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**THE "STANDARD" SPEAKS OUT**

The Ogden Standard has maintained  
a very sensible attitude upon questions  
which have been made to appear of  
great importance to the country,  
through the misrepresentations of per-  
sons who are actuated either by per-  
sonal malice or political ambition. As a  
non-Mormon paper, it has been fair  
and just to the people who are con-  
stantly maligned, and at the same time  
has stood squarely for the interests of  
all classes of the citizens of Utah. In  
a recent issue of that paper an editorial  
appeared, of which this is the closing  
paragraph:

"No greater injury can be done this  
state and its business interests than  
to convey to the outside the impres-  
sion that the Gentiles are ready to fly  
to arms and slaughter the Mormons.  
No such feeling exists, and no sensi-  
ble person would ever instigate such  
a war, unless he deliberately desired to  
bear false witness against his neighbor  
and was possessed of a hatred uncontrol-  
lable."

The editor of the Standard strikes  
squarely at a great evil. The contin-  
ual defamation of the "Mormons"  
on the one hand, and the "Gentiles"  
of Utah on the other hand, works a  
double injury. It is false to assert or  
insinuate that there is any enmity on the  
part of the "Mormon" people to the  
decent residents of this state, or of any  
other part of the world, who are not of  
their faith, and it is equally untrue to  
charge that the respectable bona fide  
non-Mormon citizens of Utah desire  
to fight or bring trouble upon their  
"Mormon" neighbors. The false witness  
that is borne by preachers and  
other fanatics on this subject is wicked,  
because of its untruth; and it is in-  
jurious to the state, because it creates  
a wrong impression upon people who  
have an inclination either to make Utah  
their home or to invest their capital in  
its business or agricultural or manu-  
facturing affairs.

We have no expectation that the per-  
sons who are chiefly engaged in this  
course of vilification can be induced  
to cease their infamous endeavors or  
to behave with common decency. But  
we think that our friends throughout  
the state, and particularly in the larger  
cities and towns where non-Mormons  
are principally congregated, ought  
to take an active part  
in disabusing the public mind at a  
distance, of the erroneous and really  
grotesque opinions they are led to en-  
tertain concerning "Mormon" affairs.  
Some of them laugh at the nonsense  
which is sent out as news about con-  
ditions here, and others are thoroughly  
disgusted with the misrepresentations  
and scurrilities of the "Mormon" hat-  
ers. But they do not step forward, un-  
less it may be in a few notable in-  
stances, to do anything towards cor-  
recting the evil or discouraging those  
who are responsible for it.

We consider it to the interest of the  
non-Mormons of this state to use  
their influence everywhere in plac-  
ing the truth before the country, and by  
withdrawing support at home from  
those malignants who injure the state  
by holding up the majority of its in-  
habitants as ignorant, depraved or  
slaves to a despotism that has no ex-  
istence except in the falsehoods which  
are published and sent out to deceive  
the world. The Ogden Standard in the  
paragraph we have quoted has stated  
the situation clearly and pointedly, and  
every non-Mormon in Utah who has  
lived here any length of time and is  
acquainted with its affairs, knows that  
what the Standard asserts is the un-  
adulterated truth.

**BALKAN WAR FEARED.**

William E. Curtis, the well known  
special correspondent of the Chicago  
Record-Herald, predicts war in the  
Balkans, "as soon as the snow melts  
in the mountains." He takes the view,  
expressed in these columns, that the  
present troubles of Russia are extremely  
dangerous to the peace of southeastern  
Europe. The revolutionary element in  
Macedonia, he says, has obtained funds  
in some manner, and is said to be well  
supplied with arms and ammunition,  
while the Balkan government has been  
preparing for war all winter, and is  
likely to provoke an invasion by the  
Turks, which has been prevented by  
Russian influence for the last three  
years.

It is claimed that the Sultan is about

to commence another campaign of man-  
slaughter throughout Macedonia. Near-  
ly half of the population of that pro-  
vince has already been slaughtered, or  
driven into exile, and the remainder live  
in a state of revolution. There is no  
escape from this condition except  
through a successful war, and the Sul-  
tan, it is thought, is expecting the out-  
break of hostilities soon. The European  
powers interested are doing all in their  
power to prevent a conflict. They fear  
that if Bulgaria and Serbia give any  
aid or comfort to the revolutionary  
bands in Macedonia and Turkey re-  
lates, the entire Balkan peninsula will  
be instantly involved in war. And  
this might become serious. A Balkan  
war might give the Poles encourage-  
ment to attempt a rising in Russia, as  
with Turkey alone, neither Austria  
nor Germany would have free hands  
to interfere against them.

According to all reports from the  
Balkans, Turkey, Bulgaria, and Serbia  
are arming. Brigandage, burning of  
houses and violation of women are of  
daily occurrence, and Bulgaria, Greek  
and Turk are cutting each other's  
throats. It is said that the ambassa-  
dors continue to receive reports of the  
most pessimistic character. The Turks  
are placing heavy orders for artillery  
in France and Germany, and negotia-  
tions for a loan from the Paris finan-  
ciers have been reopened, all of which  
is interpreted to mean that war and  
destruction are imminent.

**THE RACE PROBLEM.**

The story is told of a Southern  
gentleman, of Cordova, S. C., who, ac-  
tually, so far forgot his race prejudices  
as to address the colored pupils of a  
school, the Prince Institute. The fact  
came out, and his friends were so  
shocked that they threatened to ostrac-  
ise him. The result was that he pub-  
lished an humble apology, in the fol-  
lowing style:

"I had left my place of business  
here on a business trip a few miles  
below; on returning I came by the above-  
named school and was held up by the  
teacher and begged to make a few re-  
marks to the children. Very reluctantly  
I did so, not thinking that publicity  
would be given to it or that I was  
doing anything that would offend any  
one. I wish to say here and now that I  
am heartily sorry for what I did, and I  
hope after this humble confession and  
expression of regret that all whom I  
may have offended will forgive me."

It is instructive to contrast this nar-  
row-minded sentiment with that ex-  
pressed by Booker T. Washington, in  
his opening address to the annual ses-  
sion of the Tuskegee Institute, held  
this week. He said, in part:

"We should not fail to cultivate  
pride of race. We should let the world  
know that we are proud of belonging  
to the Negro race, that we count it  
no more a disgrace to be classed as a  
Negro than we would to be classed as  
a member of any other race. We  
should teach our children to have faith  
in the race to which they belong and  
have love and respect for it, and above  
all things to have faith in its future.  
No race that does not believe in itself  
and respect itself can expect to com-  
mand the confidence of others. Neither  
should we omit any opportunity to cul-  
tivate the friendship of the man who  
is our next door neighbor, whatever  
his color or race. In all the real things  
of life it is our neighbor who can be  
of the most service to us in our efforts  
to achieve the better things of life."

That is common sense. The abject  
apology for having addressed colored  
school children is the gibberish of an  
idiot. We send missionaries to all  
parts of the globe, to teach people of all  
colors and shades, and praise those  
who devote their lives to that kind of  
work. Why should it be considered of-  
fensive to give to colored children in  
this country some encouragement, or  
advice, or instruction, calculated to  
help them on in their struggle for ad-  
vancement?

Fortunately, the negroes themselves  
are forging ahead, notwithstanding all  
obstacles placed in their way. They  
have, since their emancipation saved  
more than \$300,000,000 worth of prop-  
erty. In twelve Southern States they  
own 172,352 farms. By taxation, per-  
sonal effort and philanthropic help an  
increasingly large number of public  
and private schools are in session sev-  
eral months in each year. They have  
organized and support 28,000 churches.  
They have, really done as well as can  
be expected of any people in their cir-  
cumstances.

**A MISUNDERSTANDING.**

Grand Duke Vladimir is reported to  
have entered a bitter complaint against  
American citizens on account of what  
he supposes to be their hostility to  
Russia. Among the questions he is  
said to have asked, in a recent inter-  
view, are such as these: "Why should  
America, especially, misinterpret and  
think ill of us? We have always been  
friendly friends of a century, friends  
when America needed friends. I re-  
member when America was our great  
friend. Why has all this changed? What  
has Russia done to deserve it? What  
has Russia done to America? Why  
should America think ill of us?"

To all of which the reply is, that  
Americans do not think ill of Rus-  
sia. They are not the enemies of Rus-  
sia, or of the Russian rulers. On the  
contrary, they are friends of both the  
Russian people, and their rulers. There  
is not an American citizen of in-  
telligence, from the President to the  
humblest laborer, who does not feel sor-  
ry for the people that now pass  
through the horrors of both war and  
revolution. There is especially not an  
American mother or father whose sym-  
pathies are not active in behalf of the  
Czarina and her baby boy, and whose  
prayers would not be freely offered  
for their security and protection, as  
well as for the well-being of the im-  
perial father—"the little father."

Americans are the friends of Russia.  
They are so much so, as to sincerely  
wish to see the fetters of tyranny  
stricken from the hands and feet of the  
people. They desire to see the coun-  
try opened to civil and religious free-  
dom, so that the millions who have  
found a resting place under the Rus-  
sian scepter may be as free, as happy,  
as intelligent as the citizens of any  
state in the world. Such are the sen-  
timents entertained here toward Rus-

sia. Grand Duke Vladimir misunder-  
stands us, if he interprets this as hos-  
tility.

The Senate has decreed "no flowers,"  
Interment private?

Mrs. Hetty Green says that she never  
gives people advice. Hurrah for  
Hetty!

Motto of the trust: Equal and ex-  
act justice to none; special privileges  
to us.

Even in the hold-up business it is  
the man behind the gun who gets away  
with the game.

The young men who have been  
shooting insulators will find it cheaper  
to shoot Niagara.

It is no good for the Czar to be a  
good man so long as he is dominated  
by the grand dukes.

Mrs. Chadwick has proven on the wit-  
ness stand that she can smile and smile  
and be a villain still.

Ninety-eight thousand dollars paid  
by Utah in bounties on wild animals.  
This business has run wild.

When trust magnates are fined and  
imprisoned for violating the law will  
trusts begin to respect the law, but not  
until then.

An Indianapolis man has been order-  
ed by the courts to pay his ex-wife  
\$2,750 alimony. That makes her an  
asset instead of a baggage.

Dr. Osler reiterates his statement  
that a man has passed the period of  
active usefulness when he reaches forty.  
Bray a fool in a mortar and still he  
will stick to his folly.

Governor Warfield of Maryland is  
greatly mistaken if he thinks that the  
solution of the negro problem is the  
relegation of the negro to a condition  
of no political rights and semi-ser-  
vitude.

It is proposed to shorten the course  
at Annapolis to three years, so great is  
the demand for officers in the navy.  
How would it do to shorten the naval  
program and let the course remain  
as it is?

The Prussian minister of public works  
has made a comparison between rail-  
road accidents in Prussia and the  
United States showing that they are  
much more frequent and disastrous in  
this country. This is a case where  
comparisons are particularly odious.

It was hardly necessary to convoke  
an international commission to declare  
that Admiral Rojestrensky was not  
justified in firing on the North Sea  
fishing fleet. But it was worth while  
to convoke the commission in order to  
avoid serious international complica-  
tions, and they would have followed  
had it not been called together. Arbit-  
ration and humanity have scored a  
great triumph.

"Our Spanish claims commission bids  
fair to rival the almost incredible story  
of the French claims, on the score  
both of delay and injustice. Up to  
date, it has made awards in but three  
claims, amounting to \$13,000. Mean-  
while, the commission itself has cost  
the government, since its creation in  
March, 1901, only about \$16,000, in sal-  
aries and expenses," says the New  
York Evening Post. It seems to be a  
case of death to the frogs but lots of  
fun for the boys.

**THE RUSSIAN ASSASSINATION**

Los Angeles Express.

Splaguine, Bobrikoff, Von Plehve!  
And now Grand Duke Sergius is the  
victim of Russia's social conditions  
which have had for all so terrible a re-  
sult. Little wonder that others high in  
power are reported as being gloomy  
and depressed. Little wonder that the  
czar regards himself as a certain mark  
for the assassin's bullet or death-deal-  
ing bomb.

Oakland Enquirer.

The nation that sows oppression is  
likely to reap revolution, as Russia has  
learned to its cost. To deny people  
the right of petition and legal redress  
of wrong is to invite appeal to the  
dagger and dynamite. While the as-  
sassination of Grand Duke Sergius is  
a crime which causes a shudder, at the  
same time it must be recognized that  
such events are certain to follow as  
the natural consequence of such out-  
rages as that of the recent "Bloody  
Sunday," when unarmed men, women  
and children, bearing a peaceful peti-  
tion to the Czar, were shot down and  
the streets of St. Petersburg ran red  
with blood. Sergius was one of those  
who believed in the policy of oppres-  
sion and in ruling the people with an  
iron hand. The use of dynamite is a  
desperate recourse, but one to which  
autocracy in Russia has almost driven  
the people.

Kansas City Star.

All his precautions failed to protect  
him from the fanatic who had been ap-  
pointed by the revolutionists for his  
destruction. In the midst of all the  
retics of the past to which he belonged,  
within stone's throw, ironically enough,  
of the lofty Palace of Justice, he was  
killed by one of those men, peculiar to  
Russia, whose character is the product  
of the clash of the medieval and the  
modern in the human soul. At last  
dynamite and the terror invaded the  
very holy of holies of the old regime  
and claimed as their victim its high  
priest.

Pueblo Chieftain.

It was Sergius that was relied upon  
to supply the courage and the pertinac-  
ity so sadly lacking in the czar. It  
was Sergius to whom the real tyrants  
of Russia, the office holders, looked  
for their defense in case the czar should  
give way to the increasing pressure to-  
ward reform. It was Sergius that was  
said to be the center of a conspiracy  
whose purpose it was to depose Nich-  
olas and to put in his place an emper-  
or that would rule with blood and iron  
in the good old fashion of the Roman-  
offs. It was Sergius that held the czar  
true to the old traditions when the  
counsel of better men was bringing  
him toward the side of the people.  
Sergius was the "power behind the  
throne," and he was the power under  
the throne. What effect this latest of  
Russian assassinations will have it is  
impossible now to predict.

San Francisco Call.

It is a savage picture, that of the  
military governor of Moscow blown  
under and maimed with his big  
the snow within the walls of the Krem-  
lin. But it was also a savage picture  
that Sunday when the people knelt in  
the snow in St. Petersburg and wailed

their dead, shot down by the soldiers  
of the Czar. These make the somber  
background of that system which holds  
Russia as the personal property of the  
Grand Dukes, with the life of every  
man and woman held at the will of the  
Czar. It throws into high relief the  
position of Japan, fighting to prevent  
the extension of that kind of govern-  
ment over eastern Asia. The world  
has given up its mind that such gov-  
ernment should not be extended over  
more territory and more people, for  
wherever it goes will be reproduced the  
massacre of St. Petersburg and the  
assassination in the Kremlin.

New York Mail.

The engines of destruction which  
burst beneath the carriage of Alexander  
II did not advance the cause of free-  
dom for Russia, nor will this. That  
cause is too sacred a thing to profane  
with Nihilistic bombs. It must rest, if  
it is to prosper, not on secret conspiracy  
and murder, but on right and justice  
and open action.

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

The University of Goettingen, Ger-  
many, has just issued two pamphlets,  
one in German and one in English, con-  
taining interesting information concern-  
ing that well known and far renowned  
institute of learning. The German  
pamphlet is in antique style. Both  
should be of interest to many American  
students and scholars.

The February number of What to  
Eat has, as the title of the publication  
indicates, a number of articles on house-  
hold topics, but it also devotes space to  
other subjects. Thus it tells a little  
story, "Hard on the Mormons," which  
points a moral.—Pierce Pub. Co., Chi-  
cago, Ill.

The March number of The Burr Mc-  
Intosh Monthly is called the navy num-  
ber. It has a series of excellent pic-  
tures of the American navy, and some  
of the men who command it. Among  
the portraits are those of Ethel Barry-  
more, Secretary Morton, Admiral Dewey,  
Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, and Joseph Jeffers-  
on.—The Burr Publishing Co., No. 4  
West 22nd St., New York.

The following excellent list of con-  
tents is found in McClure's Magazine  
for March: "The Subway Deal," Ray  
Stannard Baker; "Red Handedness,"  
William Butler Yeats; "Service,"  
Anna H. Branch; "A Wasted Rehearsal,"  
Jeanette Cooper; "Modern Surgery,"  
Samuel Hopkins Adams; "Three  
Toes," Frederick E. Scottford; "The  
Golden Legend," Edwin Lester; "I Shall  
Have Lived," A. E. Houseman; "A Happy  
Lapse from Paradise," Marion Hill;  
"The Man in the Pigeon Hole," John  
McAuley Palmer; "One Hundred Mas-  
terpieces of Painting," John L. Farrer;  
"In the Family," Mary Stewart Cutting;  
"The Maestro of Balangilang," James  
Hopper; and "Careless, Ignorant, and  
Defiant Postmasters," Henry A.  
Castle.—New York.

The opening article of Harper's Ba-  
zar for March is "On Co-education," by  
Dr. Wm. R. Harper. It is followed by  
a story, "The Family of Little Miss  
Mary," by Mary K. Piercy. The Signi-  
ficance of the Woman's Movement  
is discussed by Nettie F. Barry. In  
the same number are found many  
poems and short stories, as well as  
practical papers on fashions and kind-  
red topics. A "New Pattern Sheet  
Supplement" goes with the March num-  
ber.—Harper & Bros., New York.

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60c at (per yard) ..... **45c**

**NEW MANNISH EFFECTS—**  
Consisting of all the latest up-to-  
date styles. Without exception  
the best value in the market,  
at only (per  
yard) ..... **50c**

**NEW ALL WOOL SCOTCH  
MIXTURES AND NOVELTY  
CHECK VOILES** in blues, greens,  
tans, grays, browns, reds, blacks,  
etc., values that are usually sold  
at 85c, at only (per  
yard) ..... **60c**

**LUPIN FINE ALL WOOL  
VOILES**, 44 inch, crisp and beau-  
tiful in all the late shades, in-  
cluding cream and black. At  
only (per  
yard) ..... **95c**

**NEW CREPE DE PARIS—A**  
sheer, half silk quality, 44 inches  
wide in all the leading shades,  
including cream and black. At  
only (per  
yard) ..... **\$1.25**

**IN PLAIN CLOTHS WE MEN-**

Exceptional values in all wool  
Creme Albatros, at  
(per yard) ..... **50c**

Exceptional values in all wool  
Storm Serge, at  
(per yard) ..... **60c**

Exceptional values in all wool  
Silt finish Henrietta at  
(per yard) ..... **75c**

Exceptional values in all wool  
Panama Cloth, at  
(per yard) ..... **90c**

Exceptional values in all wool  
fine Broadcloth, at  
(per yard) ..... **\$1.25**