. The effort to Russify these races has been carried on with ruthless hands, but without real success.

One story from the chapter of the awful tragedy of Finland may be told as an illustration of Russian methods. A Finnish lawyer at Abo, in the province of Abo-Bjornborg, was known to be an adherent of the Finnish Nationalist cause, but he was so wary that the Russian authorities found no opportunity of making him smart for his patriotism.

That is a sample of the manner in which the subjugated races have been treated. Consequently, the structure is not cemented together with mutual love. The different parts are piled up, one upon another, loosely, and although they are held in position by bayonets and cannon, the structure has no real solidity, and but little power of resistance in a storm.

These reflections certainly deserve consideration; but is it not a little too early to assume that Russia is defeated in this war? The Russian government has time, and perseverance, and the means for carrying on the war can be pressed out of the millions of Russians who, literally, dare not claim the ownership of their own souls.

MUSIC AS MEDICINE.

The New York Herald says that a lecture by Mrs. Amelia Wood Holbrook, on "the powers and possibilities of music," has aroused great interest in that city.

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certain that the moral influence of music is very great. If Shakespeare is any authority on such matters, the man in whose soul there is no music, is "fit for murders, treasons, stratagems and spoils." It is claimed that in the Whitechapel district in London reforms have followed the establishment of halls where good music is produced.

The age is notable for its many kinds of "cures," all of which find converts. We read about the milk cure, the snow cure, the grape cure, the fruit cure, the bath-tub cure, hypnotism, magnetism, the deep-breathing cure, the rest cure, and numerous others. The wonder is that people do not live for ever, with so many "cures" at their command.

PREDICTS WAR.

According to the New York Times, Brooklyn has a prognosticator, who is trying to attract attention to his forecasts. He has written one letter to President Roosevelt, and one to Pope Pius X. In his letter to the President, he said he would give him a sign, probably on the 10th of March.

DOWIE AT HOME.

Dowie has returned to Chicago after a tour of the world, on which he miserably failed to make any impression in favor of his schemes. The Chicago Journal pays him the following compliments:

"Coming to America and to Chicago less than six years ago, this apostle of thirt found a field plowed to his liking. By tricks known to zealots and fakirs in all ages he persuaded thousands of illiterate and mentally unbalanced persons to starve their families in order that he might clothe himself in purple and fine linen and add to his store of this world's goods.

"Apparently we are too busy to deal with charlatanism which is rife in mental infirmities and thrives upon moral deformities. We can find no time to classify rogues or to distinguish between genuine and spurious teachers of creeds and cults. Possibly some day we may deem it our duty to protect the weak from robbers who hypnotize their victims, as we now seek to protect them from robbers who slaug their quarry."

This is all very well. But why not leave Dowie severely alone. He was almost unknown until the Chicago papers commenced to report his mad foamings and "stinkpot" sermons. The free advertising created interest among a certain class of people, and thus he obtained adherents.

A wise son maketh a glad father because of the great novelty of it. John Sharp Williams' tongue is almost as sharp as a serpent's tooth.

Will General Bell allow Mr. Moyer to continue to breathe the air of liberty? A great many of the presidential booms seem to have died in the burning.

The many "favorite sons" are to receive an "honorable mention" as a consolation prize.

It is the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Republican party. It has had a mighty career. The cotton plant was first brought from Asia. No one knows where the boll weevil came from.

Haven't the Badgers learned that in conventions as well as elsewhere the weakest goes to the wall? It will be difficult for the campaign poet to make Roosevelt and Fairbanks rhyme, but they are well gated.

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"Will anybody be punished for the Sloum horror?" asks the New York American. Judging the future by the past, we should say no.

There are thirty-six thousand tailors on strike in New York. That means there are four thousand men on strike according to a queer kind of sarcastic mathematics.

General Piet Cronje has gone and got

married; and to a widow, too. As though he had not had enough contention in the Boer war.

With Mr. Bryan and ex-Senator D. B. Hill both working on the platform, it looks as though there might be as much wood butchering as fine carpentry on it.

President Roosevelt will know whom the Democrats have nominated for President before he learns whom the Republicans have named. The reason is this: The one he learns by wire, the other by red tape.

In New York the other day competitive examinations were held to fill sixteen positions of Inspector. As many as just sixteen hundred applicants presented themselves. A very great disparity between the supply and the demand.

THE SLOUCM VERDICT.

The coroner in charge of the Sloum inquest has done much to restore the confidence of the public in the coroner system which of late has been badly impaired. He was alert, business like and fearless in his scrutiny, and his jury appear to have been unusually well fitted for their task.

This sweeping verdict will not surprise the public. It corresponds exactly with the conclusions thus far of public sentiment in the matter. Not a single one of the cases in which an arraignment having been made, the public and the authorities move on to a shocked contemplation of other tragedies and other woes and forget all about the matter.

New York Evening Mail.

The men who have been pilloried by the coroner's jury as responsible for the murder of a thousand people on the General Sloum will protest that it is unfair to single them out from the mass of excursion-boat owners and managers who have been doing the same things that they have done without having the bad luck to be caught. They say that they are no worse than the rest. Very likely this is true, and that is the very reason why these prosecutions should be relentlessly pushed.

Los Angeles Times.

Public sentiment and the ends of justice demand that the fullest possible investigation shall be made into the facts of this deplorable disaster, by which one thousand human lives were lost. No superficial investigation will be satisfactory. No shirking of responsibility shall be permitted.

New York American.

The General Sloum was no more of a firebox than are many other steamboats plying these waters. Much capital is invested in them. Much important interests are concerned, too. It has been demonstrated that the Federal government evades its duty shamefully and criminally in not requiring proper safeguards against perils from fire and drowning.

SALT LAKE TIME TABLE

Salt Lake & Los Angeles Railway. Time table in effect May 31st, 1904.

Table with columns: GOING-LEAVE SALT LAKE, RETURNING-ARRIVE SALT LAKE. Lists train numbers and times for various routes.

FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP 25 CENTS. \*Sunday, last train leaves Saltair at 9:30. J. E. LANGFORD, Lessee.

Lagoon TIME TABLE.

Table with columns: Leave Salt Lake, Leave Lagoon. Lists train numbers and times for the Lagoon route.

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