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AIM TO BE RELIABLE.

Correspondents of the Deseret News should be very careful in sending particulars of events occurring in their neighborhood, and not exaggerate or put a high coloring on facts which they report, or add to them their personal opinions. Particularly this should be observed in giving accounts of political gatherings. The "News" desires to be entirely fair in all things. We wish to avoid such distortions as commonly appear in partisan newspapers.

In reading accounts of the same meetings in different papers, great confusion of mind would be caused if credence were given to either of them. In one paper a meeting is portrayed as a large and enthusiastic assemblage, in which the audience was aroused to fever heat; in another paper it is described as an insignificant gathering in numbers, and so void of interest as to be characterized as a "frost." The nature of the report appears to be determined by the party politics of the reporter and of the newspaper that records it.

The Deseret News wants no doctoring of this character in any accounts sent to it for publication. The plain facts are sufficient. Our correspondents will please put off party spectacles in writing up political meetings, and resist the temptation to touch them up according to the notions of the writers. They should also be careful not to fall into the spirit of alarm which sometimes takes hold of a portion of the community on the outbreak of a malady. The "News" and the public that depend upon it for information desire the simple truth, without any magnification, extenuation, malice or apology. Chickenpox should not be represented as smallpox, nor tonsillitis as diphtheria, nor vice versa. Sensationalism and scares are not features of this paper.

Opinions on various subjects may be expressed, separate and apart from the correspondence which furnishes news to the public, and it should be understood that such expressions are the views of the writers, and not of the paper in which they are published. Mistakes will occur without intention, and these should be rectified as far as possible as soon as discovered. The Deseret News desires and aims to be in all things thoroughly reliable.

A DELIGHTFUL PEOPLE.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat has an interesting article on the condition among the Indians in Indian Territory. It proves what civilization has done, and is still doing, both for the elevation and preservation of the ancient race. When one comes to the line that separates the States from Indian Territory, the writer in the St. Louis paper says, there is little in the appearance of the people, their homes, or their habits to indicate that there is another race. There are busy towns, well cultivated farms, handsome residences, books, pictures and all outward evidences of culture. There are men and women capable of holding their own in any capacity with their neighbors.

The women of the five nations command special attention. They dress as their white sisters; they have schools, clubs and church societies, and read the newspapers and latest books. They are far advanced on the road of civilization. As instances of this advancement, the article describes some of the Indian women, a few among many. There is Mrs. Elsie P. Bushyhead, now writing the memoirs of her deceased husband. She is said to be a highly educated lady, proud of the Indian blood in her veins. Dayehai Sudalche is the name of a full-blooded Cherokee woman, who is now busy on a literary work which is to describe the characteristics of the Indian women. The authoress was educated at a university, and is very popular for her learning, gentleness and purity. She is passionately devoted to her people. Mrs. Bell Cobb is another distinguished Cherokee lady, a graduate of a medical school. Miss Carlotta Archer, principal music teacher at the Cherokee Female seminary, is said to be one of the most vivacious and captivating ladies, handsome and a perfect model in form.

There are other women mentioned, accomplished artists in one line or another, bright and ambitious. And they are said to be not exceptions but fair representatives of a class. They indicate, at all events, the possibilities of civilization existing in the "remnant" on this continent, and give promise of a glorious future. For, with strong,

bright and gifted women, the future of a nation is safe.

Readers of the Book of Mormon are familiar with the forecasts there given as to the redemption of the Lamanites. One of the most prominent of these is that "they shall be restored unto the knowledge of their fathers . . . and their scales of darkness shall begin to fall from their eyes, and many generations shall not pass away among them, save they shall be a white and delightsome people." It is this that seems to begin to be fulfilled before the eyes of the world. The Book of Mormon is a monument to the past glory of a great people; that people will, in course of time, become a testimony to their own monument. The purposes of the Almighty are always accomplished.

A DOMESTIC REFORM.

The discussion of the so-called servant problem has suggested an experiment which is now being watched with some interest. A certain Edinburgh professor thought the eight-hour rule ought to apply to house work, and now Mrs. Emmens Blaine, of Chicago, is testing the effects of that rule in her household.

The lady has a number of cooks, maids, butlers, laundresses, coachmen, and gardeners. Those who begin at 6 a. m. are to be relieved at 2 p. m., and these are to be similarly relieved at 10 p. m.

The experiment may be interesting enough, but the number of women who can afford to have several sets of help in the house is not large enough to secure popularity for a reform of that kind.

Probably the hired help is entitled to more leisure hours than generally are given them, but the idea of keeping a double guard, as it were, must be given up at the outset. If it is possible to arrange it so that eight hours of paid help is all that is needed in a household, there is some chance for the eight-hour rule. And probably, in many households, that would be sufficient. But then what about the question of board and lodging? There are problems enough involved in this proposed reform, to give point to the remark that "Prof. Geddes, of Edinburgh, may be a learned man with exceptional talents, but if he knows when he is well off he will steer clear of America after his eight-hour system becomes general."

NO COWARDS THERE.

There was an incident in the mass-meeting held at Koonstad, the new Free State capital, which deserves a brief notice. The gathering was evidently held for the purpose of infusing new faith in the hearts of the Boers. Both Kruger and Steyn, the two presidents, were present. They urged the people to have faith in God and to resist to the last. Then they ordered waverers to stand aside, but there were no waverers.

The incident reminds one of a similar occurrence in the history of the ancient nation, which the Boers seem to copy in so much. When Gideon went forth to deliver his people from the hands of the Midianites and the Amalekites, "which," says the record, "lay along the valley like grasshoppers for multitude," the first thing Gideon did was to issue a proclamation to the effect that all those of his followers who were afraid to go to the war, should leave the camp. They did so to the number of thousands, but among the burghers at Koonstad, so the dispatch states, there were no waverers.

This would go to prove that the South African war is to continue to the last ditch. There are to be more slaughter, more horrors. According to some published figures, the total British loss in South Africa now amounts to 12,761, including killed, wounded and missing. The Boer list is given as 8,691. What will the final cost be, if both sides are determined to fight as long as there is any power of resistance left? According to all calculations, the heaviest battles will be fought on the Transvaal soil. The Boers were incapable of carrying out the first plans and holding their first line of defense. They may be better able to hold their own when their forces are more concentrated, though in the end, they must be overwhelmed by numbers.

PROTECT THE BIRDS.

The published statement that contracts had been entered into to deliver 50,000 Delaware birds to the millinery trade has caused a widespread agitation for the protection of the plumed inhabitants of the air, particularly the sea birds. The Delaware Game Protective association is up in arms. The Farmers' association has appealed to the governor of the State to punish the plotters against bird life, and the American Ornithologists' union is taking steps for the protection of the birds.

The latter association is endeavoring to obtain funds for the purpose of placing guards along the coasts of Maine, Long Island, Virginia and Florida, to protect the bird colonies during the breeding time. The union therefore appeals to every bird-lover for money to be used in hiring wardens to protect the birds. Contributions are received by Mr. William Dutcher, treasurer, at 225 Manhattan avenue, New York, and this gentleman also furnishes any information that may be desired.

In the appeal sent out by the Ornithologists' union it is stated that the country is about to lose forever the sea birds. One branch of the family, the Terns, which formerly thronged the coast, have been so nearly wiped out by agents of the milliners that this year's onslaught will glean almost the last pair from the remaining small colonies. And the larger gulls are also being decimated.

The crusade against these beautiful creatures is lamentable indeed. They fill an important part in the economy of nature, being natural scavengers along the coasts, where but for them much disease-breeding stuff would accumulate. To exterminate them, at the unreasonable and capricious command of fashion, is criminal.

Other birds fill similarly important functions. Mr. Dutcher, of the Ornithologists' Union, who has made the subject one of special study, estimates that

the ravages of insects upon growing crops involve a loss every year to the farmers of this country, of \$200,000,000. Without the birds the loss would be much heavier. When the birds disappear the insects multiply to an alarming degree. Farmers know this, and it is on that account that their association joins others in the protest against the wholesale slaughter of innocents, that has been planned.

The most effectual way of preventing the crusade would be for the ladies themselves to form a humane and reasonable resolution not to buy the hats trimmed with birds, or feathers of birds that should be protected. That would be the cheapest, and most practical and effective way of putting an end to the abuse complained of. Children should learn to love and care for animals, as well as flowers. They should be taught to see in all the handwork the expressed ideas, or "poems," of their Father, and thus find an inspiration in every object of nature, and particularly in those that are both useful and beautiful. With a correct understanding of the creation, and our own place in it, there could be no wanton destruction of life.

In Utah the people have long ago learned to protect the sea birds. To watch the beautiful birds in the spring, following the farmer up and down the furrows he ploughs when preparing the soil for the seed; or to see them mingle with crowds at the beach and take the food held out to them, is to witness one of the modern miracles of this State. Were it not for man, there would be less distrust, less enmity, and more happiness in this beautiful world of ours.

A GRAND WOMAN GONE.

There will be much sorrow among many of our people at the news of the death of "Aunt Susannah Neslen Spencer, who expired on Monday afternoon in her seventieth year. Particulars will be found in another part of this issue of the Deseret News. The departed lady was one of the best among the many noble women of this community. Her life was beautiful, a practical illustration of all that is charming and exalting in humanity. Her example in every sphere of womanhood was beneficial in the highest sense. As a wife, a mother, a sweet ministering spirit, a kind neighbor and friend, she was pre-eminent. Her virtues and her influence distinguished her in the social sphere and she will ever be remembered as one of the most notable and lovable of her sex. Her demise is greatly regretted by all, and the "News" deeply condolees with the family that has thus been so sadly bereaved.

The opening of the Paris Exposition is less than three weeks distant—Saturday, April 14.

A Chicago burglar died from fright last night, at hearing a gun fired. The cause of excessive nervousness was in somebody else having the gun.

The latest cloud in the Far East is cast by a Russian squadron at Chemulpo, Korea. A demand for a cession of land there would come close to precipitating war.

Gen. Otis tells of Filipinos beheading an American soldier who had been taken prisoner. Those rebels will need considerable training before they can have full swing in controlling affairs in the islands.

Seattle, Wash., is troubled over the "tough" element in that city. A term on the "rock pile" or "boulevard" is an excellent method of lawlessness on the part of such persons as the Seattle officers complain of.

There is no plague in San Francisco now, says Mayor Phelan. But the people seem to be plagued considerably over the impression given to the outside by the board of health that the city was infected with the disease.

With our British soldiers in the field to every Boer that can find a place there, as given out in the announcement today, it is in order for military experts to figure out mathematically just how long the war will continue.

No wonder that the spectators in the court at Frankfort, Kentucky, fell over each other yesterday afternoon, in the effort to get out of the room while two lawyers were quarrelling. They know a Kentucky attorney is more dangerous than a lion at a circus when he is mad and has "a gun" at the same time.

The Chicago city council has arranged for a committee to reconcile the differences between employers and employees in the building trades strike there. The committee might get excellent practice and valuable experience in settling the disagreeable differences between Chicago's councilmen, if it can be done.

A Chicago saloonkeeper was struck dumb last night, immediately after he had murdered his partner. If the paralysis had stricken his hand a few minutes earlier than it did his tongue, he might have felt that he had great reason to complain of his misfortune, but it probably would have saved him from slaughtering a fellow-being.

It comes out now that France as well as Germany wants the Danish West Indies; and further that President Harrison had almost perfected arrangements for the United States to purchase them, but these were set aside by President Cleveland, as in the case of Hawaii. Yet in view of the circumstances, it looks as though the United States will be able, easily to secure the islands ahead of European powers whose increase of territory in that locality would be objectionable.

In Chicago the law providing for compulsory official medical examination has been held to be valid. Since there are some people who have not so much confidence in so-called physicians who get official position as to "summon them to a cat, much less to a human being," as was urged in this instance, the application of the law appears ultra-rigid. Surely the certificate of a reputable physician outside of political life is of as much real worth as one who deals partly in politics to get a living.

It transpires now that Ex-Governor

Macrum had his letters opened by the British censor of Dublin. "Only three" were so tampered with; but opening only one would be a gross violation of international law. It is perhaps fortunate for Britain that this was American and not Russian mail thus improperly interfered with. In her own interest Britain owes more than an apology. It is due to the British nation that the officer guilty of the over-officious conduct should be reprimanded, so that he and others will be more careful when a future exploit of this kind may not end so amicably.

MORE ABOUT SHELDONISM.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Thousands of men of all professions would be ready to take the chair of an editor-in-chief at an hour's notice, and would rejoice in the opportunity to test their air-drawn ideals and original conceptions. They would not expect nor ask to be physicians, lawyers, builders or railroad managers without long preparation. The religious world takes care that no one is admitted to a pulpit without meeting certain fixed requirements, and beyond that an experimental sermon or two are not amiss. A man may not work a passenger elevator without an examination. But anybody, so tradition runs, can be an editor.

Fresno Republican.

The Sacramento Bee takes pride in dumping into the waste basket the daily dispatches in regard to Rev. Mr. Sheldon's freak newspaper. Which only shows that the Bee is working on the Sheldon principle, of throwing out the news its editor does not happen to be interested in. For that the people are interested in this experiment is undeniable, and is a good sign. There is no likelihood that Mr. Sheldon will reform the newspaper business, but the fact that people are interested on so vast a scale in the attempt goes to show that a more intelligently made attempt would be successful.

Sacramento Bee.

In the first place, The Bee has thrown out no news. The mere statement of the blasphemous freak by irreverent Chas. M. Sheldon was a news item, and that was published. The daily advertisement of the freak sheet was not in any manner news, nor was it stuff in which the public was interested.

Chicago Democrat.

It is surprising that anybody should be disappointed in the result of the Rev. Sheldon's efforts to produce a Christian daily newspaper. Christians themselves want the news, and when Mr. Sheldon gives them Christian philosophy in its place they are not satisfied.

St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon was wise enough to run his Christian daily while his satanic majesty was taking his usual Lenten vacation.

Chicago Times-Herald.

Sheldon has left the owners of the Topeka Capital in a wrangle, thus demonstrating that the Christian spirit which he infused into the concern must have been "doctored."

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

The Rev. Mr. Sheldon of Topeka succeeded in getting himself "into print," while he kept others, and other matters out of his paper. The wide advertisement of his freak journalism received brought him a rush of business; but the stockholders of the Topeka Capital want to continue the paper as a "Christian daily" would soon find that there would be a daily withdrawal of Christians from the subscription list, if the news were ignored for religious matter.

Worcester Spy.

The "lay sermons" being printed by the Topeka State Journal during "Sheldon's week" are of a pronounced agnostic tone. Churches, ministers and religion generally are savagely attacked. Editor Howe's "sermons" resemble Ingersoll's tirades minus Ingersoll's brilliancy of epigram. The Topeka State Journal has evidently deliberately made its plans to cater to that element which will refuse to read Sheldon's paper. To the broadminded reader, the two Topeka sheets will be equally objectionable.

BISHOP POTTER SPEAKS.

New York Mail and Express.

Bishop Potter is the latest of a long list of men who have come back from the Philippines convinced, though they went there doubting the righteousness of our cause. During his sermon at Grace church yesterday the Bishop declared that the United States could not evade its destiny nor avoid its responsibility in the forward movement of the world. He resented the criticisms of President McKinley's policy, and expressed his cordial approval of all that the administration has done.

Chicago Times-Herald.

Probably the bishop found it as disagreeable to give up his first theories as most men would, but he reached the point where his practical common sense intervened to save him from an absurdity. A visit to the Philippines convinced him that our campaigns there had been wisely managed by General Otis, that it would have been the extreme of folly to concede Aguinaldo's demands, that the native character is such that the native population needs external assistance in government, and that the developments have made the United States the proper conservator and guardian of native interests.

New York Evening Sun.

There is no longer an insurrection in the Philippines, but guerilla bands are trying to keep up the semblance of one. As a rule it is simply a murder on a hand, it is impossible to eradicate him in a wild land such as the interior of Luzon is.

Boston Herald.

If Bishop Potter has experienced a change of conviction touching the duty and policy of the administration, it has not happened without reasons of high character and great weight. Therefore, when he is referred to as one who has seen sufficient cause for approving of a course of which he did not approve before, the matter is of more than common importance. The allusions to the attitude of our nation in eastern questions, made in his Grace church sermon last Sunday, as indicated in the special dispatch printed in the Herald yesterday, would not be conclusive evidence of any radical change, nor do we find anything more explicit in the New York newspapers. There is absolutely no ground in his sermon for asserting any radical change of view.

Springfield Republican.

The vital point in the bishop's observations, however, is that "it is nonsense to talk of the native Filipinos having the ability to organize a government of their own." If that is true, then, indeed, are we committed there beyond recall, unless 10,000,000 of people with their lands are to be bartered away again to some power whose intentions are already organized on an imperialist basis. But is it true? The bishop's statement is unqualified.

St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The great influence which the Bishop has exerted upon secular affairs has rested as much upon the evident fairness of his judgments and the fearlessness

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ness with which he has always proclaimed his convictions as upon the high order of his intelligence. His testimony, therefore, is likely to prove an important factor in breaking down the remnants of the strong anti-expansion sentiment that found lodgment in certain sections of the country.

New York Evening Post.

We do not in the least question that the view to which Bishop Potter has gone over is current and fashionable. The doctrine that the superior (i. e., the physically stronger) nations ought to take charge of the land and affairs of the inferior (i. e., the weaker) has come rapidly into vogue. The weaker nations say that there is nothing new in it. To them it is simply the old predatory instinct, leading to invasion and robbery and exploitation. But then they are only the victims of the doctrine, and cannot be expected to view it with philosophic impartiality.

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