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CHANGE OF FAST DAY. The Saints of Pioneer, Liberty, Sali Lake, and Ensign stakes, will please

notice that the next Fast day, by order of the First Presidency, will be observed in those stakes on the last Sunday of this month, May 29, instead of the first Sunday of June, owing to the fact that the conference of the Mutual Improvement Associations convenes on the latter date

PRESBYTERIANS AND DIVORCE

The Presbyterian general assembly at Buffalo has rejected the report of the committee on marriage and divorce which recommended that ministers refuse to marry persons who cannot be married except in violation of the rules of their own church. This recommenda tion was adopted, it will be remember. ed, a short time ago, by an inter-ecclesiastical conference, on the divorce problem. The churches represented at that conference were the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist, Methodist south, Dutch Reformed, German He. formed, United Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist, Congregational, Universalist, Deformal Presbyteriar Cumberland Presbyterian, and the Alliance of Reformed Churches. The speakers at that conference plead for a general recognition of the sanctity of the marriage. They emphasized the fact that conditions now prevail which threaten the most sacred things. Manhood, womanhood, and childhood, the home and the family, are involved, and neiter civil legislation nor ecclesiastical discipline can save them until and unless the conscience of Christian humanity is reached. The belief was, further expressed that the hope of curing and crushing the horrible tendencies to facile and frequent divorce rests upon impressing and inculcating such an intense conviction of what marriage is, and of what marriage means, that it will cease to be entered into "unadvisedly or lightly;" that the festivity which accompanies it shall be sobered and consecrated by the conscious presence of Him "Who adorned and beautified the marriage at Cana in Galilee by His presence and first miracle that He wrought;" that neither man nor woman shall dare to enter the precincts of betrothal without the tested certainty of love; without the full recognition of the mutual duty of service, forebearance, and faithfulness which it involves. These convictions were generally held, and it was thought necessary to suggest some common course of action by all the churches represented. Nothing more practical, however, could be agreed on than the proposition that a clergyman of one denomination should not officiate for a couple who, according to the rules of their own church, were barred from marriage. It seemed, to the members of the conference, possible to reach a common ground on that recommendation, but now it appears that the Presbyterian general assembly refuses to adopt even that rule. The committee, however, is continued, and it may yet make an acceptable suggestion. But there is the great difficulty of the present age. The leaders of churches see the evils, but their energy is so much wasted in the strife and competition engendered by the division of Christendom into so many factions, that they are almost powerless in the face of the common foe, Were there unity of faith and purpose, there would be more good work done.

state in France. There is a strong radical element, as it is called, that desires this consummation. But it has found that to force an entire people. away from their sympathies and modes of thinking, formed during thousands of years, is not the work of a moment. If the struggle is forced, either the church or the republic may succumb. Which will it be in this case? That is the inevitable question, as the opponents seem to marshal their forces for combat. A Paris paper expresses the opinion that, although the pope is a stranger to politics, he is under the necessity of Interfering occasionally, as he has just done in the matter of the French laws dealing with the religious orders, and that he will honestly and from sentlment make serious mistakes. It is he, that paper thinks, who will bring about the separation of church and state in France. He will bring it about under circumstances harmful alike to church and to state. If, however, no other result follows than a complete separation between church and state, the outome will be beneficent to France. Perfect religious liberty can never be secured where the two are joined together. And without perfect religious liberty, no country can progress to the full extent of its powers. Church and state would never be at outs, if each understood its own interests. The two are divine institutions for the benefit of man, and they should always work together in harmony, to attain the best results. ORIGINAL AND FUNNY. John Merritt Driver of Chicago, in eports are true, has entertained his

highly intelligent audience in the "Peo.

le's Church," with some talk on the

famous senate investigation was a

'Mormon trick," the object being to

gain publicity. That certainly is orig-

inal. It is also funny. After a while

that gentleman will, no doubt, maintain

that the martyrdom of the Prophet

Joseph and his noble brother Hyrum at

Carthage was a "Mormon trick;" that

the exodus, with its untold sufferings

was another "trick;" and that the

contest between truth and error along

the entire line, is but a "trick," for ad-

vertising purposes. We almost feel

under obligation to apologize for notic-

ing such an unreasonable statement.

but the fact is that to a close observer

ft almost appears as if the Church

could best flourish under opposition

That is an ancient observation. Where

there are many adversaries there is

sure to be a wide door open. Truth,

like the mighty oak, the more the

storms blow around it and the tempests

rage, the deeper it sends its roots into

the nourishing soil, and the stronger

its branches become, until it seems al-

most indestructible, and abides for cen-

turies. That is the effect of opposition

upon the true church. Not that per-

secution is courted. It has its fearful

disadvantages, as exemplified in the

history of the post-apostolic church,

when the disciples were scattered, edu-

cation could not be attended to prop-

Mr. Rockefeller is always the party of the first part.

Political conventions would do well to consider the advantages of the moving platform. The handsome young woman dislikes

to be stared at, but has no objection to being admired. In Paris there are 91,458 trees grow. ing. No wonder that life in Paris is somewhat shady.

"Is Hearst crazy?" asks the Worcester Spy. If so there seems to be method in his madness.

The politician who wants to railroad a nomination through always objects

to allowing a stopover. Colonel Henry Watterson has come out for Mr. Cleveland. Heretofore the

Colonel has come out after him. If any one doubts that the young men are coming to the front just let that person look at Cy Young, the foremost baseball player of the day,

"Can an aristocracy grow in America?" asks a magazine. If it can't American heiresses are rich enough to buy one.

The sealer of weights and measures, in his pursuit of dishonest dealers, should remember that it is only their little weigh.

If Mr. Hitt, who is seventy years of

age, is not too old for Vice President. why is not Mr. Olney, who is but sixty nine, young enough for President? To edit the Christian Apologist, the

'Mormons.' No church would be up Methodist conference has elected A. J. o date, we presume, without an occa-Nast. The name suggests that it is to sional sermon on that subject. But Mr. be a carricature rather than anything Merritt Driver seems to have the merit else of being original in his drivel. He is reported to have said that the world-

The Interstate Commerce commission is after the secrets of steamship rates. Will the I. C. C. please find out what the secret of success is and let the people know?

A reverend gentleman writes in Chicago paper that young married folk should leave the parental home. This is to advise them to give up the substance for the shadow.

Perhaps when Bishop Turner announced his startling discovery that God never created a white man he meant to declare his acceptance of the Darwinian theory.

The "News" acknowledges the recelpt of the Report of the Librarian of Congress for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1903. It includes a report on copyright legislation.

The Methodists are really modest in asking for but two amendments to the Constitution. Jefferson, who had no such grace as the Methodists, secured ten amendments to the Constitution.

Much as Mr. Perdicaris, the naturalized American kidnapped by Moors, is attached to Morocco there is reason to believe that he would willingly change his present residence for a domicile in

society with which she has been so closely identified, but her day of use-fulness was over long ago. It is now unprofitable to inquire how far she was responsible for conditions which well nigh wrecked the society in public es-timation, but the mere existence of such dissensions made her further ten-ure of the presidency unadvisable. She will be remembered, however, not for the troubles for which her advanced age was responsible, but for the devoted age was responsible, but for the devoted service which began on the battlefields of the Civil war and never thereafter ceased until the Red Cross and Clara Barton had become almost synony-Barton mous. Hers was a grand life work.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

"The Hayfield Mower and Scythe of Progress" is the striking title of a qualit volume just published by an author who prefers to be anonymous. It is supposed to be twenty-six num-It is supposed to be twenty-six num-bers of a typical rural gaper, but its field is moral, not physical. It has a serial story, and a number of epigram-matical sayings of great force, remind-ing one of the late C. H. Spurgeon of London, when he appeared before the public as John Ploughman. The volume is printed on heavy paper and is sub-stantially bound.—P. O. Box 1765, Bos-ton, Mass.

The energy and tact exhibited by American business men in pushing the sale of their wares in the Old World have created consternation among their European competitors in trade. various parts of the continent desperate efforts are being made to check the "American invasion." The opposition American invasion. The opposition encountered by our commercial pio-neers in Germany and the triumphant manner in which it is being overcome are described in the current number of Leslie's Weekly by its special corres-Lesue's Weekly by its special corres-pondent, Gilson Willels, in an article on ". The American Danger' in Germany," the second in the valuable "American Commercial Invasion" series prepared by the writer. The number also con-tains articles appropriate to Memorial day, and other valuable features.—New York.





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FRANCE AND THE VATICAN.

According to advices from Rome, there is much anxiety in Vatican circles on account of the conflict with the French government, Several months ago the friction became noticeable, when the law against associations was passed, which affected several religious orders. Then, when President Loubet went to Rome and ignored the Vatican. the pope protested against the visit. The French representative at the Vatican was next recalled. When the French government replies to the protest against the visit of President Loubet to Rome, it will be known whether the aim of the government is the complete separation between church and

erly, and many errors came in, be cause of the prevalent ignorance. But it is certain that if opposition must come, it can be accepted phisolophically, no matter of what nature it is, for it will but serve a good purpose. The divine Pilot, who is at the helm, knows how to utilize every roaring wave that breaks against the ship, and every seemingly adverse wind, as well as every current, for the progress of the ship toward the harbor.

RUSSIAN PEACE TERMS.

A rumor from Berlin has it that the Russians are considering the advisa bility of offering peace on the basis of a protectorate over Koren by Japan. and the restoration of Manchurla to China. There is hardly any need of saying that this rumor cannot have originated in Russia. It may be conaldered a German suggestion to Russia o end the war now, at any cost, because of the probability that the final peace terms will be still more humiliat-

The sentiment in Russia is entirely opposed to any offer of peace at present, if the Moscow Viedomosti correcty interprets that sentiment. That pa per is quoted as having said that Russia must insist upon the following peace

terms

"First-Korea should for once and all e annexed to Russia. "Second-The island of Klu-slu should e occupied and fortified as an ad-ance post of the new Russian coast, which is extensive and for the most

which is extensive and for the most part without defense. "Third-Formosa should be given back to its legitimate proprietor, China, and Russia shall retain on it only a port conventent for a coaling station and a fortified shelter for its fleet. "Fourth-Japan should have imposed on it such a war indemnity (comprising in it her wirships) that for decades this troublesome neighbor might be de-prived of all thoughts of military ad-venture. It is of no consequence that Japan has not much money; Russia can take from it jus state bonds. Let the, Japanese pay for at least half a century and be reminded of a war which they and not Russia began."

That, we presume, is at present the Russian sentiment. The government

wnsor would not have passed it, had he not known that it would be pleasing to the government. Evidently it is too soon to suggest peace terms.

In politics "trade" doesn't always folow the flags.

Like the worm, the Russians seem to mve turned.

The soda water man sees more hope. ful signs than anybody.

High explosives come high, but the nations must have them.

Compared with the hurry and hustle of war the peace movement is a snall's

pace. Maude Adams' loving cup was filled to overflowing with tears and happiness.

In the Standard Oil trust contracts

America Have not our Methodist brethren un lertaken a pretty big job in resolving to have Congress "enact" two amendments to the Constitution, one affecting the "Mormon" Church, the other the Roman Catholle? "If white people would adopt the

method of the Indians, strapping their bables to cradle boards, we should see ewer round-shouldered people," says Professor Starr of the University of Chleago. Then it would insure a race of strapping fellows,

THE WISDOM OF WATTERSON.

New York Evening Mail. When Henry Watterson has anything say on a subject of public interest

to say on a subject of public interest the people generally listen, whether he says it in an editorial in the Louisville Courier-Journal or elsewhere, because he says it in such a plain and forcible way. It does not make any particular difference whether what he says is wise or not. He can say a foolish thing in the same taking and pungent way that he says an occasional wise one. But it is always Waterson who is talking. It is not his paper that people look to; it is Watterson. It may be Watterson's best business to be Watterson, but it would not be good business wisdom for news-

papers in general to try to be Watter-San Francisco Call. Mr. Waiterson has great and deserved ame as an editorial writer. But we enture to say that inspection of his est leaders will show them capable f dissection into the pert paragraphs

which he decries. His process is syn-thetical, and his leaders are merely i collection of paragraphs putting in the form of epigram the illustrations of his subject. Everybody remembers his often quoted leader against Mr. Cleveland, apposing his renomination in 1892. But it is remembered for this very quality. When he said that "Mr. Cleveland will lead his party through a slaughterhouse into a graveyard," what was it but n pert garagraph?

Los Angeles Times,

Col. Henry Watterson makes what is "unqualified" termed an "unqualified" assertion to the effect that he is for Grover Cleve land, provided developments indicate that Cleveland can win. If the colonel means win in the convention, his declaration may be significant.

Boston Herald.

Boston Heraid. It's sad to see Col. Watterson pitch-ing into the editorial page of the mod-ern newspaper as a useless appendage, save when its satire is kept well within bounds and its invective is shorn of adjective and adverb. It looks like a case of Watterson rebuking the editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

MISS CLARA BARTON.

Kansas City World, Miss Clara Barton has retired from the presidency of the American Red Cross society to be succeeded by Mrs. John A. Logan. This heroic woman is 62 years of age. It is now 44 years since she became the idol of the Union sol-diers. She was only 15 years of age in Use. It is nother the caselies that is

diers. She was only is years of age in 1860. It is pathetic to realize that in her old age, after more than four de-cades of work for humanity, Clara Bar-ton should have passed the last two years of her life under a cloud—a cloud which happily, has been dispersed. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

