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It is a religion to close your neighbor's gate or put his fence up. It is a religious tenet any way for obedience to that rule begets neighborly good will and friendliness, and disobedience to that rule inaugurates discord, hatred and harsh words.

Mr. Hughes, the editor of the Albuquerque Citizen, has got into further trouble. He has been indicted for perjury and his case will be brought up for November 20.

The result of the Catron and Spiess trial has undoubtedly created the greatest astonishment on all sides. The evidence has been given to the public and having been read the mind of the reader must naturally be imbued with the certainty of the guilt of the accused.

CHURCH AND STATE IN UTAH.

The strongly defined distinction between church and state, the absolute freedom of the people from interference by the church with their political and national life is insisted upon by all men, whose minds are free from the unhealthy glamour of ecclesiastical mesmerism.

Religious supremacy has stirred up the long dead cry of Mormon church power over state. The enemies of the church have gladly hailed the chance of propagating a crusade against that body.

Mr. Rawlins in advocating statehood for Utah gave the assurance that Mormon interference with state matters and other objectionable features were removed, were things of the past.

The press pretend to have discovered plots whereby the church authority shall dominate the civil power. Sensational articles appear and fanciful theorists again attempt to stir up the strife, long cast aside, between Mormon and other sects.

It is interesting to note the attitude assumed by leading Mormons, and the Democratic party at this juncture. In the determined position they assume, can, we opine, be seen the pledge of political integrity for Utah.

The reassembling of the Democratic party convention took place on October 22. The cause of that unusual occurrence was the suspicion of plots existing, tending to mar the success of statehood by the intervention of the Mormon church.

The address says that man's first allegiance is to his country; that no church, ecclesiastical body nor spiritual advisor, should encroach upon the political rights of the individual.

This is the gist of the address of the Democratic party in Utah, composed of Mormons and gentiles alike acting in harmony.

The position taken by prominent Mormons is most positive.

W. H. King declared himself in favor of the absolute separation of church and state in all affairs. He believed his religion to be divinely appointed, but the line between church and state must be strictly drawn.

R. W. Sloan declared he would allow no church official to dictate to him what his political conduct would be. The Honorable Moses Thatcher claimed that he was always opposed to the union of church and state.

There is a plank in the new constitution of Utah, there are planks in the platforms of the political parties against any aggression of the church.

That statehood is Utah's right there can be no doubt. That the integrity of that state in its social and religious features, will be maintained, all reasonable men, all men who have studied the question, are assured, and that the Mormon people, who have made Utah what it now is, who in spite of persecution, reproach and martyrdom, have built up the territory until it is acknowledged to deserve statehood.

School Notes.

Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Towner, Miss Alice Hendrickson and Mr. Arrington visited school Friday.

An interesting feature of the school entertainment Friday afternoon was a song by little three year old Mabel Newton.

Nettie Moss will attend school at Junction City, it being more convenient to her present home there.

The report of the Grammar department for the first month of school shows an enrollment of 36 with an average daily standard of over 28.

James Pierce, Thomas Locke and Earl England were neither absent or tardy.

Report of the primary department shows an enrollment of 52, with an av-

erage attendance of 45, and 26 neither absent nor tardy.

The grammar department of the school will give a literary and musical entertainment Tuesday, Nov. 10, for the purpose of purchasing a dictionary.

Misses May and Jennie Roberts and Clara Shidler entered school this week.

Mr. Lillibridge and His Little Game.

Mr. Lillibridge, staff correspondent of the New York World, was amongst the arrivals last evening and will spend a few days in Durango in the interests of the paper he represents.

The above is from the Durango Herald. Mr. Lillibridge paid us a visit "in the interest of the paper he represents." That "paper" consisted mostly of checks which he "represented" as being evidences of the existence of a snug bank account.

He left here by the stage for Durango, and just after his departure a communication from the Albuquerque banks caused quite a scene in our main street. The participants in that scene were chiefly the happy recipients of the New York World man's checks, and three friends, one of them a heavy loser by Lillibridge's confidence tricks, left for Durango.

He offered to settle the small matter that had procured him the honor of a visit from Messrs. Fint, Fabrian and Korn of this town and gave a check for \$150 on a Colorado Springs bank. A telegram to that institution discovered the fact that the Springs was not entrusted with a deposit of cash from him.

He awaits the action of E. G. Berry, J. P., in the matter. Gallup and Fort Defiance had been honored by his presence and are now complaining that he left them too hurriedly.

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