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#### A GREAT MAN GONE.

The announcement of the death of Marriner W. Merriff, President of the Logan Temple and one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will not occasion as much surprise as regret. Brother Merrill has been a sufferer from til health for a long time. If he had not been blessed with a strong constitution he would doubtless have succumbed much sooner. But through his faith and that of his family and numerous friends his life has been prolonged. He is now released from his earthly toils and labors, and has gone to a higher and wider sphere of action where he will associate with the faithful servants of the Most High, holding the Holy Priesthood, who have preceded him and who will give him a royal

Elder Merrill has been a prominent character, particularly in the northern part of this State, for many years. He was a Cache valley pioneer. Of a practical turn of mind and a vigorous worker with the gift of a leader among men, he was a striking figure in movements for the development of that region, and in things spiritual as well as temporal, exhibited qualities that gained for him the respect and regard of the people with whom he associated. As bishop of Richmoud, as president of the Cache stake before It was divided, as one of the Twelve Apotsles and as president of the Logan Temple, he exhibited those qualities that fitted him for the position he was called to fill, and he will be remembered as one of the stalwarts of Israel, always true and steadfast and reliable, and one who could be looked up to and trusted by the Latter-day Saints His departure comes as a happy release to him. and his numerous family, while grieving at the loss of a loving husband and father devoted to their welfare, will recognize the fact that & from suffering and his soul is at peace. A great man has gone from the Church on earth, but he will be a big gain to the Church behind the veil. May Divine comfort come to the bereaved!

#### A FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANT.

We do not believe that anybody in this city, or indeed in any part of the State, who is acquainted with land office affairs and desires the public welfare, would feel any degree of pleasure if Frank D. Hobbs, the efficient position at the close of his present term, no matter who might be appointed to fill the place.

Mr. Hobbs has occupied that position for several years, and has therefore become thoroughly acquainted with the business of the office and of every district and locality of this State. He has it and its connections at his fingers' ends, and the needs and contingencies of the situation here stamped upon his brain. His honesty and energy are on a par with his well known efficiency. His personal character is above reproach, and we have never heard it assailed or of the slightest hint having been given that he is anything but a gentlemanly, unobtrusive, well qualified public servant.

People from all parts of the State who have had business with him, speak highly of his kindness, patience and diligence, and his readiness to impart information relating to land affairs with painstaking endeavors for their benefit. The humblest farmer, miner and laborer can go to him with the assurance that they will be treated with kindness and respect and with due regard to their wishes and necessities, He is an old soldier who has seen active service in the cause of his country and has been crippled in the defence of its institutions. It would be a sin and a shame to let him go udrift to give the place to some other applicant, however needy or worthy.

We are sure that the people of Utah would be pleased to see Mr. Hobbs continued in the office which he has filled with so much honor and ability. We hope that the Utah delegation at the seat of government will be a unit in recommending him for another term, and that if it is desired to find a position for any other individual, something will be found which will not displace the present incumbent. Mr. Hobbs is not of our faith, but that makes no difference to our respect and esteem for his character and his worth in the land- office,

We voice the sentiments of the people of Utah generally, of all classes, parties and denominations, when we say that for the good of the service and to satisfy the wishes of our citizens. Mr. Hobbs ought to be retained in his position. His claims to official considgration should be presented forcibly at the sent of government, and now is the time to offer them and urge his reappointment.

#### ONE MORE SAD EXPERIENCE.

Countess Bonl de Castellane, the daughter of Jay Gould, who, like some other American girls, was hungry for a title and married the Count anticipating social honors and unspeakable glory, has entered suit for divorce

against her husband, and the centest is likely to develop some scandals which will not reflect much credit upon the Count, although his course has perhaps been not very far out of the ordinary run of Frenchy high life.

It appears from what has been disclosed that the countess found it utterly impossible to continue her marital relations with her husband, and therefore moved from the family residence to a hotel in Paris. A strenuous effort was made to bring about a reconciliation between the parties, but this entirely falled and the lady appears determined to press her suit, which will be in the very opposite direction to that which was "pressed" by the Count when he made suit for her hand.

How many of these marriages of convenience, as they are called, have come to an end in a similar way to that which it is probable will wind up the Count de Castellane, it would take an historian and statistician to ligure out. But the divorces bear a very high ratio to the number of such unions, and it seems almost impossible for a good American girl to continue connubial relations with a continental European scion of nobility. But there is such a fascination in a foreign title, to the people of American upper tendom, that ladies will risk all the probable consequences of wedlock with that object in view, no matter how many frightful warnings stare them in the face,

Title-worship is almost a mania in this country, and it is wide-spread. There is a general disposition to use titles in common address and conversation. Not only is a prince, or duke, or earl, or baronet, or count, almost worshipped in what is called high society in this Republic, but title-worship enters into the ordinary intercourse of other classes. It becomes sickening when in constant repetition. It is particularly nauseating when the most ordinary attorney is called "Judge," every soldier is dubbed a "Colonel," and every fiddler a "Professor." This tendency to worship titles ought to receive an effectual check. The extravagant use of titles, whether misplaced or not, is really absurd, and the sooner it is abolished the better it will be for plain, honest American life,

The desire of many otherwise lovely admirable and splendid young women moving in the very best society, to become allied to the fading aristocracy of the Old World, ought to be repressed, and it seems to us that the terrible experiences of so many of their sex would stop this mad rush for the glitter of foreign titles and the ephemeral honors they bring to those who just

Surely American society has reached a high rank enough, with all the wealth, learning, polish and culture which have been reached in our glorious country, to satisfy the ambition of every reasonable human being. And it is sure that the hights which appear to be so far above in the circles of foreign courts, turn out to be only among the clouds which bring sorrow and grief and humiliation, America should be good enough for Americans,

#### LABOR WAR THREATENED.

Unless reconciliation between coal miners and operators can be effected soon, a strike is likely to break out shortly, more general than that which was settled four years ago through the interposition of President Roosevelt. That labor trouble affected principally Pennsylvania, but the cost of it in loss of wages, damage to industrial inter-Land Register, was removed from his ests, etc., was estimated at millions of dollars. The strike now in view, it is said, will involve the miners of ninefeen different states, and the loss will be in proportion. Half a million men will be called out, which means that two million people, perhaps, will be subjected to the sufferings attending strikes, It is to be hoped the calamity can be averted.

> The primary question is one of wages. The miners, at their conference at Minneapolis, refused to accept the old scale, demanding some increase. This, we think, the general public will regard as just, because of the increased cost of living which is so noticeable and which does not appear to have reached the summit yet. To that extent public hympathy will be on the side of the strikers. But it is surmised that the question of the recognition of the union is a still more important bone of contention, and on that question the opinions are divided. However, there is no legal provision for compulsory arbitration, and it is difficult to see how an adjustment of differences could be made except through some kind of associations of laborers and employers. Such associations should, therefore, mutually recognize each other, for the purpose of carrying on negotiations, until we become civilized enough to have arbitration courts and legal methods of settling labor troubles.

The public are deeply interested in this matter. The quarrel between miners and operators means, if there is a long strike, the interference with almost every branch of Industry in the country. Manufacture, transportation, home comfort, all depend on the coal supply, When public patience is exhausted, the employers will, finally, be compelled to resume work on whatever terms are obtainable, so they might just as well come to terms now and save untold suffering and perhaps rlots, with loss of life and property.

#### THEY WANT HUMAN RIGHTS.

The anti-foreign movement in China has resulted in an effort to reconcile the Chinese, by abolishing some of the obnoxious rules and regulations enforced to prevent Chinese immigration. Thus, it is proposed to discontinue the use of the Bertillon system of identification, and to give excluded persons the right to appeal from the decision of the immigration officers, and to employ counsel. These, and other reforms will probably make the exclusion law less objectionable, but will they make an end of the anti-foreign sentiment among the so-called Celestials? Is it not rather late to turn that strong and voluminous current in another direc-

tion? Tolstoi seems to think so. Speaking of the Russian revolution, he has said

recently that it is the beginning of a new order of things. The military power of Europe, he thinks, has passed, or is soon bound to pass, into other hands, "since it is not difficult for other non-Christian nations in Asia and Africa, being oppressed by Christians, to follow the example of Japan, and having assimilated the military technics of which we are so proud. not only to free themselves, but to wipe off all the Christian states from the face of the earth. And," he adds, "it is In this inevitable and necessary superlority of non-Christian nations that there lies the significance of Japanese victory." He sees, in other words, a new eroch duting from the Russian revolution, just as the French revolt at the close of the 18th century became a landmark in history.

If this is correct, the cloud that seems to arise in the distant, eastern sky, though at present no larger than man's hand, cannot be easily dispersed. Expert students of Chinese affairs freely express themselves to the effect that the nationalist movement there is of the greatest importance, and that its anti-foreign character will not be changed until China is recognized as a nation with rights equal to those enjoyed by other nations. It is claimed that already the agitation has had the effect of making Germany cautious, and that even Japan has been made to ealize that despite all she has done to win China's gratitude she must be satisfied with less than she had anticipated as a reward for service rendered. As a further illustration of the spirit of independence that has taken hold of the people, it is related that Japanese attempts to conserve the moral welfare and educational development of the Chinese students resident in Japan, have been met with very decided rebellion on the part of many of the students, one thousand out of the eight thousand studying in Japan having returned home rather than submit to regulations which the educational department ordered.

Every sun dog has its day.

Engineer Wallace's testimony grows interesting.

Has Castro subsided or is he merely taking a rest?

Down east the cold wave appears to be making a clean sweep.

The Chicago Solons are baving a hot fight over the Chicago saloons.

A little sunshine now and then is relished by the best of men.

And now we shall soon see whether it is the rate as well as the pace that

When the bill boards shall have been abolished then will the board bills be

The packers must have used a great deal of borax to have preserved themselves from answering.

Senator Patterson's attitude towards the party caucus is the same as that of the late Mr. Vanderbilt towards the

William Allen White rebukes Kansas for sending cheap men to the Senate. Doubtless W. A. W. would be willing to sub for a while.

With the thermometer 40 degrees below zero in New York, the Empire State must have taken itself from the temperate to the frigid zone.

Colombia is demanding pay of the United States for the loss of Panama. Colombia should merge her claims with those of confederate bondholders, and then try again.

Representative Fowler of New Jersey has introduced a bill providing for "clean money." What is more necessary than "clean money" is money that is not tainted.

President Roosevelt disapproves of hazing, but he thinks dismissal from the Naval Academy for it is too serious a punishment for the offense, so he would have Congress modify the present law. In other words, he would make the punishment fit the crime.

"There are 10,000,000 persons in the United States who live in poverty and have not enough to eat. I don't mean that they will die at the end of this week, but that they are suffering from chronic starvation," says Jack London, the author. Victims of the social "Sea Wolf," no doubt.

Georgia traveling men have begun a clean sheet crusade by drafting a bill which one of the members of the Travelers' Protective association, who is a member of the legislature, will introduce, requiring hotel keepers to change the bed linen before assigning a room to a new guest. These Georgia traveling men are too finniky. After while they will be demanding clean sheets and clean towels daily.

#### COLLEGE SPORT AND TRAINING.

American Medicine.

It is wrong to put anyone in training at any time, to create a physiologic cardiac enlargement which remains to plague him in after life, but to place the growing boy under this regimen is nothing short of criminal. No college sport should require "training," no matter how much practice is needed, and no game should single out a few very abnormal men. Sports are necessary parts of youthful life, the essentials of a child's education, indeed, and every one must take part in them to educate the nerves—not to deaden them. Games are normal only when they cultivate perceptions to accuracy and quickness, but never should American Medicine. curacy and quickness, but never should they put the tissues to their maximum allowable strain. The only use of the present game seems to be to afford relaxation to those on the grand-stand—pale-faced boys who should be at some game themselves instead of rooting for the beef of the college.

#### NO WEDDING IN FIVE YEARS.

Chicago American. St. Paul, Minn.—At the annual meeting of Unity church, the fashionable Unitarian church of St. Paul, it developed that not a single marriage had taken place in the congregation for five Some of the most prominent

families of the city belong to this church. The pastor, the Rev. Richard W. Boynton, declared his congregation answered the sortpural injunction of heaven, where they neither married no neaven, where they neither married nor were given in marriage. In his five years as pastor he had performed the marriage ceremony several times, but none of the mated couples belonged to Unity church. The members of his flock were astounded.

#### GAMBLING AT SEA.

London Truth.

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A friend of mine recently returned from a trip to the United States very full of the mischief done by professional gambiers and card-sharpers on the Atlantic liners, and strongly of opinion that the shipping companies are responsible for the existence of this evil.

. . . It is one of the worst features of the evil that many [emigrants] are youngsters going out to America or Canada, with most of their worldly wealth in their, pockets. My friend learned that the gang on his ship got £160 from certain passengers at one sitting, and that on a recent voyage of the same ship they had fleeced a young passenger to the tune of £600. He therefore urges that as the companies know the individuals they should absolutely refuse to carry them, and stand the racket of legal proceedings for so doing. ings for so doing.

#### TWO YOUNG PEOPLE.

New York Mail. "This is awful," said Miss Roosevelt esterday in some little dismay when the and her flance, Congresman Long-worth, come to this village to do a fittle shopping, found a score or more of photgraphers lined up to meet them on the deck of the ferryboat and all the passengers banked up behind them. The President's daughter and the Ohio Congressman must have thought "This and "I several times vesterials" for is awful" several times yesterday, for crowds followed them about the streets. nd at the opera more eyes were turned on their box than on the stage itself.
We suppose there is no way of compelling people to mind their own business and respect the right of other
people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

#### WHEN THE RIGHT MAN WOOS.

Boston Globe,

President Seelye of Smith college, In his annual report, makes an interesting statement of the position of the latter-day college woman. He points out that marriages of convenience are made less frequently by college women, because they do not feel obliged to marry to escape poverty or dependence, and he says that there are fewer divorces among them. The most significant of his statements, however, is that college women "are as ready to wed as other women when the right man woos them." This appears to be wed as other women when the right man woos them." This appears to be a very plain and direct explanation of a matter that has occasioned consider-able discussion. It seems to be up to the men who want college women for wives to be the right men, and it cannot be accepted as other than a favorable influence if college women are insisting upon higher standards in the men that come a-wooing.

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