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## A REMARKABLE TOUR.

According to the schedule President Taft will be traveling until the Tenth of November, when he will reach Washington after an absence of 87 days.

He will travel 12,759 miles, distance equal to more than half way around the earth. He will traverse thirty-two states and two territories.

He will use 22 different railroad lines

and two steamboats. And all the while he will be within ten boundaries of the immense country over which he presides.

It is planned that he will be the guest of honor at thirty-two banquets, twenty formal luncheons, and five formal dinners. That means forty-seven feasts on the best the country can afford in fifty-seven days.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$15,000 or about \$350 a day, but that is money well spent. The President will learn more of the country than he ever knew before, and the country will know him better after this tour.

## JEWISH NEW YEAR.

The Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah, was ushered in on Wednesday evening. The Hebrews begin their year with ten days of penitence, which concludes with the great day of atonement, yom hakippurim. This is a period of the year in which every faithful adherent of the Mosaic faith takes stock of his life for the past year and seeks to remember with penitent heart his sins of commission and omission. This is the time in which he brings his life before the scrutinizing eye of the Almighty in prayer and supplications for mercy. It is a beautiful custom to begin the new year with a squared account, and to start out with the renewed purpose of doing right.

The Hebrews count from the beginning of the creation, and this is, we believe, their year 5,676. An early view maintained was that, as the world was made in six periods of time called days, and as, according to the Scriptures, "a thousand years are as one day," so the world would continue in its present condition for 6,000 years. Then the Millennium would come, as the Sabbath comes after six days of labor. The early writers of the Christian church adopted this view from the Jewish Rabbis. Justin Martyr represents the Jew, Trypho:

"Tell me truly: do you confess that this place, Jerusalem, is to be rebuilt; and do you expect your people to be gathered (then), and to be happy with Christ, together with the patriarchs and prophets, and those of our nation, on the praesulys, who were before your Christ's coming?"

To which question Justin replies:

"I have already confessed to you that I, indeed, and many others, think so, as you well know. But I have informed you that many, on the other hand, even of those Christians that are not of pure and plain sentiment, do not agree with us. For we have also shown you that there are many called Christians that are atheists and heretics. But I, and if there are any Christians right minded in all things, do know there is to be a resurrection even of the flesh, and a thousand years in Jerusalem, rebuilt, and adorned, and enlarged, as the prophets Ezekiel, Daniel, and others confess."

It is exceedingly interesting to notice that in our day the spirit of gathering is at work among the scattered race. Only the other day the Rev. J. L. Magnus of Temple Emanuel-El and other prominent rabbis, were the speakers at a meeting held in the Temple of the Congregation Dorech Emanu'el, at Avenue. The object of the meeting was to start a movement to enlist the co-operation of the Jews in this country in an effort to establish Jewish colonies in Palestine.

## FOR GOOD ROADS.

The Good Roads commission created by the recent legislature has announced some of its plans for future operations.

These include the building of a state highway from Gunnison to St. George and another from Gunnison to Salt Lake City; however, the commission has only \$25,000 to work with it is prevented from doing much work beyond the making of investigations. However, along the counties are by now coaxed to join with the state in repairing and in building roads, and the commissioners are authorized to raise funds for this purpose in proportion to the assessed valuation in the several counties. There seems to be an opportunity for the commissioners to make such a beginning that subsequent legislatures will devote large sums of the public money to this prime necessity of commerce and civilization—the creation and maintenance of first class roads.

We have already had some experience in how not to do it and in various methods of what may be termed failure in state, county, and city road-making. Perhaps the most conspicuous example of spending much money and getting only a poor road for it, is afforded by the present methods of making the mesasid roads in this city. Were these roads to be built according to the specifications used in asking for bids, and from

Hornbeck or other stone that had first been subjected to the government tests and approved by the federal road experts on road-making, these macadamized structures which our city is laying, would be among the best of their kind in the world. Since, however, these specifications are in no instance strictly adhered to, but are, in perhaps a score of important particulars, expressly violated, the macadamized roads, located upon this city by local contractors with the connivance of the city council, are perhaps the worst of their kind, considering their cost, to be found in any city.

We therefore observe with satisfaction that the State commission is beginning in the right way; that is, by securing the services freely given by the Government, of one of the federal experts on road-making.

The thinking public is becoming impatient about the roads in this State. Systematic improvements on a large scale, with methods and materials that guarantee permanence, is what the people are clearly entitled to. Each step of the commission is watched with great interest. The commission has on its hands a work that is most important to the material, financial, and social interests of the whole people. Delays are dangerous. Let us see things moving and dirt flying in the case of the good roads project.

## ENEMIES OF CIVILIZATION.

The anti-Mormon sheet quotes with glee an editorial from a magazine in which the Prophet Joseph is characterized as a fiar, an enemy of civilization and of the United States.

This sheet exclaims, "Is a candid statement from the non-Mormon standpoint, and mixed with sufficient philosophical reflection to give it value from any standpoint?"

Any nasty scurvy of an anti-Mormon character is "philosophy" to the Tribune.

It may be recalled in this connection that, for many years after His death on Calvary, the Master Himself was regarded, by many noble Romans as an imposter, and His followers were slain as the enemies of civilization and especially of the Roman empire, though Rome had no citizens more loyal than they. Again and again the venerable bishops and patriarchs were the objects of popular fury because they were supposed to be fakers and public enemies. If the Master and His immediate followers were thus treated with scorn and obloquy, nothing else can be expected in our age. The world knows not the embassadors of Prince Emmanuel. It does not comprehend their message.

But the endorsement of the scurrilous article, by the local anti-Mormon sheet, should be noticed because that sheet is profuse in its profession of friendship for the "Mormons" whenever it needs votes for the furtherance of its internal plots. The sheet, once in a while, lifts the mask and shows itself. It has done so in this endorsement. It has confessed that it regards the Latter-day Saints as enemies of civilization and of the United States. It has revealed what is innermost in the hearts of those who dictate its policy. It has given away the secret of its bitter warfare upon the people here. They are, in the view of the Tribune, "enemies" of civilization and of the United States and must, of course, be "conquered." It is the story of the wolf and the lamb again. But, thank God! that is not the general sentiment of the non-Mormons here, many of whom are warm friends of their "Mormon" neighbors.

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These statistics indicate that the increase in production has been accomplished very largely through the utilization of men and improved machinery, without a corresponding increase in the number of wage-earners and wages paid."

Concerning the question of employments, The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Commission of Labor, 1900, to 1905, gives the amount of employed and unemployed in the United States during 1900, 1904 and 1905 as follows: In 1900 employed all of the time 85 per cent employed part of the time 15 per cent; employed all of the time 78 per cent; employed part of the time 22 percent. In 1904 employed all of the time, 56 per cent; employed part of the time, 44 per cent. Other statistics show that as far as these indicate that the extent of the industries and machines are benefited by the labor saving appliances, as has been shown above, one man operating a machine displaces many workmen, produces more for his employer and receives a smaller amount of the product than he formerly did."

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## The Same Eternal Question.

George D. Alder of this city is in receipt of a letter from Joseph A. De Boer, president of the National Life Insurance company, at Montpelier, Vt., with reference to the attention given by the Vermont papers to the dedication of the monument erected in honor of the Prophet Joseph Smith. The letter reads as follows:

"Please accept my thanks for the copy of the novel "North" containing an article relating to the formation of the Vermont Conference. The editorial has been brought to the notice of our local paper and you will be interested in the advice that a great deal of attention has been given to this matter by the state papers as also to the dedication of the Smith monument at Sharon, Vermont.

"Yours very truly,

JOSEPH A. DE BOER."

drift, in this life so far as known resolving itself into one of character and service, and as to the future into one of faith.

The main thing is to eschew that which is evil and hold fast to that which is good, as experience determines both propositions for the individual, but I am equally confident that without the exercise of faith and good will and especially of charity, as these terms are generally understood, but little progress will be made in the salvation of the average man's condition. I am a firm believer in the rights of the average man, and we come always in any form of work or any expression of opinion that will promote the well-being and chance of the average man. That doctrine also is slowly but surely supplanting mere confessions of faith. The Decalogue and the Sermon on the Mount are sufficient creed for the majority.

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But Victoria Intervened.

Since the trouble with the Moors was precipitated, King Alfonso has decided to let his beard grow and be a pirate.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

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