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MEMORIAL DAY.

Tomorrow the American people will again reverently remember the brave and noble dead, whose lives were given to preserve the Union. Their graves will be covered with wreaths of fragrant flowers, as a tribute of gratitude and love, and the work they did will be contemplated as an inspiration to further deeds of patriotism at the call of duty, whether in peace or war.

But Decoration day is no longer sacred only to the memory of fallen soldiers. It is dedicated to affectionate remembrance of all the loved ones who are no longer with us, but who are resting sweetly in the long slumber from which they will be awakened only by the trumpet sound of the Resurrector. It is a day of sad memories, because of the parting scenes it recalls, but it should also be a day of rejoicing, because of the beautiful vistas of the future it opens up to our view. Here we see but the little hills of dust that cover the earthly remains of those we loved, but if we lift up our eyes to the horizon beyond, we see "the innumerable company of angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect." We see the world where friend shall again meet friend; where the just shall be clothed with glory and majesty.

Many lessons are to be learned from the city of the dead. Lord Macaulay well says:

"Here learn that all the griefs and joys, Which now torment, which now beguile, Are children's hurts, are children's toys. Scarce worthy of one bitter smile. Here learn that pulpit, throne and press, Sword, sceptre, peer, alike are frail. That science is a blind man's guest, And history a nurse's tale."

"Here learn that glory and disgrace, Wisdom and folly pass away. That mirth has its appointed space, That sorrow is but for a day. That all we love, and all we hate, Each need of mind, each turn of fate, Must end in dust and silence here."

That is, as far as this earth is concerned, but beyond there is life everlasting.

OUR GRAND CHURCH SCHOOLS.

The Latter-day Saints University closed its regular educational work for the season last week, with appropriate exercises. The institution has been grandly successful year by year and has grown from very small beginnings to a position and dimensions that are highly gratifying. Its buildings, its courses of instruction, its management, its preceptors and its pupils are all worthy of the highest commendation. The Church has cause to be proud of this University, one of its leading scholastic establishments. There are others of which too much in the way of praise and appreciation could not be said, but we are now speaking particularly of this one part of the Church system of education.

We do so on account of the change that has taken place in its Presidency. Professor Joshua H. Paul has severed his connection with the University, after having presided over it for seven years. Its growth and development since he first assumed its management have been phenomenal. Its advancement at every step bears the marks of his ability, perseverance and high character as a presiding officer and a scholar. He has devoted himself to its interests and lived in its advancement. He has overcome difficulties that are generally unknown. He has succeeded in spite of the obstacles that arose in his path, and he retires with the good will of the many hundreds of pupils that have attended the school and who regard him with respect and affection. The demonstration of their feelings towards him at the closing exercises of this year, signalized the sentiments of the attendants at preceding years and must be highly gratifying to him, at the close of his earnest and faithful labors at this institution. He has accepted a position in the University of Utah, which we are sure he will fill with honor to himself and credit to that State establishment.

Colonel Willard Young, who is known throughout Utah as a soldier, a government engineer, a ripe scholar, a promoter of higher education, and a thorough gentleman, succeeds Prof. Paul in the Presidency of the L. D. S. University. We may therefore confidently expect, not only a continuation of the growth and successful career of that institution, but an increase of its usefulness and an enlargement of its facilities and influence among the leading educational establishments of the Church. He will enter upon his duties with the full confidence and high regard of his associates and the public generally.

Our Church colleges and universities may not at present be fully up to the standard which those high titles convey to the cultured mind in this great country; but they are pressing forward and upward to that high and shining mark, and will surely reach it when time and means and opportunities render it possible. They are worthy of the support of all lovers of learning and improvement, and the Latter-day Saints particularly should lend their aid in every way to promote their welfare and progress, until they rank with the foremost institutions of learning in the land.

The Church is devoting much of its

available funds in that direction every year, and the appropriations for educational purposes become annually much greater. The courses of instruction that are given therein not only include many of the higher branches of secular education, but also in the principles and doctrines of true religion as revealed from the heavens, and this distinctive feature makes them of greater benefit and interest to the members of the Church than any other scholastic establishments on earth. We rejoice greatly over the success that has attended the church schools, academies, colleges and universities, and look for a more rapid advancement to attend them all, even to that which has been exhibited so grandly in the past.

DANGERS AT HAND.

The dangers from floods which we anticipated early in the spring of this year, and against which we uttered words of warning and advice as to preparations to meet them, are now at our very doors. The overflow which may be looked for in the lower part of this city is of but small concern, when compared with the swelling streams which threaten to sweep away dams and reservoirs in certain portions of this State and may at any time burst forth to the destruction of property, if not of homes and life. The cool, rainy weather that has been upon us recently has had a double effect.

The copious downpour has thoroughly soaked the soil for the benefit of the dry farms, as well as the irrigated lands, and when the warm sunshine succeeds we may expect a rapid growth from all kinds of vegetation. Another good effect has been the checking of that rapid melting of the snows stored in the mountains, which was becoming a menace in many places. If those high waters can be held back still longer, it will be a great relief to our friends who are fighting the floods, and who are battling with great odds against the destruction which may come at any moment if the sun should suddenly gain greater power.

Our readers will doubtless have noted the call for help from the people in Millard County. The Sevier river is on a great rampage and the big reservoir lately finished is threatened with demolition. Everybody in the vicinity of that important point should rally at once to the aid of the weary workers struggling against the encroaching waters. Men and teams are needed, and the cry should not be raised in vain. The devastation which would follow from the bursting of that dam would be a terrible catastrophe. Everything possible should be done to avert such a calamity.

Precautions need to be taken at every point where big overflows of streams are to be reasonably anticipated. Just as soon as the summer sun begins to get in its heating work, the snows in the heights will dissolve in force and rush down with a velocity and volume that will sweep everything in the way of the raging streams. All that can be done in town and country to prepare for the probable overflow and foundations should be accomplished without delay.

People who are located in safety should step forward promptly to help their neighbors who are in danger. Such action is part of the religion called "Mormonism" and is prompted by the higher instincts of civilized humanity. Get ready for the overflow to come, and hasten to the help of those who are in imminent danger!

The latest news from the point of danger in Millard county is somewhat reassuring. Particulars direct from the spot received from a member of the Deseret News staff will be found on another page of this paper. Our friends in that neighborhood have our deep sympathy and we view their condition of suspense with great anxiety and hope for their full relief. Everything possible is being done to avert a calamity which would devastate an immense region of splendid country just receiving promise of cultivation and development. They are hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst.

A LITTLE HERO.

An incident of the banquet to the graduates of the Lafayette school last Saturday deserves a brief notice. As the happy children were enjoying themselves, the principal of the school proposed three cheers for one of the absent members of the class, little Alfonso Cook. The cheers were given with a will, for to the children he is a true hero.

Alfonso came to the school a year ago. His former opportunities of attending school had not been many, and as a consequence he was at the foot of the class. But he loved his books and applied himself to his studies with such diligence that gradually he advanced and now he is foremost. And no one envies him this place, for all know that he has earned it by hard, intelligent work.

But he was absent from the happy throng on Saturday. The day previous he was, as usual, early in the school room and busy at the blackboard. For some reason or other he lost his balance and fell from the chair on which he was standing and broke one arm. He uttered no cry, although the pain must have been excruciating, but to those who hurried to his assistance he merely observed that he would be glad if the arm could be set before the school commenced, so that he should not miss his class. Poor little fellow! He had to go to the hospital, but his brave words made a deep impression upon all the children.

That is why Alfonso is the hero of the school. That is the reason why never were more hearty cheers given than those that rang in his honor on the occasion referred to. Even the children realize that boys who take their studies seriously, and love their books and school, have a great future before them, while those who waste the days of their childhood lose valuable opportunities that will never come again.

CURABLE BLINDNESS.

Dr. F. Park Lewis, president of the New York State commission for improving the condition of the blind, claims that at least four-tenths of all existing blindness might have been avoided by the employment of proper

preventives, or curative measures at the right time. To illustrate what this means, he says that the statistics show that there are more than fifty thousand blind people in the United States, and of these at least five thousand would have been saved from a life in darkness, if a simple precautionary remedy had been applied at the right time; for, about one-tenth of all cases observed are due to ophthalmia neonatorum, a curable disease. These are the statements made by Dr. Lewis in an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, April 28, reprinted in pamphlet form. The claim is that by the instillation of silver salt in the eyes of the newborn infant the disease is prevented from developing in all but an exceedingly small number.

The facts, the doctor says, are well known and universally accepted by the profession, but public opinion should be made to realize the importance of preventing the spread of the disease. This is done through the formation of societies with the object of studying the causes and remedies of the disease. The author makes the following recommendations: "Let registration of every case be first secured through the health boards of every state in the Union, then through these same boards have placed gratuitously in the hands of every accoucher the simple remedy through which protection can be secured, and multitudes whose lives through needless blindness would otherwise result in hopeless failure and untold misery, may be saved to their families and the state through the combined efforts of the state, the people and the medical profession."

Remember Memorial day to keep it holy.

The Clear doesn't know what he wants nor how to get it.

The wool men are making sheep's eyes at prices these days.

It can rain without pouring, but it can't pour without raining.

Count Witte is very pessimistic. The ex's usually feel that way.

Richard McCurdy is coming back, not at the call of duty but of destiny.

The lower house of the Douma sinks lower and lower to the estimation of the Emperor.

The Dewey reports progress. One hundred miles a day since passing through the Suez canal.

When a man attempts to commit suicide and at first doesn't succeed, he shouldn't try, try again.

The new San Francisco is to be laid out on an artistic lines. The last time it was laid out was by earthquake and fire.

One Sunday with the lid on was all Louisville could stand. Two such Sundays undoubtedly would have caused an explosion.

Secy. Root wants to reform the consular service. And the congressional politicians want to help him how not to do it.

Conferences at the White House have been resumed. It is safe to say that neither Senator Tillman nor ex-Senator Chandler was there.

Mexico offers fifty thousand dollars reward for the finding of the typhus fever bacillus. If the Mexican detectives are up to snuff they will soon capture him.

In securing the pardon of a man who was condemned to death, Princess Ena showed herself to be a true and gracious princess, just like those the fairy tales tell about.

"America will produce a Shakespeare," says H. G. Wells. Already she has produced a Rockefeller, and haven't we the word of a Chicago University professor that he is a greater man than the Bard of Avon?

Lieutenants West and Remington of the Twenty-second U. S. Infantry insist that Datto Ali is dead, they having been on the expedition in which he was killed. If not dead he is quiescent, which is something nearly equally good.

Those Tennessee lynchings who showed their contempt for the United States supreme court have succeeded in getting the government after them. They will find that Uncle Sam's hand is large, that it reaches all over the land, and takes like a fine comb.

The announcement of the addition of a smoking car for ladies to an English railroad train, caused considerable comment. It is now stated in a London dispatch that a smoking room for women is one of the unique attractions of the Imperial club, a ladies' organization which was opened a few days ago. The Duchess of Marlborough, an American woman, is vice president. What next?

THE READING PUBLIC.

J. M. Dent in London Chronicle. My experience has been that it is not the rich and so-called privileged classes who love the best books. People who can afford Dalmian cars, and can "run over" to Monte Carlo, do not want to read, certainly not to read Dante and Marcus Aurelius. I especially mention these two books because Dante—with the Italian text, mind you, side by side with the English—and the Emperor's "Golden Meditations" have been two of the books that have been most in demand by the great public which I have catered for. I could, from my experience with the Temple Classics, mention various books which—supposed to be only read by the few—have been eagerly taken up by a world of readers. And according to a West End bookseller it is not the books that he supposed would sell best, but that the public are asking for in the Everyman's Library, but books like "The Golden Meditations" and "The Emperor's Golden Meditations" have been two of the books that have been most in demand by the great public which I have catered for. I could, from my experience with the Temple Classics, mention various books which—supposed to be only read by the few—have been eagerly taken up by a world of readers. And according to a West End bookseller it is not the books that he supposed would sell best, but that the public are asking for in the Everyman's Library, but books like "The Golden Meditations" and "The Emperor's Golden Meditations" have been two of the books that have been most in demand by the great public which I have catered for.

AGE LIMIT FOR PROFESSORS.

Portland Oregonian. The interest of the college world has been aroused in the Cornell decision that professors must retire at the age of 65. If this limit is applied to college professors everywhere, it will add new dread to the teacher's calling, unless the rule is accompanied by a systematic

and adequate pension system. Very few men who give themselves studiously and conscientiously to college work from the time of their graduation in early manhood to the age of 65 years are able to retire at that time with enough to keep them the rest of their natural lives. Yet they have generally lived frugally and been charitable, just and kind.

BELIEVES IN MEN OVER 50.

Exchange. An Englishman who is a large employer of labor has been investigating the arguments of those who say that a workman under modern conditions comes at an early age valueless. He has kept a record of all accidents that have incapacitated his men for three days and upward, and he asserts that more accidents occur to men under 30 than to those over 50. He says: "I would much rather hit a man over 50 than to one of 30 years of age."

SPANISH KING LOVES TO EAT.

Kansas City Post. King Alfonso of Spain is devoted to the pleasures of the table, and keeps a cook on duty until 4 in the morning so that he may have supper up to that hour. Five meals are served daily in the Escurial palace. Here is a king's eating schedule for the day: At 8 a. m., breakfast, tea, coffee, chocolate, milk, rolls and cold meat; 11 a. m., luncheon with the ministers of state, soup, two entrees, joint, vegetables, sweets and fruit; 4 p. m., tea or Spanish wine, cakes and sandwiches; 7 p. m., dinner, two soups, two entrees, two joints, vegetables, ice, sweets, fruits, Spanish wines, champagne; 9:30 p. m., tea, wines, cold meat, cakes and dessert.

PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM.

Wall Street Journal. It would seem an act of practical patriotism on the part of our wealthy Americans who have planned to spend the summer in Europe if they would now change their plans and make a trip to California. By so doing they would help California in the best possible way, they would keep millions of dollars at home in a time when we need the money, they would enrich their minds and broaden their knowledge of their own country so as to better fit them for success in their business and professions.

JUST FOR FUN.

Foxy. Denver Post.

"Why did he marry her?" "Because she used to trump his ace at whist."

"What had that to do with it?" "Well, he thought he could manage a woman who didn't have any more brains than that."

Choated. Ally Sloper's Half Holiday.

Shoe—What's the leading lady so wild about? He—O, she only got three bouquets given to her.

She—Surely she didn't expect more? He—Well, she says she paid for five.

The Requisites. Denver Republican.

Upton Sinclair says his first novel was rejected 37 times. Patience and postage stamps are the chief requisites of those who would succeed in literature these days.

Considerate. Boston Transcript.

Wife—I'm sorry to see you come home in such a state as this, Charles. Husband—I knew you'd be sorry, Charles, and that's why I told you not to sit up.

To the Point. Punch.

The Daily Mail, in the course of an article on a certain ladies' society in America, says, "This list comprises those who, while sympathetically interested in the work of the organization, are prevented by age and other circumstances from doing more."

The fact and shrewdness of the Daily Mail is beyond all praise. We particularly like "shrewdness" that is just how we should have put it ourselves.

Old Spirits. Philadelphia Press.

"Pa," said little Willie, looking up from his book, "what does the spirit of '76 mean?"

"Well," replied Lushman, "that's usually a fake. I don't believe there is any thirty-year-old whiskey on the market today."

A Speaking Acquaintance. Harper's Weekly.

The first witness called in a recent petty lawsuit in Cincinnati was an Irishman, of whom competence as a witness opposing counsel entertained doubt. At their instance there was put to him, before being sworn, the usual interrogatory, "Do you know the nature of an oath?"

A broad grin overspread the face of the Irishman as he replied: "Indade, your honor, I may say that it is second nature with me."

Good Scheme. Cleveland Leader.

"Jimmy's got a great scheme to get out of school on these nice days."

"How does he work it?" "He goes out an' washes his face at recess, an' the teacher thinks he's sick an' sends him home."

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

There is much important and entertaining reading in McClure's for June. The leading story is "Buried Treasure" by Stewart Edward White, which combines romance and reality. Mr. Roy Stannard Baker contributes the sixth of his series "The Railroads on Trial." Mr. Burton J. Hendrick continues the story of Life-Insurance with a resume of the work of Elmer Wright, the Pioneer, who made the failure of a life-insurance company a mathematical impossibility. "Yellow Fever: A Problem Solved," by Samuel Hopkins Adams, is an engrossing story of last summer's Battle of New Orleans. Carl Schurz's "Reminiscences of a Long Life" is continued. The second installment of the Kipling series is even more engrossing than the first. The poems are "Timed to an African Chant" by Rosalie M. Jones, and "The Sea Witch" by Marjorie L. C. Piekthall. The S. S. McClure Co., 44-45 East Twenty-third street, New York.

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