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THE PATRIOT LINCOLN.

This is Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

It should be celebrated throughout the

United States and honored by lovers of

liberty in every nation. The great

emancipator of the colored race in this

country, occupies a niche in the temple

of fame that is most unique, and pro-

minent, and striking. When we consider

his lowly birth and humble surround-

ings, the struggles he had to make for

a living and an education, the gigantic

strides by which he reached the goal of

his ambition, outstripping competitors

believed to be invincible, and behold

his wonderful adaptation for the high

place which he occupied with such mas-

terful ability, the courage he displayed

in grappling with momentous issues

and in cutting the gordian knot of the

slavery problem, we cannot but con-

clude that he was destined for the po-

sition he filled and the work he accom-

plished. When that was done he was

numbered with the martyrs. His

tragic death profoundly stirred the

souls of men throughout the world, and

brought into strong relief his nume-

rous deeds of worth, his striking per-

sonality, his wise and witty say-

ings, his kindness of heart and his no-

bility of character. His personal ap-

pearance was of the rough and rugged

type, but the memory of it only am-

plifies the rare qualities of the great

and magnificent man. As "the blood

of the martyrs is the seed of the church,"

so the slaying of Lincoln was a

sacrifice on the altar of freedom that

became an evangel, proclaiming the

gospel of liberty to all the races of

mankind. We of Utah honor Lincoln

with all the patriots of the republic.

Our admiration for him and our ven-

eration for his greatness, is mingled

with the conviction that he was God,

ordained for the special mission that

he fulfilled so grandly. We join in the

commemoration of his natal day, and

thank the Giver of all good for his life

and labors, and the splendid impress

they have made upon all the nations

of the earth.

DID LINCOLN'S WORK FAIL?

Secretary Root, in a recent address

before the Union League club made

the statement that the effort to elevate

the colored race in this country by suf-

frage had failed, and that other means

must now be employed.

His argument, in substance, was this:

The nation first provided that slavery

should not exist in the United States.

Then it determined that the black man

should be free and equal in citizenship,

and finally it declared that no man

should be deprived of the right to vote

by reason of race, color or previous

condition of servitude.

"These," he said, "embodied the

scheme of thoughtful men for uplift-

ing the slaves. You remember how dif-

ficult this question was. The question

was what to do with the black man

who had been a slave from his infancy.

The answer formed was: Give him citi-

zenship, equal rights and he will rise.

And included was the implied oppor-

tunity to exercise these rights."

The speaker continued:

"I fear that we are compelled to face

the conclusion that this experiment has

## THE ANGEL WITH THE GOSPEL.

We have received a letter of inquiry

concerning the identity of the angel

spoken of in Revelation XIV, 6, 7, who

was seen by the prophet in vision. "Fly-

ing through the midst of heaven, hav-

ing the everlasting Gospel to preach un-

to them that dwell on the earth, and to

every nation, and kindred, and tongue,

and people, saying with a loud voice,

Fear God and give glory to Him for the

hour of His judgment is come, and wor-

ship Him that made heaven, and earth,

and the sea, and the fountains of wa-

ters."

It appears that there is a difference of

opinion among some students of theol-

ogy, and they desire to have it settled.

The idea has been entertained by a few

individuals, that the vision of the re-

velator on this point was fulfilled in the

ministration of John the Baptist, when

he came and restored the Aaronic

Priesthood by ordaining Joseph Smith

and Oliver Cowdery, and conferring

upon them the keys of that authority.

Others have expressed the opinion that

Joseph Smith, "the Prophet," was him-

self the angel having the everlasting Gospel

to declare to all nations, but the doc-

trine that has been held and which has

obtained almost universally in the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints is that the Prophet Moroni, who

visited Joseph Smith and revealed to

him the record of the ancient inhabi-

tants of the American Continent, con-

taining the fullness of the everlasting

Gospel, was and is the angel spoken of

in the scripture which we have quoted.

Moroni did actually come from heaven

to earth for the purpose of manifesting

the truth contained in the Book of Mor-

oni. He visited Joseph Smith three

times on the night of Sunday, Septem-

ber 21, 1823. He showed him the spot

where the plates containing the record

were concealed. He had guarded the

treasure for centuries. He met the boy

prophet for four successive years after

the first manifestation of their place of

deposit; he delivered them into Joseph's

hands; he guided and directed him

through the work of translation, and

he subsequently received them when

the work was completed, being in

charge of them until they shall again be

brought forth, that the sealed and re-

served portions of them may be trans-

lated.

In a revelation concerning the Sacra-

ment given in August, 1830, and con-

tained in section 27 of the Doctrine and

Covenants, the Lord said: "For the

hour cometh that I will drink of the

fruit of the vine with you on the earth,

and with Moroni, whom I have sent

unto you to reveal the Book of Mor-

oni, containing the fullness of My

everlasting Gospel." We regard this as

evidence supporting the view that we

have herein expressed.

See also Doctrine and Covenants Sec.

128, 29: "And again, what do we hear?

Glad tidings from Cumorah; Moroni,

an angel from heaven, declaring the

fulfillment of the prophesy—the book

to be revealed." This is corroborative

of the revelation already quoted and

supports the position we have defined.

Examining the missions of the sev-

eral notable personages who have ap-

peared in the present dispensation,

conferring their keys and authority

upon the Prophet, Joseph Smith, as

head of the dispensation of the full-

ness of times, we find none of them

who so fully answers the description of

the angel, mentioned by John the Re-

velator, as Moroni, the guardian of the

precious treasure, a part of which is

brought to light in the Book of Mor-

oni, and whose image stands on the

summit of the highest tower of the

Salt Lake Temple, figured, with his

golden trumpet, in the attitude of pro-

claiming the everlasting Gospel to all

the nations and peoples of the earth.

TURKISH WAR CLOUDS.

According to reports from London,

the public is commencing to fear a se-

rious crisis in the southeastern part of

Europe. The mobilization by Turkey

of 240,000 troops for military operations

in Macedonia is taken to mean that

the Ottoman government foresees trou-

## AMERICAN NAVY LEAGUE.

A navy league has been formed in

this country, in imitation, we presume,

of similar organizations in Europe.

Germany has one, of which the emperor

himself is the president, and this league

has in a few years conducted a very suc-

cessful agitation in favor of an enormous

expenditure for battle ships.

The purpose of the American league

is to strengthen the navy and develop

our coast defense system, and these

ends are to be attained by providing

lectures, by the distribution of litera-

ture and all other legitimate means.

The cost of membership is nominal.

The league is to be non-partisan and

the pledge is given that its name and

influence shall not be used for political

purposes.

In favor of such an organization it

is urged that a strong navy is the best

safeguard of our peace. It must also

be admitted that if we are to figure at

all as a naval power, the ships must be

built while the country is at peace, for

a navy can not be constructed in a

hurry. At the same time, the United

States should not aspire to the honor

of a great military nation. Its aim

should be to establish international ar-

bitration, and to make large armies

and navies superfluous.

However, the time has not yet come,

when all international quarrels can be

referred to a peace tribunal, and as long

as wars must be counted upon as pos-

sibilities, this country must be prepa-

red. We may not commence a war upon

any nation; but we may be drawn into

one, and then, it is necessary to be

ready at short notice.

It was a pillar of fire by night and

a snowstorm by day.

Sleigh riding is one of the luxuries not

one of the necessities of life.

The Venezuelan negotiations seem to

be sadly wanting in terminal facilities.

One should pay as he goes. But he

should be very careful where he goes.

February is the shortest month in

the year, but it is putting a lot of snow

to its credit.

Captain Hobson says that the Ameri-

can navy is totally inadequate. Since

when, pray?

As the paths of glory lead but to the

grave, people should forsake them and

seek those of peace.

If pensions were granted ex-slaves,

what a feast of fattening it would be

for the pension attorneys!

And now Mrs. Currie Nation has been

arrested in California. Surely her days

are full of troubles if not few.

Wasn't it a fine snowstorm? It did

more to solve the water problem ne-

summer than all the schemes yet de-

vised.

Guatemala is trying to butt in and

secure a bit of public attention. Little

countries, like little boys, should be

not heard.

Legislators given to reading Tacitus

should remember his saying: "When

the state is most corrupt then the

laws are most multiplied."

Speaker Henderson says that he is in

favor of anti-trust legislation. The

anti-trust legislation cry is becoming as

popular as "Hurrah for the Fourth of

July!"

Every four years some man votes

for Andrew Jackson, but down in Dela-

ware some men vote every day for Ad-

dicks. The result is the same in each

case.

Senator Morgan says that he would

not oppose "Mr. Smoot's entrance into

the Senate because he is an apostle of

the "Mormon" Church. Neither would

any other really just and sensible man.

A list of 4,000 donors of gifts to the

University of Chicago will appear in a

decennial register which is soon to be

published. But that which is of great-

est interest is the gift and not the giver.

To make it symmetrical the White

House should have a North, a South

and a West room as well as an East

room. This seems to have been over-

looked in the renovation of the historic

manion.

Winston Churchill has succeeded in

getting two bills through the lower

house of the New Hampshire legisla-

## THE WHITE SLAVE.

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ed with New Secretary of Modern Mechan-

ical and Electrical Effects.

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The settlement of the Venezuelan