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"NEWS" RELIEF FUND.

The Deseret News is receiving donations from benevolent people who desire to extend aid to the sufferers from the calamities that have come upon California. Starting with One Hundred Dollars from the business manager of this institution, contributions have been made by the employees, and to these will be added the offerings of friends who wish to join in the movement. Now is the time to act. The extent of the disasters by earthquake and fire is such as to call for help from every part of the country. The cry is not heard in vain. Responses are coming rapidly and help is near at hand. We who are in close proximity to the scenes of suffering are expected to be prompt and ready. That which is done should be done quickly. Refugees will soon be here in droves, and supplies are needed on the scenes of the catastrophes. Send in your dollars and dimes at once. Large or small amounts will be gladly received and all will be strictly accounted for. Address all communications with money to DISCREET NEWS RELIEF FUND.

IMPORTANT EVENTS.

The simultaneous woes which have come upon humanity for several years, increasing as time rolls on, have occasioned reflections upon their significance and their apparent fulfillment of ancient prophecy. One has but to read carefully the predictions uttered by the Saviors, as recorded in the Twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, to see in the developments of recent times, the signs which He gave to His disciples, when they asked the questions which appear in the previous chapter. It is conceded that there have been terrible convulsions of nature from time immemorial; that earthquakes have shaken the globe, and that thousands of people have at different times perished through fire and flood and plague and famine. That does not meet the question at issue. The events that Christ foretold were to be among the signs of His coming and the end of the world. The many calamities enumerated were to come upon mankind at the same period. Associated with them was this additional sign: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (v. 14).

Not only are those disasters and tribulations that He said would signalize the latter days in striking evidence, but "the Gospel of the Kingdom" has been restored, as preached by Christ and His Apostles, and is being preached "as a witness to all nations." These events have been pointed out many times in the light in which He presented them, and are regarded by many thoughtful people as literal fulfillments of His words and as precursors of His coming and the end of the world.

The latter term is not intended to convey the notion that this globe is to be dissolved and scattered into space, as some would be thought to misinterpret the phrase. "The end of the world" is the end of the rule and dominion of the wicked and of the prince of the world, who "reigns in the hearts of the children of disobedience." The "children of this world," to whom the Master frequently referred, are and have been opposed to "the kingdom of heaven." The time is to come when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of God and of His Christ."

That is the great change which is to come, as foretold by all the seers and prophets who were inspired of God to behold the grand consummation. The coming of the King of kings as the rightful ruler of the whole earth, is associated with the other event—the end of the world, that is, the overthrow of the dominion of wickedness and the establishment of the reign of righteousness. The idea that it means the end of the earth and the general smashing out of false religion and ignorance of the divine purpose concerning the earth and its inhabitants.

Before the advent of the Son of Man in power and great glory, the events to precede His coming must take place as He described them; and this is certain: The Gospel that He has restored must be preached to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people." His people must be gathered from all parts of the earth, and these are but some of the signs of His coming, which prove that much time must yet elapse before "the end shall come."

We are not among those alarmists who wish to frighten the timid or startle the fearful. But we do desire to draw the attention of people who have some regard for the word of the Lord and the sayings of His prophets, to the signs of the times, with the view to impress upon their souls the need of observing His law and obeying His Gospel, that they may be able to discern

the signs of His approaching advent, and "stand in holy places and be not moved" when the calamities and tribulation of the last days shall overwhelm the unbelieving and the wicked. Every word spoken by the voice of divine prophecy will be fulfilled, no matter how they may be derided by the sceptic and the scorner.

HOW PEACE WILL COME.

A contributor to the Westminster Review discusses the timely question, how will international peace be established? On this subject various opinions have been advanced. Some see in Socialism the power that will obliterate boundaries between nations and unite all in a great brotherhood; others hope that the churches will effect this union of mankind in brotherly love. The writer in the London publication just mentioned believes that selfishness will ultimately bring about unity and peace.

He takes the view that religion has been tried and found wanting. If the preachers, he maintains, had set peace and goodwill on earth above everything else, peace and goodwill would have reigned on earth for many a century; religion, he says, has had the opportunity for these long centuries, and it has failed. Self-interest, this philosopher claims, must now be depended on as the most potent factor in the development of society toward the Millennial ideal. As quoted in the Literary Digest, he says:

"This is a factor which... has in my opinion not been sufficiently taken into consideration by the friends of progress, and in conjunction herewith I would further point out that self-interest will make itself felt not only in not wanting to fight the neighbor with whom the country is doing a good trade, but, as time goes on, more and more firms will establish branches in other countries, and these will be principally such undertakings as have great influence in the commercial and political world of their own country. They will say: Why shall we play our fellow-men at the bidding of others—our fellow men with whom we have no personal quarrel? Why shall we do this? Besides, we only stand to lose by it. Thus self-interest will speak, and self-interest, I repeat to say, is, after all, the most potent factor with the great mass of humanity."

This is hard doctrine. Is it true? Is it true that self-interest is the most potent factor with the majority of humankind? Is that interest stronger than the sacrificing love of mother, or father? Stronger than the impulse that prompts millions to come to the rescue of sufferers from famine, earthquakes, war and other visitations? If self-interest is such a potent factor, why have not wars ceased long ago, and peace been established? Self-interest must have been as strong thousands of years ago as it is today. The fact is that self-interest is rather a disintegrating force than a uniting one, and that not until it is conquered by the love that does not seek its own interest in the first place, will mankind have peace. It must be admitted that the religion of the world has not been potent enough to melt the swords and remould them into implements of peace, but under its influence the ramparts of war have nevertheless been slowly undermined and prepared for a great fall. Its votaries have sown the seeds of peace that will, in due time, grow and ripen. Its teachings are by no means lost, though apparently "cast upon the waters."

The time will undoubtedly come when the friends of peace, of the deeper strata of all nations, will unite in a vast international society under the leadership of men and women who will devote their lives, their talents and fortunes to that cause. A movement will be started similar to those inaugurated by friends of temperance, or suffrage. The hosts of peace will go out on the streets and highways with their message, as do now the soldiers of the Salvation Army. They will build halls and form groups pledged to the cause of human brotherhood. When the time comes for that movement to start, universal peace will be the result. At present the peace agitation is very much confined to the upper strata of society. When it becomes popular, it will be a success, and it will be one of the most beautiful fruits of the religion of Jesus.

VALUABLE PAMPHLETS.

The Bureau of Information is circulating two very excellent pamphlets on Utah, its people, resources, attractions and institutions, illustrated with very neat and attractive cuts of public buildings and points of interest. One of them, in addition to articles on the subjects denoted in the title, contains an article on the churches of this city, and a sketch of the organization, doctrines and ordinances of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with further information for the benefit of tourists. The other pamphlet includes all the particulars of the first brochure, except the "Mormon" Church explanation. These little works are very valuable to the general public, and particularly to people who desire reliable information concerning this State and its material interests. It should be very widely circulated, and the Bureau in publishing it has added one more proof to the many already in evidence, of the enterprise of its management and the power which it exercises for good. The Bureau of Information has become one of the most important and beneficial of our public institutions.

THE VOICE OF EARTHQUAKES.

Naturally, speculation is rife as to the causes of the cataclysms that have occurred in various parts of the earth lately, with so brief intervals. The human mind is not content unless it can pursue its quest for the origin of things, both terrestrial and celestial, and so knowledge is multiplied, since "the seeketh findeth."

It is evident, however, that it is too soon to express any set opinion as to the cause of the great calamity that has befallen San Francisco. In the fearful confusion that followed the shock and the mad conflagration, no scientific observations were possible. They will be

made later, as far as circumstances permit, and there can, of course, be no deductions before all the data are made known.

In the meantime it may be of interest to recall the fact that two theories concerning the formation and development of the earth have always contended for pre-eminence, and that seismic disturbances will be accounted for differently, according to the view taken about the creative processes. One is that our globe has evolved out of a condition of "fervent heat," and is gradually cooling off. The other is, that it was formed out of matter not in a fused state, but that it was actually covered with water, and that it is constantly developing heat and will continue to do so, until the end, in fire, comes. One of these views has been called the igneous, and the other the aqueous theory.

According to the first of the theories mentioned, the globe commenced its career as a gaseous mass of more than 6,000 degrees of heat. This was detached from the sun body and thrown out into space, where the cooling process at once commenced. Afterward a crust was formed, and this became gradually thicker and firmer and was made fit for an abode for plants, animals, and man. The earth crust now is calculated to be about 40 miles in thickness, which, by the way, is a very thin shell for a globe the size of the earth. All beneath this is fused matter. The vast interior furnace, we are told, is gradually parting with its heat, and the matter is fast becoming a solid, and adding to the earth's crust all the time. After millions of years, they calculate, the earth will become a solid body, a cold, frigid world, like the moon. This is one view.

The other accounts for the interior heat differently, and predicts another future for the earth. If one could take one cubic foot of earth-matter, its exponents say, and pile upon it layer after layer, until a column 544 miles high had been built, the pressure upon the base of the column would be sufficient to generate about 6,400 degrees of heat. All known rocks would melt under that pressure, and the base of the column would be in a state of fusion. This, it is argued, took place in the formation of the earth. Matter, known to exist in space, was gathered together and shaped into a globe. The pressure exerted upon the interior parts generated heat, and caused those parts to melt. This process, it is thought, is no longer going on, for the reason that the matter constituting the earth shell is not of sufficient thickness and density to generate the heat necessary to further fuse the solid matter. Consequently, the melted interior has commenced to part with its heat through the shell, and as it contracts, the shell must necessarily fall until it rests again upon the molten sea of lava underneath. If the fall of the shell is slight, there is an earth-tremor; if considerable, we have an earthquake of a subident, or contractive, form. Instances of this kind of earthquakes are the so-called New England catastrophe in 1884, and the Charleston earthquake in 1886, which had its center at that city.

No less than between two and three hundred earthquakes have been experienced during the past few years, and since 1872 the number is said to amount to over 1,700, and we are told that they are coming with increasing frequency and severity. In some instances the earth shell has fallen, at the center of disturbance, as much as eighteen inches. Each tremor and shock weakens the earth's crust to some extent, and it is likely upon this theory, that the time will come when it will fall to pieces and be buried beneath the lava. So science joins with prophecy, and thus do volcanoes and earthquakes speak to the earth-inhabitants with the voice of thunder and tongues of flame, as Jehovah at one time spoke to His people from the mountain top of Sinai.

ONLY AFFECTATION.

"Our English tongue is not a polite one," said a philologist. "It lacks the polite expressions that the French and Italian tongues have."

"For instance?"
"For instance," said the philologist, "you are starting on a journey and a friend comes to see you off. To say the polite thing to you departing your friend must fall back on France. He must say 'Bon voyage!'"
"Again, you are about to go to dinner. Your friend wishes to say he hopes you will enjoy the meal. He must fall back on France again to say this gracefully. He must use the French phrase 'Bon appetit!'"
"Again, you are going to bed and your friend hopes you will sleep well. He can't express his hope, though, in any phrase of our impolite English tongue. He must fall back on Italy and say 'Buon riposo,'" says the Chicago Chronicle.

That is simply a bit of affectation on the part of the "philologist." He could have said, "A pleasant journey," "A good appetite" and "Sweet repose," and been just as forceful and equally polite. One who cannot be polite in English will never be polite in French or Italian.

What's the good of calling a spade a spade if you don't use it in the garden?

It will not be long before San Francisco will rise Phoenix like from the ashes.

When Elijah is domiciled in Zion City will his opponents be docile and reconciled?

The Metropolitan Grand Opera company found the Coast far more lurid than alluring.

Those who have not raked up the ashes on their premises should be raked over the coals.

Dowie will make his grand entry into Zion City tomorrow. Voliva will not be on the reception committee.

Years hence it will be a great dis-

inction to have been a sufferer from the San Francisco earthquake and holocaust.

In an interview in New York Madame Gorky said she could not collect her thoughts. Her husband is here to collect coin and not thoughts.

In Mexico a gold mine has just been sold for \$150,000, for the discovery of which chickens are entitled to full credit. The outcroppings were found in their crops.

The first thing Baritone Rossi did as soon as he effected his escape from the Palace hotel was to try his voice. He probably thought it had perished in the general wreck and ruin.

Someone has suggested a day of prayer for universal religious liberty. Special reference is made to countries that do not enjoy such liberty. But bigotry is not entirely confined to other countries.

Ghouls prowled round battlefields and the ruins of an earthquake-shaken and fire-swept city. It would seem that at such times the human instinct would manifest itself above all others, but it does not. When caught they should be shot down out of hand.

Within the memory of persons now living, the New York Evening Star remarks, "Japan has developed from a hermit nation into one of the most mighty of the civilized powers, with a modern navy and a modern army that have been tried successfully in a great war." The occasion for these observations was the sailing of Viscount Luro Ocki to represent Japan at Washington as the first ambassador. The scroll of history is being unrolled with remarkable rapidity. The end is approaching.

According to the Boston Transcript, the cat is rapidly becoming a favorite article of food in certain parts of Italy, particularly in Venice and Verona. In these and some other cities also, the butchers sell dressed cats under the name of rabbits. There is a law against selling cats, but, notwithstanding, a large business is done in raising cats for the market. The cat is usually cooked by roasting in the oven until brown, along with onions, garlic, parsley, bay leaves and other herbs. American tourists who have an impression that they must see Italy first, should be thankful for this information.

Arthralgonicon is the name given to a remedy which an Italian physician is said to have discovered, and which is said to be a sure cure for rheumatism. According to the description it contains no trace of any of the usual remedies for rheumatism and gout, and acts by combining with the uric acid in the blood, making this very soluble and so enabling it to be more easily eliminated from the system. Dr. Ballabene, the Italian physician, also holds that the drug destroys the toxins or germs flowing in the blood. Here is the important factor in the drug—it kills the disease, whereas the usual remedies for gout and rheumatism merely relieve the symptoms. Cures, it is claimed, have been effected on patients ranging from six to eighty-five years of age.

A little pamphlet, 32 pages, entitled "The Elders' Reference," has been published by the Southern States Mission. It contains extracts from the Doctrine and Covenants, and sayings of the inspired founders of the Church, relating to the duties of missionaries. It has brief and pointed instructions on a great number of subjects, with which missionaries should be familiar, for the preservation of oneness of spirit and practice. Among these subjects are: "Instructing the Candidates for Baptism," "Administering the Sacrament to New Members," "Fast Offerings," "Challenges for Debate," and many others. The Elders will find the pamphlet a very useful aid in their work. Its compilation and publication shows commendable enterprise on the part of the brethren who preside over the Southern States mission.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Pueblo Chieftain.

An American newspaper or consid- erable prominence recently printed an editorial lamenting the fact that people were no longer willing to die for their religious opinions. In the middle ages, said this writer, it was generally expected that people would sacrifice to death or torture rather than renounce their faith, deny their beliefs, or declare their abhorrence of something they did not hold to be true. The writer of this article and others similarly minded, will doubtless find a source of great satisfaction in the heresy trial of Dr. Crap- sey of the Protestant Episcopal church, which is evidence at least that ereas have not entirely ceased to assert their authority over the minds of men.

John Burroughs in the Cosmopolitan. I would gladly chant a psalm for the world as I find it. What a mighty interesting place to live in! If I had my life to live over again, and had my choice of celestial abodes, I am sure I should take this planet and I should choose these men and women for my friends and companions. This great rolling sphere with its sky, its stars, its sunrises and sunsets, and with its outlook into infinity—what could be more desirable? What more satisfying? Garlanded by the seasons, embosomed in sidereal influences, thrilling with life, with a heart of fire and a garment of azure seas, and fruitful continents—one might ransack the heavens in vain for a better or a more picturesque abode. As Emerson says, it is "well worth the heart and pitch of great men to subdue and enjoy it."

Kansas City Star. Remember that figure do not proclaim the whole result of Sunday closing of the saloons in Kansas City, but they are significant, and they suggest the rest of the story. Chief Hayes testifies that Sunday arrests for one year under the closing order have been reduced 80 per cent and that Sunday crimes have been decreased 75 per cent. That pretty nearly reveals the part that the saloons play in the disorders and the crimes of a great city. But it is not in the decrease of disorder and crime, considered in general, that the gain is best understood. It is pertinent to reflect what the disturbances and the violations of law might have been, if they had not been prevented. They would have ranged all the way from mere infractions of the peace to murder. Society has been saved from the contemplation of these crimes, but what is a far greater consideration is that

men and women have been saved from committing them.

El Paso News.

Yet, one can but think that if our religious bodies would direct the vast sums they spend in China and Japan in efforts to convert "heathen" whose civilization and religion antedate ours by untold centuries, to the alleviation of the suffering, the conversion of the vicious and the education of the ignorant in our own land, they would serve the Master to better purpose.

JUST FOR FUN.

Marriage and Colors.

Here's the old superstition which the Easter bride, who fortunately is always married in white, may take for what it is worth:
Married in gray, you will go far away.
Married in black you will wish your-self back.
Married in brown, you will live out of town.
Married in red, you will wish yourself dead.
Married in pearl, you will live in a whirl.
Married in green, ashamed to be seen.
Married in yellow, ashamed of your fellow.
Married in blue, he will always be true.
Married in pink, your spirits will sink.
Married in white, you have chosen aright.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Risk Too Great.

He desired to take out a life policy for \$50,000.
Smiling eagerly the agent drew forth the blank form and began the usual series of questions.
"Query six," he said at length, "are you an automobilist?"
"No," was the ready rejoinder, "I am not."
"Motor-cyclist, perhaps?"
"No."
The agent with a sigh laid down his pen.
"I am sorry," he said, "but we no longer insure pedestrians."—Minneapolis Journal.

A Callopie in Church.

In a small village in Iowa the congregation of one of the churches decided to purchase a pipe organ. There, upon one venerable member raised terrific opposition. He became excited. He denounced the scheme as unholily and monstrous.
"But, Uncle John," said one young lady, "how do you know so much about pipe organs? I didn't know that you had ever seen one."
"Well, perhaps I hadn't ought to talk so knowingly," admitted the objecting member, "seeing as how I never saw but one myself."
"And where was that?" was asked.
"Down to Council Bluffs in a circus parade."—Ex.

As a Stepping-Stone.

"No one can deny that 'honesty is the best policy.'"
"It is until you get prominent enough to drop policy and start playing the stock market."—Catholic Standard.

The Limit.

"Don't you think Gertrude uses a great deal of face powder?"
"Great deal? Why, say, if the walking delegate of the Kalsominers' union ever saw her she'd have to show her card."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Woman's Rights in Burma.

The Burmese woman must make an excellent wife. A Singapore paper says that her highest ambition is to maintain her husband in lordly idleness and to supply him with abundant funds for cock fighting, bullock cart racing and gambling. And many of the Burmese women do big deals in timber, buying up in advance the "paddy" crops of a whole district, and so on, on a scale that requires big financing.—New York Tribune.

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