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UTAH STUDENTS HONORED.

In a letter from Chicago we are informed that at the recent awarding of fellowships and scholarships in the University of Chicago two Utah boys were recognized on account of their talents and excellent work. These were John Rundwall, who was given a fellowship in medicine, and Joseph Peterson, who was awarded a scholarship in psychology.

It is always pleasant to notice that whenever our Utah students go and they are now found in all prominent institutions of learning, both at home and abroad—there are among the foremost in intelligence and earnest application to the work in hand. They are studious and sober, and not found where so many a youth come to grief, and, consequently, they succeed remarkably, no matter what their line of study is. The fact is attracting attention. It should be a "sign" to many who have heard that "Mormonism" is a system by which soul and body are degraded, and human intellect forced below the level of savages. How the facts do place the proper brand upon the originators and propagators of such false standards!

During the year, we understand, there have been about forty Utah students studying in Chicago, in the various institutions. Of this number ten have been enrolled in the University of Chicago. Of these ten, one has taken his master's degree in arts, three will have taken their bachelor's degree in science, and one the bachelor's degree in philosophy. Three others have completed courses in medicine and one in dentistry, taking the degrees awarded for each work.

THE NATION'S DAY.

A story in the New York World of a boy and some fire-crackers is timely reading. The little fellow came over to New York from his home in New Jersey to lay in a stock of fireworks for the Fourth. He made purchases of crackers, pinwheels, devil chasers and red fire on an extensive scale, and in order to carry them more easily, he tucked them under his little sailor blouse. On his way down Manhattan street he decided to test the quality of his ammunition, and taking out a handful of crackers he set them off. In some manner sparks were communicated to his concealed armament. From beneath his blouse came a rapid-rattle of crackers, followed by whizzing pinwheels and shrieking devil-chasers. He sprang with fright and pain and whirling around like a top, all the time shouting clouds of smoke and snuffing flames. A boy was passing, who rushed him into a drug store, and a doctor dressed the burns, which were quite severe all over his body.

Such an experience only illustrates the necessity of the utmost care in the handling of dangerous explosives, whether they are intended for celebration, or other purposes.

Seedling of fireworks and celebration, Paul Lealand Haworth, in Harper's Magazine, claims that the 2nd day of July, rather than the 4th, should be observed as the anniversary of the nation's birthday. He quotes a letter by John Adams, one of the representatives of Massachusetts in the continental congress. This was dated July 3, and in it the writer says, in part:

"Yesterday the greatest question was debated which was ever debated in America, and a greater perhaps never was nor will be decided among men."

In another epistle written the same day, he says:

"The 2nd of July will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be re-enacted with pomp and circumstance, with shows, games, sports, balls, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, for evermore."

The participants in the great events of that time, the writer explains, regarded the 2nd of July as the day of Independence, but popular preference was given to the Fourth, the day of the acceptance of Jefferson's more dramatic declaration of the reasons for the separation. Mr. Haworth continues:

"The debate upon the document was

continued until the afternoon of the 4th, and, says Jefferson, might have run on interminably at any other season of the year. But the weather was oppressively warm, and the hall in which the delegates sat was close to a stable, whence the hungry flies swarmed thick and fierce, alighting on the legs of the delegates and biting hard through their thin silk stockings. Treason was preferable to discomfort, and at last the delegates were brought to such a state of mind as to agree to the declaration without further attendance."

Think of the contemptible fly having played such an important role in the history of a great and mighty nation!

THE POLISH RISING.

Temple scenes are being enacted in Russian Poland, where, it seems, the patriots have been led to expect some success for a revolutionary movement. The city has a large population, and being situated so near the German frontier, has come under modern influences, to a very large degree. But the Russians are prepared to handle revolutionists, no matter how just their cause may be, with the utmost cruelty, and the people of Lodz have experienced. The killing and maiming of hundreds of persons in the streets indicate the intensity of the feeling between the warring camps.

It is claimed that never before, since the last Polish revolution, were the Poles as united as they are now in their sentiment for restoration of their national independence. They have expected much of the conditions arising from the defeat of Russia in the present war. They still hope that the momentary weakness of the oppressor may furnish an opportunity for a successful rising, but the trouble is, they must count on Germany and Austria as well as Russia.

Leading Polish patriots are said to count on the jealousy of the three powers, of each other, Russia, Germany and Austria are distrustful of each other, and the frontiers of all touch in Poland. Therefore, the Polish statesmen argue, the three empires might be brought to an agreement to restore the autonomy of the kingdom and permit it to exist as a buffer state between them. "It is expected," says Ivan B. Waterbury in "The World Today," "that Austria will first propose this move to Russia and that the two will then bring diplomatic influence to bear upon Germany, with the result that each power will restore its share of Poland to reduce the number of its domestic and frontier problems." There is, however, very little prospect of either country giving up voluntarily what it has gobbled up. Neither would consent to that policy, without obtaining compensation elsewhere. One thing is certain. The European structure is shaking in the political storms that are sweeping the world. "The balance of power" is upset, and a reconstruction period is at hand, that will essentially change everything.

FLAMMARION ON SPACE.

Camille Flammarion, the celebrated French astronomer, endeavors to give an idea of the infinity of space, by describing an imaginary journey to the uttermost confines of the visible universe. The innumerable worlds that appear all around us, as far as human eye can penetrate space, form a most fascinating subject of contemplation. M. Flammarion says:

"Let us go, let us rush with the velocity of light. In a little more than a second we pass in view of the lunar world, which spreads before us its yawning craters, and reveals its Alpine and savage valleys. We do not stop. The sun rises, and permits us to cast a last look at the illuminated earth—a little inclined globe slowly shrinking in the infinite light."

"Various approaches, a new earth, equal to ours, peopled with beings in rapid and animated motion. We do not stop. We pass sufficiently near the sun to perceive his tremendous explosions, but we continue our flight. Here is Mars, with its Mediterranean seas, a thousand indentations, its gulfs, its shores, its great rivers, its nations, strange towns and its active, busy populations. Time passes; we cannot stop."

"An enormous colossus, Jupiter, approaches. A thousand worlds would not equal it. What rapidly in its days! What tumult on its surface! What storms, what volcanoes, what hurricanes in its immense atmosphere! What strange animals in its waters! Humanity has not yet appeared on the scene. Let us fly, forever fly. This world, as rapid as Jupiter, glided with a strange ring in the fantastic planet Saturn, round which revolve eight globes of varied phases, fantastic, also, appear to us the beings which inhabit it."

"Let us continue our celestial flight. France, Scotland, are the last known worlds which we meet in our voyage. But let us fly, forever fly! What, heaven, slow, fatigued, slides before us the wandering comet in the night of its opinion, but we still distinguish the sun like an immense and brilliant star in the midst of the population of the sky. With the constant velocity of 15,000 miles a second, four hours have sufficed to carry us to the distance of Neptune. We fly, still fly—for four years—before reaching the nearest sun, grand furnace, double sun, gravitating in cadence and pouring out around it in space a more intense light and heat than those of our own sun."

"Let us imagine that we thus sail during 1,000,000 years. Are we at the confines of the visible universe? See this black immensity we must cross. But yonder new stars are lit up in the depths of the heavens. We push on toward them we reach them. Again a million of years, new revelations, new stars, splendid, new universes, new worlds, new earths, new humanities! What never an end, no vault, never a sky which stops out. Forever space, forever the void!"

It is impossible for human mind to conceive clearly the idea of infinitude, whether applied to space or time. No matter how far advanced we are, our knowledge is imperfect. What we perceive is as if we were looking through a darkened glass. But this state is passing, and knowledge will become more perfect.

Russia's great disease now is the Poles.

Mayor Weaver keeps pitchin' in by pitchin' 'em out.

That Chinese boycott is a sort of sugar emetic dose.

The latest slang phrase is: "Not upon your Equitable life."

The President talked to the Harvard alumni like a Dutch uncle.

The best thing the Czar can do is to join a "don't worry" club.

France seems to be satisfied that Germany's intentions are honorable.

The Teamsters' union seems to have Rhea going. It can't go too far with him.

And now Ada Rahan has been operated on for appendicitis. The lady always was an fait.

It is far better for the country that Secretary Hay should be sitting on the lid than lying on the bed.

If either France or Germany were looking for trouble they would have no trouble in finding it in Morocco.

The merchants of China are boycotting American goods. Let American boys be patriotic and boycott Chinese firecrackers.

The Navos Vronya charges most of Russia's ills to Great Britain. It would be better to charge them to profit and loss, and open a new account.

President Alderman of the University of Virginia now has the right to eight L.L. D.'s after his name. This is cumulative evidence of his scholastic attainments.

The difference between John D. Rockefeller and the New York subway is just this: The one has no hair and the other has no air and no parent.

The merchants of China who are boycotting American goods instead of turning the other cheek want an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. The heathens!

Paul Morion proposes to straighten out the track of this assurance society and make it run true. Heretofore it has looked like one continuous compound curve.

Senator Brackett, of the New York legislature, speaking of the insurance lobby, says: "It is like taking candy from a baby to escape the New York Central, compared with running foul of the wishes of the insurance combine."

The mutiny of the crew of the Russian battleship Kniaz Potomkin (and the murder of her officers, will go far to confirm the stories of mutiny on Rostovskaya's ships in his voyage from the Neva to the Sea of Japan. It is the worst symptom that has yet been shown in the revolt in Russia.

The St. Louis Republic reminds its readers that the Fourth of July was not established as a holiday for foolishness, murder and conflagration; but as an occasion whereupon the people might show their sense and fitness for the enjoyment of liberty, peace and prosperity. "Let's be thoroughly American and have a sensible Fourth of July. Let us have more patriotism than fireworks, more happiness in life than trouble over injuries and sorrow over death," says our contemporary, and all good citizens endorse that.

Railroad accidents are expensive affairs. Somebody estimates that the engine which was destroyed in the Mentor disaster a short time ago, cost \$17,000. The two cars burned were worth \$20,000 each, and other cars that were injured were costly. To these some count the damages which may amount to millions. It is said that the New York & New Haven paid out in personal damages through the wreck of the New Haven commuter train in the tunnel at New York a few years ago more than \$1,500,000. The killed and injured in the Mentor disaster were more costly.

A NOTABLE DEFECT.

Philadelphia Record.
Our consul general in Munich reports the appearance in Germany of locomotives built there, but on what is styled the American "Atlantic" type. Among other features which they possess is a new distinct furnace fitted with smoke-consuming apparatus, which seems to produce good results. There is some mistake about this; American locomotives do not consume their smoke, we regret to say.

A TIMELY THOUGHT.

New Bedford Evening Standard.
All the learning of life has not got to be crowded into the first nineteen or twenty-three years; and the school must not be expected to impart all the knowledge that is ever going to be needed in the course of the years by any pupil. The function of the school is to do a part in the development of the child—a large part, as present-day society is constituted, but only to help him on by physically and mentally. This one view ought never to be overlooked.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES AGAIN

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Not discouraged by the failure of the project a few years ago, 100 people of the Danish West Indies who sought annexation to the United States through purchase, are again agitating the matter and there is talk of sending a commission to Denmark to induce the mother country to give the plan her sanction. The previous movement was well advanced when it was killed by a majority of one in the Danish parliament after a routing majority for annexation had shown the wishes of the islanders.

BEST PLACE OF ALL.

St. Paul Journal.
When tired, go home. When you want consolation, go home. When you want fun, go home. When you want to show others that you have reformed, go home and let your family get acquainted with the fact. When you want to show yourself at the very best, go home and do the best there. When you feel like being extra liberal, go home and practice on your wife and children. When you want to shine with more brilliancy than usual, go home and light the whole household. Home is the best place of all.

ASTOR'S IDEA OF FARMING.

Boston Transcript.
John Jacob Astor thus forecasts, in Collier's Weekly the homely service of the automobile: "The farmer whose horses have plowed all day, and who, with his family, naturally needs recreation when the work is done, will invoke his automobile that, as a stationary engine may have been cutting

feed, sawing wood, or what not, switch the motive power to the driving wheels, and with joyful 'All aboard!' be off to the nearest town, though it may be miles away." Evidently what John Jacob doesn't know about farming isn't worth telling.

HIS POLISH WAS ACQUIRED.

Boston Globe.
Colonel Crowder, who has been on duty as military observer with General Kuroki in Manchuria, says that the widely published story that Kuroki is of Polish descent is a source of endless amusement to the general. "He loves to hear it told," says Colonel Crowder, "and if the man that first invented the yarn could hear the general laugh he would know that in one quarter at least his fiction was popular. No Polish blood runs in Kuroki's veins. He is all Japanese, and proud of it." However, he knows how to polish off the Russians.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Ida M. Tarbell contributes her first word on the personality of Rockefeller to the July McClure's. Linnell Stephens has from his correspondence in Ohio. Not in the state administration and not throughout the cities but in Cleveland. Ohio. A tale of two cities in the July McClure's. The story of Cleveland and of Cincinnati the best and the worst governed cities in the United States. Concluding "The College Athlete," in the July McClure's, Henry Beach Needham makes further revelations of the trickery and dishonesty which commercialism fosters in undergraduate sport. Baseball players come in for the same attention the football stars received in the first paper, and because it is easier for a ball player to turn his skill into a surreptitious source of income the conditions are worse with the ball players than with the eleven. There is a Christian Science story in the July McClure's. Healers may find vindication in it, others may think differently, but saving out controversy it is a side-splitting triumph of old-fashioned common-sense. These are only a few of the many excellent features.—New York.

There is an important addition to literature in the July issue of "Success Magazine." In the first of a series of six complete detective stories by Alfred Henry Lewis, the author of the "Wolf-Head" books, Cleveland Moffett continues his important series on "The Shameful Misuse of Wealth," showing the amount of money that is wasted on jewelry by the ostentatious rich. General Nelson A. Miles contributes a timely article entitled "The Ambition of Japan," in which he speaks of the possible outcome of the supremacy which Japan has won on the Pacific through her defeat of the Russians. This article should be of interest to all who want to follow world-wide problems. The life story of Luther Burbank, whom "Success Magazine" calls "the high priest of horticulture," together with an elaborate description of his marvelous work in changing plant life, is told by George Archibald Clark. This article is profusely illustrated with photographs. There are some good fiction stories and poems by Joseph Blethen, Burgess Johnson, Roy Farrell Greene and others, and the large department devoted to the home is as valuable as usual.—Washington Square, New York.

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