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## THE PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY.

The 23rd of this month is the anniversary of the birthday of the Prophet Joseph, who was born on that date in the year 1805. It has been suggested that the event be remembered by the Latter-day Saints in their public meetings on the preceding Sunday, Dec. 22, Stake Presidents and Bishops of wards might arrange for suitable addresses and musical exercises, and invite the general public to the services. The story of the Prophet of the last dispensation is a wonderful story. It is well worth telling, and listening to. And the world will be benefited by intelligent testimonies of his divine mission and the work he accomplished before his martyrdom.

## A MATTER OF BELIEF.

It has been said repeatedly by the apologists for the Negro and Catholics of our age that they only demand that the Latter-day Saints render obedience to the law. They are concerned only about the moral status of the community. How does that pretense appear in the light of the so-called legal proceedings instituted against Judge Alfred Budge of Idaho? He is a young, intelligent man, with a promising future before him. He has broken no law. Against his record as a gentleman, a citizen, and an official, there is no charge. He is respected and honored by all who know him, and yet, it is proposed to deprive him of his rights as a citizen in the state of Idaho, by legal process. How does that strike the thousands of Christian gentlemen and good women throughout the country, who have been misled to believe that the anti-Mormon crusade is a crusade against immorality? The Idaho case ought to open their eyes to the real nature of the sentiment that is out of date in this age, and therefore a blot upon, and a menace to American institutions.

Judge Budge is a member of a prominent family of Latter-day Saints, and a member of the "Mormon" Church. He, therefore, belongs to an organization that believes in the eternity of the marriage covenant, or "celestial" marriages. The Idaho constitution has a provision against "celestial" marriages. This has always been construed to mean "plural" marriages, or polygamy, and the framers of the Idaho constitution will hear out the statement that their intention was to bar from the exercise of the prerogatives of citizenship, not anyone with a peculiar belief in something relating to life hereafter, but only those who in this life are transgressors. They will say that they did not intend to legislate for eternity, but for time only.

But, although there ought to be no two opinions as to this, the genius that inspires the anti-Mormon plots in the Gen state, has decided to endeavor to disfranchise the victims of their unreasoned enmity, because they believe that a man and a woman may contract to live together both for time and eternity. Is it not time for the conservative element in this country to wake up to the arrogance of the political hypocrites who are trying to reach the goal of their ambition by the aid of bigotry? Are the men who utterly disregard the laws of the country and clamor for the application of Lynch law as a substitute for the Constitution safe? Can they be trusted in the legislative halls of the nation? It may interest some of our readers to know that the Latter-day Saints are not the only Christians who believe in the eternity of marriage covenants. We have before us a little periodical called The Helper, issued by the American New-Church Tract society, Philadelphia. Its leading article is by Rev. Arthur Mercer, on "The True and the False Affinity." We make a few extracts:

"It should be noted also that marriage in the perfect sense, that is, the heavenly marriage, is possible only as we become regenerated. It pertains solely to that internal or spiritual man which takes form in us only as we are 'born again' from God."  
"Marriage on earth, is on the other hand, external and temporary in its very nature."  
"It was but the scientific truth which our Lord expressed, when he told the Sadducees that in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage. If we enter into heaven it is because we are already in the Divine home, married. This was the beautiful thought uttered by Charles Kingsley in his tribute to his own married life. 'The exact words are not in mind, but the sentiment was: "The Lord's words to the Sadducees as far from disturbing my faith in the existence of marriage in the other life really confirm it. For I feel myself so thoroughly married here, that I shall have no need to be married again there."  
"Marriage is not simply a feature of heaven. It is heaven."

We quote this merely to show that the Latter-day Saints are not alone in their belief in the eternity of marriage covenants. Is it the intention of the Idaho crusaders to make this belief a general test for citizenship? If so, the question is important enough to appear in the Supreme Court, if that can be done. For it has been generally understood in this country that abstract belief is not prescribed by law, and should not be interfered with.

## GROWING SALT LAKE.

Times of peace and money surpluses set a city back as far as it can get back to values, activities and spirit. Therefore special joy is due over this

fact that in 1901, despite the great shrinkage in the volume of business for the final months, the total reached to practically twice the sum reached in 1900, and 1904 was counted a more than prosperous year.  
The Clearing House brings out the only good news to the city. The Saturday evening crowds on the streets, and the Christmas shoppers tell that numbers reach totals before unheard of. The city is growing. You can tell your friends about it and back up your argument with facts. One of the latest features of banks and banking is that Salt Lake bankers are beginning to smile, and that the annual statements, just called for by the secretary of state, show most of them to be in a marvellously prosperous condition. This is one of the encouraging signs of the times.

## WESTWARD-RO.

Today the fleet is on its westward way. It is a thing the nation has been preparing for through all of its years of growth, for it was only the development of the arid regions that made it worth while to send the forces of the nation's defense to the Pacific shores.  
The call of the Pacific has been echoing long, and its answer has come from immigrants in ox teams and prairie schooners, from railroad builders, and mighty manufacturers. As the flag came west, so came also the course of empire, financial, commercial, spiritual. Now the country, which in 1776 began with a federation of 13 eastern seaboard states, has a western shore line, whose interests are so important that come peace, come war, the chief executive wants to know how rapidly his fleet can get to it, how effective it will be when it arrives, and how well trained its personnel is for a long journey, such as the western coast might some time demand to be made.  
"In times of peace," reads a recently perverted maxim, "prepare to break it." We do not share the gloom of those who put emphasis on the possibilities for trouble in this crisis, but rather we join in the sentiment of Fighting Bob Evans, who in declaring that his fleet was ready for "fun, fight, or frolic" meant only, we seem to think, that the eternal preparedness which is the first essential of fleet, had not been overlooked just because this cruise is merely for practice.

In its recognition of the west and its demands, and of the Pacific and its growing place among the world's waters as the center of the next century's trade, the fleet's coming has its most special significance. To the world it brings no worse an omen than that America is growing. To the West its omen is that great days are ahead.

## THE NOBEL PRIZES.

Last year President Roosevelt was the winner of the Nobel prize for distinguished services in the cause of the peace of nations.  
This year another American, Prof. Michelson of Chicago, wins it, because of his attainments and inventions in physics. He has made several contributions to the science of optics.  
The prize for chemistry has been bestowed on an Englishman, Sir Wm. Crookes. He suggests that a cheap fertilizer might be obtained by utilizing atmospheric nitrogen. Much progress has, however, been made toward the realization of Sir William's hopes, and if the present promise of success is eventually fulfilled a great boon will be conferred both on those who raise grain and those who consume it.  
The medical prize goes to a Frenchman, Dr. Laveran of Paris, who has within the last few years investigated the germs of a disease that prevails in Africa, though his most important achievement was in 1880.  
This was that malaria was not caused by unwholesome air, as formerly believed, but by the presence of an organism in the blood—a fact demonstrated two years prior to Koch's discovery of the bacillus of tuberculosis.  
Science knows no nationality. Its benefits are confined to no one country. The debt which the world owes to the unnoticed investigations of the scientist, may in a few cases be recognized, but cannot be repaid or even generally appreciated.

## THE JAMESTOWN EXHIBITION.

The recent Jamestown exhibition was a financial failure. Its average daily attendance was only four thousand. It did not pay expenses.  
Pageants and powder, great naval and military displays, battleship maneuvers and fireworks, and even the idea of doing honor to the memory of heroes and of national epochs of history—all these combined could not make a real world's fair.  
Norfolk, Virginia, is too far from the great centers of population to sustain such an undertaking. It is devoid of most of the attractions that people like to see. The industrial and culture features found in any great city furnish more of a fair than do historic and national ideas and persons dimly recalled by monuments and spectacular displays.  
It is claimed that the affair was mismanaged, but we suspect that any kind of management could scarcely have made of it a financial success.

Bon voyage!  
New York much prefers blue points to "blue laws."

This kind of weather makes the north pole seem quite near.  
Is it the field against Taft or every fellow for himself?

In most murder cases it is the state and not the accused that does not get a fair trial.

When the fleet sailed away all it lacked was Roy Neill and his fair young bride.

There is no difference between a leading corporation and a grasping corporation.

No riot or disturbance of any kind in Goldfield is getting to be the "regular" thing.

Alison was the best presidential tim-

ber ever produced in Iowa and he was never able to make it.

Brown and Barlett though busted, have made a great raise. Their ball has been raised from \$75,000 to \$200,000.

The library of Congress is now the third largest in the world, while the library building is the handsomest in the world.

Speaking of the Gould divorce case, "Buffalo Bill" says: "I was offered not \$25,000, but \$50,000 to testify and I refused the offer." What is the Colonel's price?

There is said to be friction between Herl and the directors of the Metropolitan Opera House. Seems to be a case of counterpoint rather than of harmony.

The merger of Allegheny and Pittsburgh is now complete, the latter having taken control of the former. Allegheny is no more; gone up in smoke, as it were.

President Woodrow Wilson says every college should have a "professor of things in general." In other words every college should have its Here-There-and-Nowhere.

The President has given a great impetus to the launching of booms. It will not be long before most of them will be hard ground on the rocks, fast going to pieces.

General Funston says that he finds conditions in Goldfield worse than he anticipated. It is to be hoped that they will not have to become still worse before they become better.

Russian reactionaries with headquarters in Geneva have condemned a New York editor to death, and have sent three "specialists" to carry out the sentence.

"On which side of the cow should the milk be sold?" inquires some one whose business it is to ask such things. Perhaps it would not be amiss to suggest the outside," says the Washington Herald. That's right.

## INDIANS IN THE SENATE.

Philadelphia Inquirer.  
The appearance in the United States Senate of two men of Indian blood is one to give us pause and reflect upon the history of the aborigines. The civilized tribes of the Indian Territory have almost a century of civil experience behind them, and they may manage to do pretty well. And it is of interest that the admission of Oklahoma completes civil war reconstruction, for the Indians joined the confederacy and expected to become an important state when their side won.

## WE KNOW WHAT WE WANT.

St. Louis Times.  
Out here in the middle west there is no hysteria on the subject of deep water. We know that we have certain rivers that have small value, rivers that cannot be made much better by the expenditure of money for their improvement; but we know, on the other hand, that we have great streams whose carrying power and general worth to a real inland empire may be vastly improved by an intelligently disposed appropriation.

## A GOOD ACTOR OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

Chicago Record-Herald.  
Many an old playgoer will read the death notice of James H. Stoddard with regret and a renewed sense of obligation to an actor of the training and exceptional ability. Stoddard was a man of such strongly marked individuality that it declared itself through every variety of make-up, but his range of parts was large and he brought intelligence and a finished art to bear on every role he undertook. It is said that he balked at the Baron Chevalier, and thus gave Richard Mansfield his opportunity. This, however, could not have been a typical incident in his career, since his character delineations included samples of cynical rogues, stormy passions, generosity and goodness, and misery that called for pity, and consisted of minor sketches in some plays, where they were the most forceful of the entire performance.

## JUST FOR FUN.

He Escaped.  
"I have a friend who is writing an Indian version of 'The Star Spangled Banner.' 'I guess it belongs, Osgood, can't it see?' inquired the cheerful idiot, dodging immediately into a convenient doorway.—Kansas City Journal.

## Must Uphold His Reputation.

"In writing up the burglary," said the excited caller, "you can say that the thieves in their hurry overlooked \$750 worth of jewelry and solid silver plate in one of the cupboards."  
"Might that not bring the burglars to your house a second time?" suggested the editor.  
"I don't care if it does," exclaimed the other. "I don't want the public to get the impression that a gang of robbers can go through my house and only find \$25 worth of stuff worth stealing."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## The Prevailing Craze.

Guide—You will be the second person, my lord, who will have climbed to the top of this mountain.  
My Lord—Yes, and who was the first?  
Guide—A postcard seller, who has now got a shop on the summit.—Bon Vivant.

## Desperate Villain.

Mother—Why did you not scream when Hans kissed you?  
Daughter—He threatened me.  
Mother—How?  
Daughter—He said if I did he'd never kiss me again.—Lagendroffer Blaetter.

## A Wise Move.

"Why in the world are you carrying two umbrellas?" somebody asked the forgetful man, and he looked amazed at the question.  
"I should think you'd guess that easily knowing me," he said. "I'm carrying two so that if I forget and leave one anywhere I shall still have the other."—Youth's Companion.

## Analyzed by Analysts.

Customer—Are you quite sure this butter is fresh and of good, unadulterated quality?  
Shopkeeper—Oh, yes sir; it's been analyzed by two anarchists.—Hill Holiday.

Father (angrily)—I wish you would let that painter chap alone. I never see him but he isn't coming out of a saloon. What is his artistic specialty, anyhow?  
Son (cautiously)—"He is a marine painter, and I rather think he devotes himself particularly to schooners crowding the bar."—Baltimore American.

## SERMONET.

There are so many stories told about successful men who began their careers as office boys, that the subject has become a trite one. No matter how threadbare the topic may be, however, the real significance of such stories is inestimable. There are instances a round us of the phenomenal progress which poor boys have made through constant and persistent effort.

One of my friends told me the other day a striking instance of rapid promotion. He had been to see an officer in a well-known publishing house in New York, and found that the president, the two vice presidents, the treasurer and five out of the seven outside men in that concern had all started in as office boys. One of the sales men was so green when he accepted his first outside job, that he walked up fourteen flights of stairs in a Chicago skyscraper and didn't know enough to take the elevator. Another one of the men, when he was promoted out of his office boy's job, was succeeded by his younger brother, who was eventually also put on the road.

Today all these men hold good positions, and not one of them has passed the forty-year mark. Of course, this story does not bear the weight of the classic biographies of Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller. The men in this story are not multi-millionaires, nor do they control any great industry; but they are successful men, and they started in as poor boys.

The fact that there are nine such men all in the employ of the same company, however, makes it interesting. It goes to show what a commonplace thing it is to run across a self-made man. Opportunities are as great today as when these men were office boys. In every case it is up to the boy to make good in little things, that they may be made ruler over many.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The December number of Current Literature has a unique feature. "The Original Christmas Story" from the Bible, with original drawings by the Italian and German artists, Franco Paula Michetti and Albert Edel. In the "Review of the Week" Dr. Wheeler deals with "The Panic and the President," "The Dominant Figure in American Finance," "Taft Among the Celestials," "The Knell of Militarism in Germany," and "Leopold the Benevolent as His Biologists See Him," are likewise discussed with vigor. In "Literature and Art" are taken up such fascinating subjects as "The Early Struggles of Lafcadio Hearn," "Wordsworth as a Poet Great in Spite of Himself," "A Plea for Literary Training Schools," and "The Woman Who Inspired Michelangelo." Do Animals Keep the Ten Commandments? and "Did Nietzsche Predict the Superman?" are two startling questions asked in the department of "Religion and Ethics." "The Constructive Side of Bernard Shaw's Philosophy," "The Fatal Flaw in Tolstoy's Training," and "An English Explanation of the Growth of Christian Science" throw new light on much mooted subjects. There are many other features of absorbing interest.—41-42 West, 25th St., New York.

The editor of the Reader has invited a brilliant galaxy of notables to his Christmas table the contributors to this number being William Jennings Bryan and Albert J. Beveridge debating on "The Tariff," short stories by G. Henry, G. E. Burgess, Inez G. Thompson, John Edward Lauer; articles by Brand Whitlock, Sara Hamilton Birchall and J. O. Curwood; poems by James Whitcomb Riley, Percival Gibbon, Florence Earle Coates and Ellis Parker Butler. Each contribution is illustrated by noted artists, many of the pictures being full pages in color. The whole number is a splendid effort.—Robbe-Merrill Co., Indianapolis.

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