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BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS.

Professor Geo. H. Brinham, of Provo, has just returned from a trip to California, where he went as a delegate to the teachers' convention at Los Angeles. The Professor is very much impressed with the untiring energy of the Californians, as well as the resources of the state. Utah was well represented at the convention, as it ought to be, considering the great advancement of educational interests here.

In reply to questions whether the "Mormons" were discriminated against in any way in the gatherings of the Association, or anywhere else, the Professor replied, without hesitation: "Not in the least." He added that many teachers from other states were eager to hear about the educational system of Utah, and that they were agreeably surprised to learn of the schools here. The Utah delegates had many opportunities of answering questions and imparting information on educational subjects.

We respectfully beg the anti-"Mormons" to make a note of the fact that all their efforts at injuring the class of people of Utah that belong to the Church, in the esteem of enlightened people in other states, have so far utterly failed. The "Mormons" are as welcome in the non-religious gatherings of respectable American citizens, as any other class. And very often curiosity induces for "Mormon" delegates more attention than is accorded to other delegates of no particular distinction. If anti-"Mormonism" were the success of fanatical politicians and fanatics would have people believe it to be, "Mormons" would be treated as outcasts outside of Utah. But they are not. All the machinations of their opponents have proved in vain, for the simple reason that the "Mormons" have, by their pure lives, true doctrines and kindly feelings toward all men, including the enemies, proved the utter falsehoods of all the accusations hurled against them.

Prof. Brinham says he was very much impressed by the fact that the majority of the teachers present at the convention, favored the use of the Bible in the schools as a text book. James H. Baker, president of the University of Colorado, in an address argued in favor of this proposition.

At present, public sentiment is not in favor of Bible study in the public schools, but we believe a change will take place in this regard, perhaps before long. The fact will be recognized that, in the interest of the state, education must have a moral foundation, since education alone is no power that can save from degradation and crime. Many of the greatest criminals have been educated men and women. And since no moral agency is more potent than a reverential and devotional study of the Bible, there will some day be a general demand for a study of that book of books, according to the age and capacity of the child.

The objections that now appear so formidable will be swept away. It is said, for instance, that the Bible cannot be studied in the schools without the introduction of sectarianism with it. This is a real objection. Competent, conscientious teachers, however, would know how to avoid this. Bigots would not want to steer clear of sectarianism. But the danger would not be as great as some imagine. Let the child become familiar with the Bible, no matter under whose instruction, and the chance is that, when the judgment has matured, the familiarity with the sacred record will be a great help in the understanding of truth and the avoidance of error. More errors have sprung up because of utter ignorance of the Bible, than because of one-sided instruction. "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures," is a true principle.

It has also been said that if the Bible is to be used as a text book, why not the Talmud, the Koran, the Veda, the Gospel of Buddha, or the doctrine of Confucius? Yes, why not, provided time and opportunities permit? There would be less bigotry in the world, if every nation could be made acquainted with the moral ideals of all other nations. The various groups of the human family know too little of each other. Let them exchange ideas and learn from each other, by all means.

JAPANESE WANT PEACE.

There seems to be practical unanimity now, among all whose opinion is entitled to consideration that there is no reasonable foundation for the war talk that has been indulged in for some time. This was the key note of the address at a social function given by a Japanese society in New York a few days ago.

About 200 guests were present at the banquet, and among the speakers were prominent naval officers of both Japan and the United States. Admiral Yamamoto said in part, speaking of the two countries:

"We have always been next-door neighbors, with only an ocean between us, but with the acquisition of the Philippines by America, which is quite close to our Formosa, our territories became still nearer, thus facilitating even more intimate intercourse between the two nations than hitherto. Our interests commercial and otherwise, are so intimately interwoven, and the cordial relations between us of fifty years' standing are of so firm a nature, that I can

confidently affirm that they will never be destroyed by mere trifling incidents."

Admiral Coghlan charged the entire excitement to newspaper talk. He said: "You tell children if they don't look out a big, black bear will get them; that's this war talk in a nutshell. The scareheads and fake interviewers are enough to worry anybody."

Admiral Evans also scored the newspapers, as follows:

"When the newspapers stop trying to stir up a war between this country and Japan," he said, "the people here will come to their senses and a better feeling will result. Then I hope that I shall have the pleasure of being at the head of a fleet to meet that of my old friend Admiral Yamamoto. Here's to his distinguished health and that of his countrymen!"

With the feeling of cordiality that exists between the two countries, there can be no objection to the dispatch of our ships to the Pacific coast, as contemplated. The Americans have as much right there as any other nation. Only jingoism can create sensationalism out of the intended cruise. Japanese statements assure the Americans that they are not opposed to such a naval move, why should American jingoism then construe it as a menace to Japan?

BURIES THE HATCHET.

The Baltimore Sun makes a note of the fact that Mrs. Carrie Nation has given up her hatchet, acknowledging the failure of the violent reform method. Mrs. Nation ought to have known that from the beginning of the work that made her notorious, but perhaps it was notoriety she sought. The Sun says:

"That eminent traveling reformer, Mrs. Carrie Nation, who came out of Kansas some six or seven years ago and has been running around loose ever since, announces that she has discarded the hatchet, which she has so long waved as an emblem of reform. After six years of smashing bottles and breaking saloon mirrors, she has found that men still drink, and there are more gilded palaces of sin than she can demolish, even if she works all her waking hours. She has also found that she has declined from a novelty into a nuisance, and that the police do not hesitate to arrest her for the injuries she inflicts. Just as if she were an ordinary disturber and not a reformer. 'Some people believe that Mrs. Nation is a sincere advocate of temperance, while others are inclined to think that she is a mere demagogue after notoriety and excitement. Few will contend that she has furthered the cause of prohibition, and many think that her methods have brought it into disrepute. Mrs. Nation announces at last that she has given up the hatchet, and will hereafter seek to achieve her ends through the ballot. 'Temperance is seldom promoted by intemperate methods. The suppression of the hatchet is a gain only to be excused by the suppression of Mrs. Nation.'"

The fact is that Mrs. Nation has achieved nothing in the way of reform by her assaults upon the property of other people. But for her sex she would probably have been killed long ago in some low den. Mrs. Nation has perhaps learned the great lesson understood by so few: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

AS SEEN FROM ABROAD.

To some philosophers across the Atlantic the condition of the United States appears to be critical indeed. They see signs of "social trouble" and even of a coming revolution.

The London Spectator discovers such signs in the disclosures made in the Idaho trial and intimates that President Roosevelt may be compelled to take another term, in order to save the nation. "We should not wonder greatly," says the Spectator, "if the Idaho struggle were followed by a great increase in the popular demand on President Roosevelt to stand for a third term, or rather for a second term, for his first assumption of the presidency was due only to the death of his predecessor during his own term of office as Vice President. He has decided not to be re-elected; but it is hardly in human nature for any man to resist a nearly unanimous nomination. So convinced are the people of the United States that he is the only man possessed of the qualities required in a time of great social trouble—the only man that is resolutely on the side of the poor, yet determined that order shall be maintained, that it is even conceivable that the great parties, in which even a refusal to continue in power would be a dereliction of duty of the kind Mr. Roosevelt is almost certain not to commit."

Bart Kennedy, the "tramp philosopher" as he is called, writing for an English magazine, very strongly emphasizes his opinion that dreadful times are ahead of the American people. As he sees it, the trial in Idaho is the beginning of a labor revolution. The hideous fire of revolution, he says, will arise in the west and sweep on to the Atlantic coast. It will devastate the whole of America.

The trouble is, he says, that the capitalists have become so bold that they are defying openly the powers of law and order—the powers that would stand between them and destruction. They defy President Roosevelt—the best president that America has ever had. This man, our philosopher continues, well knows the danger that is threatening. He has the clear eyes of the one who is disinterested. He sees that the capitalist class in America has gone mad. He sees that they are destroying their country. The magazine article concludes:

"The capitalist class rules in America. And it rules without care or thought of the people under it."

"But the horror of it is that it will carry the whole social fabric with it. This terrible and dramatic trial in Idaho is as the writing on the wall."

We cannot say that the situation in this country strikes the average American as being as serious as painted in England. To be sure, the Idaho affair is serious. But the probability is that the matter will be so thoroughly sifted that the full truth will be known to the public, and after that agitators, no matter who they are, will be careful.

The greatest danger is from the numerous efforts that are being made to make it appear that the laboring classes of this country are slaves kept in bondage by a capitalist class that controls the entire government machinery for the oppression of their serfs. Such doctrines preached continually are certain to create a revolutionary sentiment among laborers, and as we are

constantly receiving additions from Russia, Poland, and other countries where oppression is the rule, there is no lack of soil in which to plant the seeds of violence and murder. Let us hope, however, that reason may prevail.

The Elks find Philadelphia as quiet as their own upland lawns.

The "Jim Crow" first-class car must be first-class, by jimminy.

Talk about mastery of the Pacific ocean, it's bigger than any country.

The hundred million dollar theater trust will play it for all it is worth.

Governor Vardaman denies that he has got religion. Then he had better get it.

Today Kansas offers the fairest wheat fields and no favors to all who want to work.

In San Francisco they are asking whether Heney's chickens will come home to roost.

In New England they still name boys Peleg. That is one reason for calling it the "effete east."

To go from the political platform to the lecture platform is generally a step downwards instead of upwards.

"Where are Steel King Corey and his bride? asks an exchange. In the mountains of the honeymoon, probably.

San Francisco now has two mayors. She has just as much use for them as a cat has for two tails, and no more.

An English physician says that strawberries tend to produce insanity. To make such a statement the man must be mad.

Dr. Osler says that soup causes half the nervous wrecks. And nervousness is one cause why so many are "in the soup."

"Thought for the day—turn to the right," says a contemporary. Then why doesn't it cease its persiveness and turn to the right?

Since Secretary McCall told of the intended practice cruise around the Horn of the Atlantic fleet, he has been as silent as the Sphinx.

Mr. Shonis says that his daughters must marry men who accomplish things. That is very proper, seeing that the young ladies themselves are very accomplished.

The sending of flowers to the sailors of the Georgia by Admiral Yamamoto will do more to draw the United States and Japan together than a dozen diplomatic conferences. Gallant Yamamoto!

The state's rebuttal evidence in the Haywood case certainly has complicated matters and made it harder than ever to reach a just verdict. If the public feels bewildered, what must the jury feel? Pity the poor jury-men!

Rockefeller's evidence before Judge Landis showed that, so far as he is concerned, the Standard Oil directors regard him in the same light as the presidents of the big life insurance companies regarded their boards of directors—as negligible quantities.

An effort is being made to have an investigation of the matter of the bestowal of honors by the Campbell-Bannerman and the Balfour governments, some of the recipients of their honors having been large contributors to party campaign funds, it is said. Party services doubtless have weight in this matter, for the bestowal of honors on public men in England is in a measure what may be called the British spoils system.

HOW TO KEEP THE PEACE.

President Faunce of Brown. The old adage, "In time of peace prepare for war," is fallacious. I would rather say, "In time of peace prepare to make war impossible! The men who are always urging nations to prepare for war when there is no war do not realize what they themselves mean. They really mean that, when England builds a 'Dreadnaught,' we must build a bigger vessel, still, in order that England may build a third yet larger and more powerful, in order that we may build a fourth larger and more powerful than the other three. Thus preparing for war in time of peace is preparing to make war last for centuries to come. It is practically preparation for making war eternal. The way to keep the peace is not to place a bulldog in your front yard."

EMIGRATION TO CANADA.

Brooklyn Eagle. The sort of people who settled New England, and who afterward carried civilization into the West, are now doing the plains of Canada with towns and hamlets, and making and surrounding that at first seemed hostile, those safeguards of law and living that insure peace and plenty in the years to come. We cannot detain these immigrants with offers of free land, since Uncle Sam is no longer rich enough to give us all a farm, nor can we offer to such of them as are of moderate means the health and comfort in cities that should be the heritage of people doomed to an environment of brick and mortar. We must let them go with a Godspeed, comforted with the reflection that Canada is not far, and that an American element in its population and its business interests cannot but make for a continuation of friendly relations between the two countries.

THE SONS OF PRESIDENTS.

Baltimore Sun. One son of President Garfield is now Secretary of the Interior and one of the most energetic members of President Roosevelt's Cabinet. Another, Professor Harry A. Garfield, who has for years occupied the important chair of politics in Princeton university, has just been elected president of Williams college in Massachusetts. Robert T. Lincoln displayed ability as a diplomat and a financier and occupied one of the most important posts in the country's foreign service. General Fred. Grant has served with honor, if not with great distinction, in the army, and now holds one of its highest commands. His brother Jesse Grant is so popular among his fellow Democrats of California that they are urging him as a candidate for President. The Grants and occupied one of the most important posts in the country's foreign service. General Fred. Grant has served with honor, if not with great distinction, in the army, and now holds one of its highest commands. His brother Jesse Grant is so popular among his fellow Democrats of California that they are urging him as a candidate for President. The Grants and occupied one of the most important posts in the country's foreign service.

Adams, who made a much abler President than had his distinguished father.

FRANCE'S WATCHERS IN THE AIR.

New York American. Parisians looking upward during the past week have occasionally seen a long, slim, torpedo-shaped form slipping across the sky. The sun has glistered on its smooth gray sides and the mid-July winds have fluttered a tri-colored pennant at one end of the aerial visitor. Sometimes the shape has mounted so high as to be nothing but a silvery streak against the blue; at other times it has dropped so low that the boulevardiers have seen plainly that it carried four men who were silently watching them. It was the military airship La Patrie, and that airship is as distinctly a part of the French army as the artillery or the signal service. Moreover, the watcher in the air over Paris is but one of a fleet of aerial warships that France possesses, and which every whip and while rise and mount guard over Meudon and Toulon—and other fortified centers much nearer the German frontier. They are dirigible, potent engines of observation and slaughter.

JUST FOR FUN.

The Height of Honesty.

A number of small North Delaware street girls had opened a lemonade stand at the edge of the curb. The drink was in a large glass pitcher with a slice of lemon floating appetizingly at the top. One small girl, with a red crayon, had lettered the word "artificial" and leaned it against the pitcher. "What's that for?" inquired a passer-by.

"Pure food law," said the girls in chorus.

"But why should you label it? Are not the water, the lemons and the sugar pure?"

"Yes."

"Well, what's artificial about it?"

"The ice."—Indianapolis News.

Clever Scheme.

"My new play is sure to make a hit," said the popular actress. "It gives me an opportunity to display twenty new gowns."

"My!" exclaimed her friend. "How many acts?"

"Only four, but in one of them the scene is at the dressmaker's."—Exchange.

Like a Man.

"Queer duck, Tompkins."

"In what way?"

"He bought an alarm clock and then fixed it so it couldn't go off."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A Fatal Situation.

"And so, Bummer, the student was almost drowned when he was in swimming yesterday? How did that happen?"

"The ballist went by, and the poor boy was forced to remain under water so long."—Transatlantic Tales.

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