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A GREAT PROJECT ASSURED.

It is very gratifying to learn that the
needful appropriation for the Straw-
berry Valley irrigation project will be
made by the government, and that we
may consider the matter as settled so
far as that part of it is concerned.
There has been much misrepresentation
concerning the action of the Senators
from Utah, who have been accused of
delaying affairs until it was too late to
receive government aid, because the
funds available had all been appropriated.

The truth is, that the delay was
caused by the hesitation of a number
of the farmers and others in Utah
county who held prior water rights
and were very reluctant about signing
them over to the government. This
proceeding, however, was necessary.
Every effort possible was made to bring
about an agreement among the water-
users of that county, and up to a recent
date it had not been accomplished.

The Deseret News repeatedly urged
the holders of water rights to get to-
gether and formally comply with the
requirements of the law, in order to ob-
tain its benefits. This paper has dilated
upon the matter for a couple of years
or more. A large number of the peo-
ple directly interested took steps to
follow the advice given. But there
were a number who were hard to con-
vince and difficult to persuade, and it
was they who hindered the consumma-
tion of the project, and not the Sena-
tors, or either of them, for they have
done their utmost to bring about the
desired end. But now the obstacles
have been removed and it will be plain
sailing for the future.

The benefits which will be derived
from the prosecution of this work do
not all appear at present. But it will
be found that they will not only inure
to the good of the people in the south
end of Utah county, but the waters of
Utah lake will be increased in volume,
particularly after the lands that will
be newly watered are saturated and
seepage takes place, and the result will
be that Salt Lake county and city will
also reap some of the advantages.

We congratulate Senators Smoot
and Sutherland on the success of their lab-
ors at the seat of government, and the
people of Utah county on being in a
position to enjoy the wealth that will
flow from the great undertaking, which
will be conducted under the direction of
United States officials, will water lands
that previously were arid, and increase
the supply to areas heretofore insuffi-
ciently irrigated. We should all rejoice
in the prospective success of this grand
enterprise.

A COMPARISON.

The dispatches from Russia give but
an inadequate idea of the depth of
misery into which that empire has been
plunged. It is a vast country,
stretching almost from the Atlantic to
the Pacific, across two continents, and
all over this area anarchy prevails,
with strikes, riots, robbery and murder.
Though the season of peace and good
will is at hand, many Russians seem
to be bent only on violence and destruc-
tion, without any definite plan, or
clear understanding of the final out-
come.

Many a crime has been committed in
Russia since the fatal blunder of the
Czar in permitting his troops to fire
upon peaceful petitioners. Revolutions
are generally accompanied by such
crimes, and the Russian uprising is no
exception. But the world freely gives
the Russian people their warm sym-
pathy, notwithstanding the course they
have taken. For, there seemed to be
no other remedy for the chronic ills of
the commonwealth. They simply re-
alized that endurance of oppression had
reached its limit, and they resolved,
like Samson of old, to overturn the
pillars of the house of Dagon,
even if that would prove their last
act of vengeance. They had
come to a condition in which liberty
and death, if one was to be the
price of the other, seemed preferable
to continuous existence in slavery. And
for that reason, all the world that has
advanced beyond the Russian stage of
civilization, extends sympathy to the
Russian patriots, though the bureau-
crats of that country, of course, brand
them as rebels, assassins, robbers, and
violators of law.

It has been the curse of nations un-
der tyrannical forms of government,
that needed changes in the administra-
tion, or the laws—such changes as de-
velopment and new circumstances from
time to time demand—are hardly ever
made in time to prevent disaster. The
citizens have no voice in the govern-
ment, and can only submit in silence.
The tyrants do not know the needs of
the people, and sometimes do not care
to know. If their subjects complain,
they are considered rebels and are shot
down. How can wrongs be righted un-
der such systems of government? What
can be done, when even free speech is
a crime? There seems to be no other

way than for patriots to sacrifice
themselves, break the bonds by which
the people are deprived of their in-
herent rights, take the consequences,
and rely on the vindication of impartial
history, which is sure to be given.

That the Russians have a just cause,
no one can deny. The entire cultivat-
able soil is in the hands of a few own-
ers. The crown holds nearly 35 per
cent, and another large portion is
owned by the nobility and the landed
proprietors. The Czar has private
estates of more than 1,000,000 square
miles of cultivated lands and forests,
with gold and other mines in Siberia,
the annual income of which is estimat-
ed at \$12,000,000. The Grand Duke
Michael has 35 immense estates, and a
score of palaces and castles. Other
grand dukes are similarly provided for,
in addition to holding the highest offi-
ces in army and navy. The public
debt is nearly \$4,000,000,000, and out of
total annual expenditures approximat-
ing \$900,000,000 but \$20,000,000 is spent
for education. Every able-bodied man
is liable to 18 years' military service,
of which four years must be with the col-
ors. And yet the people so burdened
has been denied representation, denied a
voice in the management of the govern-
ment.

How superior do the institutions
of our own country appear when com-
pared to those of unfortunate Russia!
Here, revolutions are never necessary.
When laws become obsolete, or new
laws are needed to meet new condi-
tions, the people have the means in
their hands to effect the desired re-
form, by lawful means, without violence.
It is a lamentable fact that even here,
at times, mobs in mad fury become riot-
ers and law-breakers. This, we be-
lieve, has in every instance been with-
out justification. For under our sys-
tem of government there is no wrong
that cannot be righted by peaceful
means, if the disposition to fairness and
justice is there. That is one of the
blessings of popular representation. It
is a safe-guard against the accumu-
lation of evils which, in the absence
of vigilance, continues until a terrific
explosion takes place, as was the case
when the French revolution made the
world tremble, and as is the case in
Russia today.

THE JEWS AWAKENING.

It was a remarkable demonstration
which was held in New York a few
days ago, when 100,000 persons wearing
mourning badges paraded the streets,
protesting in this solemn manner
against the slaughter of Jews in Rus-
sia. In the procession were many sur-
vivors of the Kishineff massacres, and
the protest can hardly fail to make an
impression.

Another feature of activity among
the Jews is equally remarkable. They
have suddenly awakened to the duty
of self-defense. They are gathering
money for the destitute of their breth-
ren, but these contributions, we be-
lieve, are also intended for defense. At
least, this may be inferred from the
tone of some patriotic speeches recent-
ly delivered. One of their orators re-
cently said: "It is well enough to send
the suffering people food and money,
but it would be vastly better to send
them means of defending themselves—
send them firearms, bullets, if neces-
sary." And there is little doubt that
this is being done.

In the meantime Canada invites the
Russian Jews to come and settle in
that country. Sir Wilfred Laurier, the
prime minister, speaking at a meeting
of sympathy, took occasion to state
that the Jews would be welcome there,
and it must be admitted that Canada
has room enough for as many as may
accept that invitation. There the Jews
would find opportunities and rights
denied them by a tyrant government in
Russia. There they might make them-
selves a power politically to be felt
the world over, as they are in the United
States.

But the ultimate destiny of the Jews
as a nation is Palestine. And first
when they have established themselves
there, will their true world-mission
commence. The ancient Seers are very
explicit on that point. They repeated-
ly foretold the gathering in of the Jews,
and the final redemption of that land. Here
are a few Scripture passages on that
subject:

"For Jehovah will have mercy on Ja-
cob, and will yet choose Israel and set
them in their own land."—Isaiah, xiv, 1.
"The days come, saith Jehovah, that
they shall no more say, 'Jehovah is
here,' which brought up the children of
Israel out of Egypt," but "Jehovah liveth,
which brought up and which led
the seed of the house of Israel out of
the North Country (i. e., Russia—the
"North Country" from Palestine), and
from all the countries whither I had
driven them; and they shall dwell in
their own land."—Jeremiah, xxxi, 7, 8.
"For the days come, saith Jehovah,
that I will bring again the captivity of
My people Israel and Judah, and I will
cause them to return to the land that
I gave to their fathers, and they shall
possess it."—Jeremiah, xxx, 3.

"Behold, I will take the children of
Israel from among the nations whither
they be gone, and will gather them on
every side, and bring them into their
own land."—Ezekiel, xxxvii, 21.
"I will plant them upon their land,
and they shall no more be pulled out
of their land, which I have given them,"
saith Jehovah, thy God.—Amos, ix, 15.
"They shall no more be a prey to the
nations, neither shall the beast of the
land devour them, but they shall dwell
safely, and none shall make them
afraid."—Ezekiel, xxxiv, 28.

The hope of the world centers in the
redemption of Judah and Israel, and
that is the reason why the present
events that transpire all over the world
are watched with intense interest by
all who are awake, listening to hear
the midnight cry.

At Annapolis the unwritten "code"
overrides the written law.

Russian refugees are swarming over
the country like Kansas grasshopper
sufferers did two decades ago.

The railroads are finding it as peri-
cious and expensive to give rebates as
the people of Hoosierdom are to give
cigarettes.

Could The Preacher have had a copy of
"Fads and Fancies," he would have
known something about the real vanity
of vanities.

phia that has been investigating the
granting of rebates by the railroads,
has taken to the Woods.

It's up to Mr. Ryan to prove that
his motives were "pure and unselfish,"
and if he can't prove it, let him hold his
peace for evermore.

Mr. Hearst still has confidence that
he will win out in the majority fight.
He is so certain because he feels that
the election was a confidence game.

If Santa Claus wants to make Mayor
Dunne the happiest man in the Windy
City, he will put into his stocking on
Christmas eve a feasible municipal
ownership plan.

It begins to look as though the re-
port of the life insurance investigating
committee would fill as many volumes
as the naval and military records of
the rebellion.

Secretary Bonaparte and Rear Admi-
ral Converse have had a conference
and mapped out a plan of campaign
for stamping out hazing at Annapolis.
Why didn't they call in consultation
the board of strategy?

Thomas A. Edison prophesies that
electric automobiles will drive out the
horse. Mr. Edison has made so many
rash prophecies about the automobile
that the people have come to regard
them as simply a cry of wolf.

Mr. Harriman told Mr. Ryan that if
he was satisfied that in buying Hyde's
Equitable stock his motives were pure
and unselfish, he would help him. What
a pity that such care was not always
exercised in Equitable affairs!

The Sultan, consciously or uncon-
sciously, is becoming the funny man
of Europe. He has directed the Turkish
ambassador at St. Petersburg to call
Russia's attention to the condition of
affairs at Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia.

USEFUL PRESENTS.

San Francisco Bulletin.
Yet, let us confess it, the most sensi-
ble of us do not take quite the amount
of pleasure in a thoroughly useful
present that we derive from a present
that is more ornamental. From the boy
of 10 that bawls because his aunt in the
country sends him a new comb, instead
of the rattle which he needs for his
life-work of killing Indians and big
game, to the old woman of seventy
that delights in the gift of a silk shawl,
which she won't wear, and would be of-
fended if some one were to give her a
dozen dish towels, we look upon the
eminently useful articles as things that
come in the course of nature and are,
therefore, to be despised; but the purely
ornamental, the extravagant, the use-
less, are things that we never would
buy for ourselves, and are received,
therefore, by us with a very pleasing
sense of pure gain. Indeed, not an
inapt definition of Christmas presents
would be "things that no sane man
would buy for himself, but that we all
buy for friends."

DO NOT PRETEND.

From the New York American.
The woman who gave you the ex-
pensive present last year—who was
she? Some one you really love, and
who loves you? If she was, give her
your best in love's name, and have an
end to it; but if you don't care any-
thing about her and she doesn't care
anything about you, take the money
you have thought of spending for her
and buy a doll for the janitor's baby.
If you don't want to do that, buy a
collar for the pug dog, and if you don't
approve of that, put your money into a
thousand pieces and scatter it to the four
winds of heaven. You'll be putting it
to a better use than you do when you
dare to deprecate a boy's spirit of
"Christmas day with your mean little
hypocritical pretences. Christmas day
—it's the children's day, the mother's
day, the heart day, the real day. Don't
make it simply a day for adding up
your credit and debit accounts."

AFTER A LONG WAIT.

London Express.
A romantic wedding, which for many
years had been longed for, owing to a
woman's promise, took place at Sower-
by near Thirsk in the North Riding of
Yorkshire the other day. For nearly a
quarter of a century the bride had acted
as confidential housekeeper to a
maiden lady who possessed considerable
means. Many years ago the housekeep-
er met a gardener, and was wooed by
him with success. But the housekeeper
had promised her mistress to stay with
her until she died, and so the love story
became one of patient waiting. Three
or four weeks ago the mistress died
in her bed, and the young man, leaving
his faithful housekeeper, her house,
plate and furniture, as well as £1,000 in
money. Many messages of congratula-
tion reached the bride and groom from
friends who knew the story of their courtship.

HE COULDN'T BE FOOLED.

From an Exchange.
A shop assistant had arrived in Lon-
don to help a cousin who was a mail-
man. He had been warned against the people who
would try and "take a rise" out of
his ignorance, so was perpetually on
guard. A customer entered the shop
one morning, and said: "I want 6-pen-
ny worth of bird seed, please." The as-
sistant only smiled. The customer re-
peated his request, but the assistant
only responded with a broad grin on his
face. Finally, the customer, losing pa-
tience, asked him in forcible language
why he did not serve him with the bird
seed. "It's no manner of use your try-
ing to take me in," said the assistant.
"This knows the cannot catch me."
"What on earth do you mean?" said
the angry customer. "Why, I know
that birds grow from eggs, not from
seed!"

WHO WON?

Springfield Republican.
It is a question who won, the sultan
or the concert. The sultan certainly
gained most in the demand of the
powers before he yielded; and, be-
sides—curious spectacle!—a mass-meet-
ing of Mohammedans was held in Lon-
don to protest against this everlasting
negotiating of Turkey by the British gov-
ernment. It is possible finally, that
the downfall of the Balfour ministry
and the early retirement of Lord Lan-
downe moved the powers to make terms
on a modified basis. The Turkish prob-
lem, at least, remains.

PEOPLE COMING TO THEIR OWN.

The Independent.
One cannot help seeing that the peo-
ple are coming to their own. What
right has a czar, or any other ruler or
lordling, depending on his birth for his
superior claim, to pretend to rule over
his subjects? Are we not all born equal?
Is there any one really born to be
the purple? There are those who teach,
even in this country, that suffrage is a
privilege and not a right. We do not
agree with them. We are told that the
right to rule belongs to birth, or caste
or culture. Another lesson this revolu-

tion is teaching. The old French ac-
claim was right: "Liberty, fraternity,
equality." Europe is in a fair way to
learn—and strange that Russia, even
Russia, should teach the lesson, that
to claim the right of birth to rule over
subjects is a crime, is a robbery, a
robbery which the people robbed of
their rights will some day resist—and
how soon? There is a handwriting on
the wall, and it says: "Peres, thy king-
dom is taken from thee and given to
mujiks and artisans." The day of the
French revolution seems to have come
to Russia, when kings died from their
thrones, and for a few days the peo-
ple were supreme? Can European
throne still rest on the poles of bay-
onets? That is the question.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Improvement Era for December
is entirely devoted to the memory of
the Prophet Joseph. The frontispiece
is a portrait of the Prophet, and the
opening article is a eulogy by Wm. A.
Hyde. This is followed by a biographi-
cal sketch, and papers on his boyhood,
his characteristics as a man, a philoso-
pher, his literary attainments, and
prophetic gifts. There is also a hith-
erto unpublished letter by the Prophet,
and a paper on what he did for Wom-
anhood, by Susan Young Gates. The ar-
ticle on "Joseph Smith as a Boy" is by
President Joseph F. Smith, and is an
exceedingly interesting contribution to
the biographical literature that centers
around the latter-day Seer. Among
other contributors to this number are,
William Dore, John A. Widsoe, Orson
F. Whitney and James E. Talmage. It
is one of the most interesting numbers
of this excellent magazine.—Templeton
Building, Salt Lake City.

Success Magazine for December con-
tains a timely and interesting article
on "How Roosevelt is Regarded Abroad." Vance Thompson, who has
gained repute as the greatest American
interviewer, has found everywhere on
the Continent the warmest admiration
for our strenuous President. "Turning
Children Into Dollars," by Juliet Wil-
son Tompkins, is an extremely enlight-
ening description by this well-known
writer of the way in which the child-
labor law is evaded in the New York
tenements, with the inevitable result
of the untiring mental and moral
growth and the placing of a tremen-
dous handicap on the coming generation.
David Belasco contributes a sketch of
"The Beginnings of the Drama in
America," and Max Schreckel, in
"Studying for Grand Opera," gives
some suggestions, drawn from her own
experience, for those whose aspirations
lead toward the operatic stage. The
editor is strong, and the number gen-
erally is one of the best ever published
by this magazine.—Washington Square,
New York.

The December number of Men and
Women magazine is pervaded through-
out with the spirit of Christmas. Not-
able among the articles are Judge Ed-
ward J. Donnan's "The Knell of Pu-
blicitarianism," and Will J. Donovan's
article on the Extravagance of Con-
gress. The fiction particularly breathes
the spirit of Christmas, although in no
sense the ordinary "Christmas" sto-
ries. The department pages are rich
in good things: Christmas games,
Christmas magic, Christmas humor,
Christmas cooking, Christmas gifts,
Christmas candles, Christmas music,
—Cincinnati, Ohio.

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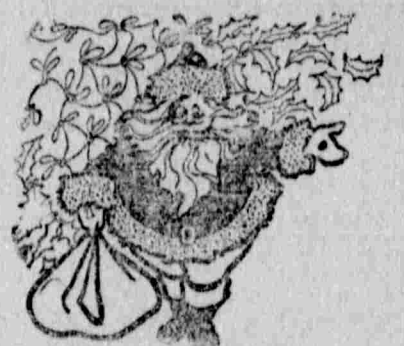
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