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THROW AWAY YOUR HAMMERS!

On a pretty postal card of the souvenir variety, there comes to Salt Lake from the far east, a bit of jingling philosophy, that has particular local application. So pointed is it that it is worthy of adoption as a new year resolution by all who would assist in the good work of building a really great city in the intermountain region. The attention of the knocker and defamer is directed to it, and especially is it commended to the chief detractors who have been honored in the past, but who can never hope to be rewarded in the future, or permanently profit by their present nefarious course. The sentiment is:  
"Leave your hammer on the shelf. You may need a boost yourself."  
Of course, there are hammers and hammers. The one used by the builder and the artist, the other by the knocker and the destructionist. The one is tangible and useful, the other unseemly and harmful. In Utah an army of builders is wielding the one for the state's good, and in the same prosperous and proud young commonwealth, sadly be it said, are those who are silently and ceaselessly swinging the other to the injury of all our citizens. And so it resolves itself into a battle of the hammers. On which side will you elect to be, good people? The one that works and builds and proclaims the greatness of Utah? The one that will defend it to the last, if necessary, or the one that constantly knocks and slanders, and which is represented by that class of individuals who are ashamed to register from Utah, when away from home? Clearly your place is with the majority in this case.

In the very nature of things, conditions cannot continue indefinitely as they now are. If the strong men and women of this State were to arouse themselves to the situation they could change it in a time so short as to astonish all interested; and that means everybody; at least, everybody that has a direct regard for his State and people. See to it, then, that you who use the hammer for a proper purpose, put the ban upon the knocker who swings it only for revenge. And when you place his mallet upon the shelf as suggested in the opening couplet to this article, place him there with it, and use it to nail him down forever.

FOR CHINESE SUFFERERS.

A short time ago President Roosevelt appealed to the American public to send contributions through the Red Cross society, for the benefit of the starving millions of the Chinese empire. The relief work is in charge of the Chinese branch of the Red Cross organization, and the offer of Mr. E. H. Harriman to transport supplies from San Francisco and Portland to Shanghai and Hongkong free of charge was accepted by Secretary Taft, president of the American National Red Cross. Responsible newspapers were asked to receive and forward contributions, and among the publications that accepted the call to perform this service was the Deseret News.  
It appears that President Roosevelt's appeal for aid for starving millions in China let the range of vision be limited. Let each well-fed American look around his own family circle and say: "Across the Pacific Ocean there is a family made up of my own. There are the aged parents, the dear wife, the bright boys, and the sweet girls, the little helpless baby. And not one of them has anything to eat, or grass, or roof, or bark of trees. They are growing weaker daily. The husband and father has worked hard, but now he has neither work nor strength. Something ought to be done for these people. There may be others, too, who need help, but the most I can do is to help this one family, and that I will do."

One dollar, says another exchange, will save a life in China, and that can readily be believed when it is remembered that a dollar there counts as much as ten here, or more.  
The situation is as follows:  
"Owing to unprecedented heavy rains during June, July, August, and part of September a large part of the northern districts of Kiangsi and Anhui provinces were flooded. The flooded districts covered 40,000 square miles, supporting a population of 15,000,000. None of the crops have been gathered. All the necessities of life have already (November 1) doubled in price. Thousands of houses have been destroyed. Thousands of people are already living on one meal a day, and often this meal is composed only of grain and sweet-potato leaves. Tens of thousands have left their homes to beg elsewhere. Some throw their children into the water and then commit suicide. Many are selling their children for almost nothing. The farmers are selling their work animals to buy food and have no wheat to plant for next year's crop."

It seems to us that many American citizens, if they realize the situation and how far a dollar will go to relieve the distress, would gladly contribute that dollar. As the Philadelphia Telegraph says: "A comparatively trifling tax on our superabundant riches may be enough to save millions of lives. The President points the way—a safe way, a sure way, and a speedy way, the Government of these United States

TO SAVE UTAH SCENERY

It will be pleasing news to very many people to learn that President Roosevelt has taken definite steps towards the preservation of the natural and prehistoric treasures in southeastern Utah, although they are not included in the order recently issued for the withdrawal from entry of several tracts of land. They will, it is stated, be withdrawn in the near future. Those that have already received protection from the President and which have been designated as "National Monuments" are as follows:

"Devil's tower, consisting of a lofty and isolated rock which is a notable landmark of northern Wyoming, the withdrawal being 1,152 acres. Petrified forest, of Arizona, consisting of 50,777 acres, containing fossilized and mineralized timber remains in Gila and Apache counties. El Morro and Inscription rock, New Mexico, consisting of a tract of 160 acres, with rocks on which are prehistoric inscriptions made by ancient Zuni Indians. Montezuma Castle, national monument in Arizona, consisting of a tract of 180 acres, containing prehistoric structures of ancient cliff-dwellers."

Utah, Colorado, Oregon and Washington are all to have "National Monuments" established within their confines, under acts of the President through a congressional statute of June, 1906, for the preservation of American antiquities of historic or scientific interest. Meanwhile it would be just as well that the Utah lawmakers take official cognizance of the matter so that it shall in no wise be allowed to lag, as every day of delay adds to the chain of the destruction of ruins that are of priceless value to the state. Governor Cutler in his message to the Legislature spoke strongly upon this very question and admonished to another phase of it in which he urged the support of a movement started for the preservation of waterfalls, forests, and other typical scenery in danger of being destroyed in the interest of commercial enterprises. It has been suggested by the promoters of this movement that the various state legislatures which are meeting this winter memorialize Congress to pass a measure prohibiting the despoliation of certain specified scenery in localities not set aside as National Parks.

If this were done it would save to Utah such superb natural attractions as the famous Bridal Veil Falls in Provo canyon, which would otherwise be destroyed. Surely there can be no valid objection to have them included in the general prohibition.

THE JAMAICA INCIDENT.

The conduct of the Governor of Jamaica, refusing to accept the unsolicited aid of the American Admiral, appears strange at first sight, but judging from the correspondence that passed between the two, Admiral DAVIS landed troops and ordered them to go to work clearing up streets and guarding property, etc., and then expressed the hope that the governor would approve of what he had done. The regular course of proceeding would have been to first ascertain whether foreign aid was needed, and in what form it would be accepted, and then attend to the work of relief. Governments, naturally, are sensitive on such points of international etiquette. They do not look with favor upon any action of other governments that may reflect upon their ability or willingness to take care of their own citizens. An American governor would, undoubtedly, under similar circumstances, have acted as the Governor of Jamaica did, and assured any foreign admiral that the American government and nation would render all necessary assistance. The principle is recognized in our own government, in the relations existing between Federal and state authorities. If, therefore, as appears from the dispatches, American troops were landed and put to work without consultation with the Governor, the latter cannot be severely censured for his apparent discourtesy. The Admiral had orders to render all aid in his power, but certainly not without observing the usual formalities. The incident is regrettable, but it should not cause ill will between the citizens of two great nations.

AN INDIAN LEGEND.

A Kansas City Star writer quotes a gentleman who has taught school among Indians for many years, to the effect that the Creek Indians believe that they are descendants of one of the so-called lost tribes. He explains that he boarded for five years with a Creek Indian who had been educated at Carlisle, and this fellow used to tell many Indian legends, as the children and family were gathered around the fire place of an evening. He was the son of a "medicine man" and had heard his father relate the stories he told his children.

According to the tradition handed down from father to son, the Creeks at one time were associated with the other tribes, but during their wanderings they became separated. "They wandered," we are told, "for years far to the north, until they came to a sea. There they built boats and embarked. They steered their course by the wand of a medicine man. Each morning he went to his canoe and set up his divining rod and told them which direction to pursue. They followed this rod from a warm country to a cold sea, on which they set sail. The sea was crossed and then they traveled toward the south again."

That this tradition refers to some great event in the far distant past of the history of the Indians is indisputable. That the general outline of that event has been preserved may be taken for granted, while the details, as in all oral transmissions from generation to generation, must have suffered changes and distortions. Even mythology, undoubtedly, has an historical basis. Dragons and "giants," and sea monsters, if the testimony of fossil remains is accepted, have had real existence, and the warfare between primitive man and those contestants with the human race for dominance upon

the earth, must have furnished the material for many of the venerable stories now belonging entirely to the domain of myth.

The past of those continents presents, as far as science now can judge, one of the most difficult riddles. Some students of the problems presented have declared that American civilization is purely indigenous. Others have found in it indisputable evidence of Hebrew, or Egyptian, or even Tartar origin. Architecture, hieroglyphics, traditions, all seem to demand the conclusion that the civilization of one hemisphere was influenced by that of the other. The Catholic priests who visited Mexico at the time of the Spanish conquests were so impressed by the similarity of the customs of the natives here to those of the ancient Israelites, that they thought the devil had taught the American a mutilation of the true doctrines of the Bible. What is the solution of the difficulties presented?

If we suppose that the cradle of the human race was rocked in this hemisphere, and that from here civilization spread in every direction, just as American influence today is filling the world, as the little stone in the Book of Daniel; if we further suppose that the progress of civilization was arrested by some terrific cataclysm, and that, afterwards, occasional communication was re-established between the Old World and the New, the difficulties would be obviated. That would account for the differences as well as the similarities, for coincidences as well as discrepancies. But that is the truth taught by the Book of Mormon, which must yet be accepted as the answer to the question of the origin of American civilization.

Governor Hughes wears a beard. He also wears well.

Weather bureau predictions these days are genuine winter's tales.

The man who has little cannot hide it from the assessor, but the man who has much quite often does.

If at any time the State senators should find themselves in a dilemma, "Love will find out the way."

Most men have a double but Secretary Taft has not. In himself he is almost a double number.

Compared with Governor Swettenham of Jamaica, Tom Touchy was the soul of amiability and courtesy.

The Japanese school children have no rights that the California white man thinks he is bound to respect.

The prosperity of the country is so great that the waters of the Ohio valley are booming as hardly ever before.

Telephone girls in France must no longer say "allo" but "jeécoute" (I listen). Of course they listen, but now they have to answer the call.

Juvenile Court Judge Brown says that he will not resign. The avowal was hardly necessary. No one ever accused him of having any such intention.

Last week ended in what might be termed a blaze of glory of railroad wrecks. The number of accidents for one day was almost if not quite unprecedented.

Both Harriman and Rockefeller were poor when they were boys. Every American boy may become a billionaire as he may become President of the United States. The chances are about equal in either case.

Many methods for controlling the waters of the Colorado that are now rushing into the Salton sea have been suggested, but to date all have been impracticable. Why not try Mrs. Partington's method and sop up the sea?

The Storers are going to France to live. It will hardly be wise for them in the present state of strained relations between that country and the Vatican, to undertake to get any red hats for their ecclesiastical friends.

The Saturday Review thinks that in any disagreement between Great Britain and the United States Ambassador Bryce would, if possible, be on the side of the United States. That would be perfectly natural, as he would desire to be on the right side.

There was a time, it is fast passing away, when to say a man was a great Indian fighter was to sum up in a few words many virtues and heroic qualities. Now a man's highest praise is to say that he is a great trust fighter.

TOO MILITARISTIC.

Springfield Republican.  
The perversion of the coming Jamestown exposition into an extravagant military and naval spectacle, calculated to glorify war and stimulate the war spirit in this country, amounts to a kind of trust fighting.

The exposition's present development by a number of its advisory board, among whom are Carroll D. Wright, Cardinal Gibbons, and Edward Everett Hale—certainly men not given to more emotional berating of war or the military profession—this protest deserves to be heard far and wide and to be heeded by the people. If international exhibitions are carried through on the militaristic lines now projected, it will mark the abject decadence of international exhibitions. As the protestant point out, the first modern international exposition at London in 1851 was proudly dedicated to peace, and the series of succeeding expositions of the past fifty years have found their highest mission in organizing and marshaling the triumphs of peaceful industry, commerce, education, the sciences and the arts. If international exhibitions have come to serve chiefly as an inflammation of the war spirit, the end of them cannot come too soon.

NEWSPAPER CIRCULATION.

Rochester Democrat.  
The combined circulation of all the daily newspapers of Chicago, both inside and outside of the city, is equal to about only one-half the population of the city. On the other hand, the Des Moines (Ia.) Register and Leader claims that the three daily newspapers of that city have a combined circulation 50 per cent greater than the total population of the city. That is a remarkably fine showing for Des Moines, considering the fact that so large a proportion of the population are of a passing empire. Dr. Edward Everett Hale sends a New-Year's message to his host of friends, in his monthly editorial page. The fiction is more than true. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps publishes the first installment of a powerful serial entitled "The Sacred Fire." Marie Van Vorst contributes a fascinating short story, "The Sentinel." Zona Gale is represented by a short story, "In the Time of the Chrysanthemums," and there are installments of serials by Jean Webster and Juliet Wilbur Perkins. The features are unusually good—Madison Square, New York.

records of other cities. It should be explained that a very large percentage of the population of Chicago is of foreign birth and, while some of them have papers printed in their own language, the majority are not newspaper readers. For really well-informed citizenship ability to read the Constitution should be supplemented by the newspaper habit. How can a man who does not read a daily paper know for whom or what measures he ought to vote?

PURE AIR, BUT NO DRAFT.

Ohio States Journal.  
Keep your thoughts on pure air in the home. Don't be afraid if it is a little cold. It is not the cold that caught cold all the time they were in regions away below zero. Pure undiluted cold is healthful. It is not all the time pleasant, but one can wrap up sufficiently to provide against the discomfort of it. That is what they do with consumptives—wrap them up warmly and put them out into the fresh cold air. It is not the cold that hurts; it is the draft, which disturbs the temperature of the body and consequently the equilibrium of the circulation, which in turn stuffs up the capillaries, and of these stuffs up the lungs, wheezing, coughing, hawking, grunting and making yourself a public calamity.

JUST FOR FUN.

Unwelcome Callers.  
"Oh, is it you?" said the impetuous girl when she opened the door. "I thought it was the piano man or the gas man or the man for the rent. We hardly ever have any callers we care to see," she added, "on the first of the month."—New York Press.

Used to It.  
During the progress of the banquet at which nearly all the prominent men of the country are guests a band of assassins explodes a ton of powder beneath the floor.

After the wreck has been cleared away, to the astonishment of the rescuers the prominent men are discovered sitting calmly at their tables continuing their discussion of affairs of state.

With amazement the rescuers tell what has happened and express surprise that the prominent men have not fled to a place of safety.

"Why," say the prominent men in chorus, "we thought somebody was taking a flashlight picture."—Washington Herald.

In Their Own Coin.  
One day two ladies hired a cab and paid the driver his dollar for their ride with the following coins: a twenty-five cent piece, three dimes, five five-cent pieces, a three-cent piece, two two-cent pieces, and thirteen pennies.

After looking at the miscellany for a moment, the driver smiled broadly, and said whimsically, "Well, well, now, how long have you been saving up for this nice little treat today?"—Harper's Weekly.

What Katy Did.  
Johnny. "What did Katy do, mamma?"  
Mrs. Subbubs. "Left. I s'pose."—Harper's Bazar.

Romance and Reality.  
"James, dear, will you bring me up a scuttle of coal from the cellar?" said a busy wife.

"That's just the way with you," said James, with a frown, as he put down his book and rose from the armchair.

"Just the way with me?"  
"Yes," he snapped. "As soon as you see me enjoying myself you have something of other for me to do. Didn't you see, I was absorbed in my reading?"

"Well, dear, I will do it myself."  
"Yes, and tell everybody—your mother especially—that you have to carry your own coal up from the cellar. No; I'll do it. Let me mark my place."

So he marked the place in the book at which he had been reading, and when he went down into the cellar, grumbling all the way, she picked up the volume and found it was a love story, and that the passage he had been absorbed in was as follows:

"My darling, when you are my wife I will shield and protect you from every care. The winds of heaven shall not visit your face too roughly; those greedy hands shall never be soiled by menial tasks; your wish shall be my law; your happiness—"

Just then he reappeared, and, dropping the scuttle upon the floor, said: "There's your coal. Give me my book."—Kansas City Independent.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.  
The North American Review for January 1907 ushers in a new year in its existence with a very distinguished table of contents. Mark Twain, in the ninth installment of his Autobiography, has some notable pages touching Secretary Root's recent threat of obliterating lines of coast line. "Experiment" is the title of an article published concerning the new international language. "In German Designs on Holland and Belgium," M. Yves Guyot, the French publicist, shows in "What Japanese Exclusion Would Mean," that such exclusion would, commercially speaking, cost America heavily. "Three Years and a Half of Pius X" is a terrible arraignment of the present Pope, by a Catholic Priest.

"The Case of Senator Smoot and the Mormon Church," is a thoughtful article. Anatole France's is the title of a brilliant appreciation of that celebrated Frenchman, by James Huneker, himself a very clever man of letters. "England's Food Supply in Time of War" is an interesting study, by the subject by Lieutenant Caryon Bellairs, R. N. Eugene Smith, President of the Prison Association of New York, contributes a comprehensive article on modern methods of dealing with criminals, entitled "The Old Penology and the New."—New York.

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