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A CRUSADE PROMISED.

The Chicago Daily Journal of Dec. 9 contains a local article in which an anti-Mormon crusade is promised in Chicago. The writer of the article says that investigation, caused by the Mor-
mon leaders using street car advertise-
ments to win disciples in Chicago, has
disclosed conditions that promise to re-
sult in a religious crusade in Chicago
against "Mormonism." Local church-
workers, he claims, alarmed by the in-
terest awakened by the "Mormon" mis-
sionaries, plan a concerted attack on
the faith of Brigham Young and Joseph
Smith. Steps have been taken to as-
certain whether the conditions found
in Chicago prevail elsewhere, and if the
suspicions of the investigators are
verified a national crusade may follow.

The cause of the sudden awakening
of the church workers is gathered in
the article referred to. It is neither
polygamy nor church influence in pol-
itics. It is the offering of the Book of
Mormon for sale in the common book
market. The article says:

"Secret work has been done by mis-
sionaries scattered about the middle
centuries ago. It is said the number of con-
verts they have won has aroused
church workers in other cities.

"The missionary work is being car-
ried on most extensively in Illinois,
Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota
and Manitoba.

"The Book of Mormon is being ad-
vertised by means of cards and posters
which announce that it was written
centuries ago. The plates, it is ex-
plained, were dug up by Joseph Smith,
who led the Mormons from Nauvoo,
Ill., to Salt Lake City. In three years,
it is said, the sales of the book in the
States and Canadian provinces named
have jumped from 12,000 to 100,000
annually.

"In 1905, 12,000 copies were sold, and
in 1907 this figure had been brought up
to 50,000. Vigorous efforts this year
are reported to have sent the sales
higher than the 100,000 mark.

"Church workers interested in the
investigation assert that most of the
copies were sold to persons who do not
belong in the ranks of the Latter-day
Saints, as the 'Mormons' call them-
selves."

Our Chicago correspondent, Mr. P.
Nibbley, who sent us the clipping, adds:

"The whole thing is that the Book of
Mormon advertisements which President
Ellsworth succeeded in placing in
street cars, together with the excep-
tional activity of the Elders during the
past few years, have aroused the op-
position of local ministers. Exactly
how they will carry out the attack
mentioned remains to be seen."

As will be seen, there are many in-
accuracies in the representations made
in the Chicago Journal. The article
talks about the "secret work" of our
missionaries, when the fact is that our
missionary work is so far from secret
that it is done openly in the streets,
and by Elders going from house to
house in broad day light, by newspaper
articles, and by advertisements, and
sermons to which everybody is invited.
There is no secret about our work. The
principles of the Gospel are, indeed, be-
ing proclaimed from the very house-
tops, as it were. There are other in-
accuracies, as when it is stated that
the Prophet Joseph led the Saints from
Nauvoo to Salt Lake. But the chief
point is that the demand among the
public for the Book of Mormon and the
fear among clergymen of the effects of
the study of that sacred volume, have
aroused them to opposition. There is
to be a crusade. History repeats it-
self. The old question of the opponents
of the Redeemer is again raised: "What
do we? for this man doth many mira-
cles. If we let him thus alone, all men
will believe on him."

We humbly submit to the Chicago
ministers that in this country it is no
crime to advertise the Book of Mormon
for sale, nor to sell it, or to give it
away. It is no crime to distribute it to
the extent of millions of copies even.
We also suggest that in the very city
of Chicago they might find literature
more objectionable, even from their
own point of view, against which to di-
rect their energy. Our missionary work
is strictly within the boundaries of cor-
rect, moral conduct, and the Elders of
the Church have just as much right to
teach and preach and distribute litera-
ture, as any other church workers
have. Religious "crusades" against any
sect are entirely foreign to American
conditions. Such "crusades" belong to
past ages of bigotry. Those who en-
gage in them merely prove that they
are aliens at heart, unworthy of Amer-
ican citizenship.

But if the ministers in Chicago and
elsewhere will take up the Book of
Mormon in a Christian spirit, criticize it,
it, preach against it, or write against it,
we cannot but welcome their ac-
tivity in that direction. That volume
invites the closest scrutiny. It is their
right to examine it, and criticize it if
they are sincere in their belief, just as
it is the right of honest non-believers
to criticize the Bible. The result will be
similar. The Book of Mormon will be
all the more advertised and read. Vol-
taire flattered himself that he had de-
stroyed faith in the Bible. He gloried
in this achievement. But, how he was
mistaken. There are more Bibles sold
and distributed today than ever, and
the very attacks of Voltaire rallied the
most able scholars to its defense. The
Bible was more closely studied and be-
came better understood than ever.

The Chicago ministers, therefore, are

welcome to any advantage they may
gain by a concerted attack upon the
Book of Mormon or the principles of
the Gospel generally. The attack will
call for stronger defense. And in the
battle between truth and error, truth is
bound to come out triumphant and
that is all we ask for. The Latter-day
Saints Elders have no other desire than
the victory of truth over error. By all
means, let the "spirits" meet and
measure strength.

EXPLORATIONS IN EGYPT.

The directors of the Egypt explora-
tion fund, 501 Pierce Building, Copley
Square, Boston, Mass., are sending
out circulars asking for subscriptions,
to help Dr. Marville and Mr. Ayton to
excavate at Abydos, and to aid Mr.
Davis to publish inscriptions and
sculptures on tombs already excavated.

The Egypt Exploration Fund, the
circular informs us, was founded in
1882, and incorporated in 1888. Its ob-
ject is to make explorations and ex-
cavations in Egypt as a means of
throwing light on its history, religion,
arts, literature, geography, manners
and customs. With the exception of
1907-8, expeditions have been sent
every season to Egypt, consisting of
at least one party under the direction
of competent explorers, who include
such well-known scholars and antiquar-
ies as M. Edouard Naville and Prof.
W. M. Flinders Petrie.

Among the important discoveries
made is that of one of the store-cities,
Pithon-Sucoth, built by the Hebrews,
during the time of their oppression in
Egypt. The exploration of the royal
tombs at Abydos is another achieve-
ment. The annual contribution or
members is \$5.00, while a donation of
\$25.00 makes one a patron and \$125.00
a life-member.

Egyptian explorations are among the
most important. They bring the inves-
tigator to the very cradle of Old World
civilization and throw light upon the
early history of mankind. We have no
doubt that investigators will finally
be led to look for the beginning of
human civilization in the American
continent, and clues may yet be dis-
covered in the Nile Valley indicating
the soundness of this supposition.

MORE NATURAL HISTORY.

It is a matter for general congratula-
tion that the regrettable "nature fak-
ing" controversy into which several
leading thinkers of the nation were re-
cently drawn, has not resulted in ex-
tinguishing the type of literature that
provoked this lamentable discussion.

After all the chief fault found with
Ernest Thompson Seton's work was
that he made the animals too much
like human beings. He has already
shown that he is able really to do what
Gilbert White had almost done now
and then. "This was to project the
imagination from the shore of ascer-
tained fact into the unknown of the
animal consciousness, and see, quite
probably, how the animals looked upon
their world."

This achievement was so new and so
beautiful that it captivated the popular
mind and heart. Most people at heart
really love nature; and the mere popu-
larity of the books he wrote shows that
they prefer this sort of animal stories
dry and technical learning.

And what is there so fundamentally
wrong in attributing to the lower ani-
mals, certain feelings and emotions
which human beings have? It is, of
course, a matter of grave doubt as to
just how far we may properly go in
ascribing to animals some of the at-
tributes of the human spirit. Yet that
to some degree they may possess these
attributes is a plain and almost in-
evitable inference from their actions,
expressions, and acts of fidelity.

Animal stories have always been
popular. The "Fables of Aesop," says
a contemporary, though put into a Latin
dress some fifteen centuries ago, were
old when Homer's heroes talked much,
and fought occasionally, on the truly
"windy" plain of Troy.

"The animals of these stories are,
however, but men disguised; and it is
only within living memory that writ-
ers have acquired the art of looking
at animals and their doings as, we may
with some reasonableness believe, the
animals look at themselves—treating
animals as 'real people,' as, of course,
in their own world they are."

The same contemporary recalls that
it was in the year when the American
Republic began business under the Con-
stitution that a modest and elderly
English clergyman, who by preference
had remained merely a country curate,
published "The Natural History of Sol-
borne," the fruit of years of loving
study of the animal life of the parish
in which nearly all his days had been
spent.

We quote from the Inter-Ocean:
"Yet though the name of Gilbert
White is one of the few for which il-
lustrations may be safely pre-
dicted, his viewpoint of animals was
still consciously from without and
above. Only now and then and un-
consciously did his gentle soul swing
round and see animals somewhat as
they may be believed to see them-
selves."

"Inspired by Gilbert White in meth-
od, there arose a school of observers of
nature for literary purposes. Yet the
study of these writers was still chiefly
from a viewpoint wholly human. They
were more concerned to find thoughts
about animals for human edification
than to understand how animals might
think about themselves and man. They
did good service in cultivating a love of
outdoors and its tenants, but their work
was marked by a puny sort of moraliz-
ing which missed the heart of the mat-
ter from the animal viewpoint."

When Mr. Thompson Seton's books
appeared, it was evident that the art
of helping people to look upon the wild
animals as neighbors, and to under-
stand and sympathize with their con-
ditions and limitations, had been car-
ried to a point far beyond that which
had been attained by other writers.
His reappearance with a new work
precisely similar to his previous produc-
tions, shows that the acrid criticisms
of the past have not at all discouraged
him.

We hold that nature is too vast and
varied in her manifestations and mean-
ings for any one to say to a person who
loves and studies nature that he does
not see it right. According to Dr.
Johnson, Goldsmith was so ignorant of
natural history that it might be doub-
ed whether or not he knew a horse
from a cow. Yet his descriptions of na-

tural scenery are among the finest in
our literature.

"Nature never did betray the heart
that loved her." This is a declaration
reiterated by the poets and admitted
by the philosophers. And it would be
a vast and irreparable loss to our best
views of nature, if we were to be de-
prived of the reflections of those who
do not view it in the orthodox or cur-
rent scientific way.

Two qualifications, we conceive, are
necessary to one who can tell the
world something of nature; he must
love his subject, and must study it at
first hand. If he sees with his own
eyes and tells honestly what he thinks
he has seen, his conclusions are not
to be tabooed because they may hap-
pen to be different from those com-
monly accepted. And these qualifica-
tions have marked in an eminent de-
gree a number of the recent writers
whose work has been regarded by
others with a strange and unreasonable
antipathy.

NO ESCAPE.

The organ of the late so-called Amer-
ican party can no more escape from
its share in the responsibility for the in-
famous stockade proposition than a
dried bug can get away from the pin-
ning board. Calling names does not
avail. The "News" stated correctly
that the organ's protest came when it
was apparent that public sentiment
was strongly against the "American"
plan. It promptly placed itself on re-
cord as opposed to municipal ownership
of bad houses. That is, as we have ad-
mitted, true. But it would have been
just as easy to add a line at that time
in condemnation of private ownership of
such houses. This was not done. Now,
calling the "News" a liar does not af-
fect the truth of the matter at all. But,
by the way, could not the owners of
the organ, with a little exertion, find
somebody to write its controversial ar-
ticles, who knows how to employ logic
and reasonably courteous language? As
its controversies now are conducted,
the paper does not reflect credit on its
owner. It is a disgrace to the party it
pretends to represent, and it certainly
is a reflection upon the good judgment
of its readers and patrons, as well as
a constant menace to public morals.

May we not hope that some day the
refined public sentiment of this City
will rise against that kind of journal-
ism, as it has asserted itself against
the stockade proposition, its twin
brother?

All good roads lead to prosperity.

To kill time is to murder opportu-
nity.

Castro really is having the time of
his life.

Baseballists use league shoes, never
seven-league boots.

Pride goes before a fall or it prob-
ably wouldn't go at all.

To have wheels doesn't necessarily
make one a "round head."

A mirage on the desert is quite
as pleasing as a castle in the air.

For bobbing up that Brownsville
affair is worse than Banquo's ghost.

Everybody is a high liver in Salt
Lake. The food combine is responsi-
ble for it.

Japan will soon stop all emigration
to the United States. But will that stop
the Japo-phobes?

A good healthy boy always prefers
the sound of dinner bell to that of
the school bell.

Never put off till tomorrow what
can be done today. Particularly
Christmas shopping.

The Panama canal is now having al-
most as many accidents as a railroad
in the excursion season.

"Peggy," the ten thousand dollar hen
of Kansas City, must be the goose
that lays the golden eggs.

Cuba's output of molasses this year
will be about 40,000,000 gallons. What
material for candy pulls.

To almost every question that arises
in this town there are two sides—the
East side and the West side.

Germany is building airships and
submarines. In war they will be her
upper and nether millstones.

The actresses have tried every mode
of free advertising there is except the
suppressed interview. Why not try
that?

He who has learned to say, at the
right time, "No," and "That will not
do," is a long way on the road to suc-
cess.

What Hayti and Venezuela need is
to have their carvers cut. That
would tend to restore the peace of
mind in the world.

There is always a tendency on the
part of those in charge of the schools,
grade and high, to overcrowd the
curriculum. It is a bad tendency, the
effect of which is superficiality of
learning. In cultivating the intellect
as in the cultivation of the soil, the
best results are had from intensive
rather than from extensive farm-
ing.

The Mayor removed the Chief of
Police because he was not in favor of
the "red light" district; the city
Council votes to sustain the Mayor;
therefore the Council votes to sustain
the "red light" district. Is there any
escape from this logic? After a while
decent citizens will be ashamed of
themselves for having voted and
worked for "American" party lead-
ers.

JUST FOR FUN.

Aeroplane Talk.

The whole civilized world owes, at
least, one thing to the Wright brothers—an excellent subject of conversa-
tion. Nine persons out of ten speak
of aviation; it is a better topic than

"bridge," or even politics.—Paris Gau-
lois.

A Wicked Slender.

"Papa, why do brides wear long
veils?"
"To conceal their satisfaction, I pre-
sume, my son."—Smart Set.

Before and After.

John Alden was soliloquizing.
"And yet," he mused, "before we were
married Priscilla asked me why I didn't
speak for myself."
Herewith he tried to get a word in
edgewise.—New York Sun.

Youthful Ingenuity.

"I want another box of pills like I
got for mother yesterday."
"Did your mother say they were
good?"
"No—but they just fit my air gun."—
Fliegende Blätter.

Knew He Had It.

The Cheerful One—You can't eat
your cake and have it, too.
The Dyspeptic (swallowing a couple
of digestive tablets)—You can't, eh?
That's all you know about it.—Judge

"I compel my daughter to practise
four hours a day," said Mr. Cumrox.
"You will make her hate music so
that she will never want to go near
a piano!"
"That's what I am hoping."—Wash-
ington Star.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The following is the list of contents of
The Wide World Magazine for De-
cember: "Barndale's Stockade," by
C. C. Paltridge; "The Greatest Horse-
race on Record," Alan Gordon; "The
Promotion of Petroff," Maxime Schott-
land; "The Humors of a Rectorial Elec-
tion," One of the Electors; "Ad-
ventures of 'Wide World' Artists," I.
J. Sydney Boot; "Climbing in the Land
of Fire," Sir Martin Conway; "The
Spider's Web," George A. Raper;
"Dolphin Hunting," Victor Forbush; "A
Tragedy of the Nile," Major D. G.
Prendergast; "A White Woman in Can-
nibal-Land," I. Annie Ker; "Recollections
of a Texas Ranger," Isaac Moten;
"Sport Stories," "My Adventure with
Arad," Harris Danner; "The Horror in
the Pit," E. F. Martin; "The Cruise of
the Crocodile," Commander
R. Dowling, R. N. R.; "Propitiating the
Wanderer," Mrs. Herbert Vivian; "The
Affair at Greenville," N. H. Crowell;
and "Odds and Ends," "From All Parts
of the World."—International News
Company, 35 & 35 Duane St., New York.

The efforts of the publishers to make
the Christmas American Boy worthy of
its readers have proven successful.
The picture (in colors) of the pleased
and smiling boy laden with Christmas
presents and his delighted four-footed
friend, which adorns the
front cover page, is a happy index to
the timely matter the magazine con-
tains. The serials by Houston and
Tomlinson are concluded this month,
as is also "The Deer Trailers," while
"That Dillingham Boy" is continued.
Christmas is the theme of most of the
short stories. Among the larger arti-
cles are: "The Boy Who Was a King,"
"What Can a Young Man Do?" "The
Most Costly Toys in the World," "A
Champion Snow Plow for Boys," "For
the Boys to Make," "The Story of
Chocolate," "Rope-Swinging," "A Po-
lar Funtime With the Cowboys," "Some
of the Strange Tenants of a Texas
Ranch," and "How to Make an Ice-
boat." There is also an illustrated
page of college football teams. The
regular department of "Clippings" with
just the matter which will please the boys.
There are over 90 illustrations.—The
Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

The following is the list of contents of
the December Forum: "The Future
of the Democratic Party," Henry Litch-
field West; "The Young Turks and the
Old Turkey," Richard Gottheil; "Hold-
ing the Mirror Up to Nature," Clifton
Hamilton; "Trinity Churchyard," son-
net, Charlton Lawrence Edholm; "Ara-
mina," X-IX, J. C. Smith; "Life's
Sacrifice," poem, Clarence B. Urener;
"Insurance of the Working Classes in
Germany," by R. R. Roy, Sir John Gort,
M. P.; "The Progress of Psychological
Research," H. Addington Bruce; "The Un-
derstanding of John Keats," Brian
Hooker; "Silence," poem, Walter Priel-
ard Eaton; "English Tragedy," William
Lyon Phelps; "Sir Spencer Walpole's
History," Annie G. Porritt; "Before
the Fall," poem, Muriel Rice.—45 East,
42nd St., New York.

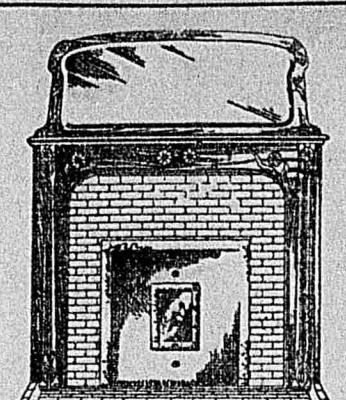
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