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## TONIGHT!

The people of this city should not forget the grand concert in the Tabernacle tonight, for the benefit of the sufferers from earthquake and fire in California. It will be a memorable occasion. It is not a denominational affair, yet it is in the spirit of true religion exhibited in practical charity. Several church choirs will sing in addition to the great Tabernacle choir. Soloists of renown will assist. The Fort Douglas band will play. Other attractions will give variety to the entertainment. Every purchaser of a fifty-cent ticket will aid to that amount in relieving the afflicted. The building and its appurtenances will be furnished free for the occasion. The entire proceeds will be forwarded to the coast. Help the distressed and at the same time enjoy a musical treat. People of all creeds, or of no creed at all, should come together tonight in the great cause of suffering humanity. Be at the Tabernacle by 8 o'clock and fill the house to its utmost capacity. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is CHARITY."

## AN IMPROVEMENT CLUB.

Arbor day of 1906 was signalized by something more than tree-planting for the improvement of our beautiful city. There was a general effort to clean up, remove debris and make the town healthful and presentable. This good work ought to be continued. Back alleys and places where rubbish often accumulates ought to be kept clear of offensive and decaying materials, and neatness and order should be promoted.

Some clubs have been formed for the purpose of uniting citizens in the work of improving the streets whereon they reside. One of these is the Second Street club, composed of the residents on Second street from Canyon road eastward, with H. L. Thomas, of the Bell Telephone company, as president. We understand that it is proposed by this club to pave the street with macadam, and also to pave the sidewalks. This is prospective, however, and will take not only much labor, but considerable means. The immediate work will be devoted to keeping the street clean from obstructions, promoting health regulations and giving the street as fine an appearance as possible. Thus an example will be set to other localities, and the object lesson will assuredly have an excellent effect.

We remind the residents on the west portion of Second street that, while it will probably be no difficult matter to raise the needed funds for sidewalks and paving the street for a certain distance, there are people of very small means who have holdings toward the east, and if the work is pressed with too great rapidity a burden will be placed upon them which they are not able to bear. They would either have to mortgage their homes or sell out and move away.

Care must be exercised that the movement shall not become oppressive. It can probably be conducted gradually, beginning at the west portion and proceeding eastward as fast as opportunities shall offer, without creating a weight of debt upon people of small means, which would involve them hopelessly. We do not desire to say a word of hindrance to this praiseworthy project, but simply to caution its promoters, lest trouble arise from too hasty measures.

The City Council will doubtless give encouragement to the propertyholders on Second street, by appropriations according to the spirit and letter of the ordinances in such case made and provided. Also that it is likely similar aid will be rendered for the improvement of other streets, so that in time we shall have well macadamized or asphalted roads and good clean sidewalks in every part of Salt Lake City.

## A SPIRIT OF TOLERATION.

The Omaha World-Herald tells an interesting story which illustrates the change of sentiment that has taken place in this country in regard to a great religious system, that was once assailed by every Protestant sect with as much venom as is now displayed in their assaults upon "Mormonism." It is not many years since the very name of Catholic priest aroused the ire of professed "Christians." Just as the word "Mormon" excites certain religious people now. The "Papal hierarchy" was accused of dominating political affairs and uniting church and state, just as certain anti-"Mormon" preachers and writers act today when endeavoring to excite hostility against the Latter-day Saints.

Time has worked wonders on the public feeling concerning the Catholic church, as it will no doubt in reference to the "Mormon" Church. There are still many bigoted anti-Catholic sectarian ministers, and the old animosity crops out occasionally. But the

spirit of toleration and religious liberty has made great headway in this free country, and happily, the popular violence and mobocracy against the Catholics has almost entirely passed away.

The story told by the World-Herald is to the effect that a Catholic priest, sent to a remote part of New York State to organize a church, could find no hall or place of meeting in the town wherein to conduct his service. After searching for a suitable house in vain, the pastor of the Baptist church at that place called on the priest, and stating that the building which he occupied on Sunday was only used part of the day, offered to divide the time with him. By the arrangement that was entered into, the priest held early morning mass in the little Baptist church, then the sexton rearranged the seats and other furniture and the Baptist preacher occupied the place. Sunday school was conducted in the afternoon, then Catholic vespers followed, and finally regular old-fashioned Baptist preaching at night.

This, of course, is a rare occurrence, but it is such a startling contrast to conditions that not long ago prevailed throughout the country, the anti-Catholic feeling being universal among the Protestant sects, that it is worthy of notice as a sign of better things. Of course the Baptist preacher was questioned concerning his apparent fraternization with the Catholic priest. He explained, however, that he was not converted to the Catholic faith, any more than the priest was converted to the Baptist religion. But he said he had always preached the doctrine of brotherly love, and he knew no reason why he shouldn't practice it.

It may be thought that the preacher carried his feeling of brotherhood a little too far. But he exhibited courage as well as kindness, and showed that he did not fear the effects of Catholic teaching but was willing for his congregation, if they so desired, to attend both services and compare notes.

We call to mind the action of President Brigham Young when the first Catholic priest endeavored to establish himself in this city for the benefit of people of his faith in this region, and was without a place in which to hold services. The great pioneer made a donation of \$500 to give him a start, and the growth of Catholic holdings here, which are now of splendid proportions, commenced from that assistance. This was no endorsement of Catholicism on the part of the President of the Latter-day Saints Church, and no acceptance in any way of "Mormonism" by the Catholic dignity or his association.

We believe that one of the effects for good growing out of the terrible calamity in California, will be seen through that spirit of charity, and fraternity that has been manifest, in the spontaneous feeling of sympathy and active aid which has drawn together people of all faiths and conditions throughout the United States. It will promote liberality of thought and tolerance in religion. It will soften the asperities which arise from doctrinal controversy. A common purpose and united action tend in the right direction, and impel humanity forward to that grand consummation predicted by ancient and modern prophets, when "every man in every place will meet a brother and a friend."

## A CRY FROM ARMENIA.

On the 12th of February, this year a meeting was held at Ithaca, N. Y., the purpose of which was to create interest in this country in the fate of the Armenian people. The gathering was attended by a number of prominent citizens. Among these were Former Ambassador Andrew D. White, Mayor Bradford Almy, and Prof. John S. Reid. The speakers were Mr. Kenajian, an Armenian; Dr. Andrew D. White, Rev. C. W. Heizer and Mr. Jared T. Newman. At the suggestion of Dr. White a committee was appointed to send a memorial to President Roosevelt, asking him to use his good offices, as soon as possible, to mitigate the horrors of the Armenian situation.

The leaders of this movement have expressed the hope that similar gatherings will be held in other cities throughout the country, in order that the President may know that he has the support of the nation in any step he may deem it advisable to take in the interest of an oppressed race. But, whether any further pre-Armenian gatherings are held or not, the country is certainly in whatever effort he may make in this direction. It is not probable that any suggestion made through diplomatic channels will result immediately in anything but promises easily broken, but such a step may, nevertheless, prove the beginning of a general agitation that the Turkish authorities will be compelled to take notice of, no matter how unwillingly. But there is no time to lose.

M. Kenajian explained at the Ithaca congress, that the Armenian trouble is of a political, as well as religious nature. The Armenians are not persecuted because of their religion only. The fact is, that the Turkish authorities who have witnessed the emancipation of Greece and the Balkan states, are of the opinion that if there were no Christians in the empire, the Christian powers would not interfere with the affairs of Turkey. Consequently, the Armenians are being massacred, sometimes in large numbers and sometimes in smaller groups. The Turks, in other words, are trying to do the Armenian question and to forestall European interference, by simply forcing the unfortunate people to become Mohammedans, and killing those who refuse.

Such being the case, it is time that something should be done to save the victims of the Turkish policy. But the President could perhaps accomplish more by addressing the European powers that signed the Berlin treaty, than by wasting words in Constantinople. By the Berlin treaty of 1878 the Armenians were promised reforms under European protection. In 1895 the agitation for Armenia was so strong, that the powers responsible for the prevailing conditions actually formulated a plan of reform, comprising a measure of self-government for the Armenians. But the plan was never carried out. Proper repre-

sentations to the European governments might revive the old agitation for the oppressed people. American influence has on several occasions given the proper direction to current political events.

We sincerely hope that something practical will be done for the Armenians. The civilized world should not permit the murder in cold blood of a nation, on the very entrance to its premises. It cannot afford to pretend to not hear the piercing cry of anguish and death terror that has come to it from the mountain valleys of Asia Minor. In the name of humanity, let civilization exert itself in behalf of the victims of crass bigotry and a selfish policy.

## PASSING CHIEFS.

The announcement that Geronimo, the famous Apache Indian, is nearing the end, reminds one of the fact that even among the aborigines of this country, old things are passing away and everything is made new. The old chiefs who led their tribes in savage warfare for the purpose of arresting the progress of the white race, are nearly all removed to happier hunting grounds, and the Indians themselves are rapidly forging ahead.

Only a few months ago, Joseph, the Nez Perce chief, passed away. This warrior has been pronounced the finest type of the Red man of this generation, and it is claimed that he died of a broken heart, or rather of that peculiar malady which is known as homesickness. For many years his plea was: "Let me be a free man! Free to travel, free to stop, free to work, free to trade where I choose, free to choose my own teachers, free to follow the religion of my fathers, free to think and talk and act for myself—and I will obey every law or submit to the penalty." Gradually as the years passed away, Joseph grew to understand the hopelessness of achieving his heart's desire, and when hope died, he had nothing more to live for. One of Joseph's complaints was:

"They all say we are my friends, and that I shall have justice, but while they mouth all that talk, I do not understand why nothing is done for my people. I have heard talk and talk, but nothing is done. Words do not pay for my dead people. They do not pay for my country overrun by white men. It makes my heart sick when I remember all the good words and all the broken promises. You might as well expect the river to run backward, as that any man who was born free should be contented, when penned up and denied liberty, to go where he pleases."

Geronimo was in his day of activity a character far different from Joseph. But he had a strong love for the country containing the ashes of his fathers, and most fervent affection for his own people.

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"Build fast," is the cry in San Francisco. It always did have the reputation of being a rather fast town.

Castro is said to have had a slight stroke of paralysis. Now if he could only have a slight stroke of genius!

Again John Paul Jones' body has been laid to rest. He lies with Columbus in changing his final resting place.

The Americans are strictly in the swim at Athens. C. M. Daniels, N. Y. A. C., won the hundred metres swimming match.

"We shall," says the Hartford, Conn., Times, "always have burglars and other thieves." What on earth does it want with them?

Thousands and thousands of San Franciscans are without homes but they realize as they never did before that they are not without a country.

Senator Knox is said to be a great reader, even reading in his carriage on his way to the Capitol. If he runs may read why may not he who rides?

That Texas traveling man who thought the end of the world had come when awakened by the earthquake, had pretty good grounds for his belief. Doubtless he said what many thought.

Even the destruction and burning of a great city is scarcely more than a nine-days' wonder. Already people are becoming interested in other matters than the fate of San Francisco.

In San Francisco expressmen are not allowed to charge more than fifty cents for moving a trunk from one part of the burned city to another. Here is a bit of martial law it might be well to introduce into Salt Lake.

"From a recent examination paper on religious instruction at a boys' school: 'Holy matrimony is a divine institution for the procreation of mankind,'" says Punch. The boy who wrote that should be given a fellowship in sociology.

Henry Watterson, rather inclined to the view that President Roosevelt wants to form a new party. It is hardly probable and should he attempt such a nearly impossible task he almost certainly would be compelled to flock by himself.

A term in jail and a fine for city employees who accept passes to a baseball game, the theater, over traction lines, or complimentary tickets of any other

kind, is provided in an ordinance introduced into the Kalamazoo council. Kalamazoo, it should be remembered, is where the Michigan state insane asylum is located.

## MAXIM GORKY.

Los Angeles Times.

King Solomon may have been a more hardened offender than Maxim Gorky, but the time has gone by for saying that the fault is to be overlooked in a brilliant man and his public morals are to be segregated from his private. If we are to have any success from the well-nigh appalling persistence of scandal and divorce, society must insist on holding the rich, the brainy and the strong to a stricter accountability. It should freeze adventurers like Gorky and London. If men choose to outrage convention and decency in the most flagrant and insolent manner, society's only self-protection lies in treating them as outcasts.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.  
It is Gorky's indiscretions of speech rather than his alleged moral shortcomings that are alienating that sympathy which he at first commanded as the supposed apostle of a freedom which presumably did not include the liberty to disregard marital obligations. The questions of his domestic relations is somewhat obscure and not especially important, but is likely to have some bearing upon his reception here. At all events he is giving his critics as good as they send.

New York Evening Sun.  
The unfrightened birds and squirrels in Central Park and the children playing as they pleased, with no guard of soldiers over them, seemed to him [Gorky] emblematic of the liberty of the land. There is no particular reason why Americans or foreigners who have been here longer than Gorky should have any worse impressions than those of the United States and its people, nor that Gorky himself should give over his first best ideas of us at the bidding of the cranks, faddists and muck-rakers who have already begun to swarm about him.

Portland Oregonian.  
Maxim Gorky, the Russian idol, seems to be made of very common clay. His telegram of sympathy to Haywood and Moyer might be excused on the ground that he was unfamiliar with the conditions which resulted in the apprehension of those men. It will be very difficult, however, for him to explain why he abandoned the wife who bore him children, and who in his trouble interceded with the government to save his life, to take up and live openly in defiance of the laws of God and man with an actress of unsavory reputation. This is America, Mr. Gorky, and it is a free country, but it is not yet so free that even such genius as yours can throw a glimmer of respectability over such sin as you have been guilty of. In the interest of decency and morality, Mr. Gorky and his female companion should be sent back to the land from which they came. There are enough of their kind here already.

Louisville Herald.  
His sending a telegram of sympathy to Moyer and Heywood, in jail at Caldwell, Idaho, for conspiracy to murder ex-Gov. Steunenberg, is simply a piece of impertinence. These men are sure of a fair trial. His words show that, untried and unlearned of the grave charges pending against them, Gorky looks them as martyrs to anarchistic doctrines and practices. "Courage," he says, "The day of justice and deliverance for the oppressed of all the world is at hand." The answer of the incarcerated men proves how they look on Gorky and the methods he is understood to favor. "Brother: The claims of justice which is world wide, the same in America as in Russia, makes us brothers, indeed. Convey our best wishes to fellow workers in your native land. We are with you in spirit."

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