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MEMORIAL SERVICES.

To the Presidents of Stakes and Bishops of Wards:

We have set Sunday, the 26th inst. apart for holding memorial services in honor of the late Apostle Abraham Owen Woodruff, and would like to have such meetings held in all the wards in Zion, believing that the Saints genreally will desire to attend them, and thus show their love and respect for one whom they have learned to love and esteem for his faithful labors in their



There are many faise and absurd notions concerning the beliefs and practises of the people commonly called "Mormons," but none of them is more incorrect than the popular fallacy about Church dictation in politics. A vigorous and well-written endeavor to put this matter right before the public will be found in the June number of that excellent magazine, The World's Work. The author is said to be "One Who Knows." We could give a very good guess as to his identity, and we agree with him in most of his explanations and conclusions, viewed from a non-"Mormon" standpoint.

It appears to be almost a waste of time and effort to try to correct public opinion as to the genius and methods of the "Mormon" Church, and especially as to its attitude in reference to political affairs. While it is true that the "Mormon" religion embraces secular as well as spiritual duties and obligations, and that it is a religion for the body as well as the spirit, for time as well as for eternity, and that it is practical in its teachngs, and influences humanity in every phase of existence, it is not true that the "Mormon" Church dietates the politics of its members, tells them what or whom to vote for, or to what party they shall belong. This fact has been stated repeatedly, but to very litle purpose among people and papers that "prefer to believe" the contrary, Yet it is true that there are no religious votaries under the sun who are more perfectly free than the Latter-day Saints or "Mormons." The writer in The World's Work puts the matter in this way:

in private, we need not enter into any discussion. The imagination of some politicians and writers is very prolific. but not quite so reliable. Opinions amount to little unless based on positive facts. There is no reliable evidence that the "Mormon" Church, or its leaders, who are usually designated as "the Church," have controlled elections in this State. There is plenty of positive proof that candidates whom they were known to favor have not been elected, and that others against whom they had objections have succeeded at the polls. All such facts are ignored by people who cling to the fiction that the "Mormon" Church dominates the State, and the pulpit with the press of the country will doubtless for some time repeat and echo the fallacy.

der about the forests and have little 'The "Mormons" in Utah are divided contact with other people except when in political sentiment and are quite as trading. The women, as is usual with active in their several party organizauncivilized peoples, do all the work. tions as any other class of American The men are skilful in the use of the titizens. They are sincere in discussing bow, in throwing stones and in making measures and the merits of candidates, a fire, which they do by rubbing and if any fault is to be found with them on this score, it is that they sometogether two pleces of dry bamboo. times go to great extremes in their contentions. They exercise that liberty tribes and have attained various dewhich belongs to every citizen of this grees of civilization. Those who have studied their characteristics are favorree land, and are not required to yield ably impressed with them. Governor to any force or power other than their Taft is reported as follows; "Contrast own convictions of that which is right. If "Mormon" votes at the Filipinos with other Malays and the oriental peoples, and I ask you to name the polls are to be regarded as a people offering more opportunities for "church influence' 'in politics, then the development along the lines which Church is divided against itself, and

American ideals require than the people cannot stand. of these islands," Director Sanger's While there are some statements, personal opinion is that "the Fillpinos opinions and deductions in the article are generally subordinate to lawful auin The World's Work on "Mormon" thority, that under competent officers Church Influence in Politics with which they make excellent soldiers, and in the we do not fully agree, yet in the main it course of time will make good citizens. presents the subject in such a light that The ephemeral tribe distinctions that reflecting and fair-minded readers will now exist will gradually disappear, and view it in a different manner from the one-sided but popular notion, and the the Filipinos will become a numerous and homogeneous race, exceeding in inresult we believe will be favorable to

IS CHINA HARMLESS?

of consolidating the Asiatic forces in

a gigantic struggle against western

aggression. But the writer quoted

takes no stock in such predictions. His

belief is that China cannot be consoli-

dated, and he gives some interesting

data relating to the present condition

of that enormous country. There is,

we are told, no Chinese nation, and no

Chinese state. China is politically

a huge agglomeration which is held

together by the teachings of Confucius.

Its basis is the family. In theory the

emperor exercises supreme paternal

own. During the Chinese-Japanese

war of 1894-95 only the northern'squad-

"China's weakness," he goes on to

the heavy foot of the conqueror. China

has proved unconquerable because she

is ungovernable, having never been ac-

customed to any form of government

properly so called. The very lack of

has deprived conquering nations of a

means of gaining a hold on the nation

and of the possibility of imposing their

will on the people. Besides the deeply-

rooted hatred of foreigners, the absence

of governmental restrictions and the

self-centred existence of the family

have made a hostile kingdom of every

household to the stranger who tries to

lead or to coerce China upon a new

path. A conqueror may, and possibly

will, win over the mandarins; but he

will find it impossible to conquer the

people. For this reason Japan would

not be able to obtain a hold on China,

even if she had a mind to do so, for

Japan might possess but she could not

This is a picture of China, totally

different from that which is generally

presented to public view. It is prob-

ably correct, too. And in that case it is

safe to say that the Chinese, at present,

must be considered harmless; but

Chinese, to become a "peril," need not

consolidate into one state with one

central government, commanding a

vast standing army and a navy. Mon-

golian hordes, under skilful military

leaders, enlisted for plunder, would be

as much of a "menace" as if they were

soldiers of a regular, standing army,

ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES.

According to government census reports the Philippine group consists of

rule the country."

if not much more so.

ron went into action against Japan.

the truth.

allve.

The folly of La Follette. Speaking of what is now known as Polly wants a fire cracker. "the yellow peril," a writer in the Nineteenth Century and After comes Chairman Cortelyou, if you please to the conclusion that, if there be such a peril, it will come, not from China or Colorado is now at liberty to occupy Japan, but from the countries that are the stage once more.

now under Russian rule. Those who talk of a "yellow peril," he says, have And now Hooslers sing: "On the Fairin mind the inundations of Europe by oanks of the Wabash.' Mongolian hordes under Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, but these did not come The Russians are expecting a great from China, but from those territories sattle, not a great victory. north of China which now are Russian. The dealer who sells a toy pistol vio-The Chinese and Japanese themselves

ates the statutes of the state have been exposed to that yellow peril. The Mongolians conquered China Le chairman de la committee nationeasily; but of the enormous host which ile, c'est moi, George B. Cortelyou.

of the tropics."

landed in Japan only three returned Called back-Robert R. Hitt, John Lee Fear has been expressed as to what Webster, Cyrus P. Walbridge, et al. Japan, if victorious, will do in the way

"How long is 'before long?" " asks the Boston Herald. Ask John D. Long.

about 12,000,000 acres of private lands

and 61,000,000 acres of public lands. Of

the latter 40,000,000 or more acres are

forest, leaving about 21,000,000 acres

available for agriculture and capable

of producing all kinds of tropical fruits

and vegetables. The forest lands alone

are estimated to be worth \$2,000,000,000.

The aborigines of the Philippine isl-

ands are the so-called Negritos. Of

these there remain only 23,000, Concern-

ing these we are told that they live in

a primitive state. They are black.

Their hair is woolly and bushy. Their

toes are remarkably prehensile, and

they can use toes almost as well as they

can their fingers. They wear no cloth-

ing except a gee string. They live on

such food as they can find, have no

fixed habitations or occupations, wan-

The civilized Filipinos are of many

telligence and capacity any other people

It now looks as though the Japs at Port Arthur had out-Hobsoned Hobson

The delegates have ceased from their labors and their works do follow them Oxford has doctored William Dear

Howells. He doubtless feels better now.

Mr. Perdicaris seems very much attached to Raisull, Moored to him as it

Finnish people that they should be per mitted to enjoy their autonomous local government under the sovereignty of the czar, is one of the notorious facts of the time. The Russian policy of ab-sorption has been carried to ruthless lengths by means of ruthless measures. The war with Japan in the far east is The war with Japan in the far east 1 one result of the aggressive imperialism of the Muscovite; the murder of Bobri-koff in the northwest by a Finnish patriot and fanatic is another result.

Sacramento Bee The shooting of the governor-general of Finland recalls the old saying that Russian rule is a despotism tempered by assassination. According to the dispatches, the governor was matefully vere in his treatment of the subjugated Finns. To fine people for putting out lights and going to bed before 10 o'clock at night is not conducive to popular content. And the Finns in other and more important respects have much reason to complain. Assas tion, of course, is never justifiable had Assassina often its victims invite the fate that overwhelms them.

Chicago Record-Herald.

Hence, although one hesitates to commend even a political murder, there can be no question about the fullness of the provocation, and when all the circumstances are considered it was percurse of Russia that she forces her vic-tims to such acts of desperation by which her whole policy is condemned. The assassination of Bobrikoff is, in fact, eloquent of a misrule which repels the civilized world, and if Russian statesmen would understand why their country is so isolated they may learn much by reflecting on the causes of the tragedy at Helsingfors.

New York Evening Mail.

Between the government that is per-haps fitted for a people in the stage of culture of the Russians and a govern-ment under which the progressive Finns would be content there could be annas would be content there could be nothing in common. Their rehabilita-tion probably will not come through an imperial recognition that they are "a peculiar people." It may come with the dawn of liberal institutions everywhere in the Muscovite dominion

San Francisco Chronicle.

In 1902 the Senate of Finland was stripped of many of its prerogatives, and these were transferred to the gov ernor-general while Russians were in stalled in public posts, and all stat functionaries, judges previously irre-movable except by judgment by a court of law included, were made dismissable of law included, were made dismissable by administrative procedure. This was followed by still more arbitrary and un-popular decrees last year, one of which prohibited the use of any language save Russlan in the Finnish Senate and in the military service. The arbitrary measures which aim to destroy the Finnish language and all the rights en-joyed under the old Constitution, have created a bitter hatred of everything Joyed under the old Constitution, have created a bitter hatred of everything Russian among the people. General Bobrikoff was intensely unpopular be-cause of his opposition to the convoca-tion of the Diet and the severity with which he enforced the imperial policy of Elebard's Puscification. of Finland's Russification.



Ainslee's Magazine for July opens with a novelette, entitled Baccarat," by Frank Danby. Other contributions with a hovelette, entitien Encentri, by Frank Danby. Other contributions are: "The Human Flood, poem;" "On the Crest of a Wave," short story, Beatrice Hanscom; "Peleg Myrick's Pi-ano," short story, Joseph C. Lincoln; "The Out Trail," short story, S. Carle-ton; "The Social Side of Boston," es-say; "How Will It Be?" poem, Ella Wheeler Wilcox; "The Reason Why," poem, Mary Wheeler; "Bob Baxter, of Fairwater," short story, Chauncey C. Hotchkiss; "The Brown Cloth Skirt." short story, Hewitt Hanson Howland; "An Epitaph," poem, Y. Knott; "The Sweet Girl Graduate," essay, Dorothy Dix; Stories of the Street," VI. "On a Slender Margin; short story, Jane Maurice; The Little Red Books," short story, Olivia Howard Dunbar; "The Taming of a Recalcitrant," short story, Fletcher Cowan; "The Waning Dra-Taming of a Recalcitrant," short story Fletcher Cowan; "The Waning Dra-matic Season,"-Fifth Avenue, New Leave Sait Lake. 10:00 a.me 2:00 p.me 2:00 p.me 2:00 p.me Harper's Bazar for July is an hand-ome number of that excellent publication. The following gives an idea of the list of contents: "Concerning Glass Houses," Margaret Deland; "A Roundelay," a poem, Clarence Urmy: "A Crossroad." a story, Annie Webster Noel:" Maeterlinck and the Eternal 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. Womanly," James Huneker; "The Voice of Truth." a story, Elizabeth Jor The Voice of Truth." a story, Elizabeth Jor-dan: "The Masquerader," a novel, Katherine Cecil Thurston: "Our Paris Letter," Flora McDonald Thompson; "Midsummer Fashions," "Outing Gowns for Summer,"and "Simple Fash-ions," A. T. Ashmore; "Seif-Govern-ment for College Girls," Alice K. Fal-lows: "Commandments for Women," H. W. T., "The Housekeeper's Tool-9:30 lows: "Commandments for Women," H. W. T.: "The Housekeeper's Tool-Rox." Ada Sterling: "Norwegian Work on Collars." Lillian B. Griffin; "For Girls:" "Hints to Housewives." Margaret Hamilton Welch: "The Ba-gar's New Pattern Sheet." "Cut Paper Divisor." and "Eacks and Writters." Patters," and "Books and Writers,"-Harper & Bros., New York, Leave Salt Lake BRIGHTON HOTEL, Silver Lake, Big Cottonwood Canyon. **OPENS JUNE 25th.** Greatly improved under new manage-ment. Daily stage via Big Cottonwood Canyon and Park City. Terms \$2.00 and up. Special rates for season and to familier. and up. 8 to families. Telephone 26 Murray Exchange. HYRUM NEILSON, Prop. Dancing at Lagoon The dancing at Lagoon is made more enjoyable than ever this year, owing to the new floor and the best music in the state. Round Trip 25c. the box. 100 -----J. BERGERMAN, Lessee.

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"In reality, there has not been in tah much "Church dictation in poli-Utah much "Church dietation in poli-tics; there is, and will continue to be, a vast deal of 'church influence.' Presi-dent Joseph F. Smith of the Mormon Church is doing everything in his power to keep the Church out of politics; but to seep the Church out of politics; but neither he nor any other man will ever be able to banish church influence. In-deed, there would be church influence in Utah if there were no Mormons there, and Catholics, or Mothodists, or Presbyterians, or Lutherans, prepon-derated as Mormons do now."

It all depends upon what is meant by the term "Church influence." If "Mormon" belonging to a given political party exercises his rights and privileges as a citizen at the polis, on the platform, or through the press in behalf of his party or its principles, is it fair or logical to call that "Church influence?" If so, then it is equally right to apply the same term to the acts of a Methodist, a Baptist, an Episcopalian, a Catholic or a Jew. We contend that no "Mormon" forfeits any political right or privilege by becoming a preacher or holding an ecclesiastical office, for such a position is not to be viewed in the same light as that occupied by the established clergy in the several religious denominations. If a "Mormon" Elder, Bishop or Apostle endeavors to exercise undue influence over the minds of Church members, in the way of Church dictation or coercion or any kind of domination, it would be wrong and contrary to "Mormon" doctrine and discipline. Simply as a citl. zen, every "Mormon," no matter what his position in the Church, has equal rights with a non-"Mormon;" just that and nothing more.

The article to which we have referred shows very clearly from undeniable Utah history, that in many instances prominent church-men have been defeated at the pells by non-"Mormon' candidates. He gives names and particulars. These are only samples of many others that might be mentioned. 'That "Gentiles" have sought for and endeavored to obtain Church influence to forward their political aspirations. as he asserts, is undoubtedly true, but that they have ever secured it is another matter and is not substantiated by proof. The writer of that article remarks:

"The cry of "church influence" is raised after every convention and every election. The defeated candidate finds a convenient excuse for his failure in the assertion that he was beaten through 'church influence.'"

Every person acquainted with the situation in Utah knows this to be correct. As to reported remarks by leading Church officials said to have been made | census bureau estimates that there are

authority over the whole country, but in reality China consists of a number of almost completely independent states The discussion in the eastern press which are held together only by Conover the end-seat-hog question is un fusianism and by a common literature. ending. Owing to the complete absence of national feeling. China does not possess a Once again the Porte has yielded. But national force for national defense, but it is the most fruitless yield in the provincial armies and regional fleets, world. and each province is apt to become perturbed if forces belonging to another Transfers in the cabinet are getting province draw near, even if it be for to be almost as frequent as on a street co-operation against foreign aggression,

car line. for the inhabitants of different provinces are as foreigners to one another. When, An exchange says there are too many in 1891, anti-foreign riots, threatening doctors. Not at all. Simply too few the peace of the empire, took place on patients. the Yangtse, the Chinese government allowed foreign warships to go up the

"Every time Chairman Cannon spoke his whole body shook." It must have river rather than offend the jealous been a shocking sight. province by sending a fleet of their

> Senator Depew lost his gold badge Some of the disgruntled Badgers may have taken it away.

say, "has always proved her strength. Sir Mortimer Durand did not attend The teeming millions of her population the convention at Chicago but he may have been like shifting quicksands to ecoup at St. Louis.

> Mr. Rockefeller is growing a new crop f hair. Making two spears of hair grow where none grew before.

a native governmental organization Chicago hotel keepers are more dis appointed than the favorite sons who expected to be named for second place and were not.

> On July 27 Mr. Roosevelt will know officially that he has been nominated for president of the United States. He will have had a quiet notion to that effect long before that date.

We have a lot of advance copies of unusually eloquent vice presidential nominating speeches that we will dispose of cheap or let go for subscriptions. Come early and avoid the rush!

Much is being made of the fact that Levi Z. Leiter started life as a poor boy, and poor boys are pointed to it as an example. About one poor Levi Leiter boy inshalf a million will grow into a rich Levi Leiter man.

ASSASSINATION OF BOBRIKOFF.

New York Evening Sun.

When the war with Japan broke out to then the war with Japan broke out it was soon seen that the Finns, like the Poles and other peoples who had been submerged by Russia, hoped that the enemy would win. It was true they could not rise. That would be mad-ness, But there were rumors of plots in Finland as in various other constant Finland, as in various other quarters of the empire. The Finns are not An-archists or Nihilists. The Patriotic pararchists or Ninlists. The Patriotic par-ty is conservative in its ideas. It wants to bring about the restoration of the free institutions which Russia has no sympathy with. The greatest misfor-tune which the Finns ever suffered oc-curred when they lost the chance of be-ing joined with Norway and Sweden.

Springfield Republican.

1,141 islands, containing nn area of 832,-968 square miles. The number of in-The assassination of Gen. Bobrikoff, the Russian governor-general of Fin-land, is the legitimate fruit of Russian tyranny in that province of the em-pire. That the Russian autocracy has habitants is placed at 7,635,226, of which 647,740 are said to be wild. The others, 6,987,426, are civilized, or partly so. The betrayed the early pledges made to the