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ANOTHER MALICIOUS CANARD

The morning paper that makes a specialty of misrepresenting "Mormon" affairs whenever an opportunity is presented, has a flaming account of a "call" from "the authorities of the Mormon Church" to a "young attorney" of Richfield, Sevier county to go to St. Johns, Arizona. It states that "the transfer was decided upon at the recent conference." This is accompanied by the assertion that these "authorities" appear to be adopting the plan of transplanting bright young "Mormon" attorneys and politicians from Utah to the territories that are now fighting for admission into the "Union." It is further affirmed that, "These young men are expected to jump into public affairs and be ready to be sent to Washington as Senators and Representatives, and to take possession of the local offices."

There is much more to the same effect, and the young man with the "call" is credited, or rather debited, with a lot of nonsense on this matter, which we believe to be highly colored by the Tribune or manufactured to fit into its own purpose. However that may be, the whole story is founded on fiction, and there is so little of truth in it that there is scarcely a thread of it in the entire blanket of falsehood. No young attorneys or attorneys have been called to go to Arizona; there is no such "policy" contemplated as that formulated in the imagination of the Tribune writer; nothing of the kind was "adopted" or talked of at the recent conference; the man referred to has not been appointed or requested or "set apart" to "remove from Utah." The entire theory of the Tribune based on its silly assumption is untrue, and the malice behind the article is as clear as though the whole fabrication was made of thin glass.

There is this and this alone of fact in the concocted mess of falsehood: The person referred to has been shifting about in Sevier county for some time, and not being very successful in any line of life he has followed, wants to go back to St. Johns where he came from to Sevier. He would like to have it appear that he was in great demand, and further that he was returning there under Church auspices. All the "council" he has had is simply that there was nothing in the way of his doing as he pleased. We never heard that he was a lawyer. He has done some odd newspaper work, and may have figured somewhat in court, but all the flowery paths open to him where he wants to go, as painted by the Tribune, are simply rosy flights of fancy, whoever the artist (?) may be that made the picture.

The statement that there is "not a Mormon lawyer in the entire territory of Arizona," is a slur on the bar in that coming State, and the idea that a brilliant light would be shed on that benighted region, by the advent of the "ambitious young man just admitted to the bar about two months ago," is vastly amusing to people who are acquainted with the facts and with the prospective "prosecuting attorney," said to be "needed in the territory to look after the legal business of the Mormon people" and "selected to fill the gap."

We do not expect the paper that delights in telling such stories to correct its misstatements or retract its false and vicious conclusions. It appears to be eager to return to its old habits and wallop again in its former mire. We have heard of the threats that have come from certain quarters, and are prepared for anything of the kind to which it may resort. But it is not a patent fact that such a policy would be ruinous to its own interests and those of its promoters? There are some venomous "Mormon-haters" yet alive and foaming, who would delight in it and relish as sweet morsels every dish flavored with an assault on the objects of their hatred. But it is too late in the day to reasonably expect support in that direction from the bulk of the non-"Mormon" portion of this community, and it is certain that the people again maligned and abused would not be likely to aid and strengthen the hand that entitles and smears them.

There are always questions of principle and policy on which people and leaders may honestly differ, and about which they may take strong positions according to their respective lights and views. The public will look on and take interest in their disputes when fairly conducted. But we are sure that in the present conditions of feeling and opinion in this State, the trumping up of such tales as that told in the Tribune this morning, and indulgence in the spirit of malicious falsification that is breathed in the entire article, will not stand the test of popular inquiry, and in the trend of public sentiment will be frowned down and rejected as unworthy of serious consideration.

HOLY WEEK.

In the calendar of the churches, the present week is known as the holy week. It commences with Palm Sunday, when devout worshippers of all denominations wear little palm crosses,

in commemoration of the triumphant entry of the Founder of the Christian religion into Jerusalem. It contains "Ash Wednesday," "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday," days devoted to solemn services, especially among the Catholics. It ends with Saturday, when the Easter candle is blessed and lighted as a symbol of the resurrection, which is the subject of contemplation on Easter day.

In this country little attention has been paid to the general church calendar, for the obvious reason that the dates fixed are entirely arbitrary, and also because their observance has not been free from being a source of superstitious and fanatical. But there are evidences that the general holidays are coming into favor, and given preference over the special days for temperance, mission and similar purposes, for which there now are so many demands made upon the church and churches. And this is well. The great events in the history of the Church of God, ancient and modern, should be remembered. They should be related again and again, and their lessons should be emphasized from time to time. Holidays and ceremonies alone do not constitute religion. That is true. They do not form a basis for true morality even, for they can be observed by Pharisees and hypocrites, as well as by the honest of heart. But they have, nevertheless, in many instances proved a great aid to those who honestly seek to obtain the "pearl of great price."

SEEN BY A WOMAN FIRST.

Sometimes it is said that women do not succeed in the fields of discovery and invention, but if all that is reported about "radium" is true, a woman has the honor of the discovery of a new substance that is likely to cause a complete and total revolution in the world of science.

This "radium" is said to emit heat, without combustion, without chemical change of kind, and without change in its molecular structure. It is said to maintain its temperature at a point 27 degrees above its surroundings. It emits light and heat for months and years, and yet does not lose any of it. That is the marvel.

HOLLAND AND GERMANY.

A writer in the Spectator summarizes the reasons given by Germans in favor of the union of Holland with the great Fatherland. One of the most potent arguments advanced is that England and the United States are alleged to be casting covetous eyes upon the Dutch colonies. Spain, it is said, "has sunk to her knees before the brutal onslaught of America, and Portugal hangs like a fly in the spider's web, mercilessly abandoned to the monopolistic stock exchange and mercantile system of England." Now, in order to escape the worst fate, "there is but one way, and that is to join Germany." The Dutch are further reminded that "Holland need not go far back in her history for the loss of the Cape and Singapore, the sacrifice of Borneo, etc. Is it not good policy to link on to a powerful friend who will stretch a protecting hand over Holland's East Indian treasures, so that hostile covetousness may not venture to touch them?"

That is to say, in order to prevent your neighbor on one side of you to run across your lot, you had better give both lot and house to your neighbor on the other side. That would be an effective way of preventing the annoyance. But the Hollanders are not prepared to act on the suggestion. They calmly reply:

"Our free-trade system greatly strengthens our international position. The world in general would only lose if a Great Power absorbed us or our colonies. There is no visible danger against which we might have to defend ourselves."

CANNOT BEAR TOLSTOI.

Russia has a clergyman who is famous all over the empire. Father John of Cronstadt, is a name familiar to almost every Russian. He has gained his reputation on account of the great sanctity he is supposed to possess, and also for remarkable cures that he is said to have performed, through faith and prayers. He has a reputation, not only for healing the sick, but also for reclaiming drunkards and criminals.

Some time ago the university of Dorpat proposed to honor this priest, by electing him a member of the council, or that institution of learning, but Father John refused the honor. Other theologians are known to have refused similar honors, but the reasons given by this Russian are distinctly Russian. In his letter he declines the "degrading honor of being placed on the same footing as that godless man, Count Leo Tolstoi, the worst heretic of our evil days, and surpassing in intellect, pride all former heretics." "I do not want to be associated with anti-christ," he says. "Moreover, I am astounded that the council bears me to sit on the same level as Tolstoi, who is logical in his reasoning and his action. That much must be said for him. And that

is more than can be said of a great many of his confederates in the world, who profess to believe one thing, but deny their faith by their acts, as soon as their own personal advantage is concerned.

But what can be thought of an ecclesiastical institution, one of the chief representatives of which still holds such bigoted, medieval views? How much of a step is there between that position and the worst persecution? Russia needs revival, in which religious liberty is proclaimed and put into practice. It is a great power. But it will not be really strong until the fetters are broken from her people, and they all are given an opportunity to think and speak unmolested.

OPINIONS DO DIFFER.

The supreme court of Massachusetts has decided that compulsory vaccination is constitutional. The court takes the view, that although that operation may be injurious in some cases, yet the public generally hold that it is beneficial. Therefore the concern of the individual must give way to that of the community at large.

A different view is taken of this subject in Holland. There, not long ago, a bill was submitted to the legislature, recommended by the government, for the modification of the vaccination laws, as has been done in England. The secretary of the United States legation at The Hague has interested himself in the matter, and found that the reasons assigned for the bill are:

1. "That the opinions of experts with regard to vaccination in the Netherlands do not agree.
2. "That there are some whose parents do not feel justified in submitting their children to the operation.
3. "That for such parents the opportunity of giving their children the necessary educational instruction is thereby."

And thus it is found advisable in one country after another to give people an option as to whether they want that kind of medical treatment or not.

Carry the news to Governor Van Sant.

The Red Cross society also has to bear its cross.

The moral of the Burdick case is not quite so plain as the immorals of it.

A sprinkling of sunshine is followed by a sprinkling of streets.

What a queer old fellow the Father of Waters is. He is falling in the spring.

Does the owner of the Antelope Island buffaloes find them a White elephant on his hands?

Because the school is to close a month earlier this year the children are crying for joy.

When it comes to carrying off naval academy prizes, Ogden stands first. Hats off to Ogden.

Like the true Americans that they are the Yellowstone geysers will "gush" over the President.

Miss Clara Barton, of Red Cross fame, is eighty-two years of age. She is as full of fight as of years.

The Northern Securities case decision was a most sweeping one. It swept the merger clean out of existence.

How many of the school teachers who are so anxious about tax-raising and tax-paying are taxpayers themselves?

Fraud in the Chicago election is charged. According to this the returns were a sort of bargain counter.

The Reliance is to be launched in skirts. A very proper thing for a boat that is just going to make the maiden trip.

Did Mr. Morgan postpone his trip to Europe, anticipating the decision in his Northern Securities case? It squints that way.

To the teachers' organization that is going to see to it that people pay their taxes we would say: "Physician, heal thyself."

It was quite a feat that Emperor Francis Joseph performed when, on Holy Thursday, he washed the feet of twelve aged men.

If it is undertaken to carry out the tuition scheme not ten per cent of the pupils will be in school during May. This fact should be understood now.

The latest news from the presidential retreat is that Mr. Roosevelt is in a happy frame of mind. Such being the case he must have heeded the photographer's behest to "look pleasant."

Score one for Uncle Samuel. In the circuit court he won out in the style in the celebrated merger case. The court declares that the combination was in restraint of trade.

In one of our American cities, an Egyptian quarreled with a Syrian. He was arrested by an Irish policeman, tried by a German judge and defended by a Scandinavian lawyer.

The Presbyterians of Missouri have condemned football as a too brutal game. The fact is that the accidents and casualties due to that sport exceed those due to prize fighting, and the two pastimes do really belong under the same category.

A paper that will evade the salient feature of an argument, by turning a summersault over an evident typographical error, places itself in the lowest rank of fake journalism and exhibits its petty shiftiness as much as its controversial impotence.

"The most productive thing in the world is the dollar. . . . Nothing, I say, is so productive as a dollar planted in the proper soil," says Senator Chauncey M. Depew. The Department of Agriculture might issue a bulletin telling what is the best kind of soil for this plant.

If the Board of Education had "cut its garments according to its cloth," as such moral expenditures were compared with its income, there would have been no need to apply that rule as to the winding up of the school

term. It can't be pined out now by the patchwork measures proposed.

Some time ago it was ostentatiously announced by the Yellowstone Park authorities that the President's gun would be sealed on his entrance into the park the same as in the case of ordinary tourists. Now it is announced from the park that the President may take a few shots at mountain lions, which are very numerous. How can that be if the guardians of the park strictly enforce the regulations as they said they would? Their announcement was a little previous.

THE BALKAN TROUBLE.

Los Angeles Express.
Although the proposed reforms were intended to soothe the discontent of the Macedonians and give them practical autonomy, they want none of them. Their hatred of the Turk is of too long standing and they demand independence as a state. Bulgarians and Serbians are encouraging the aspirations of their brethren in Macedonia, and the powers are compelled to use their best efforts to restrain these former subjects of the Turks from joining in the melee.

New York Evening Post.
It is probable that the disturbances in Albania hardly deserve the name of a revolt. The fighting reported from the neighborhood of Mitrovitz is apparently a new outbreak of the hereditary feud between the Muslim Albanian chieftains and the Slavs of the Greek Confession. The Arnauts have had an immemorial privilege of brigandage, and have a reputation for rapacity. Serbia as a proper source of plunder. Naturally, these licensed freebooters object to the extension of Serbian (Pan-Slavic) influence through the appointment of a Russian consul at Mitrovitz, and proceed to attack the consulate. The Sultan has never attempted to deal seriously with the Albanian mountaineers.

New York Evening Sun.

The serious thing about the new turn of affairs is that the Albanian outbreak may fire the Musselman population with a serious intention to resist the reform tendencies of the government. If the Sultan has to choose between suppressing a revolt of his Musselman subjects and declining to carry out the reform program thrust upon him, he will not long hesitate. If atrocities follow the fighting at Mitrovitz, it will be impossible to hold the Bulgarian sympathizers in check. Russia would have a path in the Balkans, and if war has to come she will protest up to the last moment that peace must be maintained.

Springfield Republican.

The critical time in Macedonia has been reached, if the news of the disturbances in that region is entirely trustworthy. On the one hand, the Macedonian committee is endeavoring to stir up trouble, and its reports may be somewhat discounted; but, on the other, the accounts of rebellion in Albania have a different and more authentic source. The Albanians are such fanatical Mohammedans that they represent any concessions by the Sultan to the Christians, and the recent reforms demanded by Russia and Austria, mild as they seem, find bitter foes in the Albanian country. Between these two extremes the Turkish government is in a difficult position. The general expectation that peace will be maintained, aside from local disturbances, is still well based, apparently, since the governments most concerned are all sincerely desirous of preventing a serious outbreak.

New York Mail and Express.

The situation, in a word, is that Macedonia—the central half of the Balkan peninsula—has been a hotbed with a spring insurrection, encouraged by Bulgaria but discouraged by the joint action of the powers, while the northern portion of the Balkans, which is the seat of the Albanian, has an insurrection of its own in progress which has no point of sympathy with the Macedonian insurrection, and which the powers had not foreseen and provided against. The only really tranquil district under the Sultan's rule west of the Hellespont is now the province back of Constantinople.

San Francisco Chronicle.

The Turkish government has been endeavoring to introduce the reforms agreed upon. Nothing has happened, so far as is known, to indicate that its efforts are ineffectual. But the Albanian and Macedonian insurgents have persistently obstructed the work, and are evidently striving to force a general uprising in the Balkan states against Turkish authority. They have thus shifted the responsibility for the turbulent conditions in these states from the Turkish shoulders to their own, and instead of influencing Turkey's neighbors to join them in throwing off her yoke they have forced them to give her assistance to suppress the revolutionary movement.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The April number of the North American Review deals with a variety of topics. A handsome portrait of Mr. Henry James, the author of "The Ambassadors," the novel now appearing in the Review, is given as a frontispiece. Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie contributes an appreciative study of "The Work of Mrs. Humphry Ward," Benjamin Taylor discusses "Shipping and Subsidies." Mark Twain closes his critical examination of the Balkans, with an article entitled, "Mrs. Edly in Error." An American business man answers in the affirmative the question, "Is the Monroe Doctrine a Bar to civilization?" Lloyd Sanders expounds the Mohammedan law relating to "The Sultan and the Caliphate." Five distinguished American painters, T. W. Dewing, Shilse Hassan, Robert Reid, Edith Simon, and J. Alden Weir, unite in paying an enthusiastic tribute to the late John H. Twachtman. Dr. Gilbert Reid calls attention to "The Unsatisfactory Character of the Chinese Negotiations," and the reason for it. From the Treasures Contained in the Letters of Abelard and Heloise," and the number closes with the fourth part of Mr. James' novel, "The Ambassadors."—New York.

The April issue of The Booklovers Magazine is largely a railroad number. An article on "The Men Behind the Railroads," by E. J. Edwards ("Holland") gives an account of the course of railroad consolidation from 1896 to the present. His discussion of the personalities behind the movement is illustrated by admirable portraits in tint of A. C. Cassatt, William K. Vanderbilt, George J. Gould, and James J. Hill. Mr. Henry Lloyd contributes a pointed article on the discussion of railroad consolidation, while Mr. H. E. Newcomb of the Railway World shows the benefits this movement has brought to the small investor.—1223 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

The article by Alfred R. Wallace on "Man's Place in the Universe" which has attracted so much attention both in England and this country since its appearance in the March Fortnightly, is reprinted entire in The Living Age for April 4. The work done by E. J. Dillon in exposing the horrors which attended the revival of the "wild forces" in China is to be paralleled, it seems, by his efforts in behalf of the victims of the recent outbreaks in Macedonia. His article in the Contemporary Review, entitled "The Return of Terror in Macedonia," is reprinted in The Living Age for April 11.—Living Age Co., Boston.

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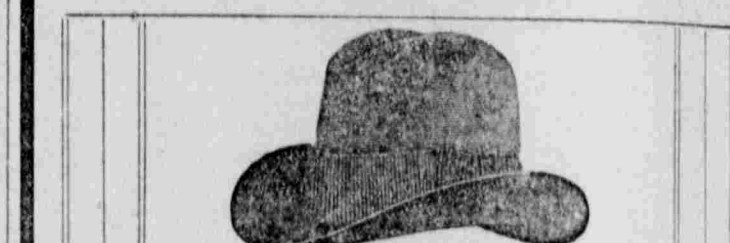
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