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## PRESIDENT WINDER.

The Deseret News joins the many friends of President John R. Winder in cordially congratulating him on his 58th birthday, and hoping that he will live still many years, a blessing to his family and a tower of strength to the Church, to the service of which he has devoted so many years of his busy and useful life. President Winder arrives at the 58th milestone of his life's journey in health and vigor of mind and body, full of faith and enthusiasm for the cause of the Master. The royal poet of ancient Israel, David, sang sweetly of the blessings the Lord bestowed upon him from time to time, and among these was the renewal of his youth "like the eagle's." So it seems to us, President Winder's youth is, as it were, renewed in the service of his fellow-men, and we hope he will be given many more years of usefulness and peace and happiness.

We noticed the other day a contributor to the North American Review gave a list of notable Americans who have reached, or are about to reach, the period of three score and ten. A short time ago was celebrated the seventieth birthday of Henry Mills Alden, America's foremost magazine editor, simultaneously with pleasing recognition of the arrival at the same milestone, to the very day, of Thomas Bailey Aldrich, America's most brilliant poet; in March pier Number 70 will be reached by William Dean Howells, America's first man of letters, and Grover Cleveland, her first private citizen; in April, by John Pierpont Morgan, the greatest financier America has had from the beginning of her history; in November, by Andrew Carnegie, the most striking example of the opportunities she has afforded brains and industry; in December, by George Dewey, since Paul Jones, her greatest admiral. These are illustrious Americans who have written their names on the pages of history.

The idea that sixty years is the beginning of the end of the usefulness of a human life is contradicted by the facts. The world has men and women who in the seventies and eighties still have the intellectual vigor of youth, and who by reason of their experience are still more useful than they ever have been. President Winder belongs to this class, and we hope he will long remain among the Saints in this sphere of activity.

## DESECRATION OF LAW.

The apologist for Sunday saloons and kindred transgressions of law is exerting himself to make it appear that it is inspired only by the purest and holiest of motives, in its venomous attacks upon the Latter-day Saints. If we take its word for it, it merely insists upon the observance of the law in the interest of public morality.

It is impossible, however, to accept this explanation. The real fact is that the chief leaders and instigators of the present anti-Mormon crusade have demonstrated beyond a possibility of doubt their absolute indifference to laws and ordinances. Witness their alliance with various kinds of soul-destroying business, conducted in defiance of both law and public sentiment. They want to employ the law and the machinery of the government as "big sticks" with which to annihilate every one who dares to oppose their un-American plots and schemes. That is as far as their zeal for law goes. But that is not a vindication of law. It is the worst desecration of law imaginable. The purpose of the law is the promotion of justice. It is not intended to be an instrument for the furtherance of personal ambition, or revenge, and anyone who lays unholy hands upon it for such purposes commits the crime of Uzza whom the Lord smote upon the threshing floor of Nacbon.

The anxiety of the un-American conspirators to find cover behind the pretense that they are the champions of virtue, while in reality they are merely the paid slaves of selfishness, is readily understood, for the manifestations of intolerance have a rather monstrous appearance in this enlightened age, especially when hypocrisy adds to their ugliness, as is the fact in this case. As far as the chief instigators of the present crusade are concerned, they are not even honest in their intolerance, as words the bigots who bed devastating armies in former centuries against the Waldenses and Albigenses, or instigated the massacre of Huguenots. These were honest in their errors, but in the present case there are no extenuating circumstances. It is a matter of self-interest pure and simple, and the labored efforts to make it appear that it is a matter of zeal for public morality, are entirely lost upon every one who is familiar with local conditions.

## SUNDAY AMUSEMENTS.

What sophistry can accomplish in the line of interpretation of law is exemplified in some of the excuses made for the breaking of Sunday ordinances. In New York there is a penalty for the performance of any tragedy, comedy, opera, ballet, farce, negro minstrelsy, negro or other dancing, wrestling, boxing with or without gloves, sparring contests, trial of strength, or any parts therein, or any circus, equestrian or dramatic performance or exercise, or any performance or exercise of jugglers, acrobats, club performances or rope dancers, on the first day of the

week, and yet, one manager insists that his show does not come under this provision. He gives a reproduction of a singing match and claims that it is a "sacred concert," because the orchestra plays "Jerusalem."

In this city the managers of some amusement houses used to claim that there is no law against Sunday performances, but it cannot be disputed that the ordinance that permits "sacred musical concerts" on the first day of the week, provided a license is procured, is intended to prohibit all other kinds of money-making performances on that day. There is no need of the consecration of the Sabbath in the matter of amusements. Sunday performances, we believe, are opposed by the majority of managers as well as reputable actors and actresses. They should be opposed by pastors and church people generally because of their tendency to annul whatever influence for good the churches may have.

## A CRISIS IN PERSIA.

When the Shah of Persia, Mozaffar-ed-Din, is gathered to his fathers, a crisis in the affairs of Persia, it is presumed, will set in. Russia, Great Britain and Germany have for years been rivals for the preponderating influence upon the policy of the Persian government, and it is supposed that the death of the present ruler will be the occasion of diplomatic intrigue. The general impression is that in Persia a great struggle for political supremacy will one day be fought, a struggle that cannot be confined to Persia, but must inevitably spread until it embraces Arabia, Mesopotamia, Anatolia and the whole Turkish empire.

It is quite possible, though, that the new form of government will prove the means of staving off the threatened crisis for some time. Popular governments are different from Oriental despotisms in this important particular that they do not depend upon any one man for their stability. When a despot dies, the government is virtually dissolved, and in the struggle that often ensues between rival claimants for the vacant throne, foreign intrigues have a fair chance of success. It is different when the people govern themselves and the rulers represent the people. The granting of a parliament and a constitution to Persia, may prove the salvation of the country.

## ALLIANCE OF CHURCHES.

In the Episcopal diocese of New Hampshire a society has been formed called The Eastern Church association. The object of this organization is to promote the closest possible union between the American division of the Episcopal church and the Russian, or Greek orthodox denomination. It is expected that the effect of this movement will be twofold. It will affect, it is said, American church life, and also, America's political status. It will, in turn, react on the Russian church and people.

The separation of the Greek from the Roman church occurred in the year 1054, when the patriarch of Constantinople and pope of Rome excommunicated each other, as heretics and usurpers. As for the doctrines of the Russian church, its members deny the infallibility of the Pope and the existence of a purgatory.

Marriage does not disqualify a candidate for priestly offices from obtaining so-called holy orders, but re-marriage of a priest is forbidden. Laymen are permitted to marry as many as three times. Baptism is performed by immersion three times and leavened bread is used in the sacrament. Monasticism is an important feature of the Greek Church. The three great convents are those of Jerusalem, Mount Sinai and Mount Athos. The inmates of these institutions engage in manual labor.

The government of the Greek church is administered by the patriarchs and by the synods. Some of the patriarchs are honored by high-sounding titles. The one who resides at Jerusalem is called "The Blessed and Holy Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem, of Palestine, Syria, Arabia beyond Jordan, Cana, Galilee and Holy Zion." The supreme authority is vested in a general synod, but the patriarchs are almost autocrats, each in his own jurisdiction.

Attempts have been made repeatedly to bring about a reconciliation between the two great branches of the Catholic church, but without success. The reformers entertained bright hopes of introducing their tenets into the Greek Church, and Melancthon particularly took great interest in these efforts. So far, however, the Greek church has refused to accept the advances made. If the New Hampshire society succeeds in bringing about an alliance between the Episcopal church in this country and the Russian Church, it will be rather by Russifying the American denomination than by reforming that over which the Czar of Russia is recognized as the spiritual head.

If the Cubans are not pacified they are quiet, which is the next best thing.

Politics does not make such strange bed fellows as cheap lodging houses do.

Mrs. Parsons' idea of the marriage tie is a slip loop rather than a Gordian knot.

When one gets outside of the paved districts Salt Lake's streets look like the stench of despond.

When Burrows got through speaking, every senator present suffered from "that tired feeling."

Trolley cars and automobiles never find it hard to keep a good man down when once they have hit him.

Bellamy Storer is one of those men who when they say the mule is sixteen feet high, stick to it.

When indictments are being found what more natural than that Forresters should take to the woods?

President Roosevelt has been awarded the Nobel peace prize. A peace victory quite as renowned as any of war.

In wanting to reduce Shakespeare's works to seven, Hall Caine probably

wants one for each of the seven ages of man.

Mark Twain says that books are the best friends; you can shut them up when you want to. This is one point of difference between books and boys.

The Erie canal will forever be linked with the memory of Governor Clinton, but the era canal will forever be linked with the name of ex-Governor Roosevelt.

The London Daily Mail thinks that sooner or later the people of the United States will have to measure swords with Japan. Let a commission be appointed to measure the dimensions of the swords and when they are ascertained let the facts be referred to The Hague tribunal for settlement.

Speaking on Shakespeare, Hall Caine says that his plays, with the exception of a few isolated passages, are "neither good for doctrine nor mortal guidance; not good as pictures of life and not even good as dramatic art." "Let his thirty-seven works be thinned to seven," says the Manxman. What Shakespeare's plays seem to lack is the Hall mark.

If people would use more honey and less butter on their bread it would be better, says an exchange, for their health, especially for children and invalids—at least such as suffer from defective or weak digestive power. Honey is a partly digested form of sugar and thus relieves the stomach from the task of changing cane sugar to grape sugar, which must be done with other forms of sugar before they can be absorbed into the system.

The religious situation in France is very serious, but that a religious war should break out seems impossible. There may be outbreaks of fanaticism here and there, but nothing more. The various church measures adopted by the French government have been drastic in the extreme, approaching those that were adopted by the national assembly during the revolution. An election now would probably result in driving the radicals from power. The situation is as grave as it is interesting.

## A TRUE EMERGENCY CURRENCY

Philadelphia Press.

A true emergency currency requires a penalty tax high enough to discourage its issue, save in an emergency. In Germany this tax is 5 per cent. It should not be lower here. New York clearing house certificates never carry less than 8 per cent in amount. If it is not to meet any emergency, this is true of New York clearing house certificates with their high rate—issued as needed. At high rates these certificates are always wanted in an emergency. Congress will never consent to an issue of unsecured currency with a tax of only 2½ per cent. It will not vote inflation. If 5 per cent works in Germany, and secures, as this fall, the issue of \$125,000,000, no lower tax should be accepted here for any emergency currency.

## THE DAILY DIME NOVELS.

Springfield Republican.

It was a mere matter of fact to state that a certain order of newspapers have literally become daily dime novels. They distort the great honest life of the nation in a way to give the impression to a growing army of comparatively ignorant readers that falseness and crime are almost dominant in the life of the American people. This is a situation wherein are wrapped great possibilities for evil. It becomes all the more important that decent men in journalism remain true to the truth, and give full place to that honesty and righteousness which are always present and which will exalt a nation.

## BISHOP WILLIAMS ON HERESY.

Hartford Courant.

The only bishop who has been at pains to make it quite clear to everybody that he thinks the trial of Dr. Crapsey a great mistake is Bishop Williams of Michigan. "Even in extreme cases I do not believe in the weapons of excommunication or deposition for purely intellectual errors," he said to his diocesan convention. "I do not want to place to the truth: I want the truth to defend me."

## COLORED SOLDIERS.

Philadelphia Ledger.

Statistics show that few colored soldiers desert the army. They desert them so fast they don't get the chance.

## JUST FOR FUN.

The Worst.

"Doctor, you may as well be frank with me. Tell me the worst," said the patient nervously.

"I can do nothing for you," said the doctor, calmly but firmly.

"Nothing?"

"Absolutely nothing. There's nothing the matter with you."

Greatly relieved, the patient went out in the back yard and sawed wood.—Ex.

Saved.

"You have saved me from suicide, sir," said the young man to the father of the loved one, who had just given his consent.

"And you," replied the old man, "have saved me from bankruptcy. Shake!"—Houston Post.

Row Fools.

There once was a lady named Dowd whose peck-a-bow waist was quite loud;

When she went out at night

The moon, at the sight,

Blushed deep and went under a cloud.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

With Profuse Apologies.

When you're riding in your auto with your head high in the air,

And all the world seems rosy, with no thought of worry, care,

When you're gliding down the boulevard, the wheel within your grip,

Your chug machine going at a mighty dangerous clip,

You must gaze about you sharply, this advice you must not scout,

For the coquette will get you if you don't watch out!—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Needed Stirring Up.

"I see San Salvador and Guatemala are at war."

"What are they fighting over?"

"Nothing in particular. The weather began to get cooler and the troops needed exercising."—Ex.

Heartless.

"I would deem it a great favor if you would give me a little writeup," said the poet to the editor.

"Nothing would please me more," replied the editor. "When do you contemplate dying?"—Ex.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

"My Life—So Far," by Josiah Flynt, the first installment of which appears in Success Magazine for December, is hailed as "the most remarkable autobiography of modern times." Mr. Flynt, who is the author of numerous stories dealing with tramps, pickpockets, and other denizens of the underworld, begins here the narration of his life-story, a tale of restless yearning and of wandering throughout many countries. Vance Thompson, whose acquaintance with European rulers and diplomats is second only to that of the late De Bismarck, writes of some remarkable features of "The Dreyfus Affair," and his bearing upon the destinies of the French republic. Samuel Merwin tells of the first meeting of the People's Lobby, the national legislative bureau for which Success Magazine is receiving contributions. The issue is strong in fiction. "Loretta of the Shipyards," a tale of Venetian life, full of the romance and splendid coloring of that wonderful tale, "The Sign of the Cross," is one of Ellis Parker Butler's latest triumphs, a Christmas story of a distinctly original cast. There are several other features of exceptional interest.—Washington Square, New York.

The Pictorial Review for January has an unusual number of Christmas stories, among the many original ideas is the creation of "Fray Santa Claus," a story in rhyme that will rival in popularity "The Night Before Christmas." It comes from the pen of Mrs. Mary E. Craigie, who begins also with this issue to take charge of the club work news. Mrs. Emma Paddock Telford, the household economist, begins an exposition of wholesome foods which she herself has proved and can recommend. A member of the Massachusetts bar, John F. Simmons, commences a series of directions to women on their legal status in different states, how their property and earnings may be disposed, as young girls, wives or widows. Fiction has its place. Mary C. Francis, Martha McCulloch Williams, Mimi Inness, Frank H. Sweet and T. C. Cummings contribute good things. Olive Hyde Foster's hymn, "Hail to the Messiah," set to her own vocal arrangement of the anthem of Beethoven, Op. 14, No. 2, is a Christmas hymn; and besides the "Talks to Girls" Florence Jackson has written a Christmas poem, "The Land of God." Mary Taylor Ross has a helpful article on "Systematic Housekeeping." Mildred K. Smith carries on her "Talks on Motherland."—The Pictorial Review Co., New York, N. Y.

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