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A NOTED ANNIVERSARY.

This is the anniversary of the birth of Wilford Woodruff, deceased President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; also of his wife, Mrs. Emma Woodruff, who survives him.

Among the notable men of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and of the nineteenth century, none has a fairer record and a tenderer place in the hearts of the people of this State than our departed Apostle and President.

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AN "EXODUS" AGAIN. The story of an "exodus of Mormons" from their Utah homes, is once more going the rounds of the press.

"Arrangements for one of the biggest colonization schemes ever engineered in the west have been completed at Cheyenne, Wyo., where a portion of the Big Horn basin in northern Wyoming will be settled by 'Mormons'."

This story has its origin in the movement recently made for the settlement of a few families in the Big Horn basin.

Whenever there is good prospect for new settlements, either in the valleys of Utah or in the regions round about, it is usually taken advantage of, to make homes for the people who come to Utah from distant places.

This is a double benefit. It opens the way to wealth for the settlers and is of value to the country.

become fruitful fields, and the wilderness is made to bloom. The story about the "Mormons" being unable to "stand the persecution of the Gentiles," is the silliest kind of nonsense.

While a great stir may be made now and then because of this, it amounts to nothing or next to nothing in practical effect upon the people whose injury is sought.

Our contemporaries at a distance may rest assured that there will be no great exodus of "Mormons" from Utah.

RUMORED SALE OF ISLANDS.

Advice from Copenhagen says there is much opposition in Denmark to the sale, without sufficient compensation, of the Danish West Indian islands.

Rumors from the Hague have it that part of the Dutch West Indies have been sold to the United States.

The Yaqui Indians who a few days ago attempted to raid a Mexican town were repelled only after a severe fight and heavy loss of lives on both sides.

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Undoubtedly the Mexican government will finally subdue the tribe, if the military operations are carried on long enough.

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Cronje's surrender took place on the anniversary of the Majuba hill disaster which was commented on. That was in the war of 1881. The hill is situated a few miles south of the Transvaal border.

UNREST IN PERSIA.

The observer of the present occurrences in the world cannot but watch with growing interest the movements in southern Asia.

The Kurds now demand a degree of autonomy. They ask for the privilege of choosing their own governors to be confirmed by the Shah.

It is a well recognized principle of international relations that when a state finds itself unable to maintain order within its boundaries, stronger neighbor states, for the preservation of their own interests, must interfere and establish peace.

But can Great Britain permit Russia to obtain control of Persian affairs?

Dr. Cyrus Edson says the mortality among butchers is high. The death-rate around them is higher.

Gen. Buller was at Ladysmith today. His critics should now recognize his achievement of a very difficult task.

Magnanimity, as an element for ending the present war in South Africa, does not show signs of an awakening yet.

The mail matter handled in the United States during 1899 weighed 732,333 tons.

The tension is over concerning beleaguered Ladysmith. Gen. Buller has made a gallant defense of the place, under discouraging circumstances.

At the Hundred Year Club meeting in New York last evening it was stated "that nature is a relentless fool killer."

The Improvement Era for March is out, brimful of good things for young and old.

The plague was taken to the Hawaiian Islands in foodstuffs from China.

The wool market is high, but there is nothing startling in its rush.

Russia is now looking to the United States for bituminous coal.

It is stated by the New York officers that the tenement house fire in which

three children were cremated was of incendiary origin. The disableness that would produce such a result ought to meet summary punishment.

The German foreign office says there is no intention in Germany to intervene in South Africa.

The great Crousot gun factory in France has been destroyed by fire, and on the very day of the relief of Ladysmith, at which place the Crousot guns in Boer hands gained world-wide fame.

The evidence regarding the Idaho "bullpen" makes the military forces that were in charge appear more like barbarians than civilized troops.

"London is mad, with joy," is the news cabled today. There is occasion for rejoicing over the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, but there is a long list of losses that should time the "joyful madness" with sorrow that the war was ever begun.

It is said that Aguinaldo expects to get money from Europe to carry on a guerrilla warfare against the Americans in the Philippines.

Gen. Cronje's resistance was called criminal, because of the "terrific execution" that was supposed to result from the heavy British artillery fire.

The newspapers that talk about the unpreparedness of this country for war at the time of the conflict with Spain, must have forgotten that in free time it took Great Britain to free Ladysmith from Boer investment.

COMMENTS ON PUERTO RICO.

Puerto Rico is rich in promise and can be made prosperous; but it must be given a fighting chance, and this demands imperatively, and first of all, the defeat of the bill now under discussion.

Today's news from Washington indicates that the fight for giving Puerto Rico free access to our ports is making sufficient headway to startle the advocates of the tariff and means committee bill.

The constable shipping laws have been extended to Puerto Rico, so that trade between the island and the United States is strictly confined to American bottoms.

First impressions are apt to be lasting, and now is the time to make enduring friends of the Puerto Ricans.

Our obligations to Puerto Rico are essentially the same whether it is to be called a "territory" or a "colony" in the future.

If to Congress there should be reserved the right to decide differential tariffs in accordance with what is estimated to be the different needs of different States, we would soon have one-half the country under the other half.

The Republican policy must be to relieve Puerto Rico of commercial distress.

The measure now before Congress first gives Puerto Rico a revenue in the only way a tropical land can successfully raise sufficient revenue.

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If the President were now strongly to repeat his recommendation, so that there could be no doubt where he stood, we believe that many and fear would kill the bill for breaking faith with Puerto Rico.

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