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MEMORIAL SERVICES.

For years it has been the custom in the wards throughout the Stakes of Zion to commemorate the birthday of the Prophet Joseph, by special services, on the Sunday nearest the date of that anniversary.

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

KING LEOPOLD.

By the rule that nothing but good should be said of the dead, little will be said of the departed monarch of Belgium. But this must be said, that the death of this monarch, which occurred on the 17th inst., was a great loss to the world.

Leopold was born April 9, 1835, and has been the ruler of Belgium since 1865. He was married, in 1853, to an Austrian Archduchess, Maria Henriette, who died in 1902. Their children are the Princess Louise, Stephanie, and Clementine. Prince Albert, the son of his brother, Prince Philippe, is his successor.

The King's old age romance has been widely published and commented on. And considerable space is still given to it, in the press dispatches. Some years ago, it seems, he was captivated by the beauty of a daughter of the porter at the French legation at Brussels, Miss Caroline Lacroix, but a marriage would, of course, not be considered between a king and a girl of so humble birth.

CHOIR APPRECIATED. An appreciation of the musical service of St. Paul's church choir in London, and incidentally an appreciated compliment to the Salt Lake Tabernacle choir, is contained in a communication from the British capital to the South Side Observer, published at Rockville Center, Long Island.

Mary B. Horstall, of 543 East Sixth South, a former resident of the Long Island town:

"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.

"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. Vocal music is also much more common among the people of Germany and other continental countries. It has fallen so far behind the other countries in this respect.

NO LACK OF FOOD. "Wheat," says the scientist Grant Allen, "is a grass, a degraded lily." 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 staff of life.

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 apprehension 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 \$7,500 million dollars—a gain of \$69 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 cotton second, valued at \$50 millions.

The wheat value exceeds that of all previous years. The November price was almost an even dollar per bushel—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 come the government's estimates on the condition and acreage of winter wheat and rye for the harvest of 1910. The acreage is the second largest on record, being 32,483,000 acres, an increase over the previous area last year of 2,449,000 acres, or 7.9 per cent. The condition of 95.8 is 10.5 points higher than a year ago, and has only been higher twice in ten years. In December, 1902, when it was 99.7, and in 1900 when it was 97.1. The record acreage was in 1903, being 34,000,000 acres. A feature of the report was the revision of the acreage seeded last year, which was 31,034,000 acres, or 1,900,000 more than the trade has been aware of owing to the failure of the department to make any general announcement of it. The crop suggested by the acreage and condition is 590,000,000 bushels, compared with 440,000,000 bushels a year ago and a yield of 432,920,000 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 450,000,000 bushels.

A feature of the government report on winter wheat acreage is the increase in the Western states where irrigation flourishes and the comparison of the revised acreage seeded last year and the area 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 Tennessee, 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 Missouri, 12 in Michigan and Iowa. Utah increased 10 per cent and Idaho 6 per cent, while Washington and Oregon decreased 10 per cent each.

recently issued by the bureau of soils shows that Vermont has produced during the past 40 years an average of 35 bushels of corn per acre under 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, Connecticut and Massachusetts are respectively at the head of all the states in production of corn per acre.

An authority on soil states that while land may and does decrease in productivity and is commonly spoken of as "worn out," yet, as a matter of fact such land contains all the elements of plant growth and in sufficient quantities to produce maximum yields. But they are not in readily available form. Whenever the soluble plant food has been used up by the careless farmer, he calls the land "worn out" because he does not know how to make it produce profitable crops. The humus has been burned out and in many instances the best part of the soil has been allowed to wash away. But where all the elements are present the land can be brought to a productive state in a very few seasons.

And so, from these plain facts and conditions at to wheat, we may fairly conclude that the only things necessary to avert the wheat famine of the future are better training, intelligence, and economy devoted to the care and management of the soil.

Zelaya talks like a patriot, but he has acted like a tyrant. A man who talks well is apt to become a flowing well of talk. This kind of weather gives everyone a somewhat icy stare. Without reflection all the reading in the world will do one no good. Saloons that are open on Sundays presumably have a poetic license. Some people are so humane that they would have the rider carry the donkey. Let Santa Claus say whether any one save himself has ever been to the north pole.

Would it be proper to speak of the Baroness Vaughn's two sons as Brussels sprouts? It would be a Belgian hare-brained business to contest the succession to 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 was three sheets in the wind.

Gifford Pinchot is said to have been offered the presidency of the University of Michigan. Men and James B. Angell defend us. J. P. Morgan has secured a lot more 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. Five men have been found guilty of conspiring to defraud the government of customs duties on sugar. A most happy combination of sweetness and light. Collector Loeb is expecting some automatic scales almost any day. Before the scales fell from his eyes he could not see the merit of the automatic variety. 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 railway tracks? It is simply absurd to have another investigation of hazing at West Point. That it has existed has been officially established and punishment there 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 aside the orders of the commandant and to make the whole staff ridiculous is as easy as grounding arms. The attempt to suppress hazing at the national military academy has been a roaring farce, all due to the poison of politics. Why re-enact it?

NEW-FANGLED EGG-BEATER. Manchester Press. The farmer's wife who persists 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 candied egg without bruising the chicken's head. You can lead this new beater up to a plate of skin 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 the other while reading Hick's weather forecast for 1912. An automatic foot brake controls the beater and prevents it from freecoring the kitchen walls with young chicken. The beater works better when seated in the bottom of a tin washbub. It has four speeds forward and three reverse, and is furnished in 30, 40 and 60 horse power, with kerosene magnet. This beater can be converted into a fly killer by removing the tonneau.

A TRUE SIGN OF PROGRESS. Our Dumb Animals. Never has there dawned a Christmas day since that event when the manger of Bethlehem was made glorious by the birth of the Christchild, when the whole animal creation received so much of the world's best thought and attention as it does on this glad anniversary in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and nine.

FROM A WAR VETERAN

The following letter to The "News" from an old war veteran, dated Ames, Okla., was received some time ago. The writer claims to be a "thinker," but he is certainly not an infidel:

To the Editor—After reading two articles in your paper, "Catholics and Politics," and "Two American Parties," I will say a few words. In the middle and late '50s as a party, felt that something 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 great number were adherents of the Roman Catholic church, our efforts were considered as antagonistic to that church. We recognized them, as now, that for all kinds of work for its own benefit in court or hotel 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, the efforts in this direction were lost. That such was the case is a great sorrow to many good people even in this day and age.

It was said by one man lately that the organization of the Church of the 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 2 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 England (Magrath) William Wood, a consignment of L. D. S. literature, including a Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price, and many other books. I never seen him, but we were through the Crimean war and sailed many seas in our time, and are steady correspondents. You know, I am a Latter-day Saint 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 faith, and I am not a very far from another. It is not Christ-like. Peter, the instant one, and Thomas, who was not, were equally authoritative sources. As I understand the Latter-day Saint sort to American history, these articles have a distinctive value all their own.

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

THE ERROR OF HEART THAT MADE A GREAT BANKER. By J. E. Edwards. This daily series of anecdotes and incidents that throw new, interesting and frequently amusing light on our country's history, has been collected by Edwards during nearly forty years of more or less intimate acquaintance with many of the country's leaders since the Civil War. Each article is not only a story in itself, but in part, it constitutes New News of Yesterday, garnered from the men who made the news—the history—of our country, from equally authoritative sources. As important incidents in our country's history, these articles have a distinctive value all their own.

This is the story of an error of heart that made a bank cashier of yesterday a nationally famous banker of today. The anecdote was told to me by 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 the bank building Fort Sherman?

"Well, the treasury department at Washington was accustomed, through the First National, to receive sterling exchange upon London, with which to pay instalments of interest on government bonds held in London. Sometimes these purchases were as high as \$500,000. At the time I have in mind the government had sent over the needed funds with which to purchase some four thousand of sterling exchange, and Henry Fahnstock, the 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.

"To So-and-So's, to buy sterling exchange," was the answer. "Now, why don't you let our house have some part in this business?" protested the friend. "Give up a chance." And thus appealed to Mr. Fahnstock 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 panics the United States has ever had. Of course, this panic affected the exchange bought by the First National for the government and of course, both Mr. Fahnstock and Mr. George F. Baker, the bank's cashier, who had approved of his assistant's purchase of exchange from Jay Cooke & Company, were greatly concerned, not only because of the money involved, but also on account of the severe criticism, and 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, with a confidence that was super 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. "I am inclined to think that Mr. Baker and Mr. Fahnstock 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. Baker became president of the First National and Mr. Fahnstock one of the executive officers. "It is only necessary for me to add to Mr. Bridgeman's recital the statement that today Mr. George F. Baker, as the dominating influence in the country's first national bank, is one of America's great financial powers, and a multimillionaire in his own right.

JUST FOR FUN

"And now, said the teacher, 'we come to Germany, the important country governed by a Kaiser. Tommy Jones, what is a Kaiser?' "Please, ma'am, a Kaiser is a stream of hot water sprinkled to take out the earth."—"Everybody's." "Cruelty Artist—That picture gives you a better impression, madam, if you look at it from a proper distance. Mrs. Chilton-Kestney—I hardly think so. Distance can only—er—lead the enchantment, you know.—New York Sun.

"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 'em," 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 dollars?' "Tuffold Knutt—'Thanks!'—Chicago Tribune.

Redd—'Did his aeroplane cost him much?' "Green—'Four weeks in the hospital.'—Yonkers Statesman.

The peasant was overjoyed 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 rosy 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 order, with dispatches has just dropped from a war balloon. "What is that fleecy stuff he's brushing off?" "Bits of cloud."—Kansas City Journal.

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