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LOOK AT HOME!

defense of the moral status of tate of Idaho, Governor Gooding gave the ladies of the East, who are in great anxiety about the condition of social affairs in that State, over what they regard as a "Mormon" menace, a sturp reminder of conditions existing in their own neighborhoods and suggesting that they might find plenty of work to do with realities in those places, without spending their time and mourning over imaginary evils which have no existence away out here in the West. We copied his remarks as published in Idaho papers and con-

sidered them very pertinent and timely, We have now before us a copy of the New York World, containing a plea for the waifs of that great city whose numbers are constantly increasing, un til there are so many of those foundlings left at the institutions which take care of them as to justify the World's headline of "Baby Deluge Overruns City's Waif Asylums." From the article on this subject we make the following extract:

"New York's waifs are steadily on the

"All the institutions for the care of "All the institutions for the care of the anonymous baby—the worse than fatherless and motherless little stray, left to drift upon the rocks or the shore as Fate may decide—are, crying out! Accommodations are overcrowded, the greater the mass the less the welfare of the individual. More money, more help, more homes, are the claims heard on every side. But still more and more bables, strong in their helplessness, come to be pensioners on our bounty, and two causes are contributing to make the pride of the most charitable city in the world in those tiny rescued efty in the world in those tiny rescued lives a threat which promises serious consequences in the immediate future. "The action of the Guild of the In-

fant Savior in publicly offering one ages of six weeks and two years for adoption, during the last week, was brought about by the unusual number

on hand—a number greater than could be comfortably handled.

"What the cause is I cannot say," confessed Miss Madden, the Superintendent. But more bables are constantly being abandoned, and to meet the increase we must decided our stock. the increase we must deplete our stock the increase we must deplete our stock more rapidly than we have hitherto done. Of course, out of many offers of homes comparatively few are found to be desirable for one reason or an-other, and even among those placed, there is always a possibility that some difficulty may arise during the proba-tionary year to force us to take away the child. So, you see, that keeps a great many under our care all the time, outside of our immediate charges."

This is a state of affairs that is truly horrifying to people like the"Mormons," who believe in family increase and in the acknowledgement of and provision for their offspring. When the good women of the East raise such an uproar over the family affairs of the people of Utah, about which they know nothing ,we cannot help thinking of the thousands of poor, bare-footed, ragged children who roam the streets of the great cities by day and night and are often without either food or shelter, and then comes the picture of unwedded mothers leaving the proofs of their shame in the baskets or at the doors of institutions, established for the purpose of caring for the little ones abandoned by their parents.

The benevolence that provides means for the rearing of the illegitimates and placing them in families where they can be employed when arriving at proper years, is worthy of the highest praise. But the contemplation of the evils prevailing in those great Christian cities gives a shock to people in this part of the country, fully equal to that which rection. And that is what is needed agitates the ladies of the East when the false stories concerning conditions here are told to them by pious preachers and political adventurers, who know that they are practicing deception for their own ulterior purposes.

The immense number of abandoned bables in the city of New York is duplicated, or nearly so, in other populous cities. The great responsibility for this evil rests, of course, upon the unprincipled libertines who lead women astray and then leave them to suffer the consequences, regardless of what may happen to the fruits of their unlawful passions. It all gives evidence of the terrible state of morals in the great Christian cities, and suggests naturally, the question why is there so much concern over the supposed condition of affairs in Utah, while these actual evils and horrors so greatly abound, near the very dwellings of the people who are thus agitated over what they imagine to exist away off on the

Pacific slope of the Rocky Mountains? We do not attempt to make any apology for one alleged evil here by the existence of real and monstrous wrongs elsewhere. Utah is not any the more pure because of impurities In other places. The wrongs that exist in the East do not justify anything improper in the West. The

fandly relations in Utah which are contrary to orthodox actions on this matter, even it they were true, which they are not, stir up so much wrath and indignation and efforts to bring destruction upon those who are in the piural family association, while the corruption which illicit relations, proven by the exposures like that we have quoted, abourd in such magnitude without exciting any concern on the part of the very religious people who are so worked

ip about Utah and the "Mormons?" We coincide with the opinion of Governor Gooding of Idaho, that the char-Itable ladies of the East who desire to establish social purity in the West, and are so much agitated about the "American home" should turn their attention to affairs in their neghborhood, where there is so much wider a field for their energies, and so much more occasion their influence to establish social puri-

The sins of Christendom cry aloud to the heavens for retribution. Intemperance, excess, licentiousness in Its vilest forms, the suppression of maternity, the destruction of unborn infants, the abandonment of the offsprings of vice and lust are a few of the evils and horrors in Christian centers. Yet it is from them that the hypocritical outcries of professional preachers and writers are heard, demanding the suppression of a system, which if carried out according to its real principies, would establish society upon a firm and natural and virtuous basis and bring social redemption to the

Let the lovers of right and truth and chastity, east and west, look to their surroundings and conditions, cleanse their own platters and purify their own linen, before they attempt to interfere with the affairs of a State which is white and hely in comparison with their own conditions.

LAKE MOHONK CONFERENCE.

Beginning on the last of this month and continuing for three days, the annual gathering at Lake Mohonk will be held with a larger attendance, probably, than ever before. Among those expected to deliver addresses are Hon. Andrew D. White, ex-Minister to Germany; Justice David J. Brewer of the United States Supreme Court; former Senator Henry G. Davis of West Virginia; Hon. Oscar Straus of New York; Hon, H. B. F. Macfarland of Washington; Justice Charles B. Elliott of the Minnesota Supreme Court: and Dr

Benjamin F. Trueblood of Boston. This conference is the creation of Mr. Albert K. Smiley, who in 1895 issued a number of invitations to prominent citizens, to meet at his summer home at Mohonk Lake, N. Y., for the purpose of discussing international arbitration. Forty-eight persons responded to the first invitation. The gathering has been held every year since then, and the number of attendants has steadily increased. Last year there were over 250 present, including diplomats, jurists, educators, editors, business men and clergymen. The object is the promotion of international arbitration, and the

public declarations of the conference, therefore, represent the sentiments of representative citizens, intent on getting at the possibilities of a great undeveloped principle. In these declarations the conference has always held out a high ideal, but true to the practical, has devoted most of its time to developing the details leading toward that

The permanent corresponding secretury of the conference is Mr. H. C. Phillips. In a communication to the "News" he gives these details of an institution with which the general publie should become familiar. He

also gives a glowing and graphic description of the natural charms of the place where the delegates are enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Smiley. He says in part:

"From Sky Top, the highest peak in the Mohonk estate, towering 300 feet above the lake, the vision sweeps over as noble and magnificent a range of scenery, of lofty mountains and lovely alleys as may be seen in any land user the sun. To the west lie the ric der the sun. ind fertile farm lands of the Rondout alley and beyond them rise the Cat-tills, rich in romantic and historic emories. Directly below the peaks of Mohonk lie the meadows and orchards of the Wallkill valley, with the old Dutch settlement of New Paltz nestling ong its trees and gardens, and many among its trees and gardens, and many miles beyond these, still eastward, the highlands of the Hudson. And in those rare days when the sky is soft and clear, the pilgrim in this favored land, looking out from the heights of Sky Top, may catch glimpses of the Berk-shire Hills in Western Massachusetts, of Vermont's verdant mountains, and sometimes may extend his vision even to the ranges of the Alleghenies be-yend the Pennsylvania border."

We hope the coming gathering will be productive of much good. The discussions should have a tendency to influence public opinion in the right dinow. Governments and statesmen no longer hunger and thirst for war. Were they at all times supported in their efforts to solve international questions peaceably, there would be no war between civilized countries. Every effort to educate the masses for peace, deserves encouragement. But, possibly the education should commence with domestic affairs, rather than international. We should learn to arbitrate labor troubles, for instance, as a preliminary to international arbitration If nations knew how to preserve peace at home, they would experience less difficulty in maintaining peace with neighbors,

PERFECT UNITY.

Recently a New York pastor preached a sermon on the desirability of a consolidation of all the Christian churches. He said the time is at hand to do away with the war of sects.

It is true that there is less of denominational Pharisaism than there used to be. Members of the several sectarian churches do not stand at an aristocratic distance from one another. each thanking God that he is not as the others. They have come closer together and care not so much for the doctrinal differences. In fact, many contrast between them is great, but of the old doctrines for which the faiththat does not justify anything that is ful of former generations would fight

sin" and "total depravity" than there used to be. No one in his right mind will preach about the "millions of infants not a span long," who former divines used to describe as "hanging in hell because they sinned in Adam. Fo, differences are being broken down, and churches have less cause to make war one upon another.

The prophetic word clearly forecasts a time when unity, harmony and good will are to prevail among men everywhere. And many factors in our age are making for the consummation of this plan. But perfect union will never be the result of an abandonment of truth and indifference to eternal principles. It will never come through human wisdom and power. The unity of which holy prophets of old spake, will come when all authority, and power, and glory, and dominion is given for their sympathies and the exercise of | to the Lord Jesus Christ, and His presence in the Church, as its head and ruler is recognized. It will come when all questions of faith and practice can be and are in fact, referred to Him for decision and His word is accepted as Then there will be unity, and harmony, and peace, and not till then, In Russia, in our own age, the ex-

periment of forcing the masses into unity of faith has utterly failed. Though people there have been forbidden to think and speak, except in accerdance with prescribed formulas, sects and factions have become as numerous as foaming waves upon a storm-swept sea. There is clearly no escape from this condition except in the re-establishment of communication with heaven, and the acceptance of the authority of the Son of God as to the end of controversy. It used to be, "Rome has spoken, the controversy is ended." When it can be said 'Jesus has spoken." there should be perfect unity among His loyal follow-

The boom will be at its height on the Fourth of July.

Raining these days seems to be as easy as falling off a log.

To the winner the Kaiser's cup will be a cup of joy. To the losers it will be one of bitterness.

It begins to look as though the "coming naval battle" would be preceded by another great land fight. Dr. Gladden would doubtless object

to Mr. Rockefeller making a contribution to the conscience fund. Some of the Hartford preachers are attending a class in farming. It should

be a good thing for pastors of flocks. The Chicago professor who prefers a fisherman's hut to a house probably would not find a cycle of Cathay irk-

Mr. Bryan is going on a tour of the world to study municipal government. He need not go away from home to find terrible examples.

The Washington Post talks about "missionary efforts to lead the trusts to repentance," You can lead a horse to water but you can't make nim drink

Secretary Shaw says that he is not worrying about that thirty-five million dollar deficit. The Secretary is more cheerful and optimistic than Mark

"Why not employ the remains of the ribe of Digger Indians on the Panama canal?" asks an exchange. Their keep would be cheap as they could cat ruta-

Some New Yorkers who sued "Tom" Lawson for \$25,000 have paid him \$11,000 to call it square. This looks as though those who went out to shear had come back shorn.

Two baseball players were killed Sunday. Such occurrences are always regrettable, but more regrettable when their occurrence results from the desecration of the Sabbath.

"Poverty," says Mr. Carnegie, "is a priceless heritage." Those who have it, as most do, do not feel that way. They would be willing to let it go for a small sum and on easy terms. President Roosevelt should take note

of the fact that three bears were killed

this week within fifteen miles of Salt Lake City. Colorado isn't the only hunting ground in the West. Those Chicago school children who have gone on strike are no doubt familiar with the story of those Boston boys who "kicked" to the British commander

because of the action of his soldiers in

interfering with their sport on the Com-

When President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners in announce ing that the sessions of the Federation would be open, said that education and not secrecy was what was needed to help solve present industrial problems. he made a statement worthy a states. man. That policy adhered to will win.

THE CUBANS AND PITZHUGH LEE.

Hartford Courant. Hartford Courant.

When the news of General Fitzbugh Lee's death reached Havana, the Cuban House of Representatives immediately adopted a resolution of sympathy and condolence. Mrs. Lee has received a letter from the president and secretaries of that body. In it they say that the House heard the news with profound grief. The general is spoken of in the letter as "that great-hearted man, valiant soldier, and unwavering friend of the Cubans who in life was called Fitzbugh Lee, and who having died will live eternally in the gratitude died will live eternally in the gratitude of our country."

THE WILES OF ADULTERATION.

World's Work. Comparatively few consumers realize to what extent foods and drugs are adulterated and misbranded. Most of the spurious products are sold in states other than those in which they are manufactured or produced. Strawberry jelly is most commonly made of glu-cose and timothy seed, and colored with aniline dye. Cigars are frequently sold as Havana, though made from tobacco grown in Virginia, Kentucky or Mis-souri. Furniture made from Wisconsin bass wood is polished and sold throughevil in either place. The point in view and die, are laid aside and forgotten. out the country as mahogany. Syrup is this: Why should the reports of There is much less talk of "original composed of glucose and cane syrup is

sold under a maple syrup brand, though it does not bring a maple syrup price. Cotton seed oil is sold as olive oil, though it does not bring the price of the genuine product.

MODERN MORALITY.

Atchison Globe. We stopped long enough recently to read a story like this: A wife of a rich man fell in love with a man not her husband. She took the jewelry he had given her and some of his money and was eloping with the man. The automobile in which he was to carry her way wouldn't work and he got her away wouldn't work, and he got mad and said, "Damn." The woman refused to clope with a man who swore, so she climbed out and went back to so she climbe her husband.

FRANCE'S VAST ART TREASURES.

New York Sun. The French prefects have received in-structions to make inventories of the art treasures of all the prefectures. The exact value of these is unknown, but it is immense, and has been com-puted at \$400,000,000, reckoning only the reliquaries, pictures, tapestries, and things of like kind. If the statues, al-tars, stained glass windows, etc., are included, it is estimated that the figur-will reach \$1,200,000,000. The treasures in one small church in the Department of Aveyron, which were on view at the of Aveyron, which were on view at the exposition in 1900, drew an offer of \$6,200,000 from a syndicate. At Beauvais the tapestry in one room in the bishop's palace is worth \$60,000. The Rheims Cathedral has one reliquary worth \$40,000. The present Duke of Norfolk's father offered \$800,000 for the chausable and stole of Becket, which are preserved in Paris.

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