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LADY TO REST.

It seems difficult to realize that Brother Hansen has left his family, his associates in his daily duties, his friends and acquaintances, never more to resume the pleasant relations with them in this life. And yet, now his mortal remains have been laid to rest in the tomb, to sleep sweetly until the glorious day of resurrection.

The royal poet of the Hebrews likened the growth of the righteous unto that of the majestic cedar of Lebanon. It has been said of that monarch of the trees, that it is as useful after it has been cut down, as it was when it grew. While standing on the mountain side, the cedar beautifies the landscape and aids in drawing the moisture from the atmosphere that falls down in the form of early and late rains and makes the country habitable. But, its usefulness is not gone when it is felled. Its timber is so durable that time will hardly destroy it, and its fragrance is said to be such that insects will not touch it, as they will other kinds of wood. It is therefore very appropriate to compare the righteous to a cedar, useful in life and leaving behind a work that can never be destroyed.

This is true of all men and women who have taken a leading part in the development of the Kingdom of God. Luther is dead, but the reformation that centered around him, can never die. Knox is dead. He used to pray that Scotland be given to him, and Scotland is for ever and ever different from what it would have been without Knox. Joseph, the Prophet, and his brother Hyrum, are dead, but the Church lives for ever. Eliza R. Snow is dead, but the sweet songs she sung live in never dying harmonies. And thus it is, Brother Hansen is dead, but the results of the intelligent work he performed in the service of the Master, live on. "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon."

The Deseret News has, during its long and useful career, been so fortunate as to have had connected with it many capable, intelligent, faithful, and conscientious men. Their names can be found in the records of every department. Brother John E. Hansen was one of them. Through the unselfish devotion of such men, whose labors have made not only the editorial department, but the business and mechanical departments what they are today, the "News" has been able to grow with the state, from a very humble beginning to its present efficiency, to which so many commitments, well deserved we hope, have been paid later. With sorrow and heavy hearts we part with our co-laborer, but we rejoice in the truth that they are not dead, but live, and their good work is indestructible.

PRECAUTION DEMANDED.

We cannot believe that the trouble with the Japanese will be permitted to develop into anything more serious than a grand display of jingoism on the part of Japanese politicians. They have no real cause against this country. It is true that a Japanese restaurant in San Francisco was the scene of a riot, but while the owners of that place were frightened by one gang of hoodlums, other gangs were smashing street cars and demolishing the property belonging to Americans, and citizens of various nationalities whose only offense was that they were willing to do the work others had refused to do. Great Britain did not declare war when an imbecile admiral killed innocent English fishermen in the North Sea. The United States did not go to war with Mexico because Americans were killed by fierce Indians. Civilized nations do not go to war when there is no provocation, and Japan claims to be civilized.

Still, it would be folly to regard the situation as being entirely free from danger. It is barely possible that a number of the Mikado's subjects, though none are professing deeper humility, have become unduly impressed with the power and importance of their nation. It is possible that they regard the American protectorate over the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands as an encroachment upon prospective Japanese territory. It is also possible that they deem the present time more opportune than any time later on, for the assertion of the supremacy of Japan in Asia and the Pacific. If so, the anti-American agitation might become serious, notwithstanding the absence of a genuine cause of grievance. It would also be folly to conclude that Japan's resources were so exhausted by the war with Russia, that the country cannot undertake a military expedition of any considerable importance for many years. No one outside the Japanese government, we fancy, knows a great deal about Japanese resources. When an entire nation, forty million strong, is moved by a patriotic impulse to sacrifice all, its resources are practically unlimited. It is significant that foreigners, especially Germans, have for years predicted that Japan's next war would be with the United States. Such predictions concerning the Russian conflict preceded that event several years. The Japanese were preparing for it, even since the treaty with China, by which

Russia compelled her to give up all claims to territory on the continent. And when they were ready they surprised and attacked the unprepared Russian squadron and destroyed it, and declared war afterwards. In the light of the past, the predictions referred to are rather ominous. A German traveler who has just visited Japan confirms the reports that the anti-American sentiment is being kept alive by agitation and that the country is busy putting its guns in proper trim. He claims that Japan has set aside \$100,000,000 for army and navy equipment, the greater portion of which is for the navy, and that the naval vessels which were to have been completed within two or three years will be commissioned within a year and that other warships whose contracts call for completion within eighteen months will be finished in eight months. Over \$5,000,000 will be paid, he says, in royalties or bonuses for naval vessels which are being hurried to completion from six to twelve months in advance of contract limits. Why this feverish hurry? The gentleman is of the opinion that while the lower classes of Japanese are openly bitter against the United States, in official circles there is a suppressed feeling mixed with conceit that bodes no good for this country.

It is significant that, at the eve of the opening of the second Hague congress, reports of this nature should multiply. But the fact seems to be that the principles underlying the Peace movement are so far ahead of the general ethical standards of mankind, as to be, at present, only dimly seen in the distance. There seems to be nothing for this country to do but to tell Japan firmly that no offense against that nation has been, and none will be, committed. Then it might be just as well to prepare for any emergency. We do not believe the conflict will come, but precaution is evidently needed.

THE VALUE OF READING.

At the Mutual Improvement conference just closed the General Board recommended a course in reading for the approaching season. The books suggested are: Hughes' "Tom Brown," Seton's "Wild Animals," "I Have Known," Jordan's "Strength of Being Clean," W. G. Jordan's "Great Truths," Eliot's "Silas Marner," and Mardon's "Secret of Achievement." The first two are for boys from fourteen to eighteen, the rest for young men over eighteen. This represents work principally outside of the regular manuals to be studied in class.

While there may be difference of opinion as to the choice of the books, we do not here express any difference, however, there certainly can be none as to the wisdom of attempting to guide the reading of young people. And no organization among us is so good a position to do this as the Mutual Improvement Association. They have the young men and women at an age when they can be impressed lastingly by such works as are here recommended.

Nowadays no man or woman can hope to amount to much, whose life does not touch the world of books. Reading is like a sixth sense or a powerful microscope—it reveals to us a vast range of ideas that would otherwise be beyond our ken. The field of history, of poetry, of fiction, and much else of a mind would be inaccessible without it. We speak not only of the literature of the feeling but also of the literature of the intellect. He therefore, who puts into the hand of any one—a young person especially—a book which is likely to start him out with what we call the reading habit, has done a great service to his fellow—has given him a lever with which he can move the world.

But to guide reading already begun is as needful as to cause the beginning of reading. Much of the literature of the times, of which we have, especially in America, a veritable antediluvian flood, is the merest balderdash, drivings of imbecility. It is the product of authors who find thus the easiest channels for the flow of their lack of ideas. From the reading of much of what is written today there can come only weakened power, divided energy, a scatter-brained purpose in life. This is especially true of many cheap fictional works. But clean, wholesome books such as are here suggested will bring clearness of mind, power of thought and feeling, an inspiration that will do things in the world and a taste for the best literature that will re-create one's appreciation. "Tom Brown" has been called by competent critics the best book ever written for boys, a more fascinating work for boys and girls alike, in its department, cannot be found than "Wild Animals." There are single passages in the "Strength of Being Clean" that should form the staple of every man's ideas on life. The "Secret of Achievement" is after the style of books so well known to the last generation of readers—the Samuel Smiles works. As for "Silas Marner" no more wholesome and readable story could be put into anyone's hands.

WHY THE GROWING UNREST.

As a rule the world is inclined to be distrustful of those who serve it, and so long as the dutiful husband has the price of a steak in his pocket and carries home, he is not given to bothering about the price of meat or the amount of profit the butcher is taking out.

But when it comes to a question of walking home or leaving the steak behind, misfortune assumes a somber attitude, and the man becomes dissatisfied with and rebellious against his conditions. Hence the growing unrest that is diverting public sympathy away from both the man of money, and the man of muscle who is putting a constantly increasing tariff on his labor.

Fouling the rules in the game of traffic is not a thing so easy to do now and make a successful "get away" as it was before the public became so watchful of the same, as a matter of self-protection. Salt Lake has not to date had the greater labor problems to solve. They have been worked out elsewhere. But the time seems to have arrived for a closer study of those problems, for home application.

One case for such action is in that of

the striking millmen. They demand a closed shop. Whether or not the people of Utah want their industries carried forward on the closed shop plan is, therefore, a matter for present consideration. To the uninitiated, the word may sound vague in meaning, but in its ultimate effect "closed shop" will result in the overthrowing of the natural law of supply and demand, artificially limiting the source of supply. The object is to keep the supply always below the demand, and thus to force high wages, even though hundreds are out of work.

The question naturally arises, are the laborers themselves benefited by such conditions? The welfare of the general public is not always taken into consideration in these matters, but in all questions relating to labor, the welfare of the laborer—the greatest number of that class on which the state depends for its existence and development, should be considered. If the public should be forced to suspend building operations, for instance, on account of prohibitive prices on materials and labor, that would be a greater calamity to those depending on their labor, than an open shop and comparatively speaking lower wages. Such considerations cannot be ignored in this discussion.

We hope the millmen and their employers can find some common ground on which to get together, and that Salt Lake may escape the lamentable conditions of San Francisco.

War talk is cheap but irritating.

It's a cold day for the bathing season.

By its fruits shall ye know this Orchard.

It seems to be the closed season for summer.

In this divorce business all is not Gold that glitters.

Orchard may be lying; if so he is a most consistent liar.

A "gilt edged shoe" must be first cousin to the golden slipper.

The tale that Steve Adams could untold is a sort of dragon's tail.

To modify David Crockett's motto: Be sure you're right, then stand pat.

In future bacilli of all kinds are to be electrocuted. Anything to get rid of them.

In Pennsylvania they believe that opportunity Knox at ever man's door once in life.

The President's attention should be called to the fact that the great nature failed in this part of the country is the weather man.

Mayor Schnitz has taken the witness stand in his own behalf. This is not the only thing he has taken in his own behalf.

All this talk of war with Japan seems to be nothing but a tempest in a Japanese teapot. But how the pot is beginning to boil!

Members of the umbrella trust are to be indicted. If there is any class of business men whose methods are shady it is the umbrella makers.

Governor Hughes has vetoed the two-cent a mile bill. There is a man who has the courage of his convictions and whose convictions do not follow every change in public sentiment.

It is said that some who wanted to take advantage of the coal storage rate couldn't get the coal when they applied for it. Simply another case of Old Mother Hubbard who went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone, and when she got there the cupboard was bare so the poor dog had none.

A Chicago lady and artist has determined to relieve the monotony of hospital life for patients and give them change and rest. She has decided to establish a circulating art gallery, the pictures adorning the rooms of the patients to be changed at regular intervals. Each of the paintings will be the work of the lady herself and each visit of a picture will be followed by a visit from the painter. That seems to be a sort of Dostoevsky Hall way of healing the sick. The patients are liable to look upon these visits as visitations.

THE REVOLT OF MAN.

New York Mail.

In the natural course of events, the "new woman" seems to have brought into being the "new man." Perhaps this is an error, the newwoman is merely the old man long crumpled to earth by aggressive femininity, but now rising again in wrath. However this may be, there are unmistakable signs of a "man's rights" movement. Under the scandalized noses of the London suffragettes, a magistrate last week spoke these reactionary words: "The wife must be subject to her husband, even if the husband is unworthy of respect and veneration. She must yield to him on all points. Otherwise there will be trouble sooner or later. It is the fashion to talk about mutual regard and absolute equality, but it rarely works in practice. If the woman was not prepared to honor and obey her husband she ought not to have married him." For heresy, heterodoxy and schism, leave majesty, treason, stratagems and spoils, this rash utterance would surely seem an isolated modern instance in the history of "advanced womanhood." Yet almost simultaneously we read in the statistically dignified but usually dull literature of the United States census bureau that "in the census enumeration no woman living with her husband would be designated as the head of the family, however strong her claim to that distinction might be." Here is government and official confirmation of an international census that here man to assert his ancient rights, which the last half century has revised to read woman's wrongs.

THAT FAMOUS TRIAL.

Boston Transcript.

This trial, resembling so much the Molly Maguire disclosures of a generation ago, in which Detective McParland figured conspicuously, the same man who secured this confession from Orchard, is proving an event of the first national interest, with which salacious New York murder trials are not to be compared. The supremacy of the law is here at stake. Whether the indicted men accused are guilty remains, of course to be proved. But the assertion of the part of the Rocky Mountain states of their desire to go to the horrible crimes which have accom-

panied the labor controversies there is wholesome. If Idaho succeeds in finding the persons guilty of Steunenberg's murder, and meeting out punishment, a love strike will have been taken toward orderly government.

JOHN BROWNS OF HISTORY.

New Bradford Standard.

We take it that what makes John Brown a hero and a martyr in the eyes of so many people is not because he was an extreme anti-slavery fanatic, but because he had the courage to face everything that might result from his act. He broke the law, he knew he broke the law, and he was prepared to take the consequences. It was not the attack on the arsenal at Harper's Ferry, but death on the scaffold that has embalm John Brown in the moral consciousness of the American people as one of the great figures in compassing the abolition of human slavery. So it has been with all the John Browns of history. They may have defied the dominant ideas of their time, they may have broken loose from the restraints of what they conceived to be wicked and tyrannical laws, they may have violated that law as their protest against what they believed to be injustice, but they have done these things in the open, and they have walked to their doom with no attempt to conceal or to evade their responsibility. If John Brown had tried to escape being a martyr nobody would ever have heard that his soul went marching on.

JUST FOR FUN.

Dearer Than Life.

"That," said Senator Beveridge of a witicism, "was quality not life. It is like the remark of an old veteran."

"This aged man came from his room one night to let out the cat, stumbled on the landing and pitched headlong down into the hall."

"Why, Silas," cried his wife, "is that you? Did you fall downstairs?"

"Yes," grunted the old fellow, rising slowly. "I never think of going to bed a minute and a half I thought I'd lost my pension!"—Chicago Chronicle.

Doctor's Diagnosis.

"I don't know what's the matter with me this morning," said the professor. "I have a headache and a bad taste in my mouth."

"Those symptoms are familiar," the doctor said, eyeing him suspiciously. "Surely you haven't been—"

"No, I never drank anything stronger than ginger ale," indignantly interrupted the professor.

"Oh, it's ginger ale, is it?"

"I don't know that, but that—"

"How much did you drink of it?"

"Not more than two or three bottles."

"I see. Your ailment, professor, is what is known as the ginger ailment."—Chicago Tribune.

English Humor.

"Curious thing about that statue of Wellington," said old Crane, in a nussing sort of tone, as he sauntered past the Register house with young Gull, "always shrinks when it rains, you know."

"Don't say so," said the latter.

"Fact," cried the old man. "Every time it rains it becomes a statue wet."—Answers.

A Social Snub.

First Chicken.—Why did you snub Tom Leghorn so unmercifully just now?

Second Chicken.—Well, why shouldn't I? He never was in our set, and, besides, it's a well-known fact that his mother lays eggs for the trade.—Aly Sloper.

Honduran War.

"What's the row about?" asked an observer. "Hasn't peace been declared?"

"Believe it has," replied a soldier, reaching for a cartridge. "but we thought then we were out of ammunition."—Philadelphia Ledger.

With the Family Belies.

Nan.—How well poor dear Lavinia hides her age.

Pan.—Indeed she does. She keeps the family Bible in the top attic.—Exchange.

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