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ONE WHO KNEW JOSEPH.

The death of the aged patriarch, Elder Howard Coray, whose funeral is held today in Provo, removes another of the competent witnesses to the life and character of the Prophet Joseph

The testimony of this witness, one of the few who at this distance of time, knew the Prophet as familiarly as they knew members of their own household, is therefore very significant. What was his belief and conviction as to Joseph Smith?

In 1838, when Howard was 22 years of age, his father came to Illinois then for the most part a lonely prairie. He located at Perry, Pike county, Here his father heard of "Mormonism," from the refuges driven from their homes in Missouri the next spring.

Howard Coray joined the Church in March. 1840. He became well acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith, and was frequently in his company in Nauvoo. He first went there to see the Prophet in April of that year, and makes the following record of the event: "I obtained an interview with him. After eyeing and questioning me a little, he asked me if I could come and live with him and clerk for him While thus engaged I had many very precious opportunities. Great and small [persons] almost every day were calling on him, some for one thing, some for another -politicians and preachers of different persuasions-some with the view of testing his knowledge, and if possible confounding him and putting (him) to sham. Well, what did I discover? That he was equal to every occasion -that he had a ready answer for all questions. I heard him say that God had given him a key of knowledge by which he could trace a subject through all its ramifications....Stephen A. Douglass called to see him and ask him some questions. One thing he desired to know was how he governed a people so diverse, and coming from so many different countries with their peculiar manners and customs. 'Well,' he said, 'I simply teach them the truth and they govern themselves."" In the capacity of secretary or Church writer as assistant to Robert W. Thompson, who held an official position as clerk or secretary under the Prophet Joseph, Mr. Coray was present when the Prophet dictated to Elder Thompson a translation or explanation of certain chapters in the Bible. He writes: "I never either before or since felt as I did on that oc-

that convincing proofs have not yet been found. And the question is whether a similar investigation of finds of human remains in other parts of the world would not lead to similar conclusions. It cannot be denied that there has been a very marked tendency to exaggerate the antiquity of the human race. But one point is conceded by all. Man is the most modern manifestation of life on earth. It will, no doubt, be found true that man and woman, as the rulers of this terrestial creation, the masters of the beasts of the field and the forces of nature, first appeared on this continent. Some eminent archeeologists have taken this view. They have proved that civilization firs flourished here, and spread from Amer-Ica to Asla, Europe, and Africa thousands of years ago. The proofs they give seem convincing beyond a doubt The fourteen American finds examined by Dr. Hrdlicka are: The New Orleans bones discovered in 1844; the Quebec skeleton of about the same time; the Natchez pelvic bone uncarthed in 1846; the Lake Monroe Florida, bones, 1852 or 1853; the Soda Creek, Colorado, skeleton, 1860; the Charleston, S. C., remains of a little later; the Calaveras, Cal., skull, 1866; the Rock Bluff, III., skull, the same year; the Penyon, Mex., skeleton, 1884; the Trenton skulls, 1879-87; the western Florida skull and bones, 1871-88; the Trenton femur, 1899; the Lansing, Kansas, skeleton, 1962, and the Nebraska 'loess man,'

The last montioned is the most interesting find. The "loess man" was un earthed with other skeletons from mounds by R. F. Gilder, Prof. E. H. Barbour of the University of Nebraska, and others, last year. The most significant bones lay deep down in the mounds, below others above them. But for all that the evidence of their alleged extremely high antiquity is not accepted as conclusive. It is pointed

"Burrowing animals might well have carried bones through their tunnels to deeper levels; there are marks of gnaw-ing on some of them, they are just like bones at higher levels, as far as dis-coloration, consistency, and markings go; some of the deeper bones have been scratched by some sort of knife, and similar scratches are on recent bones in the same mounds; skulls of low fore-head and pronounced ridges like one of head and pronounced ridges like one of these, occur occasionally among mod-ern Indians; in fact, there is little to count. support a classification of the bon-found in the ancient soil apart fro many others found near the surface."

SEES A YELLOW PERIL.

out that:

earth.'

Justice Harlan of the Supreme Court Court believes that a conflict between the white and yellow races is inevitable. He is quoted as follows:

"We refer to the people of Asia as We refer to the people of Asia as the yellow race. There are 400,000,000 Chinese, as strong physically and men-tally as we are. There is over there another nation whose people are pro-gressive and ambitious. We may some day see a skilled army in Japan of b_{τ} -000,000 to 10,00,000. They will say: 'You claim Europe as your country. This is ours. Get out'! Ldor'! think there have claim Europe as your country. This is ours, Get out? I don't think they have any such idea now, and we have no hostility toward them. But there will be a conflict between the yellow race and the white searcher and and the white race that will shake the

We believe this prediction will come true. The Scriptures seem to predict as an epoch-making occurrence of the last days an invasion of pagan nations from Asia, which will finally be defeated in one of the plains of Palesline, after sanguinary battles.

GROWTH OF ONE BRANCH.

The New Year's number of the Dail.

Ford murder, Sullivan was the old dog Tray t It is said that Secretary Taft will win in a walk. This relieves him of the

riding test. Everybody can name the issues but it takes a convention to name the can-

didates. The estimated cost of the Panama canal can be expressed in one wordexcelsior.

Eureka is to have a library. Well, may the people of the big mining town

exclaim, "Eureka!" Admiral Brownson retiring to a California ranch comes near making human American Cincinnatus.

George Ade has decided not to go into politics after all. A man who goes into politics should go in after all or not

at all. A weather prediction for tomorrow: Clear or cloudy, colder or warmer, snow or rain or both or neither, rising or falling temperature.

Now Justice Harlan vehemently denies that he has presidential aspirations. If the rumor persists he may have to enjoin it.

And now it is announced from London that the Times has not been sold. Then the public has, so that after all

there has been a sale. The crushers of the Edison cement works at Stewartstown, N. J., can crush a six-ton stone. Another in-

stance of a crushing monopoly. An effort is being made to start a boom for Judson Harmon. It can never be, for Judson once wrote a poem; and what is worse, thought it was poetry.

Lather Burbank not only can make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before but he can make anything grow on the blades that he wants to.

"Among the many things to the credit of Mrs. Russell Sage is the large amount of her personal taxes." says an exchange. And also her bank ac-

Mae Wood declares that Senator Platt paid ten thousand dollars for the return of letters. If he did, they must have been letters of credit for very large amounts.

Before the senate committee on interoceanic canals, Colonel Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, said that an alleged newspaper agitation demanding that "dirt fly" in the canal, had caused much needless excavating and heavy dumping of the canal before he became connected with the project. The demand that the "dirt fly" came from a much higher source than any newspaper agitation, and it was because it didn't fly fast enough that the entire Panama canal commission was reorganized.

NEW JERSEY AND HER LAWS.

New York Times. New Jersey, like every other state in the Union, has caught the law-making fever. In 1595, when the last compli-ation of state laws was published----

a new compliation is now in pres a the state. Since that year about 3,500 acts have been passed, many of which were repealers of existing legislation as well as revisions and codifications. Never-theless, there are to-day practically found scharter acts in farce a volume separate acts in force, a volume of legislation so immense that in refvords come to mind: "It is almost be-yond the power of the legal mind to acquire it or the judicial minu to in corpret it."

with all these additions there still re-mains need of the man on the shore with the lifeboat and the life-line. JUST FOR FUN. A Leap Year Proposition. Since you're the first and only man I've asked To share my fate. Please contemplate The almost herculcan task. It seems to timid malden modesty To pop the question! The mere suggestion Would once have seemed grave impropriety.

> But what a spinster maid would scorn to do to do At sweet and twenty With chances plenty. Looks sensible at twenty-seven-and twe!! and twe!!

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This is so sudden? Well enough I know That's but pretense.

How many times I've said that, years ago!

Or if you think it isn't right to do Things just this way, Ill' change and say, What you've said oft: "Please let Me

marry You!" Mazie V. Caruthers, in N. Y. Times.

Liz-"Me bruddah says dat young fellar wot calls on you travels in fast circles" Tom-"You bet he does. He takes de trickets on de merry go-round."--Chicago Daily News.

"Mamma!" "Yes, my child." "Old you ever see Santa Claus?" "Oh, yes, my boy; many times." "Was he in a sleigh with reindeers, mamma?" "No, my child: he was in a trolley car, hunging on to a strant?" "Wakar my child; he was in a trolley car, hanging on to a strap!"-Yonkers Statesman.

Philanthropic Lady-"You ought to be ashamed of yourself to be making fun of a smaller boy because he cried when the doctor hurt him. Did you never have your own feelings lacerated?" Smart Boy—"Yes, mum. but it didn't took."—Baltimore Amerian.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Harper's Weekly for December 23 Harper's Weekly for December 23 maintains its usual level of interest and timefiness in its various contribu-tions, literary and pictorial. Virtually the whole civilized world is taking a keen interest in the momentous navai maneuver which was begun the other day, and a striking full-page photo-graph at close range of the hagsnip Connecticut will interest everybody, as will a spirited description of the start of the great armada from Hampton of the great armada from Hampton Roads. In contrast to these features is an illustrated article which will ap-peal to all lovers of sport: "The Ro-mance of Some Wonderful Trophies," written by William Inglis and illus-trated with some superb photographs of extraordinary specimens of heads of extraordinary specimens of heads and horns. Appropriate to the season is a charming story by Thomas L. Masson, conceived in holiday mood: "St. Nicholas and the Super-Child." There is, too, a second excellent piece of flotion, "Why Sluiceville Isn't On the Map"--a vivid and humorous story of western life by Dan Sayre Groes-beck, illustrated by the author in his happlest vein.--Harper & Bros., New York. York.

The January number of The Circle is an auspicious beginning of the work laid down in the plan of the magazine for 1908. The opening article is by for 1908. The opening article is by Francis Augustus Carl, commissioner of imperial Chinese customs, entitled, "Modern China—America's Share in Hor Archarter and State and Stat Her Awakening." Lyman Beecher Stowe has made a study of "The School City and Its Work." Probably the most timely article is one by James W. Van Cleave, who tells "Why We Need Not Fear a Panle, Among those who have contributed to the fiction of the anniversary number of The Circle are Eliz





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casion.... The spirit of God descended upon him and a measure of it upon me." Elder Coray's unbounded trust in and admiration for the Prophet never diminished.

His simple and unaffected account of the Prophet's greatness and integrity as he beheld them at close quarters, has in it every element of candor and of truth.

It regulres a man with the elements of true greatness in his soul to make great : nd long continued sacrifices for principle. While Elder Coray was with the Prophet Joseph and even while the recollection and commanding personality of the latter were fresh in his memory, we can explain devotion to the teachings of the Prophet on the ground of personal influence and individual contact. But when the devotion continues, as in this case, throughout the varied scenes of a long, busy, and trying experience of more than two-thirds of a century afterwards, and remains at the sunset of life, the same fresh, undimmed belief and conviction of the divine calling of the man Joseph Smith and of the high destiny and final success of the work which he found-such constance proves both the quality of the man who and of the system which he cher ished.

And this case is not unusual. Substantially the same thing can be said of thousands of strong, unfaltering, and heroic characters who knew, trusted, and believed in the message and calling of Joseph Smith.

Very few make sacrifices for nothing. Strong and clear minded men do it only from conviction and from downright assurance. Weak and worthless characters never do it at all Where a man's life is his testimony, it is scarcely necessary that his words be added.

ANTIQUITY OF MAN.

The conclusions arrived at by Dr. Hrdlicka after a searching investigation' for the Bureau of American Ethnology is that so far no evidence has been found of the existence of man on this continent in the earlier geologic ages. In spite of all reports, he says, scientists recognize only fourteen "finds" as being worthy of scientific investigation. He has examined them all, and, after a careful study of each of the fourteen, including the Nebraska "loess man" found by R. F. Gilder and others recently, has reached the conclusion that none of these supposedly early skeletons or parts of skeletons date back to early types, such as those from the diluvial deposits of Europsy He is convinced that no rellance can be placed upon a low sloping forehead and prominent ridges in determining the degree of development, or the antiquity of the skulls.

The Professor does not deny the early existence of man here, but he contends

ly International American, published at Douglas, Ariz., is an excellent advertisement of that progressive communitl. It is printed on heavy paper and devotes itself entirely to the resources and business interestes of the region it represents. It has articles on n ing, banking, farming, ranching, smelt-

ing, education, etc. Numerous hand. some illustrations add to the value the print. One part of the paper is devoted to the churches and various societies. We

find in this section, among the interesting illustrated accounts, the following report of the growth of the Branch of Latter-day Saints located at Doug-

"One of the youngest of the religious organizations in the city is the "Doug-las Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Laiter-day Saints," just

las Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," just as the parent body is one of the youngest of the country, and wonder-ful as has been the growth of this pa-rent body, equally wonderful has been the growth of the Douglas Ward. "The original organization came as a branch of the Bisbee Ward on May 24, 1966, and was formed with a mem-bership of twelve. Its growth and pro-sress was immediate and the first cry-ing need was for a place of worship and meeting, and a movement to ob-tain one was speedily set on foot. On September 16 of that year the first contribution to the building fund was made and contributions continued to pour in. A site was purchased and work on the edifice started while the balance of the necessary funds were obtained. Of this amount some \$500 was contributed by the business men and clitzens of Douglas and the bal-ance was raised within the Church. "The Church edifice is substantially built of brick and has an inside meas-urement of 23x40 feet, giving ample accommodation for its rapidly grow-ing membership. As last summer pro-gressed the building drew to comple-tion and on August 25 the first ser-vices were held within its walls. "On October 18 hast, the new church was visited by President Andrew Kim-ball of the St. Joseph Stake, who in-stalled a bishopric and constituted it an independent Ward with J. Pariey Bigelow at its head as Bishop, and a membership of eighty-five, showing a growth of over 700 per cent in less than eighteen months."

A PRINCE AND HIS COUSIN.

Referring to the death of King Oscar, Dr. William Kohler tells this anecdote in a Mannhelm paper: About 50 years ago Oscar, then a prince, boarded a passenger steamer at Marseilles for a North African port. Shortly after start-ing the cantain sold to the young man ing the captain said to the young man. "Did I see you at Marseilles yester-day in uniform?" "Quite likely." And may I ask what the uniform

"That of an admiral." "Admiral? Are you'not rather young for that rank?" "I owe it more to my name," he an-swered, smilling, "than to my nautical

knowledge." "And the name, if I may ask?" "Bernadotte."

"Possibly a kinsman to the great marshal "He was my grandfather, later king of Sweden, and I am Prince Oscar or Sweden, the king's brother." The captain made a respectful bow, and asked the young prince if he knew that he had relatives in Marseilles, "Yes." said Oscar. "but I have power

"Yes," said Oscar, "but I have never had time to look them up." "There is one on board. May I pre-

sent him' "Do, by all means.

The captain went to the speaking tupe nd called, "Bernadotte!" Presently a man came on deck, naked to the walst, covered with grime and soot. He stood at attention, await-ing orders, when the captain said: 'Your royal highness, I have the honor

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present your cousin."

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versary number of The Circle are Ella-abeth Paton Mc(filvary, Maude L. Radford, and Charles G. D. Roberts, whose story, "The Window of the Shack," is of intense interest. Some of the other articles are "Optimism the Ultimate in Dramatic Art," by Kitty Cheatham: "The New Year Celebration in Japan," by Eva Dean, and "General Lee As I Knew Him," by John S. Wise, Joaquin Miller has written a strong verse, entitled "Resurgo San Francisco." The department section of The Circle for January is excellent, A unique article in the Circle of Music is "The Music of the American Indians," by Edwin S. Tracy, while Mary Mears, for the Art Circle, has written interest-ingly on "Studios In and Out of Eofull of "Studios In and Out of Bo-hemia." The other departments are full of live matter.—Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York.

Current Literature opens its cam-palgn for the new year with a search-ing analysis of "The Panic in Politics." It follows its previous article on Taft's experience among the Celestials with a sarcastic description of "Taft Among the Muscovites." John Johnson, the "Dark Horse" of the Democracy, is the subject of a timely character-sketch, and "A Tale of Copper and Brass" re-lates with all the interest of fiction the romantic career of Heinze. "The Cor-pulent Pigmy on the Peacock Throne" is one of those picturesque articles that Current Literature opens its cam pulent Pigmy on the Peacock Throne" is one of those picturesque articles that we look for in this magazine, "Do Women Write More Bad Books Than Men?" "The Spectral Loves of Edgar Poe," and "The Vampire Nature of Gen-ius" are three of the most striking arti-cles under Literature and Art. "Christ-mas Without Christ," "When Specula-tion is Immoral" and "The Education of the Superman," are leading topics in the Religion and Ethics department. "The Second Bout in the Battle of the Operatic triumph of Oscar Hammer-stein, and "The Human Side of the Di-vine Sarah" reveals piquant details in the life of the most famous actress in the world. In Music and the Drama is reprinted a play by the author of Loah Wischer of the top reprinted a play by the author of Leah Kleshna, of which Arnold Daly says it is the greatest one-act play ever writ-ten. Both the clergy and the laity may ten. Both the clergy and the laity may open their eyes upon perusal of a novel theory relative to the subject "Why Sermons Make Us Go to Sleep," "Pes-simism as a Disease of Youth," and "Investigation of Frozen Melody" through the microscope are especially startling and instructive. Recent Fie-tion and the Critics and the depart-ment of Recent Poetry keep the reader in touch with the most potent writers and books. At 9 Wear State V. books .-- 41-43 West 25th St., New

There are many holidays in the Jap-anese calendar, but New Year's day is regarded in the Mikado's kingdom as the greatest of them all. In the cur-rent issue of Leslie's Weekly, Clara W. Kaji writes entertainingly of the manner in which this Japanese national manner in which this Japanese national holiday—which is also the birthday of all the people—is celebrated. Among the noteworthy illustrations are photo-graphs revealing the extent of the re-cent terrible disaster at the mines in Monongah, W. Va.; pictures of United States saltors drilling at the naval training-station at Newport, R. I.; at-tractive views of the metropolis of Michigan Detroit; a group of holi-day photographs; scenes in Hopkins-ville, Ky., which town was raided and devastated by 400 masked men; glimp-ses of the six-day bicycle race in Mad-ison Square Garden, New York; a page of news pictures; the dramatic page, and the amateur photo contest.—New York.

