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TWO CELEBRATIONS.

The celebration of the eighty-second birthday of the esteemed veteran, Bishop Robert T. Burton, by a large number of his immediate descendants, on Tuesday, was a happy occasion, particulars of which appear in another part of this issue of the Deseret News. The Bishop is known throughout the Church, in all parts of the world, as one of its stalwart advocates, workers and defenders. His name is an essential feature of Utah's history. He has figured in many capacities from its early days, and could always be depended upon in any crisis and in every channel of usefulness. It is very gratifying to his friends, who number a multitude, that at his advanced age he is able to attend to his arduous duties as First Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric of the Church, and to greet in health and happiness his numerous family and kindred. May his life be prolonged in vigor and brightness, to the full measure of the allotted days of his earthly existence!

The descendants of that grand old servant of the Church, the late President Daniel H. Wells, also held a family celebration of his birthday on Tuesday evening. This is their annual custom. It is a beautiful tribute to his worth. From the days of the trying times of Nauvoo, until he laid his weary body down in peace, "Squire" Wells was faithful and true to his trust and his covenants, and in many lands lifted up the standard of Zion, which he also defended when considered needful by force of arms. He was beloved by all who knew him, and his integrity, tested in various ways, never faltered. His great heart was filled with benevolence and charity, while he was stern and strong against evil in every form. His memory is sweet and pleasant, and he lives in the souls of a host of the good and the great who hope to greet him in the realms of eternal bliss.

SHE IS A VOTER.

"Editor Deseret Evening News:
In order to settle a question of citizenship in my mind, and also to perhaps enlighten others in my circumstances, I ask you to kindly answer my next issue this question: Can my wife vote legally at the coming election, providing she has been duly registered as the law prescribes?
The facts in the case are as follows: The undersigned, at the age of 35 years, immigrated from England in the year 1886, bringing his wife with him. On the 6th day of October, 1890, he declared in the Third District Court in this city, his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States of America, and on the 8th day of September, 1895, received a certificate of citizenship from the court.
"My wife, I may say, is approximately as young (or whatever you may call it) as I am and has not gone through any court formalities. Yours truly,
"A. H. V."

In answer to the foregoing we have to say that the wife of any citizen of the United States who might herself become naturalized in the way provided by the laws of the United States for the naturalization of aliens, is to all intents and purposes a citizen and, on the showing made in the letter of inquiry, is entitled to vote at the municipal election on Nov. 3, 1903. Under the laws referred to, there is no necessity for a wife or son or daughter of a citizen who becomes naturalized through the citizenship of the husband or father, to go through any "court proceedings," as provided for aliens under other circumstances. We are of the opinion that the lady referred to is legally qualified to cast her ballot at a "free and fair election."

THE REASON WHY.

The Worcester, Mass., Evening Gazette, of recent date, takes up the question of the alleged similarity between the Bereasovskis in Russia and the "Mormons" in America, touched upon a short time ago by the Deseret News. After quoting from our columns a number of paragraphs showing the radical differences between the doctrines of "Mormonism" and the principles of "Bereasovskism," the Gazette closes with the following:

"It is to be regretted that the Mormon Church is obliged so often to renounce polygamy as part of their faith and practice. Why will the public not understand so simple a proposition after it has been repeated again and again? Is there a good reason?"

We share in the regrets expressed by the Gazette that there should be, at this late date, any necessity for reiterating the statement that the "Mormon" Church is neither preaching nor practicing polygamy as defined and prohibited by law. But that necessity arises from the continual attacks made by preachers and writers for the press, in which the "Mormon" Church is charged with "bad faith" and lawless conduct in the incitement and solemnization of plural marriages. When the enemies of the Church cease their false

accusations, the Deseret News will have no need to deny them or reply to the false assertions and poor logic of our antagonists.

The Gazette asks: "Is there a good reason?" A good reason for what? We have given a good reason for the repeated denials of groundless charges, but we know of no good reason why these charges are made. We are familiar with the newspaper and pulpit and platform attempts at furnishing reasons, but not one good reason or argument can be found among them. They consist of assertions without a particle of proof, and alleged arguments based thereupon that amount to nothing but very thin air, hot or cold, according to the temper of the producer.

One of the alleged similarities between the followers of the sect in Russia and the people who have founded and built up a state in Utah, is that the former practice polygamy as "the best means to increase their numbers." It was the only excuse on which the alleged likeness was predicated, and, as we have already shown, there is nothing in it, because the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly called the "Mormon" Church, had for thirteen years prohibited plural marriages, which are also forbidden by the laws and Constitution of the State of Utah. Will our contemporaries throughout the country ever get these facts into the gray matter of their respective craniums?

THE CANAL QUESTION.

Senator Morgan is said to be impatient because the President is not commencing negotiations with Nicaragua about the canal. He seems to take the view that the negotiations with Colombia are closed and cannot be taken up again, and that the only alternative now is the Nicaragua route.

But the fact is that Colombia is prepared to take up the negotiations again on the basis of a larger monetary consideration for the concessions desired. The Colombians ask for \$25,000,000 instead of ten. They are not to be blamed, we suppose, for trying to drive the best bargain possible. They need money badly.

There is no occasion to hurry the matter. It is believed that Colombia will, in the end, accept the American terms, and if the Panama route is deemed the best of those proposed, it is worth spending a little time on before the final disposition is taken. Great enterprises always are subject to delays, and a year or two of negotiations may prove well spent.

GERMS IN ICE.

A good many people suppose that germs imbedded in ice would lose their power to do harm, in short time. Investigators of that subject once came to the conclusion that typhoid germs in ice taken from contaminated water became harmless after a month, or even less, and it was supposed that ice three weeks old is sanitariously as safe as well filtered water. But the experiments by Dr. Hutchings and Dr. Wheeler at the St. Lawrence state hospital seem to show that the typhoid bacilli may live for many months in the ice, perhaps indefinitely, and become active again when entering the human system. Referring to the investigation and the report on it, the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal makes this observation:

"This piece of careful work should be widely read. It is apparently a justification for the opinion, long theoretically held, that under certain favorable conditions ice may be a definite and dangerous source of typhoid fever, and should lead to definite precautions against the spread of the disease from this source. Although the work of the Boston board of health was apparently conclusive, so far as it went, this new experience at Ogdensburg should suggest further experiment in which the natural conditions are as closely simulated as it is possible to make them under artificial experimental conditions."

It is clear that if there is danger from infection by ice the ice supply of cities needs looking after, as much as the water, or the milk supply.

FOR DENOMINATIONAL UNITY.

According to a report from Baltimore, Md., Dr. Paul Haupt, known for his connection with the so-called "polychrome Bible," has conceived the idea of uniting all the sects of the world, by proving to them that they have no ground for the differences in creed. He says he has come to the conclusion that creedal differences among denominations are caused by the fact that certain passages in the Bible have been persistently misinterpreted. "It is my purpose," he adds, "to examine all these passages from the point of view of modern criticism and archeology, using the original Hebrew text, and show the people that there is absolutely nothing in their differing views—that their standard of comparison is entirely wrong. I shall get leading exponents of differing denominations to expound to me the tenets of their creeds, and shall then go to the original Hebrew or Greek text, get the correct version of the passage upon which their differences are based, and shall then submit my findings to an international committee, which will decide on their validity."

That work would, no doubt, be very useful, in determining the reading and correct meaning of a number of scripture passages that have remained cloudy since the early days of scientific research on the field of theology. It would be found, in the light of modern discoveries, that a number of texts are, as now read, entirely misunderstood, and that there are but very imperfectly comprehended. Dr. Haupt would therefore render the religious world a great service by causing a critical and impartial re-examination of all disputed passages; but that would not unite the various denominations. Christian unity is not only a matter of creed but of submission, in humility, to the divine authority. As long as men and women are ambitious of their own power and influence, they will divide, and dispute, and quarrel about the foremost places; so long there will be division and strife. Not until all are willing to render all glory, power and honor to the great Captain of our sal-

vation, will there be perfect unity and love among the children of men. This is not a matter of creed but of faith. It is not a matter of a deep learning but of submission to the will of God.

The land "grafter" always expects to plow his way to fortune.

It's a dull week that doesn't see the trotting or pacing record lowered.

Some men "stand pat" simply because they don't know "where they're at."

Mr. Schwab refuses to take the witness stand, probably because there is nothing in it.

Mr. Joe Chamberlain is what is termed in American political parlance "a calamity howler."

What a splendid game of "dare" Russia and Japan are playing. And seemingly neither one dares.

When political bosses assert that "victory is already assured" they simply mean that it is assumed.

Dowie doesn't think much of newspaper men. In fact, the way he talks about them shows that he doesn't think at all.

Sherlock Holmes and Scotland Yard will have a task to solve the mystery of the murder of Sagatol Sagouni. It is just the kind of a name for a London murder mystery.

And Dan Patch has placed the pacing record at 1.56. Great is Dan Patch! Andrew Carnegie has started a home and now all the paragraphs have started for Mr. Carnegie.

On another page will be found a table showing the growth of various denominations in this country since 1890. It is published in response to a request by a subscriber.

It is good to have a city go forward, but it is better that it do it at a steady pace than by "leaps and bounds." Something is very apt to break when the "leaps and bounds" business begins.

Yesterday Sam Parks was in a particularly ugly mood, cursing the newspaper man who sat next him. Samuel should know that it is wrong to swear, that he thereby loses energy and gets nothing in return.

There is but one pensioner of the war of 1812 left. He is H. S. Cronk and he lives at Ava, Oneida county, New York, and he is a hundred and three years old. His pension is twenty-five dollars a month.

Convict Johnson, who escaped from the penitentiary, has voluntarily returned and surrendered himself. Why doesn't someone who may have seen him step forward and claim the reward offered by the state for his capture?

Sergeant Hawkins of the Twenty-fourth infantry, who has proven himself to be the most remarkable rifle shot in the world, has returned to Fort Missoula to find that a famous marksman has no honor in his own regiment.

"The efforts of Dan Patch to justify the continued existence of the horse are commendable, but the automobile does not eat anything," says an exchange. An automobile can eat up money faster than any horse can eat oats.

Dead sheep are said to have been found near the creek in City Creek canyon. If this is so, it shows that sheep have either been feeding in the canyon or driven through it. Whichever it is they had no business there. The matter should be investigated.

THE ALASKA CASE.

Los Angeles Express.
In this case, the old legal saw which concedes to actual possession nine points of law, again gave proof of its strength hold upon the minds of jurists. In this failure to win his point, the certain measure of sympathy is due to Canada. She actually needs Lynn canal, with Dyea and Skagway, in her business. In her misfortune there is nothing to suggest except complete annexation to the United States.

New York World.

Both nations are to be congratulated upon this long step toward the settlement of a needlessly irritating question. The World has never sympathized with the hot-headed view that "we should never put to arbitration the ownership of what belongs to us." The result shows that a good case is none the worse for being patiently sifted by experts of high character and ability.

Chicago News.

As an example of the advantages of arbitration when wisely and temperately undertaken the award will have a highly beneficial effect. To a certain extent it may have also the effect of stimulating friendly feeling between the British and American governments, through the Canadian case hardly be expected to take this view of the matter. The fact which will impress them is that they have been shut out from the sea by a decision which trenches the United States more firmly than ever in its position as the dominant power of the Pacific. Any resentment they may feel must be short-lived, since their case was weak and they knew it, notwithstanding their labored efforts to make it look presentable.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The decision will cause little surprise in this country and should give rise to little disappointment in Canada. The people of the latter country have really gained more than they had any right to expect. Their case was a weak one—mainly a bluff, having little basis in facts. The territory in dispute had been recognized for years as belonging to the United States, and Canada never realized that it was worth having until the discovery of gold in the Klondike suddenly made it valuable. Then Canada set up a flimsy claim, but never adhered consistently to it.

Chicago Record-Herald.

The boundary line as agreed by the tribunal runs about 34½ miles from the coast line from the north side of Portland canal, the present southern terminus, to Mount St. Elias, the northern end of the "panhandle," following the configuration of the coast and not drawn from headland to headland. The commission therefore confirms the United States in its title to all the land

and every water way and inlet claimed except the Portland canal, which Canada secures as its only outlet to the sea.

Kansas City Times.

The content of the United States to allow the question to be opened at all was almost without precedent. Its procedure, however, has removed any possible ground for the contention by Canada that it has been ill treated by its powerful neighbor.

San Francisco Chronicle.

The present contention of Great Britain is understood to be that the line from the extremity of Prince of Wales island should enter the tortuous and narrow channel now known as British and American admiralty maps as the "Pearse canal," and thence up Portland canal to the fifty-sixth degree of latitude, thus placing Wales, Pease and a few small islands in British territory. Ex-Secretary Foster, in his elaborate discussion, pays no further attention to this part of the British claim, as to which, however, it is conceded that there is room for argument, evidently owing to the fact, possibly not known to the makers of the treaty, that the eastern channel does not reach the fifty-sixth degree at all, while the western canal apparently does, or more nearly approaches it. There were strong "diplomatic" reasons why Canada should gain this point.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Good Housekeeping for November has a fine Thanksgiving cover design in blue and orange, and opens with the first installment of a serial story, "Playing Guests," by Mary Stewart Cutting. Boys, their ways and needs, are treated in a symposium whose chief contributors are William Allen White and Judge Shute. The court of justice at the "George Junior Republic" is described by John A. Parker. Other features of the number are: "Thanksgiving Day" on the Road," by Josiah Flynt; "Places for Books," by F. Chouteau Brown; "The White Woman and the Negro," by Ellen Barrett Ligon, M. D.; "Hospitality, Old and New," by Edwin Markham; and "A Bachelor's Thanksgiving Dinner," by Hester Price. The helps Publishing Co., Springfield, Mass.

The Woman's Home Companion for November contains 64 pages of fiction and special features. Of the former is the first installment of a new and novel prize-contest serial, "The Trilemma of Albertine," in which the reader is asked for a certain financial consideration to assist the editor in deciding the love choice of a beautiful Chicago heiress. Among the special articles are: "My Recollections of Abraham, Lincoln," by his law clerk, "The Progressive Work of the Jews in the United States," by Rabbi de Sola Mendes; "The Love Story of Buchanan," and "Old Home Week." Grace Margaret Gould gives many helpful hints in the Fashion department. The Crowell Publishing company, Springfield, Ohio.

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