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SALVATION FOR THE NEGRO.

Some of our eastern contemporaries are copying, with comments more or less appropriate, a garbled report of some remarks said to have been made by a "Mormon" speaker at the funeral of a colored man in this city. We paid no attention to the matter at the time of the publication of the account because misrepresentation of the utterances of "Mormon" preachers is a common occurrence in these parts, and is sometimes amusing, while at other times it is simply execrable. But when a solid public journal like the New York Evening Post indulges in a long repetition of the nonsense printed here, and sets it forth as held by the "Mormon" Church, it appears to be time that something was said by way of correction and expianation. The Post commences by stating:

heaven are closed against the members

of the black race.
"This is the latest doctrine promulgated by the Mormon Church, and the declaration announcing the doom of the colored race was made in a highly Church official during the funeral services of Eugene Burns, one of the most prominent colored men in Utah."

We announce, most positively, that "the Mormon Church" has not promulgated any such "doctrine" nor made any such "announcement." Nor do we believe that a member of the Church. to say nothing of "a high Mormon Church official," entertains the notion set forth in the paragraph we have clipped from the New York Post. But if he should do so, that would not make it a doctrine of the Church, because it would run directly in opposition to established "Mormon"

There are a number of colored people belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who attend its services and partake of the sacrament of the Lord's supper side by side with white members, and are proud to be numbered with the maligned "Mormons." They have every reason to anticipate a glory commensurate with their capacity and beyond anything that mortals can describe. We do not reproduce the stuff alleged to have been dealt out at the funeral reported, but simply state that it is not "Mormon" doctrine, whether it was preached as published or not. This Church is not responsible for everything that may be spoken by one of its members or Elders. The speaker to whom the remarks are attributed is not a Patriarch, as reported, and holds no authority to promulgate doctrine except such as is held and recognized by the Church.

Waite there is a distinction as to holding the Priesthood, between white and colored people in the "Mormon" Church, and reasons for this have been revealed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is for "every nation, kindred, tongue and people" on the earth, and through obedience to it, all mankind may be redeemed and will receive that degree of glory to which they become entitled through faithfulness, every man being "judged according to his works." Salvation is for all races and conditions of humanity, and all are the children of one Eternal Father, who desires that "all may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth."

If our contemporaries who have copied the error here exposed will be just enough to correct it, they will be acting fairly with a Church which is constantly held up to obloquy through the falsehoods circulated by its enemies.

NOT STRANGE ETHICS.

Our esteemed Ogden contemporary, the Utah State Journal, has deemed it necessary to lecture the Descret News on ethics, on account of the attitude of this journal on the Panama question. The Journal, however, misstates, inadvertently we presume, the question at issue, and the effect of its discourse is therefore entirely lost.

The Journal says of a certain "News" ditorial, that "it should be read with the knowledge that the United States guaranteed the unity of Colombia by treaty, and that we have divided Colombia by setting up the Republic of

Panama. This is a strange misstatement from one so well versed in things political, as is the editor of the Journal. We are surprised at his reference to a treaty by which the United States is said to have guaranteed the unity of Colombia. This refers in all probability to the treaty of 1846, with New Granada. And it has been pretty definitely proved that the stipulations of that treaty were always considered in force with the de facto government of the Isthmus. Thus, when Panama in treaty was in force with Panama, and

1857 seceded from New Granada, the States of Colombia, the treaty went

But this is not the point. Our Ogden critic says of the United States government; "We have divided Colombia by setting up the Republic of Pana-There is not a scintilla of evidence to prove that our government had anything to do with fomenting the bloodless revolution that resulted in the secession of Panama. Even government critics have admitted this. The complaint is, that we did not compel the Panamans to remain in ervitude, or permit Colombia to engage in hostilities on the isthmus; also, that we were in too great a hurry to recogthe new republic. These are the real charges. The statement that we "divided Colombia by setting up the Republic of Panama, is, as far as known, absolutely unfounded. The argument based upon it

The "News" is where it always has been on ethics. It endeavors to defend truth, and justice, and right, and freedom ,against all manner of error, wrong and oppression. It would be the last to side with any power on earth in a scheme for the injury of a nation or an individual. At the same time we do not believe in the partisan fault-finding that has no other object than tearing

needs no consideration.

We may regret the fact ever so much, out it is nevertheless a fact, that in the dealings of one nation with another unselfishness has no place. Legitimate criticism must recognize this fact. That is "strange ethics" only when viewed through strangely colored spectacles.

SAYINGS OF JESUS.

Some time ago archæologists discovered in Egypt some papyri, thought to contain "sayings of Jesus." The acount said that, accompanied by Dr Hunt, Dr. Grenfell found a rich Ptolemaje necropolis at El Riban. The buik of the documents from the one mound consisted of a collection of sayings of Jesus. They are all introduced with the words 'Jesus saith,' and for the most part are new. The ends of the lines, unfortunately, are often obliterated. Apparently all the sayings were addressed to St. Thomas. The discovery is causing some str

n the theological world, which is quite natural. For discoveries of that kind have an obvious bearing on the question of the sacred canon. If any records are discovered, containing the sayings of Jesus, and this can be proved, they must be added to the Scriptures. For what the Lord has the Scripture. But what does then become of the old contention that the Scriptures are completed, and that nothing can be added to the sacred volume? Here Christian world must agree to add something to the Scriptures, or it must reject the "Sayings of Jesus." Either alternative is fatal to the position of Protestants on the question of the Scriptures. There is, in fact, no other logical position than this, that it is our duty to accept not only what has been divinely revealed in the past, but also that which may be revealed in the

ACCOUNTING FOR LOSSES.

According to the statistics of the churches of the United States for 1902, gathered by Dr. H. K. Carrol, the Catholics number about ten millions, with 11,000 churches and nearly 13,000 clergymen. This is the largest religious body in the country. The Methodists come next with a little over six million communicants, so that the Catholics are far ahead of the largest Protestant sect. In fact, they constitute more than one-third of all the church-people of the land. And the number is constantly growing, through immigration and other means.

It is therefore a little unexpected to hear that Catholies are not entirely satisfied with the result of their propaganda in this country. A writer in the Germania, quoted in the Literary Digest, turns in dismay from the figures given, and exclaims that they ought to be double what they are. Within the last century, he says, eight million Roman Catholics have emigrated to America, and their descendants must number twenty-four millions. According to his idea, then, the Catholic church, instead of holding its own, has actually lost say fourteen million people who ought to have belonged to it by this time. That is a startling view; no wonder it has attracted much attention, since it appeared in an influential

Catholic journal. The author of the article in the Germania accounts for this loss, partly on the ground that the Catholics are not accorded their rights in this country, equal with Protestants. This will, no doubt, be news to many American

readers. The author says:

"In America the Roman Catholic is excluded from all higher positions in the state, if not de jure, at any rate de facto. It is utterly impossible for a Roman Catholic ever to be elected to the presidency of the United States. Of the governors of the various states there is not a single one who is a member of the Roman Catholic church. Of the ninety members of the United States Senate, only two or three are members of our church, and of the three hundred and fifty-seven members of the Lower House the relative proportion of Roman Catholics is no greater. In the army and navy, although fully one-half of the rank and file are adherents of the Roman Catholic church, there is only a very small proportion of Roman Catholic chaptains. Without a single exception the salaried chaptainships in both the houses in readers. The author says:

Washington and in the legislatures of the different states are in the hands of the Protestants. Into many of the penal and corrective institutions a Roman Catholic priest is not even permitted to enter, and the Roman Catholic inmates are not seldom compelled to take part in the Protestant services. The public schools, the high schools, and the state universities are officially non-religious, yet in reality they are preponderatingly under Protestant inreponderatingly under Protestant in-uence. The divorce laws are all mod-ed after the lax principles of Protestantism. In no other country is the number of divorces so great there be-ing in the United States between 1867 and 1886 no fewer than 328,716, while in the same period in Catholic Ireland there were only seven.'

We do not believe the facts here mentioned, if facts they are, has any bearing whatever on the question of membership of the Catholic church. Offices in the state are not, in this country, filled with a view of representwhen Panama in 1861 joined the United | ing sects or churches. The fact is that Protestant churches are losing ground in the same way, though Protestantism is said to be predominant in public life. A much truer reason for the slow progress of all church interests in this country, is given by the author quoted in reference to the secret societies. On this point he says:

"Last, and not least, the Roman Cathclic church in America suffers through the phenomenal influence of the secret orders. The President of the United States is himself a Free Mason, as are also the majority of the governors, ludges and representatives. In the lay of corner-stones and similar pub-functions these orders are prominent Catholic church. America is the paradise of the lodge, but for this reason a hard field for the Roman Catholic

There is more truth in this than many are willing to admit. But the fact is that with many, the lodge has taken the place of the church. And if it is true that none can serve two masters at the same time, the gain of the secret society must be the loss of the church. When the lodge claims much time, money and energy, there will be less left for that institution which demands our entire heart, and soul, and mind, or nothing. When the churches wake up to a realization of this, they will not wonder at their slow progress.

The pesuession of coal is not the sign of wealth that it was.

Those suffer most from brain fag who have least brains.

A soldier's life is not a happy one when guarding miners is to be done.

There are nearly twenty thousand known medical remedies, yet man dies just the same.

The price of ipecacuanha has gone up. This makes it harder than ever to make it go down.

Fitzsimmons being too old for the orize ring, should now turn in and fight the good fight.

"The novel is a thing of yesterday,"

says Brander Matthews. Also of today, tomorrow and forever. The coffin trust has again advanced the price of coffins. This is another

Organizer Demolli is said to be a

reason why life is worth living.

A Denver man has written a book and didn't know it. Other Denver men is a dilemma. Either the so-called have published books and nobody knew

> The Kaiser's voice may be very soft and low but let anybody tread on Germany's toes and they will hear from

When the new Panama canal treaty gets before the Senate, Senator Tillman may be relied upon to stick his pitchfork into Hay.

track, there you are; but when an airship blows up where are you?" asks an exchange. There you air, too. Mme. Patti has been cited before a

"When a railroad train goes off the

New York Judge for contempt of court. It will be her endeavor to make it her last appearance-in court. Charles Francis Adams says that the proceedings at Panama are unpre-

were never made there would be no Petrified bodies are said to have been dug up in a Hannibal, N. Y., cemetery. Evidently they are those of people who

cedented. True, but if new precedents

lived in the stone age. "Why, in addition to all these incalculable benefits, should the United States pay a bonus of \$19,000,000?" asks the New York World. The ten millions is for pour boire merely.

Mr. Bryan '-- been visiting Nottingham as the guest of the mayor. Should he fall into the hands of the sheriff of Nottingham, if he will advise Robin Hood of the fact he will soon restore him to liberty.

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peace who fined a union miner for calling a non-union miner who was worka "scab," did just right. The union miner used the word as en opprobrious term, and as such it was as much an assault as to have sworn at and berated the non-union miner would have been. A man is as much entitled to protection from abuse as he is from battery.

"It will be noted that the 'desperate battle,' in which three fugitive criminals and any number of police engaged, the fugitives getting away unharmed and capturing a train to ride on till they could get where they might capanother, was in the enervated and effete East, and not in the 'wild and woolly West,' " says a contemporary. But it took place in Indiana, which is neither "effete East" nor "wild and woolly West," but su! generis.

Would it be too much to request of the Police department that order be maintained on the principal business streets of the city on Sunday evenings, and that people emerging from the Tabernacle in the afternoons, have free passage on the sidewalks, and protec-tion from the silly and sometimes very offensive conduct and remarks of cigarette fiends and leering callow youths who obstruct the way? We voice the request of many citizens who can scarcely refrain from taking a hand at police duty themselves.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Portland Oregonian. We have been told to get ready for the transformation of the theatrical life into a highly moral and religious occupation. The time is here, but the theater has not "made good." It is as bad as ever, perhaps worse. Women and girls are still forced to live and travel in the company of dissolute men. Few rehearsals can be pulled off with-Few rehearsals can be pulled off with-out profanity. The leading man gets drunk as often as of yore, and the di-vorced women is en regle, perhaps more than ever. The average actor is among friends in the saloon. The reactress is at home in the fast set. actor or actress who seeks or is sought in pure society is the rare exception. They flit into the lower strata of bohemianism and good-fellowship because they have not the desire or the fortitude to keep themselves for the higher.

New York Commercial Advertiser. The new pope has at last given a definite indication of his foreign and domestic policy so far as this relates to matters that are not ecclesiastical.
At a consistory held on Monday he made it clear that he would continue that passive opposition to the Italian government which Pius IX inaugurated and which Leo XIII continued. The pope is still to remain "the prisonof the vatican," and Catholics are still to take no part in Italian politics.

Christian Work and Evangelist. In point of importance belief is to aith what the payement at the door f a temple is to the most precious gements most sacred shrine. Is it any of a temple is to the most precious gem in its most sacred shrine. Is it any wonder that many seeing the name of what hey are told to seek, namely, faith (with the meaning of belief), inscribed on the bavement at the door of the temple of Christianity, mistake it for the real object of their search and never enter the temple at all? I would have it known that the temple is open to all, from its outer gate to its central shrine, but I would have its central shrine, but I would have it as certainly known, without possibil-ity of mistake, that it is not enough to stand on the pavement at the gate; that in the Holy of Holies must be sought that precious gem whose light reveals the Father's face and the loving heart of Christ.

The Watchman.

If we are to continue to maintain the doctrine and practice of the separation of church and state, we cannot have religion taught in the public schools. We must remand instruction and discipline in religion to the church and home. There is no possible evasion of this conclusion, and those who, under one pretext or another, are seeking to smuggle instruction in religion into the schools, are preparing the way, not sim-bly for a division of the school fund, but for the entrance into our civic life of that entire group of ecclesiastical in-fluences and oppressions that are still afflicting European countries. Great afflicting European countries. Great Britain has more fully emancipated it-self than any other European nation from the control of these influences, but in the education bill of the present government we see to what extent a church that has the opportunity to en-force its beheats will disregard the sacred rights of conscience.

The Living Church.

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In the meantime, the present transition stage of the Christian world gives us many indications of the certainty of future disturbance of forces. Not the least of these indications is the rise of Christian Science. This cult has ayowedly abandoned the foundation of negation upon which the Protestant sects are reared. It does not profess to be Protestant. It bears no different relation to Roman Catholicism than that it bears to Presbyterianism or Unitarianism or Mohammedanism. It is wholly positive. It wastes no time or breath in denouncing other religious systems. Consider the result of this new force infused into the Protestant world—for in the Protestant world—for in the Protestant world it lives in spite of its abandonment of Protestant principles. Christian Science has sucked Protestants into itself as into a vortex. It has drawn rich and well. But mark especially: it has drawn most largely from Protestant sectarians, less largely but consider. drawn most largely from Protestar secturians, less largely but consider ably from Protestant churchmen practically not at all from It is said that the mission of the churchmen or from Roman Catholies.

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