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NO END TO THE PRIESTHOOD.

A friend in Mississippi writes to the Descret News for some scriptural references to show that "the Aaronic Priesthood is not done away with." We presume he has met with some of our "Christian" friends who declare that all priesthood ended with Christ, and that the Aaronic Priesthood, particutarly, ceased when the Messiah came as the son of Mary. By the scriptures, of course, he means the Bible and especially the New Testament. The revelations of the latter days, nowever, as contained in the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price, are also to be understood as scriptures, and being what is claimed for them must be so regarded.

The term priesthood signifies divine authority; that is, the right to adminster in the name of Deity. This apslies to the ordinances of the gospel as well as to the ceremonies of the lawthat which was revealed through Moses. Under the Mosaic code the adninistration of its rites and observinces was limited to the Levites and he direct descendants of Aaron, the prother of Moses. None others were permitted to officiate therein. Moses acted under a higher order of priestnood than that, even the authority held by Melchisedek and others. Jethro ilso ministered under it, and outside of the line of the Levites.

When the Messiah came He officiated is the great High Priest, after that ligher authority, and being of Judah was not qualified under the law as Levite or of the lincage of Aaron. Yet he was fully endowed with the ight to act in all the fulness of the Holy Priesthood, having been divinely uppointed. This is elaborately set orth in the Epistle to the Hebrews t is there declared, not that the priesthood was ended, but that it was thanged. In chapter seven the Aposde argues (verse 12) "For the priestgood being changed there is made of secessity a change also of the law." 'hrist did not come to destroy but to fulfill the law. After He offered up dimself as a sacrifice, to prefigure which the sacrifices under the law were nstituted, there was no more necesity for them. But the ordinances of the Gospel had to be administered, and t required divine authority, i. c., priest-100d, to officiate in them so that they could be recognized on high,

Animal sacrifices were offered up

tle republic in the Italian mountain fastnesses. It is undoubtedly the smallest independent state in Europe. and that it has managed to retain its autonomy in spite of all the political changes the Old World has witnessed during the passing centuries, is very remarkable.

The history of San Marino is said to date back to the 3rd century when a couple of Dalmatians took up their residence in that region. On account of the loyal assistance the settlers, in later centuries, rendered the victorious parties of the endless feuds that formed a feature of medieval politics, the independence of the little state was recognized. Napoleon 1 also decided to preserve this state. Perhapps its very weakness has been its salvation. San Marino has less than 10,000 in habitants, occupying a territory about 30 square miles in extent. The reve nues amount to \$60,000 annually, and this is sufficient to support two presidents, a legislature properly divided into two houses, an army consisting of 900 men and 60 officers, as well as a cabinet and other officials.

The new presidents were duly installed, with all the ceremonies that belong to such occasions, and the governments of the world will be formally notified of the change. It seems that the occasion drew a number of sightseers to the capital of the republic, especially from Italy. There were also a few tourists from England and America.

NO COMPROMISE IN FRANCE.

The French cabinet, it is reported, has arrived at an understanding as to what will be the attitude of the government in the enforcement of the Separation law which becomes operative in December next. What the conclusion is, is not stated, but it can be taken for granted that there will be no retraction on the part of the ministry. This much can be inferred from the public utterances of the Premier, M. Sarrien, and the Minister of the Interior. M. Clemenceau. They have asserted that no step would be taken that would reflect upon the government. In fact, the attitude of both church and state seems to be one of estrangement. There is no disposition to reconciliation in evidence. If the enforcement, of the law, the government functionaries say, involves the forfeiture of church buildings and other ecclesiastical property, so much the worse for the French Catholics, who have not been permitted by the Vatican to effect an accommodation.

The Pope is reported to be equally determined not to yield. To an inquiry whether some arrangement might not be made whereby French Catholics might be enabled to use the church buildings, which had been endeared to them by long association, the Pope is said to have replied that the whole responsibility for the confiscation of ecclesiastical property would the end. rest upon the civil power. According to an article in the New York Sun, the Pope recalled the fact that in this enevelical he had been constrained to repudiate the so-called "cultural" associations prescribed by the civil power in France, for the reason that they would have embodied a violation of the fundamental principles of the canon law. He added that on precisely the same ground he had felt obliged to withhold his sanction from the substitute proposed by a majority of the

selves to cease wrangling, and pull together for their own benefit. A contributor to Appleton's magazine makes this clear. He calls attention to the fact that since 1889 the European production of beet sugar has exceeded the world's output of cane, and adds that the struggle between beet and cane for supremacy grew into a contest between two continents, with the world's markets for the prize." Hawaii, through

her connection with the United States was saved from commercial annihilation. The governments of France, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Russia poured billions in subsidies into their beet-sugar industries, drove sugar cane from their markets, and forced Cuba and Porto Rico to the industrial wall. The writer concludes that it is in the friendship of the United States that Cuba is permanently safe from the results of a continuance of this industrial warfare. If this is true, the maintenance of friendly relations with the United States must be of the greatest importance to the Cubans. A brief resume of the history of American intervention in Cuba at this

thme, may be of interest. Palma was unanimously chosen to be the first Cuban president. He was renominated last year by the Moderate party, while the Liberals declared for General Gomez. Palma carried the election by methods which his opponents declared fraudulent, and great excitement prevalled. This was not allayed when Palma removed all Liberals from office. On the 19th of August last a plot to overthrow the Palma government was

discovered, and Generals Vilas, Carlos, Garcia and Castillo were arrested, but General Castillo escaped and raised an army, as did also Generals Ferrari and Pino Guerra. Palma was quite unable to put down the insurrection. Life and property became more and more unsafe, and President Roosevelt, in a friendly letter to the Cuban minister, warned the factions that unless they concluded peace and maintained good order the United States would feel obliged to intervene, under the Platt amendment. Palma requested intervention. Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary Bacon were therefore sent to Havana as mediators between the factions and as investigators for the United States government. Secretary Taft conducted negotiations

for peace. His idea was for Palma to retain office until a new election could be held whose results would be accepted by the insurgents. But this did not seem to appeal to Palma, and he and his cabinet resigned on September 28. The Cuban congress was unable to elect a successor, and thus there being no government in existence, Secretary Tafi

issued a proclamation and took posses. sion of the island as its governor. The arrival of Governor Magoon marks a new paragraph of this brief history of a Cuban revolution. We can only hope that the conciliatory policy declared by Secretary Taft will be followed out to

Six speeches in one day is "too muchee talkee."

It is much easier to amnesty the Cubans than to pacify them. The automobilists who race with balloons should hitch their wagons to

a star. The colonial furniture fad is dying

Aberdeen university has made An-

out. As fads go it was a very good one,

of them. But in England and Ireland no such latitude is allowed the press in its comments on public men as in the United States. In this country too often newspaper comments on public men transcend the bounds of liberty of the press and are but license. The outcome of the Croker libel suit will be watched with much interest.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Everett W. Burdett in Moody's. The remedy for the manifestation of the spirit of unrest and discontent which is just now so rampant seems to be largely in the hands of the present private owners and operators of our public service corporations. As soon as it is generally recognized that their purpose is to give good service at reasonable prices, to treat the public fairly, to ameliorate and improve the condition of their employes, the sober-minded portion of the community will see the total lack of necessity for a change from private to public control of quasi-public business enterprises. of quasi-public business the waste. They already realize that the waste, extravagance, and inefficiency which usually characterize municipal public service in this country vastly exceed the profits which the general public to private corporations engaged public service work. They also real-the danger of the further augpays n public mentation of the powers and enlarge-ment of the functions of municipal corporations. They have heretofore looked upon municipal ownership as the lesser of two evils. But with the changed conditions which are already existent and will shortly become apparent even to the casual observer, they will settle back to their original conviction that the true end of government is to govern and not to exploit business enterprises.

RISE IN COST AVERAGES. Baltimore American.

It is not a surprising statement that is issued from the Government Bureau of Labor indicative that there has been a gradual and steady advance in the average cost of living in this country since 1890. The householder who has schere isso, the holdscholder who has kept anything like a fair comparative estimate of market accounts during that period knows that prices have been gradually rising to a higher level. The farmer is also well aware that there has been an appreciable increase in his margin of profits on all sorts of in the margin of profits of an sorte of commodifies during the period men-tioned. The cost of living generally, there is no reason to question, was, as the bureau statisticians estimate, 17.7 higher during 1905 than during 1890, but if the ratio could be figured out with depictences it mould doubles he with definiteness it would doubtless be shown that the general prosperity of the country was more than 17.7 higher during 1905 than during 1890. The citles pay more for their foods, but the rural sections are receiving very much more for their enterprise, and as the citles are dependent in more ways than one upon the rural sections, the situation balances itself to the general good of all concerned.

OBSTACLES TO ANNEXATION.

Harper's Weekly.

It is at the same time true, though many Europeans will hear the asser-tion with incredulity, that we are very far from desiring to annex Cuba. It is indeed very doubtful whether a project of annexation, even though it should be advocated by President Roosevelt, would be sanctioned by both houses of Congress. The standpatters, who have Congress. The standpatters, who have prevented the free admission of Phil-ippine sugar and tobacco into Ameri-can ports, would be far more vehemently opposed to the removal of duties on similar products from Cuba. Noth-Ing but the abolition of such duties on our part, however, would sweeten for the Cuban the bitter pill of annexa-tion. It follows that Mr. Roosevelt finds himself in a dilemma from which extrication will be difficult. The time may come, and may even be near, when nothing but annexation will enawhen nothing but annexation will end ble him to discharge the duty imposed upon him by the treaty of Paris and yet he is likely to find our Congress inflexibly resisting annexation except



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French prelates. It was not for him, long before "the law of carnal comnandments" was instituted and the special rights of the Levites were conerred. And God authorized whom de pleased to officiate in them, without regard to family or tribe. The entire ade of ceremonies given through Moses was for temporary purposes, the imitation of authority to a certain tribe also. When Christ came there was "a change in the priesthood." for here was a change in the ordinances, and they were not confined to one land r race, but were to be proclaimed in all the world and be preached "to every creature." Baptism was for all naions and peoples who would repent. aut being administered in the name of Deity, authority, or priesthood, was an absolute necessity for its divine acseptance.

God, who for a period and a purpose required one tribe only, as a rule, to Miciate in that lesser priesthood which performed the rites of the imperfect aw, did not divest himself of the power or right to confer it upon others when the change came through Christ in the rospel. Indeed he authorized nen who were not of the lineage of Aaron to offer sacrifices, even when he Mosaic law with its limitations as to the tribe of Levi was in force. Take the case of Gideon as narrated in fudges vi, 26-8. Also that of Samuel n I Sam, vil. 9, 10, etc. That the priesthood given to Aaron and his descendants was to abide with them brough all their generations for ever. was plainly declared in the law and incumstances showing this are described in the predictions of the prophets concerning the restoration of Brael in the latter days. See Malachi 11, 3, 4.

The priesthood is not only a necesdty to the authoritative preaching of he gospel and the administration of ts ordinances, but it is to continue and abide is the world to come. In this world, "no man taketh this honor to ilmself, but he that is called of God s was Aaron." In the next world those who are made "kings and priests unto iod" will reign with Christ a thousand rears and their priesthood will abide or ever. See Hebrews vi. When the savior called and ordained His Aposles He said: "As my Father sent me, even so send I you." His Father called Him to be "a priest for ever after the mder of Melchisedek." It is an everasting priesthood. Therefore those nen upon whom that prieathood is conerred, and who remain faithful and vorthy, will hold it and exercise it orever. The lesser priesthood, called meetimes the Aaronic or Levitical miesthood, is a part of the higher order and ever continues with it and under is direction. This is set forth in the evelation of the last dispensation, and nay be learned fully by careful readng of the Doctrine and Covenants, Marticularly sections 68, 84, and 107.

SAN MARINO.

The inauguration, the other day, of iew regents, or presidents, of the reof San Marino, reminds the ublie

who had no power to remodel the basic canons of the church, but for the French government, to remove the obstacles to an accommodation. All it giving money, had to do, Pius X concluded, was so to modify the Separation act as to render it possible for French Catholics to form drew Carnegie a doctor of laws, not of orthography. associations which the canon law would

not forbid. Senator Beveridge says that Mr. It is not difflicult to foresee that there Bryan is a dreamer. Then he must will be strenuous times in France, if talk in his sleep. the state and church are going to fight each other on this question. The clos-It's a poor politician who carries ing of certain religious establishments his heart upon his sleeve for jackand the forcible entrance of church daws to pick at, buildings some time ago caused riots in many places, and furnished the sor-General Ouschakoff's pursuit of his ry spectacle of a great republic makeloping wife shows that he is a great ing war, in fact, upon defenseless womlong distance runner. en and feeble, old men. If the Separation law is carried out strictly, devout Government by a commission is not worshipers will be denied to enter the a government of the people, by the peochurches where their entire religious ple and for the people. existence has centered for generations. Can any such radical measures be jus-Chinatown is used to firecrackers tified? We do not believe the French but a bomb burst there yesterday, people will submit. It is dangerous to

causing a great sensation. wound the religious feelings of any community. It is especially so, if the Upton Sinclair is running for Conobject is not manifestly just and good. gress in New Jersey. If he ever gets there he will find it a jungle.

IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE.

The orders issued by Secretary Taft as provisional governor of Cuba, on the arrival in the island of Governor Magoon, furnish sufficient evidence of Maxim Gorky, the Russian anarchist. the peaceful intentions of the United announces that he is going to return States government. The decree proclaiming amnesty to all political offenders gives the insurgents an opportunity to lay down their arms and return to ribus unum plan-one from many to their daily duties. The order outlining the duties of the American forces in the island defines their position as re-

maintain order.

the island.

bacco lands near Pinar del Rio. The

sugar production is also to a very

large extent in American hands, the

American interest in the total product

of the island being estimated at about

23 per cent. The Cuban company, most

of whose stock is held by Americans,

serves ready for service only in case the Cubans themselves are unable to the tides,

To the United States it is important that peace should prevail in Cuba. The Cubans who naturally like disturbances, because they furnish them an oportunity of living by plunder, instead of honest labor, cannot be permitted to indulge in that kind of luxury. The investments of American, and other foreign citizens demand protection. American investments alone amount

to about \$160.000.000. Over 4.300.000 acres of Cuban soil belong to Americans, and this is about 15 per cent of the land of The American tobacco trust is very heavily interested in Cuba. This concern is said to own 225,000 acres of to-

owns the Cuba rallroad, sugar centrals, hardwood timber and fruit lands, as well as town sites at many points along the line of the road. These facts establish the necessity for this country to place the Cuban government upon a solid basis, for the protection of American business interests. But It is not world again of the existence of this lit- less necessary for the Cubans them- they could think, and he took no notice

upon the condition that the Island shall Mr. Rockefeller has begun to give be treated like Porto Rico. That, neither the pride nor the pecuniary self-interest of the Cuban could brook. interviews. It is much cheaper than



Lincoln's Quaint Reply.

A New York firm applied to Abra-ham Lincoln some years before he be-came president as to the financial con-dition of a neighbor. Mr. Lincoln re-plied as follows: "Yours of the 10th instant received. I am well acquainted with Mr. _____, and know his cir-cumstances. First of all, he has a wife and haby: together, they ought wife and baby: together, they ought to be worth \$59,000 to any man. Sec-ondly, he has an office in which there is a table worth \$1.50, and three chairs, worth, say, \$1. Last of all there is, in one corner a large rat-hole which will bear looking into. Respectfully yours, A. Lincoln."-Ex. change.

Much sympathy is felt with the short-sighted gentleman who, while lunching on the river near Goring, carefully fitted a corkscrew into the plug of his boat and drew it .- Punch.

Beginning Over. "Did I hear you say, old chap, that marriage has made a new man of you?" "That's right."

Five terrorists were hanged in Lodz, you. Russian Poland, Tuesday. That means five reprisals at the first opportunity.

to Europe. "He never will be missed." The contract for completion of the Panama canal is to be let on the e-plu-

get It. Those who talk so glibly of control. ling the big corporations might learn something by practising controlling

Just at present San Francisco's greatest need is martial law to put down the footpads and robbers who are infesting the city.

Is Cuba going to pay the cost of giving her peace or is the expense to be a gratuity? It is a question that will have to Le answered.

The President has directed that the Cubans put down disorders by Cubans, the American soldiers merely tendering their good offices. In other words, they are to act as referees and see that the rules are not violated.

It is now asserted that not one quarter of the population of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut is of the old Yankee stock. Yet in all probability the three-quarters is probably "something equally good."

Richard Croker has brought suit for libel against the London Magazine, an English publication. It seems somewhat late in the day for him to begin bringing actions for libels. When he was in New York the papers there said of him all the libelous things of which

Regrettable Incident on the River.

"Then that wipes out that ten I ow u. Now lend me five, will you?" And the Contract Isn't Always Binding.

The booking of a singer's tour doesn't always depend on the volume of his voice.--Philadelphia Bulletin.

Ask Grandpa. This curious law prevails in France: A man under 25 years of age, whose parents are dead and whose grand-father or grandmother is allye, cannot

Two Drops.

Van Dauber-How much do you

pay a week for your board and room? Scribbler-Well, some expressmen charge me \$1 and some 75 cents-

Ethel-What a finely chiseled mouth you have! It ought to be on a

girl's face. Jack-Well, I seldom miss an op-

Blanc-I met a woman named Noir

Blance-1 met a wonden hamen som the other day and wondered whether she was your wife. I don't know Madame Noir. What is she like? Noir-She's a woman of 50 who does not look more than 40, imagines she's only 30, dresses as if she were 20 and talks are if she were 10 - Pele

and talks as if she were 10 .- Pele

"I known how America was made," said the youthful prodigy, "North America is made out of solid stuff through and through."

America ?" asked the proud father of

Miss Johnson-"Ah come wifin a ace ob marryin' Abe Persimmons once!" Miss Jockson--"Yaih?" Miss Johnson--"Yais. If he'd had another ace, he'd ha' won a jackpot, an' if he'd won dat jack-pot, he'd had money 'nough fo' to get married on!"--Puck.

And how about South and Central

"Oh, they are made out of scraps."

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the prodigy.

-Chicago Dally News.



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