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BIGOTRY RAMPANT.

We find in the Christian Statesman for November an article credited to George B. Sweazy, principal of Salt Lake Collegiate Institute. The writer sets forth, from his point of view, the "Christian Forces in Utah must combat."

The gentleman relates that the Church is stronger than ever; that it has wealth, and controls some of the largest mercantile establishments, banks, newspapers, factories, etc.; that it has absolute political power in Utah and controls the politics of surrounding states, and has an element to be consulted in national politics.

It has its young men and young women banded together in separate organizations for study and training, and splendid Sunday school organization, in which the most modern and best methods that have been worked out by the greatest leaders of secular or religious education everywhere are being applied.

Now, why should the Christian forces in Utah consider themselves under obligation to combat these organizations for study and training, this missionary work, these excellent Sunday schools, these splendidly equipped schools and colleges? Would it be any gain to the Christian forces in Utah if they could overcome the Church and annihilate these splendid educational institutions? If the Christian forces in Utah aim at the moral and intellectual improvement of the children of men, they should hail these excellent schools and Sunday schools, and this force of missionaries as their work.

Where leaders are published without the writer's consent, he may have an action at law against the person publishing them; and publication in these cases has been held to mean multiplying copies by means of printing, writing, or otherwise, and circulating or distributing them; so that there would, therefore, be no objection to the recipient reading them to others in public or private.

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They only ask that no discrimination be made, but that all be accorded equal rights under the law. On that basis it should not be difficult to remove every cause of strife from Utah and establish normal conditions, as will have to be done if we are not going to be left behind in the general progress.

LAW OF STOLEN LETTERS.

The publication of the Archbold letters by Mr. Hearst in the campaign just ended has given rise to an interesting investigation of the law as to stolen letters.

These communications, it will be recalled, were taken surreptitiously from the files of the Standard Oil Company.

In the current issue of Bench & Bar that magazine says that the literary property in a letter belongs to the writer and publication of it by any other person without his consent is an actionable wrong.

An English case was so decided as early as 1741 (Pope vs. Curl) relating to the publication of the letters of Alexander. The contention of the defense was that since the letters related only to familiar subjects, and contained inquiries after the health of friends, and that the book could not be called a learned work, there could be no literary property in them.

It is certain that no works have done more service to mankind, than those which have appeared in this shape, upon familiar subjects, and which perhaps were never intended to be published, and it is this makes them so valuable; for I must confess for my own part, that letters which are very elaborately written, and originally intended for the press, are generally the most insignificant, and very little worth any person's reading.

In 1818 Lord Eldon in Gee vs. Pritchard held that an injunction should be granted in the case of purely private and personal letters. It therefore appears that the writer of a letter, who has not consented to its publication, may sue to restrain the act.

But the recipient of letters, has only a property in the paper on which they are written. He cannot enjoin their publication by others.

Judge Duer, in an elaborate opinion has held that an author's right to restrain publication of private letters exists in this country as in England, subject to the qualification that the recipient may in some cases publish such letters when necessary for his own vindication.

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Narrow partisans delight, perhaps, to see the statements of their managing geniuses. They love to dwell for a moment in a fool's paradise. It may also be that some voters never express any principle or conviction in the voting but always vote with what they consider the winning side. Bold falsehoods as to the certainty of victory may be calculated to secure that kind of a vote, but it would be just as well in the future if it were understood that the ante-election assurances that are based on nothing are not legitimate campaign ammunition. The elimination of deliberate prevarication from campaigns would be a distinct moral gain to the country.

MINING CONGRESS.

The official call for the meeting of the eleventh annual session of the American Mining Congress has been issued. The congress will convene at Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 2 to 5, inclusive, and the early appointment of delegates is urged; also that the name and postoffice address of each delegate be forwarded to the Secretary at Denver. The main purpose of the convention is to bring out the opinions and suggestions of all interested in mining, upon all matters that need consideration. There are many questions that demand attention, and chief among these is the safety of men engaged in mining operations. It is pointed out in the call that an appropriation of \$150,000 has been made by Congress for the purpose of conducting investigations as to the cause of mine disasters. As a result of this legislation

a testing plant has been established at Pittsburgh, Pa., and a critical examination of the more important coal mines of the United States has been made by a party which included three experts from Germany, Belgium and Great Britain, in which countries the loss of life, as a result of investigations, has been very greatly reduced. Statistics show that the average loss of life in France, Belgium and Great Britain during a five-year period ending with 1906, was 1.09 per 1,000 men employed, while during the same period in the United States, the annual loss was 3.33 men per 1,000 men employed.

The American Mining Congress is a most important institution, and the West should be well represented at its annual gatherings.

He who wants but little here below rarely gets that.

Will President Roosevelt shoot the hippopotami in the eye?

To be safe and sane about all one has to do is to be slow and sure.

It is unlawful to kill two birds with one stone—out of season.

In a campaign of education never more than one side learns anything.

So far the farmer has found the spike team one of the greatest uplifts in his work.

Nat C. Goodwin, Maxine Elliott and Edna Goodrich should star in "Divorcement."

Mixing dust with cement is another way of throwing dust in the eyes of the people.

There is every indication that Governor-elect Spry will make an active executive.

From the presidential chair to the tripod shows that Mr. Roosevelt's career is still upward.

A man filled with his own importance generally feels too big for any ordinary position.

Can donors to the campaign fund of a party that lost sue for misappropriation of funds?

Even when lying in a warm bed it makes one shiver to be covered with the revolver of the burglar.

If to the Victor belong the spoils, then Editor Rosewater of the Omaha Bee deserves well of his party.

Would it not be just as well to turn over the management of Salt Lake City to the R. E. association?

Considering the whirlwind finishes of the different campaigns it has been a week of remarkably fine weather.

Chancellor Day says that the day of the "big stick" is over. And some time the Day of Syracuse will be over.

The rabid anti-Mormons of Utah would do well to read and deeply reflect on President Roosevelt's letter on Judge Taft's religious views.

The sound of a tiny bell that comes so gently to your dreaming ear may arise from the preliminary tariff tinkering.

It gives many people great pleasure to know millionaires. This being so, after all millionaires are public benefactors.

Young Roosevelt only gets four and a half dollars a week for working in a carpet mill. Many a carpet bagger gets many times more than that, and doesn't work at all.

Debs thinks that the issue in 1912 will be Socialism against capitalism. Take no thought for the morrow, much less for four years hence, for sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Members of the defeated Pseudo-American party have taken to writing poetry. As patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel so writing poetry sometimes is the last refuge of a discredited mind.

Uncle Sam is calling for bids for building some mighty battlements, but the speed called for is from six to ten knots an hour slower than the latest British battlements. This is rather an uncomplimentary commentary on American go-ahead-iveness.

JEERED INTO OBLIVION.

Washington Post. This campaign has been successful in its wear and tear upon several reputations, but there is one figure, at least, who richly deserves the storm of jeers and ridicule that drives him into oblivion. This blatant coward has utterly failed to make good, and no one wants to see his face again. We refer to that contemptible four-flusher, General Apthip.

FICTIONS OF FORTUNE.

New York Press. The evidence that Charles W. Morse was at one time worth \$22,000,000 appears to be conclusive. He owned up to that much himself to his banking associates. The celebrity with which he accumulated it was surpassed only by that with which he dropped most of it.

CHEAPER FOREIGN POSTAGE.

Boston Herald. It is announced that the two-cent letter rate to Great Britain, which has been in force for 10 years, has been increased the amount of foreign mail matter coming or going across the Atlantic. This is not altogether discouraging, however. It takes time to build up a flourishing business on a new basis. The increase is sure to come in time.

JUST FOR FUN.

"John is complaining," whispered young Mrs. Juvitch, to her mother, "that his eggs are too hard. He is foolish about having them soft-boiled. Well, I'll get the next batch boiled soft enough for him. If I have to cook 'em two hours!" - Cleveland Leader.

A Case of Joy. Jamie was begging his father for a second helping of preserves. "When I was a boy," said his papa, "my father only allowed me to have one helping."

Jamie was silent for a minute, and then asked: "Aren't you glad you live with us now, daddy?" - Denver Republican.

"Why was there such an uproarious outbreak of merriment when that last speaker began his remarks? I didn't see anything funny in what he said." "But you didn't understand. Gazing out at his hearers he said, 'I am glad to look into your faces again.'"

"What was there funny about that?" "The gentleman has been a leading dentist in this town for a great many years." - Chicago Record-Herald.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

"Do Women Dress to Please the Men?" by Louise Cass Evans, is the leading article in the Bohemian Magazine for October. There is an interesting article upon "Anthony Comstock," the vice czar, by John H. Mearns, which reveals the personality and methods of this far-famed but really little known man. Mr. Comstock also contributes to the October number of the Bohemian his views upon national morality. Arthur Hewitt, the well known correspondent, contributes an illustrated article upon "Monte Carlo and Its Game." Henry E. Warner writes of "The Absurdities of Stage Business," and an interesting review of the plays of the current month, finely illustrated. - Chicago Press Clipping Bureau, 34 South Clark street, Chicago.

The contents of the Strand Magazine of November are as varied and interesting as usual. The fiction includes a weirdly dramatic story by Morley Roberts entitled "The Fog," and "The Monster of Patridge Creek," "Corporal Sam," a story dealing with the army by G. H. M. "The Light Blue Dress," by Richard Marsh, and continuations of "Salthaven," the amusing serial by W. W. Jacobs, and "The House of Arden," by E. Nesbit. The articles are very entertaining and treat of "English Homes and Gardens" (Cawdor Castle), "Up the Cheekbones in a Storm," "The Comic Side of Crime," by Harry Furness; "My African Journey," by Winston Churchill, M. P., and an appreciative and fully illustrated paper on the Eccentric Art of Mr. S. H. Sime. The colored section is devoted to "The Ideal of Childhood," by Herbert Kaufman, and gives some very beautiful portraits in quotione depicting representative types of American, English, French, Italian, Japanese, Hungarian and Dutch children. - \$3-85 Duane St. New York.

The following is the list of contents of the Red Book Magazine for November: "Photographic Art Studies," by Moffett Studio, Chicago; "Billions for Bad Blue Blood," Charles Edward Russell; "Getting Into Society," James L. Ford; "The Freshman Full Back," Ralph D. Paine; "The Salting of Skull Rock Light," Albert Dorrington; "Rawhide Billings - Philanthropist," Howard Dwight Shibley; "The Golden Boomerang," Elliott Fowler; "The Heart of a Child," Lillian Collins; "The Fall and Rise of Constantinople," William Chester Estabrook; "A Kink in the System," Richard Washburn Child; "Bought by a Bank," William Hamilton Osborne; "Editorial," Herbert Kaufman; "The Houses Next Door," George Hyde Preston; "As Told by the Umbrella," Helen Frances Bagg; "Parisian Modes," Rent, Jigger, Paris, and "Some Dramas of the Day," Louis V. DeFoe. - Red Book Corporation, Chicago.

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