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A VETERAN LEADER.

President John R. Winder, first cousin of President Joseph F. Smith, reached his eighty-third birthday on Sunday, December 11, which was celebrated on Saturday, the 10th inst., when he was the recipient of the congratulations and good wishes of numerous relatives and hosts of friends.

President Winder, notwithstanding his advanced years, is strong, physically and mentally; and there is every indication that he will continue, for years to come, his useful labors in the service of the Master, for the benefit of mankind.

In fact, President Winder appears stronger today than he was ten years ago. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." Is. 40: 31.

The world has had some notable instances of men in advanced years taking leading parts in the history of their times, full of mental and physical vigor. Among these were Abraham, Jacob, Moses, not to mention any of the first parents of the human race. The great Hebrew law giver, though 120 years old, retained all his faculties unimpaired. Secular history tells us that Cato commenced studying Greek at 80 years of age. Simonides took the prize in a literary contest after he was 80, and Sophocles wrote "Oedipus" at the same age.

The "News" heartily joins the many friends of President Winder in wishing him many happy returns of the day, and a full measure of joy and happiness as the years are rolling by, with eternal joy among the mighty and the just and true in the presence of the Eternal Father.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

The following article by President Joseph F. Smith is the leading editorial of the Improvement Era for November. It is well worthy of the most careful reading by the Latter-day Saints:

"Christ teaching his disciples, called attention to the importance of their position and place in the world. He did this, notwithstanding men considered them of small consequence. Though poor and despised of men, yet he told them they were the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

"Then he encouraged them to effort and achievement by showing them that their exalted position would avail them little unless they made proper use of their high callings. It was pointed out to them that 'if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it [the earth] be salted?' They were called the light of the world, a city set upon a hill that cannot be hid; but were cautioned that men do not light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but rather under a candlestick, that it may give light to all who are in the house—meaning that, while they were full of light and knowledge, it was improper to hide that knowledge. It should be diffused abroad for the benefit of all. They were then enjoined: 'Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.'

"These conditions and instructions apply admirably to the Latter-day Saints who are, indeed, the salt of the earth, and in whom is vested the Gospel light of the world; who, as the Apostle said of the former-day Saints, are a chosen generation, a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that they should show forth the praises of Him who has called them out of darkness into his marvelous light.

"But all this availeth little or nothing, unless the Saints consider themselves of some consequence, and let their light shine, collectively and individually; unless they are model in their behavior, honest, zealous in the spread of truth, tolerant of their neighbors, 'having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.' 'For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.' We are told that if we do well and suffer for it, and take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. But there is no special promise to him who suffers, but does not do well.

"One fault to be avoided by the Saints, young and old, is the tendency to live on borrowed light, with their own hidden under a bushel; to permit the savor of their salt of knowledge to

be lost; and the light within them to be reflected rather than original.

"Such a condition is wrong. Every Saint should not only have the light within himself, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, but his light should so shine that it may be clearly perceived by others. Then they will not be in the very awkward and perilous position of some who are drawn hither and thither, as the clouds come and go over men from whom they borrow their light. This class of people, so driven, do not depend upon their own knowledge or judgment, or testimony, but are ever dependent upon the opinions of others. They believe this or that, passing from one belief to another, as some one else believes or disbelieves. They are always in a stew, fretting over matters religious, political and social, which men of firm convictions and self-possession count as of little or no import. They walk in borrowed light; in darkness, they are without initiative; and when clouds obscure their source of light, they lose the way. They are like the moon without the sun from which to borrow light. It is a deplorable condition to fall into.

"Men and women should become settled in the truth, and founded in the knowledge of the Gospel, depending upon no person for borrowed or reflected light, but trusting only upon the Holy Spirit, who is ever the same, shining forever, and testifying to the individual and the Priesthood who live in harmony with the laws of the Gospel, of the glory and the will of the Father. They will then have light everlasting, which cannot be obscured. By its shining in their lives, they shall cause others to glorify God; and by their well-doing, put to silence the ignorance of foolish men, and show forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into his marvelous light.

"JOSEPH F. SMITH."

LAST YEAR'S IMMIGRATION.

The annual report of the immigration commission for the last fiscal year shows a total of immigrants of \$12,870, which is 41,176 less than the total of the preceding year. One feature of this influx is the falling off of the emigration from eastern and southern Europe, and the increase from Ireland and England.

Among the excluded, last year, were 4,798 paupers, 1,660 diseased, thirty-five convicts and 1,501 contract laborers. Among the admitted were no less than 170,000 illiterates.

The great number of contract laborers caught and returned suggests that an immense illegal traffic must be carried on in this line. The immigration bureau claims to have information to the effect that American laws are carefully studied abroad and devices adopted to evade and thwart them. Immigrants, it is said, who have been, or surely would be, refused admission to our sea ports are systematically introduced through Canada and Mexico. The governments of Hungary and Italy, and possibly of other European countries, are said to openly or covertly co-operate with steamship companies in deporting masses of their poorest and most ignorant people. And finally, thousands of Europeans come to this country lawfully, remain just long enough to acquire citizenship, and then remove to other countries where they employ their American citizenship as a means of protection. Such, and other abuses call for correction.

Concerning the contract labor importations, Commissioner Sargent recommends that the law be made to reach the employer, and that he be punished rather than the immigrant, who is quite likely to be a victim instead of a co-conspirator. This is a good suggestion, but it does not go to the root of the evil. The fact is that American girls, even those in humble circumstances, refuse places as domestics, and prefer any other kind of employment. But housework must be done. In the same way, American boys do not care to, or are not permitted to, learn trades. The result is a continued domestic and skilled labor famine, and a standing temptation to supply the market from abroad. The remedy for this is in domestic reform, rather than legislation.

FORGET IT.

Evidently Utah is not the only center for sensational fake news dispatches. The following plaut from a Meteete, Wyo., paper outlines conditions that are paralleled in Salt Lake, and which lead us to offer our sympathies to the much misrepresented Big Horn country:

"A great deal is said by papers abroad about a 'Hole-in-the-Wall' in this section of the state, where 'bad men' rendezvous, hide from officers of the law and concoct schemes for pillage. Writers familiar with the 'Hole' country have tried in vain to explain existing conditions there—how the place is now occupied by industrious and honest settlers and that the 'Hole-in-the-Wall' is all in the mind, but a romantic public won't have it that way; it is bound to believe that in western Wyoming somewhere, down deep in the bowels of the earth, are secreted big-bearded, dark-visaged, cold-blooded men, who at irregular intervals, in the dark of the moon or on cloudy days, sneak forth like beasts of prey to rob and murder their fellow-men. Forget it!"

"POLICEMAN OF GOD."

A French journalist, M. Robert de Caix, who has toured this country recently, and given his impressions to the Journal des Debats, says in part, that "those who take the American people for one of the surest elements for the peace of the world are behind the times and strangely mistaken. For certain symptoms one is led to ask if this nation is not called to become pretty soon, in its turn, the policeman of God upon earth, and we know what that periodical apparition, in its changing personality, signifies."

This is not meant to be complimentary exactly, and yet, some of the nations of the world need a "policeman of God," to keep them within the boundaries of decency, as far as this is practicable.

Just now this government has been placed under the necessity of taking a hand in the affairs of Santo Domingo. A government agent has been placed in

charge of the port of Puerto Plata and is collecting the customs and port dues there for the benefit of American creditors. And in order to obtain the funds to satisfy these claims, he will have to take charge of still other ports. Meantime the receipts of Santo Domingo and Macoris are going to pay European claims.

When conditions are as they have come to be in that little republic, there is need of police interference, however unwelcome may be the duty of assuming that role. But such interference is conducive to peace, and should excite no alarm.

How easy the transition from mysterious to mythical securities.

The park lesson taught by the war in the Far East is, "My mine to me a kingdom is."

A millionaire who only gets his board and clothes out of his wealth is a petty, mean soul.

If the German birth rate continues to decrease Germany will have no right to be called the Fatherland.

Don't be too hard on Mrs. Chadwick. Remember, necessity knows no law, and her necessities were great.

Bishop Potter's attempts to reform the saloon and the stage will never make him a Martin Luther.

The Prince of Wales is to make a voyage around the world on the battleship Good Hope. Will he go through the Suez canal or around the Cape of Good Hope?

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will have at least one sympathizer in her misfortunes, and that is Madame Humbert, of Paris.

What Mrs. Chadwick's creditors now want to know is, what's in a name, even if it be that of a multi-multi-millionaire when it is forged.

"I know I done wrong," says President Beckwith of the defunct Oberlin bank. His financial errors might be forgiven but his grammatical ones never.

Henry James is quoted as saying that his new novel is the most done of all previous stories. That being so, the only comment to make is, Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

There is nothing so enlightening as a maiden of unnumbered years instructing mothers in their duties as such. It beats a child teaching his grandmother to suck eggs all to pieces.

While the ratio of insane persons to sane in England is 1 to 288, in Chicago it is 1 to 150. Nothing strange in that, for one must be crazy to want to live in Chicago.

The President makes announcement that there will be no extraordinary session of Congress next spring. That means that there will be no tariff revision agitation until the regular session of Congress in December, if then.

Mr. A. C. Mitchell, one of the proprietors of the Grand Atlantic hotel, Atlantic City, N. J., has been visiting the city for a few days. He expresses himself as perfectly delighted with the City of the Saints and the people here.

Dr. H. J. Faust, a figure familiar on the streets of Salt Lake for nearly half a century, is dead. Scarcely an old timer in Utah but knew "Doc" Faust, and surely to know him was to love him. In his great heart was no guile or hatred. His presence was sunshine itself, and no one ever heard his merry, honest laugh but was better and more cheerful for it. Late years fortune had not smiled on him, but that did not in the least change his good nature (we use good in its best sense), and he was always the same dear, kindly man he was when fortune smiled on him. He is gone. Peace to his ashes.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

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It is to be hoped that the length of the message will not deter any intelligent American citizens from reading it. Ours is in all respects one of the greatest nations of the world, and in many respects it is the greatest. The affairs of our national business cannot be set forth, even in condensed form, in a few words, and there is not a paragraph, nor even a sentence, that could be profitably omitted. Further than that, the success of our government depends very largely upon the interest and the knowledge of our citizens. No man or no woman that possesses the proud dignity of American citizenship, and the right of suffrage, should begrudge or deny the time it takes to read through this presidential statement of matters that every American citizen ought to know.

San Francisco Chronicle.

In our foreign relations he states our proper policy to be perfectly fair dealing, straightforward diplomacy, the protection of our citizens in foreign lands, the arbitration of differences and the maintenance of a powerful navy and a small but highly trained army. We must not shrink our national duty in maintaining our share of the police of the world. We have the kindest feeling for the countries to the south of us without the slightest desire for any of their possessions. We seem compelled to use our moral influence for the suppression of Russian and Turkish atrocities, but are sadly handicapped by the existence of lynching lawlessness in some parts of our country. There has been steady progress in the right direction in the Philippines, whose people, within two years, will have an elective legislature of their own which may prove useful and efficient, and may not. At all events the experiment will be tried.

Los Angeles Express.

It is the habit of partisans to refer to the presidential message of their favorites as "statesmanlike documents." In the present instance the phrase is not perfumatory. Mr. Roosevelt has touched upon every topic which is of interest to the nation, and in line with the best aspirations of the people of this country. His program, as announced, justifies the unparalleled expression of esteem found in the returns from the recent election.

Kansas City Star.

If misgivings were aroused in any quarter by the attempts made in the recent campaign to create distrust of the president, these must be entirely

alayed by the admirable tone and forceful reasoning of this, the first message of the president since his administration has been indorsed by the people.

San Francisco Call.

It is characteristic of the president that he should step at once into the arena where the much vexed labor problem has held the stage for so long. His words are those of a strong and judicial mind, knowing neither fear nor favor, and unerring recognizing and indicating the principles of right and wrong which underlie the transient self interests involved.

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