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ON SUCCESSION.

The address delivered in the Weber Stake Tabernacle on the tenth day of March, this year, by Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., on the Origin of the Reorganized Church, and also his address in the same place on the 28th April, on the Succession in the Presidency of the Church, have now been issued in pamphlet form and can be had at the Descret News Book Store. These addresses created a great deal of interest at the time they were delivered. and many who heard them, or read them in the "News." will be pleased to have them in pamphlet form, for reference. Elder Smith has studied the subjects of these addresses very thoroughly, and is, therefore, in a posltion to impart much valuable information.

One point the speaker makes very clear is this, that the so-called Reorganized church did not come into existence till about sixteen years after the martyrdom, and that its only historical connection with the Church is through the apostate branch of which James J. Strang was the head, from which division the founders of the Reorganization branched out. That they recognized the fact that they had severed themselves from all connection with the Church was proved by the name which was given to their soelety: "New Organization of the Church."

Another point made is this, that the "Reorganites" claim, first, that the commandments of the Lord relating to ordinances for the dead are not obligatory, but only "permissive," and secondly that the Church was rejected because it did not complete the Temple in which those ordinances were to have been performed. That is to say, according to the views of the Reorganites, the Lord rejected His people for not obeying a commandment that was not obligatory; Ile rejected the Saints because these did not perform ordinances which the Reorganites themselves neglect to perform! There is consistency.

The question of succession, Elder Smith discusses very exhaustively, and the conclusions he arrives at are incontrovertible. He proves by numerous witnesses that the Prophet Joseph, directed by the Lord, committed the authority he had to the Apostles, and not to any other man.

The Latter-day Saints will be pleased to have these lectures in pamphlet form, and to study the truths set forth in them; and all the more because the subjects are dealt with in a true Christian spirit, without the intolerance that too often characterizes the controversy led by anti-"Mormons." It is a pamphlet which even the Reorganite brethren

nance, by which to prevent them from breaking pledges and ignoring City ordinances.

THE CRIMINAL WAVE.

A statement just issued by the New York Police Commissioner Bingham, charging the immigrants from abroad with the responsibility for the criminal wave that is said to be sweeping over the city, is interesting because of the enormous number of foreigners coming here yearly. The commissioner has reference speci-

ally to crimes against women and children, and he alleges that they are the deeds of foreigners, and not of Americans. "It is this wave of immigration," he says, "that lands hundreds and thousands, partly criminals and partly fellows that don't know what liberty means, and don't care; don' know our customs and cannot speak the

English language and are the scum of Europe mostly." The solution he suggests is the prohibition of immigra-

It is customary with a certain class to place all the responsibility for crime this country upon aliens, or people of recent alien descent. But is this just? Is it true? In one of our largest citles, Chicago, there are yearly about six times as many murders as occur in Lordon, and eight times as many as, constitute the record of Paris. If the foreigners are such bad characters, why does not the record show that London and Paris are many times worse than Chicago, where the native element ought to count against the foreign? Are the allens responsible for the lynchings of the last quarter of a century? Or the crimes of the Thaw class" During the period of from 1900 to 1904, statisticians tell us, the classifled criminal population of the country increased from one in 3,500 to one in less than 1,000. That increase is out of all proportion to the immigra-

tior But the habit of charging immigrants with all sorts of crimes seems to be one of long standing. Dr. Samuel Johnson called the Americans "a race of convicts." Someone writing of immigration in the 18th century claims that between the years 1717 and 1775 more than 10,000 criminals were sent to the American colonies. These consisted, it is asserted, of "outcasts of London prisons and sweepings of London kennels, dissipated scions of respectable families," etc.

In view of the fact that it is a habit of long standing to characterize the immigrants as criminals, and that this has not in the least interfered with the development of the country, the statement of the New York Police Commissioner is not alarming. The 'scum of Europe'' has done very well. The fact nevertheless remains that

a criminal wave is sweeping over the world. What is the cause? What the remedy? Anyone who can give a correct answer to these questions will prove a benefactor of mankind. Is education insufficient, or is it not of the right kind? Quarrels, jealousy, drunkenness, cupidity, revenge, strikes, race, prejudice, riots-such is the origin of most crimes of violence. Sometimes the criminal succeeds in enlisting popular sympathy in his behalf, as was the case with a fellow in one of the coast cities, charged with assault upon the person of a child. Improbable as the story is, it is true, nevertheless, that his friends and supporters threatened to boycott the father of the child for demanding that the assailant be brought to justice. Is it any wonder, if crimes flourish? What with "unwritten law," "brainstorms,' "dementia Americana," and other criminal pleas

foundation. Even the great deluge, of which the traditions of all nations have preserved the story, may have been caused by the action of the interior heat of the earth causing the water that must be stored up in the cavities of the crust to overflow, as the fluid contents of a boiling kettle, and thus the oceans on the surface of the crust to cover the continents. According to the Biblical narrative, "the fountains of the great deep" were "broken up"-an expression that cleary refers to some action of the forces below by which the "great deep." the

ocean, was made to overflow its boundaries. An unusually large rift in the ocean bottom must have been opened, to cause a general deluge.

HATES THE WOMEN.

The Czar of Russia is said to be afraid of the women in Finland. In a dispatch from St. Petersburg, Premier Stolypin is said to have quoted his majesty as follows:

majesty as follows: "I hate the women deputies in the diet; they talk so stupidly against my will and my representatives "there. They are against the church, against the nobility, ugainst the use of alco-hold liquors and things like that. I think that is very stupid. The women make the men look foolish and do no make the men look foolish and do no make the men look foolish and do no make the men look foolish and the wo-men are the most dangerous element in politics, for they are radicals and duence over the men and can rouse the whole country in a war against me, the Finns were the first to disarm our troops, proclaim a general strike and arrest the Governor-General. The Finnish women are simply terrible, and when I find an opportunity I shall dis-miss this women's right to vote."

That, M. Stolypin alleged, was the exact language of the Czar. It is a notice to the world, we are atraid, that Russian despotism is about to assassinate the liberty Finland now enjoys.

The Finnish women in the diet proose to abolish the annual appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the Russian army. We will not give this money," the omen say, "to the Russian cossacks who kill and oppress the Russian people." And not only do the Finnish women deputies object to paying Russian soldiers, but they have taken a firm stand against delivering up to Russia political offenders who seek refuge in Finland. On the order of the Russian Government many have been arrested ad the Russian police are demanding them. A large proportion are innocent college girls. The women deputies absolutely refuse to give them up

to the Russians. This is cause enough for hatred. If the dict porses the bill discontinuing the appropriation to the army, the Czar will undoubtedly retaliate by dissolving that assembly, and then the struggle is on again.

The situation in Finland would seem to call for some united effort by the vomen of the civilized world, in behalf their sisters there. They are fighting, foremost in the ranks of patriots, an unequal battle against the monster of tyranny. It is not easy to say in what manner friends of liberty in other countries can lend the vomen of Finland support, but even a Nero is desirous of having public opinion on his side, and for that reason, the expression of public opinion might not be without effect on the fate of Finand, if it comes before the fatal blow is struck. An appeal to the world from the Finnish women, in behalf of liberty, would not be in vain.

YELLOW JOURNALS.

The Catholic press of the country is alarmed at the general support given to the "yellow" journals by Cathomade to defeat justice and shield murlics, while the papers edited in the inderers of both sexes, it is no wonder terest of Catholicism find it difficult if the criminal tide rises higher and maintain themselves. Attention has been called to this subject by the following facts:

ferred to seems to have facts for a national politics." Technically corsays the New York Evening rect, Post; "yet a peace congress the world called it, and for the active promotion of peace looked to it. What is now complained of is that the delegates have thought more of their limitations than their opportunities; have not cut through their entanglements of juristic debate to make some large demand, some noble utterance, tending to put war beyond the pale of civilization. It is not yet too late for something of the kind to be done."

> No one respects Rockefeller's gray hairs.

In his argument Mr. Delmas seemed to see through a Glass, darkly,

At last Korea has a responsible government, Japan being responsible.

The country is unusually quiet. Not even a presidential boom is heard.

Yi Heul feels that he has been ex-Koreat-ed as never was emperor before.

If Hawley called Orchard "Harry," then why was it not proper for Darrow to harry Hawley?

Taxation without representation is tyranny. Taxation with representation sometimes is burdensome.

The theater trust will soon begin to sigh because there are no more theatrical worlds to conquer.

How-to-kep-cool recipes are less in demand in Salt Lake than in any other city in the country.

Schmitz seems to have been fit for treason, stratagems and spoils, although he had music in his soul.

If Darrow's denunciation of Hawley and Borah, and Borah's retort to Darrow, are true, then all are "undesirable citizens.'

General Bingham has been giving New York's "finest" some lessons in politenoss. They will be taken to heart if they do not become a habit.

The retirement of Colonel Ayres emphasizes the fact that West Point cadets can protect young ladies with their arms but not with their over coats.

Mayor Taylor of San Francisco has announced his supervisors. Now let him look out for the critics, for in politics, as in literature, the critics, are the men who have failed.

In the race for the Atlantic stakes three horses came in ahead of Richard Creker's Orby, the Derby winner. But he won the blue ribbon of the turf, which is a greater glory than to win all the other English races.

"A man writes from Waxahachie, Tex., to a newspaper in St. Louis that he was once taken for Mark Twain in a bookstore in Constantinople and now is very proud of it. The experience has made him Waxahachie's most eminent citizen," says the Springfield Republican. That's nothing. We know a Salt Lake man who was at Tangier some years ago and a roustabout offered to carry him from the boat to the pier, saying that when Mark Twain was there he had carried him ashore. "And you, sir, look very like Mr. Twain," he added. Mark never having told of this incident, the modest Salt Laker has never related it, though the incident is an absolute truth.

BRITISH COMMENT ON JAP-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. London, July 18 .- The weekly review gravely comment upon the Japanese-American situation. They express re-lief that the immediate tension appears to have been relieved but they foresee that it is not impossibl, in the more of less distant future, that the same prob less distant further inter the same same should confront Great Britain that now confronts the United States. The Spectator publishes a thoughtful article in which, althoung it dismisses America is wholly incredible, it admits with reluctance that the situation conwith reluctance that the situation con-tains many elements of anxiety, saying it is almost inevitable that there should come a conflict, some time or other, out of the Anglo-Saxon resistance to the landing of Japanese immigrants in the territories bordering the Pacific ocean. The colonists of Australia, Africa and Canada are as anxious as the people of California to exclude velthe people of California to exclude yel-low races. With all respect toward Ja-pan, the Spectator is unable to with-hold its sympathy from the colonists. It says circumstances have forced the It says circumstances have forced the Americans to be the pioneers in work-ing out the problem, but it is impossible to foresee how soon another series of accidents may not bring Great Brit-ain face to face with similar difficulties. Consequently the paper expresses the most earnest hope that the British proverment and press will do the utmost earnest hope that the British government and press will do the ut-most in their power to aid in the pro-motion in a peaceful and enduring solution of the American-Japaness problem, the government by tactful in-fluence of an ally and the press by the avoidance of any comment might prove to be an embarrassing one in the fu-

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This Writer Has No Faith In Fatalism. One thing is almost pathetic, and that is the insistence of editors, writers, and speakers, when some heartrending rev-

speakers, when some heartrending rev-elation has been made, to affirm that, in spite of evils, the American people have absolute power and ability to set all things right. But if the American people are so strong and upright, why do they allow these things to go on? I believe in the essential, or, rather, pa-tential, goodness of human nature, but have no faith in the fatalism that where the masses rule, somehow things will come out all right.—Felix Adler, of New York. New York.

The Spiritual Is More Than The Natural. The natural is first. The Natural. The Adamic is the primordial principle. In Eden—for in spite of the airy theorizing of some gentlemen of the day who, with a yawn, have dismissed Eden from early geography, we believe that there was once an earthly paradise—the physical both in man and in plants came to beautiful and rare expression, even if it was then not so highly developed as now. Sin brought the disruption of this union of man with edenic bliss, and involved the world in huge disas-ter. Now we see on every hand stunt-ed growths, blighted forms, unresting processes of destruction unrebuked by Providence, cataclysms and catastro-

phes, rampant disease in many cases wanty romping while human passic riots. All this does not import a pe-fect world, and we do not wond fruch that many are tempted to pe-simism, and some to despair. Yet we not despair, even in the presence this riot of sin and this romp of mi-rule, because while the paintal is first it is not last, and in the sense of the purely natural is not to last. A ser-cious principle has been introduce to mitigate and modify the crade in turalism of this uncouth and diay of bout of the brass, iron, and day of all-assorted arnostic skepticism sensationalistic empiricism. We needs then to be utered with unit so that in the law of the splicit world has the the law of the splicit is more than the law of the splicit is that in the long run the ideals of Jesus and not the libertingism the prodigals or the skepticitism of the sanballats is to triumph "-New yo

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Recently Found, of a hitherto known work of medes, on a palimpsest in a conv Constantinople, is more interesti-its suggestion of further disco-than it is for its promise of any i treasure trove of the great Si Greek mathematician's work. probable that we have the best that Archimedes ever wrote. He that Archimedes ever wrote. He that Archimedes ever wrote. He that Archimedes ever wrote, He that he did not know about the si of mechanics would fill a larger H than the Alexandrian ever was. If there are other palimpsests in th convent library, what treasures in discovered! A palimpsest, as by time all the world knows, is a i ment of papyrus which contains writing under another—the older ing having been partially erased 1 der that the surface might is over again. By a variety of me —usually by the aid of chemicals newer writing is obliterated and older made to appear. By this pr works of antiquity have been 1 dured to the world—among the Cle "Kepublic" and the "Institutes "Republic" and the "Institutes" Galus. The archaeologists are cont ally searching for such records, early Christians, who burned the A andrian library and wiped out priceless ancient literature, had spect for the works of the wien The monkish scribes of the each middle conturies of our era obliterated classic writings without scruple, and re-used the parchment for the Bible of works of the church fathers.-New York Mall.



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might read with profit to themselves.

THAT PROPOSED TAX LEVY.

The proposed addition to the already heavy burdens of the taxpayers of this City, is a natural consequence of the reckless financial policy of those responsible for the affairs of the community. Is there any valid reason way the taxes should be increased this year over the amount levied last year? To be aure, 'uzi year's financial operations resulted in an enormous deficit, which hus rever been satisfactorily abcounted for, and this year the deficit has been increased without any hing to show for the expenditure, but that is no willd reason why the taxpayers should be required to carry a heavier load. City councilmen are not elected to squander the money of the people rewards for political services. Their business is to give the citizens an bonest and communical administration, as far as economy is consistent with effciency. When they fall to do that, they cannot expect the support of the clizens when they call for more money. Their policy is sure to call forth a pro-

test. The city ordinance providing for a special election for the purpose of submitting the question of borrowing money for improving the water system and extending the sewer mains, contains also the provision that "the net revenues from said water system shall be set apart for and shall be a sink ing fund for the payment of said bonds and interest thereon." Provision has already been made, therefore, to meet the expenses incurred by the hends. When the present financial managers of the City's affairs, notwithstanding this provision, propose to raise an extra \$1-12 mills for "interest on bonds and sinking funda," the question naturally arises what "bonds and sinking funds" do they refer to? If the net revenue from the water system has been sufficient hitherto to pay the interest on the last bond issue, it is still sufficient.

We beg to remind the taxpayers of the City of the fact that when they were induced to vote for the bond issue, they were assured that the revenue from the water system would pay both the interest and the capital, or very nearly so. The proposition now, evidertly, is to break the pledge then given the tax-payers. If the scheme turns out to be to obtain money under the fulse prefense that it is needed to pay interest on bonds and create a sinking jund, while, in fact, it is needed to cover up the sink hole in which extravagance has placed the City, no one need to be surprised. But there should be some lawful way, notwithstanding the endpent legal cours

higher, and that both natives and aliens are being engulfed.

OCEAN BOTTOM LEAKS.

Dr. Thomas Jefferson Jackson See, an astronomer in the service of the U. Navy, is of the opinion that the leakage of the ocean bottom is the cause of earthquakes, the water being transformed into steam owing to the interior heat of the planet.

In the Chicago Tribune he states that the great earth ---- and volcanic belts are along the shor-- of contin ents, or in the sea, and a study of the ocean depths shows that the earthquakes are worst where the sea is deepest and the shore is steepest. The land is often unlifted --- earthouakes and the adjacent sea bottom sinks as shown by the accompanying seismic sen waves.

All the great mountain chains, he says, have been formed by this process. and hence the exact parallelism to the seashore, known to every schoolboy, but not heretofore understood by geologists. But now that earthquakes are proved to be due to the leakage of the ocean bed, necessarily resulting from the great depth and pressure of the water upon it, we are in a position to

make progress. It follows, that cities on the coast of deep seas are unsafe, but, if the Doctor is correct, San Fracasco is safe at least during this generation. It will be, he argues, fifty-perhaps 100years before the subterranean stress becomes powerful enough to shake the earth again in a violent manner. San Francisco is, therefore, safe, while other towns on the Pacific coast ought to take warning and be prepared for any emergency which may arise.

The Doctor is of the opinion that the whole western part of our country beyond the Rocky Mountains has been uplifted from the sea by earthquakes within recent geological times, and that the ocean continues this work of mal ing more land. Except for earthquakes, he says, all the land would long since have been washed down and the sea would have covered the

entire globe. According to Dr. See, Utah should he perfectly safe. "No serious disturbance of the earth," he says, "need ever be feared in inland high, dry regions, such as Kansas and Colorado, but on the coast, where the sea is deep, the people must learn to be prepared for such emergencies. Our eastern coast is bordered by a shallow sea and earthquakes are not frequent in that region. The Pacific is the deepest of the oceans, and surrounded by the greatest earthquake belts; but the worst disturbances occur in South America, Japan, and the Aleutian Islands, and not in our own country." The subject is one but imperfectly torstand, but the theory here yo

One of the so-called yellow journals, some time ago, instituted a "coupon contest" for trips to Palestine, to Europe, to Cuba, to Mexico, to California, and it transpired that most of the winners were Catholic priests. The clergyman heading the list received no less than 1,132,534 votes. The second, nearly a million: the third, 744,776. Of the fifty-one clergymen named as winners and as "coming close" to the winners, thirty-three were Catholic priests!

Says a Catholic paper:

"No well-meaning Catholic will grudge these priests the benefits of their trips to the Holy Land, etc. But is it not awful to contemplate the fact, so clearly indicated by the re-sults of this 'Palestine contest,' that it is largely, if not chiefly, the Cath-olics of Chicago that read and support the yellowest of the yellow journals, which disgrace that metropolis? And we have been told on seemingly good authority that similar conditions exist we have been told on seemingly good authority that similar conditions exist in New York and San Francisco; that there, too, the yellow Hearst pa-pers enjoy the patronage of Catholics to such an extent that they would probably cease to be profitable were they entirely deprived of Catholic support."

We believe there is too much indifference among church people generally, and not only among Catholics, as to the quality of their meatal food. People fail to realize the consequences of the daily consumption of the poison. that is concealed under sensational reports of crime, and unclean gossip, not to mention the other stories of scandal and the falsehoods that are sold as "news." If the public were half as particular about their newspapers as they are about their table appointments, the filthy journals that are a nuisance in every big city would soon be relegated to the garbage pile, where they belong.

THE PEACE CONGRESS.

Perhaps nothing shows more clearly the failure of the present Hague congress than the separation of the American representatives from the British, and their drawing closer to those of the European continental Lowers. Baroness von Suttner, the eminent champion of peace, feels disouraged by this time, and does not hesitate to say so. She attacks the Hague conference with bitter irony for its dilatory and do-nothing policy. It was to be, she says, a Peace Congress, but it now appears that peace is not even to be given "a first-class. funeral." M. Nelidoff replies to protests like hers, that to labor for peace was not written in the terms of the call of the conference. The delegates, adds the Rusisan, are at The Hague "to study international law" and the west able to control inter-

ture. With all sympathy and admiration for Japanese aspirations and the Japa-nese themselves, we must admit," the review concludes, "that Great Britain's first and last duty is to hold to her own flesh and blood."



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