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PROBABLY NOT A "MORMON."

A friend sends us a copy of the Peoria Herald-Transcript of July 22, containing a local item in which the writer alleges that a "Mormon" missionary, a forerunner of a "band" bearing down upon the city, disturbed a meeting of the Salvation Army, by addressing the crowd after the "army" had left, "much to the disgust of the people who had assembled to hear the Salvationist and his followers sing and talk." Our friend asks us to offer some comment on the incident. Without further information of any

of the particulars, we can only say that the story appears highly improbable. "Mormon" missionaries are not in the habit of interrupting the meetings of anybody. They are not in the habit of denouncing any churches, or religions. Their work is carried on in humility and due deference to the rights and sentiments of their fellowmen. We believe the officers of the Salvation Army here will tell all the world that they are not interfered with in Utah by any "Mormons," and if that is true, how can the statement in the Peoria paper be credited? Will the "Mormons" do abroad what they do not do at home? Mr. Nelson, until recently the officer in charge of the work in this City, told the writer not very long ago, that someone in a city in a neighboring state had delivered a lecture against the "Mormons" whereupon he, Mr. Nelson, took occasion to contradict him publicly and tell him that he either did not know the "Mormons" or that he wilfully misrepresented them. That is the sentiment of a prominent Salvationist toward the people in Utah. If there was a disturbance of the meeting in Peoria, it was not by a "Mormon" missionary.

The Peoria story bears the mark of falsehood upon its very face. It goes on to say that the incident was made the subject of the sermon of a Baptist preacher who said that he had traveled this country over, "but it has remained for me to witness on the streets of Peoria yesterday evening the greatest insult ever offered to a religious gathering in any civilized community." Then he detailed how a man claiming to be a "Mormon" had stepped into the crowd gathered by the Salvation Army just as the Army was leaving the place, and continued the service, berating the churches of Peoria and elsewhere in the strongest language at his command. "Such an insult should not community " be tolerated in "It is right up to Peoria to purge herself of this, and that quick-According to this version, the "disturber." whoever he was, stepped before the crowd after the Salvation Army meeting was over, when the leaders of that meeting were leaving. And yet the meeting, the report says, was disturbed. What? After it had been dismissed? And then, the report states that the interruption was "much to the disgust of the people who had assembled to hear the Salvationists sing and talk." Again the writer seems to forget that he has stated that the meeting was dismissed before the intruder appeared upon the scene. The story is contradictory in its details. The Baptist preacher evidently was anxious for some anti-"Mormon" stuff, and the street incident, whatever it was, furnished him the inspiration he was looking for.

class struggle be renewed; if the va-rious machines and political factions continue to bathle for supremacy merely in order that they may control the offices for sellich personal or par-tisan advantage, then there will be bad government and a repetition of the disgracetal incidents of the past." These suggestions citizens of other

communities than San Francisco might well act upon. If honest and efficient government is wanted, the partisans who look upon offices in the same light as cantibals view tourists-as so much food-must be barred from the control of public affairs. The citizens must stand together for self-preservation.

UAS SEEN PALESTINE.

Dr. Jacob Voorsanger, of San Francisco who has visited Palestine to see for himself what the prospects of Zionism are, as regards the colonization of that country, does not give a very encourageing report. He says the country is beautiful, but that it is only in spots, about the valley, that the land is fertile. The country is generally poverty stricken, and the chief sources of livelihood of the natives are the fees they receive from tourists. All of the holy places, he says, have been turned into shows, under the care of men who

exploit them only for money. The Arabs, who now occupy the Holy Land, are of a race which has been there for 1.200 years. Although they are heavily tax-burdened by the Turks, they cling to the country with tenacity. and they would hardly desert their land, even if the money could be found to purchase it. Baron Rothschild has spent over \$15,000,000 in establishing over twenty colonies of Jews there, but not one of these is self-supporting or

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shows any prospect of becoming so. The Rabbi concludes that "the political sovereignty of the Jew is a dead How this conclusion can be reconciled with some of the prophecies of the Hebrew prophets, does not ap-You cannot judge a country

from its appearance under an oppressive government and a non-progressive race. Palestine will be different from what it is today, when its cultivation is taken hold of by an enterprising peo-

### KILLED BY FRIENDS.

Some time ago the dispatches told the story of a Philadelphia physician's suicide. The doctor had been induced to take an interest in the widely advertised scheme of a cobbler to burn ashes. He had odvanced some money. But it was not his financial loss that troubled him, when the alleged invention, or discovery, was demonstrated to be a failure. His so-called friends poked fun at him. He stood their jokes and jibes as long as he could, and then he took his own life.

It may be true that by so doing he proved himself to be a weak character, A really strong man would have returned the joker and twittings of the friends with interest, or he would have met them with silent contempt. But for all that, these "friends" were murderers. They killed an unoffending man, who, we presume, kindly tried to help a cobbler to place what appeared to be a great discovery before the world. From such "friends" may heaven shield all weak men and women. And yet they are found everywhere. There are "friends" who laugh when you fall, when you suffer disappointment and loss. They never see anything so funny as the pain someone else feels. Fool friends! Get rid

of them. A really great man will not be affected by the course of men, for or against him. He will do what is right and let the world laugh or applaude, urse or bless, and conceal his real feelings as best he can. But all men are not philosophers always. Pinpricks hurt sometimes. Even mosquitoes become a nuisance against which it is necessary to take protective measures. It is impossible to tell what the effect of an inconsiderate jest will be. It is best not to aim the loaded gun at anyone, as a joke, seeing that death may be the result.

did. Jacob Schiff says that the promised land of the Jews is America. Particularly Greater New York.

Mr. Bryan says that immediate government ownereship is not an issue. immediate governmeent ownership is not popular.

People and politicians have looked Colonel Watterson's "dark horse" gift horse in the mouth and they don"t think that he will do.

An Illinois mayor kissed a thousand babies in one day recently. The man is worse than an ordinary cringing politician; he is a regular lickspittle.

No one but a demagogue and blatherskite would charge that Governor Gooding and Governor McDonald entered into a conspiracy to have Haywood put on trial.

Two stages have just been held up and the passengers robbed by California's lone bandit. This is another evidence that there has been no abatement of the country's prosperity.

If the case against Moyer and Pettibone is not stronger than that against Haywood, it will be a mistake to go on with it. If it is stronger, it was a mistake not to begin with it.

Venezuela positively refuses to arbitrate the American claims against her This is the result of coddling and petting the nasty little republic by this country during the last score of years,

Every right minded citizen in the ountry will resent the insult to President Roosevelt conveyed in the telegram of Emmy Goldman, Alexander Berkman and ... opolyte Havel anent the verdict in the Haywood case.

Eugene Schmitz still imagines that he is mayor of San Francisco, and in consonance with that belief has appointed a new board of supervisors. Poor fellow! He is as much behind the times as was Rip Van Winkle after his twenty years' sleep.

A short time ago a leading general of the army said there was something wrong with it. The remark aroused so much curiosity and comment that he felt called upon to make an explanation, and this explanation was the sorry subterfuge that the pay of officers and enlisted men was inadequate. That may be, but to try and bolster up that

statement by saving how the American soldier receives less than the soldiers of some other countries and that his expenses are greater because of the greater cost of living in the United States (the government furnishes nim everything), is positively silly. There certainly is something wrong with the army logic in his case.

GERMANY FAVORS A COURT.

Boston Herald. Germany's delegation to The Hague, through Baron von Bieberstein as spokesman, hus declared its hearty sup-port of the proposition of our dele-gates that there be established at The gates that there be established at The Hague a permanent tribunal for the adjudication of international disputes. This is an important incident in the history of this conference and of this particular reform, for it discloses the chief military power of the continent, one supposed to be wedded especially to the arbitrament of force, co-oper-ating with us in bringing into being a tribunal which must inevitably les-sen the number of armed conflicts.

A SEVERE IMPEACHMENT.

Pittsburg Dispatch. "It was a flareback that caused the disaster on the battleship Georgia. And now for its preventive," says an and now for its preventive, says an exchange. Inasmuch as the preven-tive was already provided in the form of a gas-ejector, the assertion that the explosion was due to a flareback is a severe impeachment of the way things were done. NEW YORK AND BABYLON.





SPEAKING OF SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco is being congratulated upon the radical change in the municipal government. The new Mayor is said to have appointed a board of supervisors unsurpassed in the history of the city. They are truly representative men, and not representatives only of party, or class interests. But the point now is to retain honest and efficient men in office. On this subject the Los Angeles Express says:

"The people of San Francisco have a duty to perform. They now have clean government. It is their duty to preserve it. This cannot be done by renewing the struggle between capital and labor and making it an issue in the next municipal election. Both sides in such contest stand equally discred-

"The only issue to be met in the com-ing municipal election in San Fran-pisco is the battle between honesty and dishonesty, decency and vice. Any other issue injected in the campaign with he track is one

"Let San Francisco read a lesson from Los Angeles' political history, A from Los Angeles' political history. A atrong non-partisan organization should be formed in the northern city whose platform should be the econom-cal and efficient administration of the people's business in the people's in-terest, and which will see that only men of known probity and administra-tive capacity are nominated for the various offices.

"With a clean non-partisan ticket in the field, composed of man who will not compromise with either the polit-ical machines maintained by the public service corporations that seek through special privileges wrongfully obtained to rob the people, or with that other political machine built up by certain agitators of militant labor unionism-aen who will not kow-tow or bend the suppliant knee to either or any class; who will not compromise with vice or arime, but who will faithfully and im-partially enforce all laws and adminis-ier the city's affairs in the interests of the people, there is no question that idean and efficient government can be maintained. With a clean non-partisan ticket in naintained

"If a movement of this sort he not a orchard says that he told the truth.

THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY.

An eastern contemporary, remarkable for its political acumen, thus figures out what it regards as President Roosevelt's policy:

1. The control of an railways or oth-ier methods of transportation within individual State limitations as coming under the constitutional provision re-taining governmental control over post

The control of all trusts trans-The control of all trusts trans-gressing Federal laws through receiv-ers to be appointed by Federal Judges;
The control of all individual for tunes by the imposition of an income tex

tax. 4. The control of all agencies em-ploying labor in so far as the liability of the employer is concerned by the elimination of the plea of contributory negligence.

egisfence. 5. The control of all coal deposits ow on Government reservations to be eveloped under license from Wash-

6. The control of child labor. 7. The control of all rairoads en-raged in interstate commerce by means of governmental regulation of rates.

Even if our contemporary has correctly guessed the President's present state of mind, there is no telling that these policies will not be changed as they are tested. They do seem to be favored by the President, judging from his speeches and official acts; but experience has shown that by the time ideals are put into practice, many obstacles have modified their operation? So far as the policies themselves are concerned, there is only the possible objection to them that they may imply too much governmental control, and also too much encroachment of the federal upon the state powers. However, this latter point is one upon which men of all parties differ widely, and is generally, in the end, a question of convenience and practicability.

Keep cool-no matter how. Down east it is the heat and not the pace that kills. It will be one or the other: the Drago or the dragoon doctrine. It is rather degrading to the city to have to settle suits for changing grades. It is U. S. Judge Pitchard who is doing the nullification act in North Carolina.

#### Boston Herald

Boston Herald. Mr. Howells' reason for likening New, York unto Babylon is that its brilliance is not the expression of inward joy-ousness, but simply an appeal to the pocket. All the magnificent illumina-tions along Broadway are merely com-mercial announcements of the merits of beer and alcoholic stimulants. This differs from President Ellot's famous description of the metropolis as a vast mass of squalor. The inhabitants can take their choice.

# INADEQUATE PUNISHMENT.

Nashville Tennesseean.

Nashville Tennesseean. "Guilty without capital punishment." was the verdict brought in by the Hahnville jury in the case of the Ital-ian kidnapers of New Orleans, and a strange verdict it was, when the crime, circumstanes, and popular indignation are considered. For cold-blooded cru-elty and brutality this kidnaping and murder case has hardly been surpassed, and if capital punishment should ever be inflicted it would seem to fit such a crime.



Beggar-Say, mister, I've out uv work, an' I've got six small children t' suppert. Won't youse gimme a few pennies for 'em? Citizen-Much obliged for the offer, old man; but I've got all the children I need at present.-Chicago Daily News

"I admit," said Crittick, "that he's acquiring some notoriety, but not fame, as you call it." "But," said Dumley, "I don't see the difference between notorlety and fame." "You don't? Then you wouldn't be able to distinguish between the odor of a rose and Limburger cheese."----Philadelphia Press

The Lady (to applicant)—Yes, I advertised for a cook. Why did you leave your last place? Applicant—The woman I worked for was an old crank, an' I hadn't been there two days until she dis-charged me. The Lady—Why did she discharge you?

you Applicant—Because I couldn't cook.—Chicago Daily News.

Caller-What's the matter, old man!

Host (groaning)—Oh, nothing—only when I was called upon at the club for my maiden speech last night I be-gan, "As I was slitting ou my thought a seat struck me," and spoiled every-thing!—Lippincott's,

A New Yorker in Belgium entered A New Yorker in Belgium entered a humble cafe, on whose window was written "English spoke." A Flemish woman was mopping the floor, and painful cleanliness was everywhere. M. is Proprietaire advanced to meet his guest with, "Will Monsieur be good and go outside and soraich his feet?" --Good Housekeeping