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SALT LAKE CITY. - JUNE 18, 1909. JAMES POLK.

A writer in the Chicago Record-Herald recalls the fact that on the 15th of this month it was sixty years since James Polk, the cloventh president of the United States, died. Polk was the chief executive of this country during one of the most important periods of Its history. He concluded the treaty this country California, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and part of Colorado and Wyoming. He sottled the Oregon boundary controversy with Great Britain, and saw Iowa, Florida and Wisconsin added to the Union. The independent treasury act and the wareliousing act were passed during the time of his occupancy of the White House. He compelled the replacing of the tariff act of 1842, a protective measure, by one based on the principle of tariff for revenue only which remained in operation for eleven years While he was president, over 1,200,000 Fquare miles of territory were added to this country. And yet he is all but forgotten. The writer referred to says: "It is a strange fact of history that the fame of President Polk has been greatly obscured and that he has not been remembered as the head of an administration which dealt with events as big as any which have engaged the attention of American statesmen." It is

strange. But Polk does not appear to advantage in the history of this country, though he had exceptional opportunities. He played a dual role. His intentions from the first were to add to the Union the enormous belt of territory from the Gulf to the Pacific, and to turn the greater part of it over to slavery. He instructed the American consul at Montercy to induce the matives of California to revolt. At the same time he sent an ambassador to Mexico to purchase California, but without waiting to learn the results of this mission, he ordered General Taylor to advance on the Rio Grande and close the river trade. Finally the Mexicans made an attack upon a body of American cavalry, and Polk sent a messafge to Congress declaring that war exists, "notwithstanding all our efforts to avoid it.? But the war was hardly begun before he asked Congress for \$2,000,000 for "negotiations," undoubtedly in the hope of being able to purchase peace. Polk does not appear to great advantage during this time, though the war resulted in a treaty adding an immense area to the country. Polk had a glorious opportunity of vindicating American principles, which neglected. In 1845 a committee,

impartial verdict. President Polk, it is laws as under license laws and the only true, sent Captain Allen to the exiled difference is that the prohibition communities are deprived of the revenue. Latter-day Saints with the mission of securing 500 volunteers to go to Califor- But this is not proved by the statistics. nia, but even if this was intended as The president of the Brewers' associaan act of benevolence it did not make tion declared that "the status of the up for the failure of protecting the trade during the past year is one calcitizens in their rights and privileges culated to dishearten us. Analyzed staunder the Constitution. tistics and figures which show a slight

HERE ARE THE FACTS.

cate a tremendous downward trendan astounding fall from preceding an-The Tribune, in trying to further subnual increases; and, as a matter of stantiate its falsehood that the Church fact, this slight increase was really a slected the local ticket, or that the forerunner of a considerable positive church authorities elected it-for both tatements were made by the paper. decline.' The figures presented show that the though neither is true-says it does average yearly increase during the dve tot understand how the "News" expects years prior to 1908 amounted to about to make anybody believe the denial. It nay be impossible to make the Tribune 2,800,000 barrels. But the increase for 1908 was only 201,569 barrels or a debelieve anything that is true. None is crease from the general average of over as blind as he who will not see. But two and a half millon barrels. And this t is true, for all that, that neither the decrease is continued the present year. Church, nor the Church authorities, Every month from July, 1908, to Januelected any ticket, or any candidate. ary, 1909, inclusive (excepting only The Church did not take any action whatever on the candidacy of any man, September and December) shows a de

crease. In the aggregate, these losses r set of men. less the slight gain in September and But the Tribune says the "stake December, amount to 2,678,878 barrels, presidents had a political meeting as nearly equalling, in the number of barstake presidents, which was openly reported upon by President Nephi L. rels, the average yearly increase during the five years mentioned before. Morris, these stake presidents assuming that, as a matter of course, the voters "Add the loss of this average increase of peace with Mexico, which gave to would oney their counsel in the matter to the positive decrease and you will of voting." All of which is silly Trifind," the statement says, "a shortage bune rot.

ally endorsed by the organ of the party.

That was the reason why the stake

presidents met and counseled together,

as prominent men of any other church

would have done under similar cir-

cumstances. That was the reason why

they decided to advise the voters to

concentrate their strength on one

ticket, so as to keep the "American"

party leaders from getting control of

the offices they proposed to prostitute

But these stake presidents did not

assume that the voters as a matter of

course would "obey" their counsel. As

a matter of course they did not as-

sume anything, one way or another, as

to that. They did not confine their

counsel to Church members. They offer-

side the Church. It was in no sense

a Church affair. It was given in pub-

lic meetings to which everybody was

invited, as well as at gatherings of

a more private character. It was offer-

ed through the public press, as well as

The outcome proved that a great

many voters acted upon the advice

given. But they did so entirely of

their own free will and choice. There

was no coercion, and no attempt at

coercion. A great many had made up

their minds long before that meeting

was held, because they realized the

danger of turning the county over to

fanatics. A great many who had voted

the "American" ticket before voted

the Republican ticket at that time, not

because of "Church influence," but be-

as in private conversations.

ed it to all alike, in the Church or out-

and desecrate.

mounting during eighteen months, to about 5,500,000 barrels." The stake presidents referred to nict. as any other American citizens might The speaker thought he could explain meet at a time of a political crisis and this falling off on the ground of business depression, but he significantly adcounseled together, and the reason for this was the notorious fact that somitted that, "in some states, of course called American orators openly threat-Prohibition or local option aggravated matters considerably." ened to use the county offices, if they could capture them, for purposes of And thus we have the testimony of persecution. The threat was openly the enemy" to the effectiveness of promade and applauded, to send innocent hibition, and that stands to reason

men to prison or into exile for the of-Where intoxicants must be sold surfense of being "hierarchs," and this reptitiously, the same quantities will damnable plot to turn a part of the not be consumed, as where drunkenness American government machinery into is, as it were, legalized. an engine of persecution was emphatic-

WHICH WILL THEY DO?

Will the police officers and other servants of the people in this City enforce the law against prostitution. or will they accept some one's opinion to the effect that their duty is to protect vice and safeguard this open parade of shameless iniquity? The question that confronts the of-

ficials of the present City administration in the stockade cases is a very simple one; namely, "Will they stand by the law?" An officer may suppose, a judge may

magine, a mayor may believe that a stockade, if it could be managed according to his ideas, would be the lesser of two evils and should be endured as such. Yet we suppose that none of these officials would venture to argue that his surmise, or belief, which has never been enacted into law, should take the place of the law itself. When the law prohibits the use of certain places for immoral purposes, can any official be in doubt as to what he should do, when land leased for one purpose is used for the conduct of an unlawful business?

The stockade is an institution re garded by all Christian and moral people as infamous and the convictions of the people have been enacted into law. The stockade is conducted in violation of this law as well as in opposition to the earnest desires of the people and the indignant conscience of the community. The law is plain; the demand of the people is unmistakable.

Edward H. Sothern that she shall alternate with him in his own favorite role of Hamlet. To get even, he should stipulate with her that he shall alternate with her in the role of Ophelia.

It may be a mere coincidence, but it is a significant one, that a British fleet consisting of some hundreds of increase of 201;569 barrels in the total warships is being mobilized for maneuproduction of malt liquors, really indivers at the same time that the emperors of Russia and Germany are holding a secret conference.

> Appealed to to suppress a sect known as SnakeWorshippers because two women and a child had been bitten by repiles and were in a critical condition, the authorities of Reno county, Kansas, replied that they were powerless to act until a death had resulted from the practise. Surely to act then would be to lock the stable after the horse had been stolen. What's the matter with Kansas?

The Boston Herald has this to say of Mr. C. E. Dallin's latest work: "Mr Dallin's statue, the 'Appeal to the Great Spirit," is one of the inspired works in sculpture. It is not to be wondered that a gold medal has fallen to the artist for his execution of this vital | Park Street, Boston. representation of the aboriginal American. The subject is magnificent; its im. pression on the spectator is uplifting and magnetic. The Indian, in all his in domintable savagery, acknowledges the superior power of spirit and with his whole being and undeveloped soul appeals to his only master. It is a tremendous moment by sheer force of contrasts."

THE HELPFUL LIFE.

The New York World.

The New York World. When the President of Vassar Col-lege told the graduating class that they should "try to be helpers of men, not destroyers," he sounded the key-note of the one worthy career. We have heard much of the simple life the strenuous life, the balanced life and the tranquil life, but the help-ful life is more to be desired than any of them. The public necessity for it could not be expressed in strong-er words than in those used by Presi-dent Woodrow Wilson in his bac-calaureate address at Princeton yes-terday in describing an era "in which men kept their legal obligations as well as usual and yet came near ruin-ing the country, piled up wealth and forgot how to use it honorably, built up business and came near to de-bauching a nation." up business and bauching a nation."

VALUE OF A SENSE OF HONOR.

Pueblo Chieftain.

'A keen and sure sense of honor, says Pres. Ellot of Harvard Univer-sity, " is the finest result of college life." The graduate who has not ac-quired this keen and sure sense of quired this keen and sure sense of honor, this thing that stamps the gen-tleman, misses the best thing that a college education can impart. Great advantages bring great responsibili-ties, says Success magazine. We can not divorce them. A liberal education greatly increases a man's obligations and responsibilities. It is more of a disgrace for a college graduate to grovel, to stoop to mean, low practices than for a man who has not had an education. The educated man has got-ten a glimpse of power, of grander things and he is expected to look up not down, to aspire, not to grovel. We can not help feeling that it is worse for a man to grow wrong who has can not help feeling that it is worse for a man to grow wrong who has had all the benfits of a liberal edu-cation, than it is for one who has not had glimpses of higher things, who has had similar advantages, because where much is given, much is expect-ed. The world has a right to expect that wherever there is an educated man people should be able to say of him as Lincoln said of Walt Whitman. "There goes a man." We have a right eo expect that the college graduate will be a man, a real man. It is a great thing to say of a man, in fact,

factory development under the sugges-tive title, "The Time Clock." There is abundant material in this number to stimulate the interest of those conabundant inderna in clus futured to stimulate the interest of those con-cerned with the problems of education, and to make good the claim of the At-lantic as a magazine which opens its pages to the fearless discussion of such problems: "Teaching Biology in the Schools," by Benjamin C. Gruenberg, "The Problem of College Pedagogy," by Abraham Flexner, and, most im-portant of all, the first public utterance of the newly elected President of Har-vard University, A. Lawrence Lowell, "Competition in College." A delight-ful sidelight is cast upon questions of American education by Laura Spencer Portor in her paper "My French School Days." Timely interest is given to this issue by the publication of a paper on "The Socialism of G. Lowes Dickinson," by Paul E. More, A touch of summer "The Socialism of G. Lowes Dickinson," by Paul E. Möre, A touch of summer with its outdoor atmosphere is provided by a delightful nature paper, "My Grandmother's Garden," by Mary M. Bray, Other contributions to this issue are "The Phrase-Maker," a study of the youth of Horace, by Anne C. E. Allison, "The Meaning of Venice," by W. R. Thayer, and the continuation of the Diary of Gideon Welles. There are stories by Esther B. Tiffany and Louis Graves, and verse by Bertha C. Lovell, Graves, and verse by Bertha C. Lovell, William E. Leonard, and Frank Demp-ster Sherman. A short paper which should be read by every one interested in a saner Fourth of July is "An Amer-ican Holiday," by William Orr.--+ Park Street Boston

Jonathan Thayer Lincoln's paper on

From the picture of the Wrights, so fained for their flying machines, to the character study of the new Suitan of Turkey, Current Literature sounds in its June issue the timely stops in the lute of life here and now, Every the lute of life here and now. Every man and every event combining to give a historical importance to the month last past is chronicled, com-mented upon and caught in a cur-rent of narrative, style, picture and text. Perhaps the Sultan now on the throne in Constantinople is as queer as we are toid. Perhaps the account of Portrio Diaz in this number of the timeliest of magazines which makes out the master of Mexico as a sort of Tiberius, is a veracious one. In any event it is interesting, Of Mr.Tat's attorney-general there is likewise a Therius, is a veracious one. In any event it is interesting, Of Mr.Taft's attorney-genefal there is likewise a study. New light on the stormy court-ship of Thomas Carlyle was worth shedding and here it is shed luridly. appealingly and scandalously. The last of the glants—that is the cen-tral theme running through the study of Swinburne. The late Marion Craw-ford is dealt with. We are asked, in another section, whether immortality is desirable. Can the fact be doubted? As for the pluralistic philosophy to which the name of Professor James is affixed in tag-like fashion, it is worthy of examination in the temper and tone we detect in the study pre-sented in Current Literature's many pages. There is a capital reply to the "theatrical muck-raker," and all who follow the trend of modern scientific thought will be set wondering by the attempt to explode the theory of evolution.—41 West Twenty-fifth street, New York. street, New York.

The People's Magazine has several stories descriptive of woods and lakes, and mountains, in its July number. "Edric Ashbrook's Wife," by William MacLeod Raine, is a love story of the Rocky mountains, full of the color and breath of the big places, and with a there of mixed identifies which holds one absorbed to the end. Still another little love tale which portrays vividly the churm and musters of the great little love tale which portrays vividly the charm and mystery of the great Sabara is called "The Gods Arrive," by Kathryn Rhodes. A young girl-wife, Influenced by the immense silences, confesses to her husband an incident in her past life with another man, and finds he has known it from the first. "Staked with a Short Rope," by Mauch-line Muir, is an interesting tale of the Tennessee feudists, in which a young sheriff from the "settlements" come to install law and order, meets a young mountain girl, daughter of a savage old-timer, and whis her love. Quite asdie from these timely stories, People's Magazine is full of other good things.— Magazine is full of other good things.--79-89 Seventh avenue, New York.



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Ladies' Vest Specials

headed by Brigham Young, in behalf of the Church, sent him a communication, setting forth the wrongs they had suffered in Missouri and Illinois, asking him to advise them "as a father and a friend" what to do. The letter is a remarkable appeal to the chief executive of a great nution in behalf of loyal citizens ostracized by mobs under the flag of freedom. These are some paragraphs:

"We say we are a distranchised people. We are privately told by the highest authorities of this state, that it is meither prudent nor safe for us to vote at the polls; still we have con-finued to maintain our right to vote, until the blood of our best men has shed, both in Missouri and Illinois, with impunity."

"She [Missouri] has already used the at their head to coerce and surrender up our best men to unparalleled murup our best men to unparalleled mur-der, and that too under the most sa-tren pledges of protection and safety. As a salvo for such unearthly perfdy and guilt, she told us through her high-est executive officers, that the laws should be magnified and the murderers brought to justice; but the blood of her innocent victims had not been wholly wiped from the floor of the aw-ful arena, where the citizens of a sover-eign state pounced upon two defenseless servants of God-our Prophet and our Patriarch-before the senate of that state rescued one of the indicted actors in that mournful tragedy from the sheriff of Hancock county and gave him an honorable seat in her hall of bin an honorable seat in her hall of legislation, and all who were indicted by the grand jury of Hancock county for the murder of Generals Joseph and Hyrum Smith are suffered to roam at large watching for further prey."

With these facts before you, sir, will you write to us without delay as a father and friend, and advise us what to do. We are members of the same great confederacy. Our fathers, yea some of us, have fought and bled for our country, and we love her consti-tution dearly."

The letter of which these paragraphs are quoted, were sent not only to President Polk and to every governor in the Union, but only from one, Governor Thomas S. Drew of Arkansas, was a reply received. Governor Drew advised the Saints to go West, and added

"Should the Latter-day Saints mi-grate to Oregon, they will carry with them the good will of philanthropists and the blessings of every friend of humanity. If they are wrong, their wrongs will be abated with many degrees of allowance, and if right, migration will afford an opportunity to make it manifest in due season to the whole civilized world."

President Polk, when appealed to in behalf of a persecuted people, could have taken a bold stand for the maintenance of American institutions against fanatic mobs and cowardly politicians. This he failed to do. He was not equal to the cr. . He was not the man of the hour. Ad he taken a bold stand for the right, he would have won fame and honor, for history always in the long run gives a true and

cause their views of the situation The only question therefore is, "Will coincided with that expressed by the the officers maintain the law?' stake presidents, after mature de liberation.

Furthermore, a good many Church members refused to obey the counsel. They voted their party ticket, as they had a perfect right to do, and they used their influence for their own party, openly and privately. No one was ever censured by the Church, or any division of the Church, for stand-

ing by his political convictions. These are the facts. The stake presidents, as influential American citizens, met and counseled together on the best way of meeting a plot against other American citizens. It was their duty to do so. And we may add that as long as the voters of this City permit fanatics to use the government machinery for personal ends, just so long will influential Church men do all in their power to oppose and expose their un-American schemes. Just so long will strife con tinue. To obtain peace and perfectly normal political conditions here, dethrone anti-"Mormonism" from the exalted positions it has usurped. Solve the anti-"Mormon" problem. There is no other problem here.

EFFECTS OF PROHIBITION.

Some matters of general interest were considered by the conventions of browers recently in session at Atlantic City, New Jersey. In the report of the board of trustees the opinion was expressed that "on the whole a careful survey of the situation warrants the belief that the so-called Prohibition wave has reached its height, and that the reaction has set in." But in the report of the vigilance committee another view was taken. That report declared that "the prohibition wave, instead of waning, is

actually on the increase in point of vigor and intensity. In the opinion of the committee the brewing interests are grappling with their adversary in a fight for life or death."

The speakers of the convention generally admitted the law-defiance of the saloon, but that did not prevent them from proposing an aggressive war for the desecration of the day of rest. The president of one of the state associations declared: "We stand for a Continental' Sunday with saloons liensed to open from one to twelve 'clock midnight," And the plan of officially endorsing the proposal of a 'Continental" Sunday was referred to the executive session of the National association.

But of special interest is the showing made that there has been a decided decrease in the manufacture of intoxicating beverages. One of the arguments against prohibition is its alleged failure to prohibit. Just as much liquor they say, is consumed under prohibition

Hale to Weston, the great walker! Let no day go by without killing ı fly. Prosperity has begun its summer vaation. Homesickness is of two kinds-for and of.

> Even the greatest musician eventually plays out. On the water question remember,

waste not, want not. When a lady gets as drunk as lord she ceases to be a lady.

A traveller crossing the plains in ar aeroplane would have plane sailing.

Does the faculty intend to have some of the boys on the new mat at the U gym?

Is the Trotter who testified in the Gould divorce case any relation to Job Trotter?

It is said that President Taft cats three square meals a day. Then he gets a square deal.

Those who master Dr. Charles W. Eliot's five-foot shelf library will be shelf-educated.

Isn't it rather odd that Eliot's Indian Bible is not to be found in Ellot's fivefoot shelf library?

What a splendid revelation of high life below stairs the testimony in the Gould divorce case is

Take a composite photograph of the Payne bill and the Aldrich bill and the tariff question is settled.

> Why should Cuba fear to face a deficit? Often she has faced Spain, the home of chronic deficits.

About the only difference between tenement houses and apartment houses is that the former allow children while the latter do not.

The new judge for the Philippines was a famous football player. This will enable him to tackle a hard case without any misgiving.

When departing for Europe, John W. Gates said: "They may know in heaven what will be done with the tariff, but no one on earth does." So far as completed the tariff does not look like a heaven-made article.



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