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## IN LOS ANGELES.

The Utah pilgrims are enjoying their pilgrimage to the beautiful City of the Angels. They are being entertained with royal hospitality. Acquaintances and friendships are being formed that, no doubt, will endure, and result in mutual benefit and advantages. We hope Los Angeles will accept the generous offer of Senator Clark for transportation to this city, and return the visit. We can assure them of a most cordial welcome to the valleys of the mountains. We shall be pleased to compare notes on climate, soil, business opportunities, bathing resorts, etc., etc., and then we will gladly enter into an offensive and defensive alliance with our friends on the coast, with a view of making the entire region traversed by the new road, the most populous, prosperous, and desirable part of our great Republic.

The speeches made at the reception given by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to the visitors were appropriate. Senator Clark briefly touched upon the history of the railroad which owes its completion to his energy and enterprise. He expressed his pleasure in the realization of his plans and pointed out the vast opportunities for development brought to view by this road. Judge Colburn was armed with figures and used them to advantage. Senator Smoot took occasion to assure the audience that there is no more patriotic state than Utah; no state which does more toward uplifting humanity and upholding the flag of the country. His address seems to have made a deep impression. It was timely and proper.

We may regret the conditions that place the loyal sons of Utah, when abroad, under the necessity of assuming that the patriotism of the people here is questioned. No other state in the Union, since the problems that brought on the Civil War were settled, is in a similar position. But the fault is not with the people here, or with any of the prominent citizens in Church or State. They are all as true-hearted Americans, and as loyal to the institutions of the country, as any in all this land. The responsibility rests entirely with the little band of conspirators, whose moral status charity would rather cover with the veil of oblivion. As long as they are stirring up heaven and earth to misrepresent Utah and her people, it becomes the duty of the friends of the State, on all proper occasions, to protest against the falsehood and speak the truth.

## RIOTS IN RUSSIA.

Another massacre of Jews is reported from the south-western part of Russia. Every spring, for many years, such reports have reached the world. It is notable that the Ukase of the Czar granting a small measure of religious liberty to the Russians, did not say one word about extending liberty to the Jews. It is not impossible that this omission encouraged the anti-Semites of Russia to this new outbreak of fanaticism.

The popular prejudice against the Jews of Russia is kept alive by agitators who undoubtedly profit by outbreaks of this kind. For when the unfortunate victims are slain, or driven from their homes, and their houses plundered, there always is a chance for robbery. And this, undoubtedly, is one of the motives actuating the agitators. The stories told about the Jews are extremely absurd, and yet they find credence among the ignorant masses. One of these legends is to the effect that the Jews, at the time of their Passover, capture Christian children whom they kill, in order to use the blood for certain religious, or ritualistic purposes. We have heard Russians tell this story and assert its truth, and no argument to the contrary would be listened to. The leaders of the mob have but to recount such tales in order to inflame the masses against the Jews in almost any locality, and the result is seen in persecution, and sometimes in massacres. The meagre account of the present riot does not give the extent of it, but it is said to have lasted for forty-eight hours. The Christians, we are told, fell upon their victims in the streets, but as these were expecting the onslaught, they were armed, and many on both sides were wounded, or killed. It is a lamentable state of affairs in a country which claims to have been influenced by our advanced civilization, and it is only to be hoped that a change for the better will be effected, at any cost.

In all probability the present convulsion in which the Russian empire has been thrown will cause a reconstruction, in which fanaticism shall no more hold sway. It may come through a revolution, or the government may be compelled to take the initiative in the work of reconstruction.

In this connection the suggestions made by the editor of the French Review of Reviews are highly significant. He points out that the loans made to Russia exceed any financial risk ever undertaken by French financiers, and he thinks that a fall in Russian bonds is sure to come unless the catastrophe is averted in time. He suggests that the French government as a measure of self-protection offer to Russia a large loan by which to pay the indemnity that will be demanded by Japan, but that this money be advanced only on the condition that the Russian people are given a constitution and placed in a position to control their own finances. Should the Czar refuse this, it will be necessary, the French writer declares, to leave him to his fate.

It is supposed that this article was actually inspired by the French government. If so, it is a solemn warning to Russia, that in the view of her best friends, even, there is no salvation except in a radical reconstruction of her government. The repeated riots and persecutions and massacres that stain Russian soil will be a mighty factor in the forces that finally must cause the upheaval.

## REAL ESTATE "BOOM."

There are indications of coming activity, not to say a "boom," in the real estate market of this city. We understand that wide-awake parties are on the lookout for options on desirable property, with a view, of course, of making enormous profits in a short time. It appears to us that property owners act unwisely, if they bind themselves with unfavorable contracts, not knowing what the immediate future may bring.

As a general rule, it is not wise to sell homes, unless the seller is compelled to do so, or is absolutely certain that he thereby can better his condition. During the last "boom" many disposed of their homes for what appeared to them to be large sums, but when they wanted to buy or build for themselves, they found that they had to pay a still larger sum to obtain an equally good place, in a good location. So, how much better off were they? Others bought, and sold, and traded, until they lost every cent they had. They were not Napoleons of finance. All should profit by past experiences.

It is no advantage to a city to have all its houses and lots advertised for sale. If everybody is anxious to sell out, what impression does that produce on the prospective settler, or investor? Our real estate men long ago realized the injury innumerable "for-sale" signs were doing to the best interests of the city, and they have, we believe, discussed the question of advertising through the papers, and other channels, rather than through such signs. This is a good suggestion. Let owners of real estate, who, for some reason or other, decide to place their property on the market, do so without the screaming ostentation of fakirs. Let them be content with a reasonable profit and a slow but steady increase of value instead of a boom, which generally lasts but a short time and then leaves business dull and paralyzed.

## NOT FOR THE STAGE.

According to an Eastern contemporary, Miss May Irwin, the well known actress, has given Nan Patterson, the chorus girl who has been on trial for the alleged murder of Caesar Young, an offer of a place in her company. We hope the report is not true. Miss Irwin does not need such "attractions" to draw a good house. She certainly cannot be willing, for mercenary purposes, to prostitute the art of which she is a recognized exponent.

Nan Patterson's case has attracted attention all over the country. Two times she has been on trial on the grave charge of murder. She has spent eleven months in prison. Each trial resulted in disagreement of the jury. It is only fair that she now should have the benefit of the doubt, since it appears impossible to prove the charge beyond a reasonable doubt. She should be given her liberty. But she should not be encouraged to capitalize her notoriety on the stage. It would be far better to continue the trials than to suffer her to appear in public for the gratification for the crowd that is always hunting for sensations. The character of the man who was killed, and the dissolute life of the accused girl should rather be hidden than exhibited to the public gaze.

## LAND GRABBING.

Readers of the daily papers have for a long time noticed the cases of land-grabbing that are said to have been perpetrated under the cover of our land laws. But few are aware to what extent this industry has been carried on. Some interesting facts are given in Everybody's Magazine for May.

The case of one man is quoted who came to this country in 1850 without any resources. He is said to have gathered in township after township, until now he holds an aggregate of 14,539,200 acres, an area as large as several states combined and larger than some of the European kingdoms. Another case is quoted of a land-grabber who has tied up about 5,000,000 acres. This gentleman is said to have been indicted 86 times, but so far has escaped conviction. Another fellow is also said to have secured the title to a large number of townships. The methods employed are peculiar. He would place a wagon on the corners of four sections. Each quarter of the wagon was the "house" of a settler who had been paid to sleep there and make the necessary oaths of settlement to secure a title to the land, which then was made over to the employer.

Some change in the laws to prevent such collossal frauds would seem absolutely necessary, since the land-grabbing in all such cases nullifies the intention of the legislation by which American citizens are enabled to secure homes and build up the country.

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The Czar to Rojestvensky and Nebogatoff: "Get together."

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"The Love Letters of a Boss" are sure to be filled with Platitudes.

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Colonel Gorgas controls the canal zone. Now let him control the yellow fever.

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And now a man up in Maine declares that he is Elijah. Is he Dowie's alter ego?

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Minister Bowen refuses to talk. This is to his credit and should be to his advantage.

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Why can't streetcar conductors always be polite? It costs nothing and is good capital.

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The Wisconsin anti-tipping law is the first instance in this country of anti-get-rich-quick legislation.

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"Do not lead a double life," says Ella Wheeler Wilcox. It is impossible with the necessaries of life so high and wages so low.

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How the knockers must hate the blessed rain that means bounteous harvests for the farmers and prosperity for Utah!

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A tornado has swept over central Kansas, leaving death and destruction in its path. What's the matter with Kansas?

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The difference between Mr. J. D. Rockefeller and Rev. Dr. Gladden is marked. One has the gift of money; the other, that of gab.

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The Chicago strikers, before requesting the President to interfere, should remember the story of the frogs who wanted a king; and got one they didn't want at all.

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An Indiana judge has had haled into court an ape that smoked cigarettes, or rather the proprietors of the ape, for violating the anti-cigarette law. The Hoosier schoolmaster is abroad in the land.

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A London physician is now prescribing six-month tours by ox cart in South Africa to those of his patients who are suffering from consumption. This remedy is for those who have slow consumption.

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Although couched in diplomatic language, the controversy between Japan and France as to the violations of the neutrality of French territorial waters by the Russian fleet has degenerated into "You're another" wrangle.

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According to the British Medical Journal statistics show that men who drink alcoholic liquors live on an average two years and twenty-two days longer than teetotalers. Statistics are known to be a near relative to the Father of Lies.

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The naval expert who wants to make a real reputation should foretell which side will win in the impending battle between Rojestvensky and Togo, and why it won. Almost anyone can tell after the affair is over why it was so and not some other way.

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Just thirty-six years ago today the first railroad across the continent was completed, the ceremony of driving the last spike having taken place on the Promontory. What changes in those years! And the great men who undertook and completed that mighty enterprise are no more. There were giants in those days.

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The city of Louisville, Kentucky, is preparing for the Confederate Veterans' reunion, to be held there in the middle of June. It is anticipated that 100,000 visitors from all parts of the country will be present. As an offering of respect to the Confederate veterans, the so-called Henderson Route is distributing a three-column print entitled "The Man in Gray," which is said to receive wide-spread admiration throughout the south.

### DOUBTFUL DESTINATION.

Spare Moments.

A good highland minister was endeavoring to steer a boatload of ladies to a landing place on one of the highland lochs. A squall was bursting, and the steering was difficult, when one of the girls annoyed him by jumping up and calling out, anxiously: "Oh, where are we going to?" "If you do not sit down and keep still, my young leddy," said the minister pilot, darkly, "that will verra much depend on how you were brought up."

### ODDITIES OF THE HUMAN BODY.

Indianapolis News.

The two sides of a person's face are never alike. The eyes are out of line in two cases out of five, and one eye is stronger than the other in seven persons out of ten. The right eye is also, as a rule, higher than the left. Only one person in fifteen has perfect eyes, the largest percentage of defects prevailing among fair-haired people. The smallest interval of sound can be distinguished better with one ear than with both. The nails of two fingers never grow with the same rapidity, that of the middle finger growing the fastest, while that of the thumb grows slowest. In fifty-four cases out of 100 the left leg is shorter than the right.

### TO MARRY FOR $1,000.

Baltimore Sun.

A strange agreement has been admitted to record at Fairmont in the office of the clerk of the county clerk. By its terms, Miss Gertrude Lowther of Ritchie county agrees to marry S. W. Harden of Catawba, W. Va., and to remain his wife until his death, when she is to receive $1,000 from his estate. Harden is fifty-nine years old and is a rich widower. Miss Lowther is thirty-eight years old. The marriage license has been granted.

### DEFIANCE OF LAW.

Troy Press.

In direct defiance of the law, a secret but thriving business in lottery tickets is carried on in many cities, and fools are fleeced by sharp agents with great facility. Government detectives in Boston have just seized several thousand tickets of the Panama and Mexican lotteries, valued at from $3,500 to $5,000. They were secreted in a dress suit case belonging to W. S. Roberts, Eastern agent for the two companies. Roberts had hurriedly left the city, but was arrested in Chicago. The authorities are alert, and bound to break up this illegal business. People who are so reckless as to risk investment in lottery tickets should learn to keep their money in their pockets, for even if silly enough to suppose the drawings to be honest, the probability is that detectives will spoil the game.

### IN ARABIA.

Worcester Gazette.

The changeless desert has at last begun to feel the pulse of modern civilization. A new spirit of independence, such as has not stirred Arabia since the days of the Prophet, has begun to manifest its presence. The days of the Turk are numbered, for he is no match for the fierce sons of Ishmael. By the fall of Sanaa and the mutiny of the Turkish troops at Medina, the fate of Turkey has been decided.

### NAN PATTERSON.

Springfield Republican.

The Nan Patterson case is ended, for the district attorney is not likely to subject the woman to another trial. Two juries have disagreed on the question of the guilt of the defendant, and it is not likely that any 12 men could ever be brought together who would come to a unanimous conclusion, on the basis of such evidence as the rules of legal procedure limit them to. But, giving the young woman the benefit of the doubt, it is better doubtless that she should be freed than that she should be executed for murder. The district attorney, on the other hand, performed his duty in pressing the case, if possible, to a decisive conclusion. If there is a miscarriage of justice, the fault does not lie at his door. Public interest has been aroused to an unusual degree, but it has been an interest by no means unprecedented in recent criminal history.


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