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## CAUSE FOR GRATITUDE.

No people has greater cause for gratitude than the Latter-day Saints, and those who have their hearts and minds open to the divine light and are walking in its rays, are truly thankful, and anxious to express their gratitude in words of praise, and deeds of well-doing and righteousness.

The Saints came to these valleys, a little band of pilgrims looking for a place in which to worship their Maker according to the dictates of their consciences, and enjoy the privileges granted to every American citizen by the Constitution. In all human probability they were doomed to destruction in this then inhospitable region. They struggled manfully against hunger and cold, and attacks by savages, but their faith was strong and in that strength they conquered all obstacles, and built a commonwealth under the Stars and Stripes that now bids fair to become one of the greatest states of the Union.

A great many of the Latter-day Saints can look back to the day when they received the Gospel message, as the turning point in their lives. The call came to them when they were indifferent to spiritual things, or wandering about in the dark. They were, perhaps, pursuing a course that would inevitably have led them to destruction. They were, perchance, ignorant, poor, the slaves of vice. But they accepted the outstretched hand of salvation, and today they are respected citizens, well to do, leading morally pure and clean lives, and enjoying a fair degree of education. All they have, and all they are, they owe to the blessed fact that they became convinced of the truth when they heard it, embraced it, and became "Mormons." Here is cause for gratitude. We admire the genius of the Prophet Joseph, President Brigham Young, and the other instruments in the hand of the Almighty to build up the Church under the adverse circumstances that confronted them. But it was the Gospel that made them great in the history of the world. Through faith they became mighty men of God in this age and generation. The Saints who are faithful in the performance of their duties, know that they can never fully appreciate the blessings that have come to them through the missionaries of the Church.

The archenemies of righteousness are still active, but in vain. "He that sitteth in heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure. Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill Zion." (Psalm 11: 5, 6.) This is the decree of the Almighty. The lions on both sides of the road are not so long that the savage beasts can reach the pilgrim who keeps in the middle of the road, and hurt him. The Lord omnipotent reigneth. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses. And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." (Psalm 107: 2-8.)

## CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

In the annual review of civic progress presented by the Secretary of the American Civic Association at the recent congress at Milwaukee, several suggestions were made as to the future policy of the friends of civic improvements. Attention was first called to the defeacement of scenery by advertisements of various kinds. The campaign against this class of advertising, it was said, must be waged, on the one hand to abate the nuisance, and the other to create a public sentiment sufficiently strong to force a solution of the question. A suggestion has been made that it should be taxed out of existence. Another suggestion is that the consumers of this country refrain from purchasing from firms utilizing bill-boards. Neither appears very practical in a free country. But we believe it can be demonstrated that advertising placed in respectable newspapers with a large circulation, is more profitable than any other kind, and when advertisers are aware of that fact, the billboard nuisance will cease to annoy citizens with a refined taste for scenery.

Another suggestion relates to the cleanliness of cities. The review says truly that, too many of our cities are "built in black air, which by its accumulated foulness first renders all ornamental invisible in distance and then chokes interstices with soot." People all over the country are waking up to the fact that cleanliness is next to godliness, but it is difficult to understand how things can be made very much different from what they are, as long as smoke and dust cannot be effectively controlled. Still, improvement is possible. Backyards, empty lots, and alley ways can be kept free from garbage and rubbish, and the necessity of this is generally recognized, at least in

have a regular spring cleaning on a day set by the mayor, when streets, alleys, back yards and sidewalks are cleaned, together with any other thing of the kind that needs it. The Mayor of Chicago, for instance, selected May 7, and called upon householders to gather up tin cans and other rubbish at the end of each lot in readiness for garbage collectors to take it to the dump; he requested school principals and teachers to get the school boys to clean up the vacant lots; and policemen were appointed to remind householders of the city regulations concerning the disposal of waste, while the superintendent of streets organized his men so that the whole city was served with wagons to take away rubbish.

Another suggestion is made, that the school buildings be made centers of refinement and uplift. This is one of the most important suggestions. The schools should be centers of beauty, cleanliness, and art, wielding an influence for good upon the children, that will last throughout life. Citizens can well afford to lay aside all animosities and rivalries for empty honors, and unite on the work that will make our cities, towns and villages patterns in all respects. This is a labor worthy of the best efforts of good citizens. But the object will never be attained, unless peace and harmony are permitted to prevail.

## STILL LOOKING FORWARD.

The anti-"Mormon" spokesmen still asks why the revelation on Celestial marriage is retained in the Doctrine and Covenants. The implied allegation in the question is, that the Church will re-establish polygamy, in the future.

In Deut. xxv, we find the following law which was in force during the Mosaic dispensation. No apology is needed for the verbatim quotation from the Scriptures:

"If brethren dwell together, and one of them die and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger; her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her unto himself to wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her. And it shall be that the first-born which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel."

This law is no longer observed; yet, it remains in the Bible, even the latest editions. Why? For historical reasons. The history of the dealings of the Almighty with His children in the various dispensations would be incomplete, were any of the details that have been handed down to us, eliminated. That is a sufficient answer to the question why a certain section has not been excluded from the collection of revelations given in this age. Another reason is that that section reveals important truths on the eternity of the marriage covenant, which is entirely different from plural marriage. The latter subject occupies only a small part of the revelation.

Our venomous antagonist also says, "The Deseret News knows" that "as fast as girls could be inoculated with the poison of this idea [that polygamy is to be re-established] men have been found who were already prepared by the example and teaching of the hierarchy to take those girls into their families as plural wives. The writer on the Deseret News knows that several apostles for years have been engaged in teaching quietly to select young men and young women of the Church this doctrine, and that when the victims were molded to the right mood these apostles have performed ceremonies of plural marriage under vow of secrecy. The Deseret News knows that the Canadian and Mexican colonies of the Church are filled with new polygamous families."

We do not know anything of the kind, neither from personal observation nor from testimony or common report. Nor does anybody else know. Every statement quoted is false. We do know that some of the enemies of all truth and righteousness have made accusations founded upon exaggerations and distortion of facts, as well as upon lies of all degrees, not excepting those of which even an Ananias would be ashamed.

We do know that there have been no unlawful marriages contracted with the sanction of the Church Authorities, since the Manifesto, and that no one has been authorized to teach doctrines contrary to the laws of the land, either publicly or privately. We also know that the allegations of some of our opponents are dictated by spite and envy, and are about as credible as the affidavit made by a now deceased clergyman and presented to the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

New all of Count Boni's creditors discredit him.

The coal lands inquiry might be termed a black diamond "drill."

Of the inquiry into the disposal of Utah coal lands it may be said that the plot thickens.

People should be thankful every day of the year and not merely on an official Thanksgiving.

Since last January Standard Oil stock has shrunk \$238,000,000 in value. Just \$238,000,000 in water has gone out.

If Senator Tillman's arguments on the negro problem were as strong as his language, they would be unanswerable.

All kinds of craft have been used in the attempt to reach the north pole, why not try, not a balloon but witchcraft?

When public schools become partisan they rapidly deteriorate. See to it, voters, that this city has no partisan Board of Education.

Until American citizenship is conferred upon them, the Porto Ricans will have to be content with their status as citizens of the world.

According to Dubois, Senator Smoot will "have to go." It is absolutely certain that Dubois will have to go which is another cause for thanksgiving.

Chairman Shonts' daughter has just captured a French duke. As Mr. Weller might have said to his daughter, had Sam been a girl, "Beware of dukes!"

John G. Carlisle, ex-secretary of the

his high hat in forty years. This is a splendid example of standing pat on the hat.

The interstate commerce commission in the coal inquiry is proceeding on the theory, "Seek, and ye shall find." And the development work all points that way.

Senator Tillman says that South Carolina will be red hot before it is black. That is the natural order, the black always coming after the red hot, never before.

The Cosmopolitan is running a series of confessions on "What Life Means to Me." To most people it simply means drudgery, though no one has yet so said in the Cosmopolitan.

Chicago has discovered that she is older by a hundred and thirty-four years than she thought she was. The thing for her to do now is to apply to the heralds' college for her ancient coat of arms.

Rev. Dr. Crapsy may become a lecturer and attract many hearers, but he can never hope to become a great religious reformer. Nor can any man in the Christian world who denies the divine truth of Jesus, the very cornerstone of Christianity.

Caruso's little episode is over and he has begun singing again. Had he been an actor instead of a singer, his defense would have been Othello's: "She thanked me, and bade me if I had a friend that loved her, I should but teach him how to tell my story, and that would woo her. Upon this hint I spoke. She loved me for the dangers I had passed, and I loved her that she did pity them. This only is the witchcraft I have used."

The war department has called on Major Penrose of the Twenty-fifth regiment at Fort Reno, for an explanation of the statement alleged to have been made by him in a newspaper interview to the effect that the dismissed battalion of that regiment was the best battalion in the United States army. Had he said it was the worst he would also have been called upon to explain. In such matters there is no happy medium for an officer. The only wise course is to say nothing and do your own thinking.

## NEW TENOR IS A TINY ONE.

New York Sun.  
Alessandro Bonci, the new tenor of the Manhattan Opera House, is the smallest singer who has ever appeared before the local public. In spite of high heels and every other aid to increase stature he is barely five feet high. In spite of his drawback Signor Bonci is one of the two most famous tenors in Europe. The other is our own Caruso, and the extent of the rivalry among the tenors living in Japan stood from the fact that Signor Bonci, who had booked his passage on the same steamer with Signor Caruso, refused to sail when he learned that his competitor was also to be a passenger. "Because," as his agent wrote to Oscar Hammerstein, "Signor Bonci says that although the Americans have big ships there never was yet built one big enough to hold me and Signor Caruso."

## THE "TOUCHY" JAPS.

New York Sun.  
"Every time the papers say something about 'Japs' it hurts the Japanese people," said a Japanese yesterday. "We call our country Nippon, pronounced in the Japanese tongue 'Nihon,' and the Japanese man is 'Nihonjin.' Foreigners say Japanese and Japan because they don't know how to pronounce the real words. But when they call us 'Japs' we believe that it is a term of derision, just as you speak of colored people as 'coons,' and all civilized Japanese hate the term. None of the foreigners living in Japan would think of insulting us by using the abbreviation. In Japan we call all white persons 'sayojin,' which means Western man. Sayojin is a most respectful word. But there is another that was used before we became what the western world calls civilized; that word means 'foreign devil.' That is a very impolite word, and I hope the time will never come when it will become popular in Nippon."

## JUST FOR FUN.

Timely Precaution.  
"Maria," said Mr. Quigley, entering his home in some excitement, "I want you to promise me not to look at the papers for the next three months!"  
"What for?" wondering asked Mrs. Quigley.  
"I have just been nominated for a public office," he faltered, "and I don't want you to find out what kind of a man I really am." Chicago Tribune.

One Never Does.  
"Bragley tells me he got mixed up in a scrap on election day."  
"Did he win out?"  
"Of course. If he hadn't he wouldn't have said anything about it."—Catholic Standard and Times.

The School.  
"How do you get those clinging ways?" asked the countess.  
"Hanging from a coat-car strap," answered the city girl.—Washington Herald.

Caught Either Way.  
Now when you grind your teeth in rage at the Food Trust you are playing into the hands of the Dental Trust.—Butler Democrat.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The North American Review for November 16th contains a notable and timely list of topics. Leading the table of contents is a generous instalment of chapters from the Autobiography of Mark Twain. Lucien Hugh Alexander, a prominent member of the Philadelphia bar, contributes a thorough and comprehensive article entitled "James Wilson, Patriot, and the Wilson Doctrine." In "The New Spirit in India" Sir Henry Cotton discusses the new spirit of nationality that has arisen in India under English dominion. Edward Porritt contributes an article on "Political Corruption in England." "The Poems of Tennyson," by William Vaughn Moody, is a fascinating and vivid appreciation of that little known poet, who, though he died young, yet left a monument of beautiful verse and a valuable addition to American literature. In "An Unexpected French War-Cry against Germany," Karl Dihl takes to task the celebrated French publicist, Yves Guyot, for taking advantage of the present entente cordiale between England and France in fostering a bellicose spirit against Germany. Dr. Josiah Strong, in an article entitled "Our Industrial Juggernaut," marshals some telling facts and figures to show the vast number of accidents, fatal and otherwise, caused by the industrial plant of the country. "The Future of Transatlantic Steamship," by William Vaughn Moody, is a fascinating and vivid appreciation of that little known poet, who, though he died young, yet left a monument of beautiful verse and a valuable addition to American literature. In "An Unexpected French War-Cry against Germany," Karl Dihl takes to task the celebrated French publicist, Yves Guyot, for taking advantage of the present entente cordiale between England and France in fostering a bellicose spirit against Germany. Dr. Josiah Strong, in an article entitled "Our Industrial Juggernaut," marshals some telling facts and figures to show the vast number of accidents, fatal and otherwise, caused by the industrial plant of the country. "The Future of Transatlantic Steamship," by William Vaughn Moody, is a fascinating and vivid appreciation of that little known poet, who, though he died young, yet left a monument of beautiful verse and a valuable addition to American literature.

and imaginary," is the title of an authoritative and deeply interesting article by Mr. Lawrence Y. Spear, late naval constructor in the United States navy. The article is accompanied by the first photographs ever published showing interior views of a United States submarine vessel. A graphic story is told by an eye-witness of the terrible and devastating typhoon at Hongkong. A seasonable article which will catch the eye of the sportsman is Reginald Gourlay's paper, "The Ways of the Ruffed Grouse," which he describes as the sportiest game bird in America. Frederick Moore writes of "The Unending Race War in Macedonia," that region of devious and sinister politics where every man's hand is raised against his alien neighbor, and where another general uprising is said to be not unlikely in the near future. Arthur Colton contributes a touching short story on an original theme, entitled "Jerry and Judah." The new department, "The Season's Plays," contains reviews of recent dramatic efforts by Mrs. Wharton, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Zangwill. In addition, the extensively quoted and influential editorial "Goodnight," is, as usual, a dominant feature; and there is interesting matter concerning literature, art, and science.—New York.

A number of articles of exceptional interest will be found in the current Harper's Weekly, not the least striking of which is the frank description written by Robert Dunn, special correspondent for Harper's Weekly, of "The Hidden Tragedies of the Arctic Whaling Fleet." Another interesting article describes the unusual care which was exercised in fitting out the battleship voyage to the canal zone and Porto Rico. "The Spirit of the Boulevard," by Rowland Strong, special correspondent for Harper's Weekly, shows how the great Parisian highway reflects the most typical transfiguration which has taken place of recent years in the general aspect of French society. "A German Portrait of President Roosevelt" is extremely interesting, and students of the drama will find much to hold their attention in a review, by W. D. Howells, of three plays recently produced in New York: "His House in Order," "The Hypocrite," and "The Krugger Sonata." The number is, as usual, rounded out with many distinguished photographs and drawings, and its pages of "Comment" and editorial.—New York.

Christmas and the Metropolis—the Yuletide Spirit and the spirit of the City-of-Four Millions are charmingly reflected in the December Broadway. The magazine contains stories by Rupert Hughes, L. Frank Tooker, Emory Pottle, Annie Warner, Eugene Wood, Katharine Roof, Porter Emerson Browne and Robert Elliott; a strikingly interesting article "The Treasures of New York" by Charles De Kay, describing with illustrations the art prizes for which millions of dollars have been paid hundreds of thousands of dollars; a remarkable series of pictures in color—"Impressions of New York"—by famous Metropolitan painters, showing the Flat-Iron building, the East Side tenements, etc.; keen, colorful, practical articles by Anne O'Hagan on "Christmas in Many Streets" and on "The Rejuvenation of Brooklyn," by Chas. H. Cochrane, a continuation of his "railroad facilities" series which is constantly so much interest. The cover is a beautiful symmetrical "nocturne in blue and gold."—West Twenty-second St., New York.

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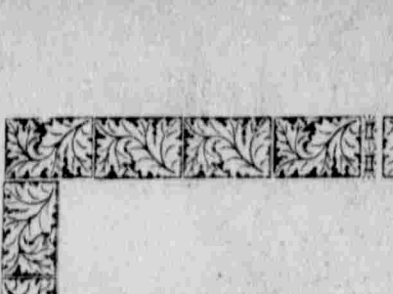
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