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MEMORIAL SERVICES.

For years it has been the custom in the wards throughout the Stakes of tion to commemorate the birthday of the Prophet Joseph, by special services on the Sunday nearest the date of that unniversary. In accordance with this practice we suggest that Sunday. Dec 6, this year, be devoted to the memory of the great Prophet of this dispensaion, and that appropriate services be reld in the Sunday schools, ward houses and other places where the religious services of the Church are held, on

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND, First Presidency Salt Lake City, Dec. 11, 1909.

By the rule that nothing but good should be said of the dead, little be said of the departed monarch of Belgium. But this must be said, that he aced death bravely. If it is true that t requires no less courage to meet the when he approache stealthily in the form of a surgical operation than when he comes openly with thunder and crash, on the field o battle, then Leopold's death was that of a hero. For he saw death comin ind, as far as he could, made every reparation. In the moments when h was comparatively free from pain he erranged his temporal affairs and reeived such spiritual comfort as the Catholic church offers, and then en rusted himself to the skilled surgeons Leopold was born April 9, 1835, an

has been the ruler of Belgium since 1865. He was married, in 1853, to an Austrian Archduchess, Maria Henritte, who died in 1902. Their children are the Princess Louise, Stephanie and Clementine. Prince Albert, the son of his brother, Prince Philippe, is his During the fourty-four years King Leopold has been at the read of the affairs of Belgium, the country has developed and prospered, never before. And the position it has reached in the council of nation s also due to his statesmanship, or, shall we say, business ability?

The King's old age romance has been widely published and commented or And considerable space is still given to it, in the press dispatches. Some years it seems, he was captivated by the beauty of a daughter of the porter at the French legation at Budapest, Miss Caroline Lacroix, but a marriage tween a king and a girl of so humble birth. So there was what is known in he very highest circles, as a "morgan atic marriage." Such marriages are invariably, we believe, contracted with the stipulation that neither the wife, nor the children shall claim the rank property of the exalted husband and father. They are also called "leftnuntials the left hand is sometimes given, the right, presumably, being re served for a union between "equals." as Baroness Vaughan, and she has two children, Lucin, aged five years,

and Phillipe, aged three years.

The Congo state in Africa is largely, the creation of King Leopold, and it will be referred to in history as a monument to his memory. It was founded under the guarantee of the in the interest of peace and the furtherance of civilization. But, as for the latter object it has been almost a failure. The most cruel barbaritles have been perperated in that country by the greedy representatives of civilization. The cruelties of slave days were nothing in comparison. As one writer expressed it: "The so-called civilization in the Congo has the curse of Midas on it. At its touch everything, the most vile and the most holy, the feasts of cannibals, and the plous prayers of saints, smoking villages, and the pale juice of the rubber vine, the lusts of savages and the walls of little children; everything has been gold and has gone to swell the returns of the Antwerp rubber market." "And the fact remains," says another writer, that in 1903 seventy years or so after the abolition of the slave trade (because it was cruel), there exists in Africa a Congo State, created by the act of European Powers, where ruthless, systematic cruelty towards the blacks is the basis of administration and bad faith towards all the other

That King Leopold, knowing what transpired in the state created by his business ability, took no step to ame-liorate the conditions there, is the blackest spot on his character. But, let us hope that civilization will assert itself in Africa, and let us draw a past and the more hopeful future.

CHOIR APPRECIATED.

An appreciation of the musical service of St. Paul's church choir in London, and incidentally an appreciated, compliment to the Sult Lake Tabernacle choir, is contained in a communication solls of certain sections, especially those of New England; but soils do not wear out; it is only where the top tion is penned by George Wallace, formerly editor of the Observer, who is now traveling abroad. The following clipping from the letter contained in the paper of Dec. 10, its submitted by from the British capital to the South

Mary B. Horsfall, of 543 East Sixth |

"A charming feature of the service at St. Paul's is the singing by the celebrated St. Paul's choir of about one hundred voices, all the singers being men and boys. The lover of music becomes enraptured when listening to this famous choir. It is gathered from all parts of the country; any boy who has a good voice is quite likely to be invited to London, and if his parents consent he becomes a member of this choir. He is well cared for and given a liberal education in addition to his musical training.

education in addition to his musical training.

"I have heard a great deal of good choir singing in England, where the knowledge of music is much more general than it is here, and where there is a much larger percentage of singers among the common people than in America. Vocai music is also much more common among the people of Germany and other continental countries, and I sometimes wonder why America has failen so far beind the older countries in this respect.

"The singing at St. Paul's church stands out in my memory as the best I have ever heard from a choir of male voices; however, that of the Mormon choir in Salt Lake City Tabernacle was the best I have ever heard from a choir of mixed voices. This shows we can have good singing in America if the art be cultivated."

NO LACK OF FOOD.

"Wheat," says the scientist Grant Allen, "is a grass, a degraded hily." Yet from this lowly plant, tamed and trained by primitive man farther back than the dawn of history, the nations derive their main sustenance-their

Mr. Casson ventures the opinion that if the human race were to perish from the earth wheat could not survive more than three years afterward. Indeed, a German economist argues that wheat was the original cause of civilization not only because it became the most available of foods but because it persuaded primitive man to quit his killing industries and take up his tilling activities. And wheat is today the food of civilization, representing 34 per cent of

the world's bread-making products. The most gratifying aspect of the wheat situation today is the evidence showing that Mr. James J. Hill's appre hension as to the lack of food for the people in the near future is not, to say

the least, an eminent peril. Secretary Wilson's report indicates that the value of agricultural products for the year is 8,760 million dollars-a gain of 869 million dollars over the products of last year. Wheat, the third item in value, contributes 725 million dollars to this. Corn comes first with a value of 1,720 millions, and cot-

ton second, valued at 850 millions. The wheat value exceeds that of all previous years. The November price was almost an even dollar per bushe a price not equaled since 1881. But in point of size this wheat crop is only third in our history.

Following closely upon Mr. Wilson's report of last year's crops comes the and acreage of winter wheat and rye for the harvest of 1910. The acreage is the second largest on record, being 33,-483,000 acres, an increase over the re-7.9 per cent. The condition of 95.8 was and has only been higher twice in ter years, in December, 1902, when it was 99.7, and in 1900 when it was 97.1. The record acreage was in 1903, being 34,000, 401,000,000 bushels. A feature of the report was the revision of the acreage seeded last year, which was 31,034,000 acres, or 1,000,000 more than the trade has been aware of owing to the failure of the department to make any genera announcement of it. The crop suggested by the acreage and condition is 560, 000,000 bushels, compared with 440,000,000 920,000 bushels at harvest this year On the basis of acreage it would not be surprising to the trade to see the government make its final report 450 .-

winter wheat acreage is the increase in the Western states where irrigation flourishes and the comparison of the rearea this year. Kansas has the lead with 6,195,000 acres, a loss of 63,000 acres from last year, or 1 per cent. The big increases are 15 per cent in Illinois, Indiana, North Carolina and Tennes see, 14 per cent in Ohio, 40 per cent in Texas, 20 per cent in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Colorado, 75 per cent in Mississippi, 50 per cent in Wyoming, 35 per cent in Montana, 30 per cent in Alabama, 7 per cent in Nebraska, 3 per cent in Mis souri, 12 in Michigan and Iowa, Utah increased 10 per cent and Idaho 6 per cent, while Washington and Oregon de

creased 10 per cent each. If, now, along with the increased acreage, the time shall come when the average yield shall be thirty bushels per acre, instead of twelve as in Kanas today, the problem of flower and bread for the nation will be solved

for a century to come.

And this result is by no means improbable. For while the average yield in Germany is thirty-one bushels an acre, the average yield in Kansas is only twelve bushels an acre. Many American states have better soll and better climate for wheat than any other country on the globe. Our yield can be accounted for only by careless methods of farming.

The Agricultural colleges of some of the states are distributing improv-ed wheat, a few bushels to a farmer, throughout the state; and through farmers' institutes, wheat trains, pamphlets and bulletins on wheat and injurious insects, they are endeavoring to give the information as to wheat improvement to all the farmers. Two years ago, when the Hessian fly was destroying thousands of acres of wheat, the entomology department of the Kansas experiment station conducted the most extensive experiments as to means of preventing the ravages of this insect that have ever been

Much is said about the "worn out

recently issued by the bureau of soi during the past 40 years an average of 35 bushels of corn per acre u cultivation, whereas in Illinois, which stands high on the list of farming states, the yield per acre during the same period was only 30 bushels. Further, Connecticutt and Massachusetts are respectively at the head of all the states in production of corr

per acre. An authority on soil states while land may and does decrease in productiveness and is commonly spoken of as "worn out," yet, as a matter of fact such land contains the elements of plant growth and in sufficient quantities to produce maximum yields. But they are not in readioluble plant food has been used up by the carcless farmer, he calls the land "worn out" because he does no know how to make it produce profit-able crops. The humus has been burnd out and in many instances the best part of the soil has been allowed to wash away. But where all the elements but humus are present the land can be brought to a productive state in very few seasons

And so, from these plain facts and onclude that the only things neces sary to avert the wheat famine of the future are better training, intelligence, and economy devoted to the are and management of the soil.

Zelaya talks like a patriot, but he as acted like a tyrant.

A man who talks well is apt to be-This kind of weather gives every-

one a somewhat icy stare. Without reflection all the reading in

Saloons that are open on Sundays

Some people are so humane the

Let Santa Claus say whether any one save himself has ever been to the

Would it be proper to speak of the Baroness Vaughn's two sons as Brus

sels sprouts? It would be a Belgian hare-brained the late King Leopold.

It is said that a plan is being formulated for a confederation of the Central American republics.

Much sheet music sounds as though it had been written when the author vas three sheets in the wind,

Gifford Pinchot is said to have been offered the presidency of the Universsity of Michigan. Men and James B. Angells defend us. J. P. Morgan has secured a lot more

Charles D. Bridgeman, who was for many years one of the leading men in the insurance business in the United States. "You know," he said, "that the First National Bank of New York City was not only the first bank in that city to take out a national charter, but it was the first to do so in the United States. It was organized by John Thompson, whose name has passed into history as the originator of the national banking system. After Mr. Thompson became somewhat incapacitated by age, the presidency of this institution passed to his son. At that time it was one of the more important of the fiscal agents of the United States. Don't you remember that when John Sherman was secretary of the treasury, they used to call one bank building Fort Sherman? telephone companies. He will have rings on his fingers and Bells on his toes wherever he goes. After a fond parent has trained his young hopeful to be self-reliant, he

often finds that the first manifestation of his self-reliance is impudence of conspiring to defraud the government of customs duties on sugar. most happy combination of sweetness

Collector Loeb is expecting some automatic scales almost any day, Be-fore the scales fell from his eyes he could not see the merit of the auto

Columbia university is to have a school of farming. That sounds far less pretentious than an agricultural college but no doubt it will do its work just as well.

Will the people of this city rise up and say "Thank God for the American party" when the "American" party administration grants a franchise for carrying freight over the street rail-

way tracks? It is simply absurd to have another investigation of hazing at West Point. That it has existed has been officially established and punishment therefor provided. The punishment has been imposed where cadets have been found guilty and a number have been dismissed, and then reinstated through political pulls. They have learned that discipline and military rules are mere cobwebs to be broken through at pleasure and that to set the orders of the commandant and to make the whole staff ridiculous is as easy as grounding arms. The at-tempt to suppress hazing at the national military academy roaring farce, all due to the poison of politics. Why re-enact it?

NEW-FANGLED EGG-BEATER.

Manchester Press.

The farmer's wife who persist in using a tack hammer for an egg beater is distinctly behind the times. The automatic egg beater has come to stay, and it is a greater labor saver than a riding corn plow. The new style beater will remove the cuticle of a well candled egg without bruising the chicken's head. You can lead this new beater up to a plate of skim milk and inside of four minutes it will have the cream frothing at the mouth and hanging over the ropes. The housewife can operate this beater with one hand and wind the wringer with one hand and wind the wringer with the other while reading Hick's weather forecast for 1942. An automatic foot brake controls the beater and prevents it frescoing the kitchen walls with young chicken. The beater works better when seated in the bottom of a tin washtub. It has four speeds forward and three reverse, and is furnished in 30, 40 and 60 horse power, with kerosene magneto, this beater can be converted into a fly killer by removing the tonneau. Manchester Press

A TRUE SIGN OF PROGRESS.

Our Dumb Animals

FROM A WAR VETERAN

rom an old war veteran, dated Ames Okla., was received some time ago. Th but he is certainly not an infidel:

To the Editor-After reading two ar-Politics," and, "Two American Parties,"

I will say a few words.

In the middle and late '50's we as a party, felt that somthing should be done, not to discourage emigration, but to put a stop to the danger of temporal or political power being wrested from bona fide American citizens by the vast number of foreigners then entering the country. As the greatest number were adherents of the Roman Catholic church, our efforts were considered as antagonistic to that church. We recognized them, as now, that for sidered as antagonistic to that church. We recognized them, as now, that for all kinds of work for its own benefit in court or hovel it was the most powerful organization on earth. Hence we proposed 21 years as the limit of residence in this country necessary to the right of suffrage. When the party merged into the new party, all oun efforts in this direction were lost. That such was the case is a great sorrow to many good people even in this day and date.

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the organization of the Church of the
Latter-day Saints was equal to that of
the German army and second to none. Latter-day Saints was equal to that of the German army and second to none.

I never saw more than two Mormons. This was about 20 years ago. They were Elders and we visited together for an hour or so. When I was entering my 69th year I got, from a friend in Canada, (Magrath) William Wood, a consignment of L D. S. literature, including a Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price, and many others. I have never seen him, but we were through the Crimean war and salled many seas in our time, and are steady correspondents, He embraced the faith of the Latter-day Saints when but a boy, and I am willing to stake my life on his word; hence, while a free thinker, I see no reason to doubt the truth contained in the Book of Mormon and the others. Religion is largely a matter of temperament, it is unprofitable and ungracious for one type to sit in judgment on another, it is not Christ-like. Peter, the insonstant one, and Thomas, the doubter, would today be hauled up before church authorities and turned out. Yet out dear Lord accepted both. The dark ages have passed away. The

This is the story of an error of heart

The anecdote was told to me by

day a nationally famous banker of to-

Charles D. Bridgeman, who was for

"Well, the treasury department at

"Well, the treasury department was higher to accustomed, through the First National, to secure sterling exchange upon London, with which to pay instalments of interest on government bonds held in London, Sometiment bonds held in London b

times these purchases were as high as \$500,000. At the time I hace in

mind the government had sent over the needed funds with which to pur-chase some four thousand of sterling exchange, and Henry Fahnestock, the assistant cashler. I think, was on his

assistant cashier. I think, was on his way to the New York office of the firm from whom sterling exchange was usually purchased, when he happened to meet on Wall street a friend of his who was one of the higher clerks in the banking house of Jay Cooke & Co.

"Where are you going?" asked the clerk.

clerk.

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

THE ERROR OF HEART THAT MADE A GREAT BANKER.

By J. E. Edwards.

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opportunities to read and study are becoming greater every day and it is only the blind who can be led by the blind. Each day as we live ignorance is becoming more a crime. To hate, to lle, and bear false witness is no part of a true Cshist-lover's life. Yet so many think they must hate and persecute in a holy way, all who do not think just as they do. From this it is but a step to the rack, the torch and faggot. A friend asked me to let him read the Book of Mormon. As I knew he did not read the Bible I told him, you will not understand it so well if you do not read the Bible along with it. This he would not do and did not take the Book of Mormon. As he does not believe a word of the Scriptures and has not read them, the soil was poor. There are just two dangerous kinds of people to be considered in the matter, those who profess not to believe a word of Scripture, and those who, on the other hand, profess to believe every word of it, and neither of them have ever read the Bible. From such and their leaders arise all persecution and evil speaking. The sound of the grinders is low with me, for I have none left, but the Dear One has not darkened the windows for me, and music is still my joy, so much so, that I sorrow over the weakness and want of ability to visit the great city of the Saints and hear the tones of the mighty organ, and gather with you each, and every one, so as to know you personally. I followed the Dear Old Flag from Aprill 11, 1881 to February, 1865. God and my glorious country are There is no peace, my dear brother.

Flag from April 11, 1861 to February, 1865. God and my glorious country are good to me.

There is no peace, my dear brother, The power which sits on the city on the seven hills, if able today, would make us all pass under the yoke. So would many others, if they were able to rule. The spirit of religious intolerance only smoulders and is cruel as the grave. If we look for peace, we look for what will not come to the church millitant. The Good Book tells us so, but, glory to God! it comes to His church triumphant. If God's people do not combine to elect men opposed to evil, they are neglecting their duty. Free thinkers do. Otherwise they would feel dishonored before the Master.

A dear one left me in 1846 to go home. She was a Latter-day Saint, and I feel that she has never been very far from me, but only for a few years have I understood how and why. My friend, Elbert Hubbard would say I was a very superstitious person. But he has a kindly, loving heart for the saints and everybody else, Yours very respectfully, W. B. WILLIAMSON.

To So-and-So's, to buy sterling ex-

tested the friend. Give up a chance. And thus appealed to Mr. Fahnestock consented to buy the needed exchange of Jay Cooke & Company.

"A few days later came the sensational and disastrous failure of Jay

Cooke, which precipitated one of the worst panies the United States has ever had. Of course, this panie affected the exchange bought by the First National

for the government and of course, both Mr. Fahnestock and Mr. George F. Baker, the bank's cashler, who had approved of his assistant's purchase of exchange from Jay Cooke & Company,

tree greatly concerned, not only be ause of the money involved, but also m account of the severe criticism, and probable dismissal, that would come to have from Mr. Therepare.

probable dismissal, that would come to them from Mr. Thompson.
"Finally one of the two young men asked the other: 'How much money can you raise?'
"A sum was named. 'I can raise as much,' was the reply. The aggregate was a few thousand dollars.
"'Now,' said Mr. Baker, 'let us go to Mr. Thompson and offer to buy his stock, paying all the cash down that we can and asking him to carry the stock for us for six months, when we will pay in full, he to remain president for the six months.'
"The proposition was made," con-

for the six months."

"The proposition was made," continued Mr. Bridgeman, "with a confidence that was superb under the circumstances. Mr. Thompson was pretty angry, but I rather guess that he was getting ready to retire from bank management anyway. At all events, he accepted the proposition, even promising to remain president for six months, and

then, when the stock was all paid for, to retire.

to retire,

"I am inclined to think that Mr. Eaker and Mr. Fahnestock did some scurrying around in that six months to raise the money needed to take the stock off Mr. Thompson's hands, but they did it. Then, following Mr. Thompson's retirement Mr. Eaker be. they did it. Then, following Mr. Thompson's retirement, Mr. Baker be-came president of the First National and Mr. Fahnestock one of the execu-

tive officers."

It is only necessary for me to add t Mr. Bridgeman's recital the statemer that today Mr. George F. Baker, as th dominating influence in the countries national bank, is one of American great financial powers, and millionaire in his own right.

JUST FOR FUN

"And now, said the teacher, to Germany, that important country governed by a kaiser. Tommy Jones, what is a kaiser?"
"Please, ma'am, a kaiser is a stream of hot water springin' up an' disturbin' the earth."—Everybody's.

Crusty Artist—That picture gives you a better impression, madam, if you look at it from a proper distance.

Mrs. Chillicon-Keurney—I hardly think so. Distance can only—er—lend the enchantment, you know.—New York "How did Jobbins come to be such a logical and unanswerable debater?"
"By force of habit. His wife always makes him put down the carpets, so he knows how to floor his opponent and keep him nailed down."—Baltimore American.

"The artists' models in Paris have struck for higher wages."
"I don't blame 'emi" answered Mrs. McGudley. "The pictures prove that the poor things aren't paid enough to buy clothes."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Wareham Long-What'd you say of Rockefeller wuz to give a million dol-Tuffold Knutt-Tanks!-Chicago Tri-

Redd-Did his aeroplane cost him Green-Four weeks in the hospital .-

The peasant was overloyed when he discovered that his goose was laying golden eggs. For it was winter.

'I can paint them up and sell them for hen's eggs!' he exclaimed, visions of untold wealth rising rosily before him.—Puck.

"I want a little legal information."

"Go ahead."
"If an automobile runs over a man, whose fault is it, the pedestrian's or the driver's?"
"One moment. Were you in the automobile or in the street?"—Washington Herald.

This is a very exciting scene. That orderly with dispatches has just dropped from a war balloon."
"What is that fleecy stuff he's brushing off?" ing off?"
"Bits of cloud."-Kansas City Jour-

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