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BIRTHPLACE OF THE PROPHET.

The Boston Globe of May 19 contains a very good, illustrated article on the monument and memorial cottage erected by the Latter-day Saints on the place where the Prophet Joseph was born. The illustrations include portraits of the Prophet and his brother Hyrum, the Patriarch, and their venerated mother; a photograph of the memorial cottage and the heartstone of the birthplace. Concerning the portraits the writer says:

"The most striking things in this room are three portrait paintings, after early portraits. They are of the prophet Joseph Smith, his older brother Hyrum, who was killed with him, and their mother. The artist may have idealized him, in a measure, but young he undoubtedly was, for he was less than 30 at his death."

"To anyone who has deeply conjured with the name of Joseph Smith an old man, this portrait is more striking than an encyclopedia of facts about his life. The picture of the brother also shows a strong, sympathetic and intelligent face."

The old mother is a worthy figure, a veritable old-time New England matron, accustomed to hard work and the serious things of life, yet not lacking in kindness and a shrewd understanding."

"She was of New England stock, but with a suggestion of Scotch-Irish ancestry, this portrait removed one would say, as suggested by the abbreviated family name."

The following touching sentences from the address by President Joseph F. Smith, on the occasion of the dedication of the monument are quoted:

"Yesterday, while visiting the birthplace of my father and some of his brothers and sisters, and contemplating this rugged country, filled with hills and ravines, the thought that here in this land was where my kindred had birth, that we are perhaps traversing the same roads and the same old trails, and possibly partaking of the products of the same orchard from which our ancestors two or three generations ago partook, and that the thought, which is the same thought, that here the president broke down, his voice choked with emotion, and his eyes filled with tears; but, making an effort to control himself, he continued:—my heart is like that of a child. It is easily touched, especially with love. I can much easier weep for joy than for sorrow."

"I suppose it is due to some extent to the fact that all my early remembrances were painful and sorrowful. The persecutions of the prophet and people in Missouri and in Illinois, the final martyrdom of the prophet and my father, the expulsion of the saints from Nauvoo, the driving out of the widows and the orphans from their homes, the journey across the plains, the hardships we endured in the settling of the valley of the Great Salt Lake, and trying to make a home there, my experiences on the plains, in standing guard, herding cattle, and going to the canyons; then starting out at the age of 15 on a mission to the Sandwich Islands, so far away, alone apparently, without father or mother, without kindred or friends scarcely—all this had a tendency in my youth to depress my spirit. But I had strength by the grace of God."

The entire article, though not profane, is fair and impartial, and is therefore appreciated.

The author seems to be surprised at the intelligence reflected in the countenances of the Prophet, his brother, and mother. Many are similarly struck by finding, on an examination of the principles of the Gospel, that they, so far from being the illogical conglomerate of ideas they sometimes are represented to be, are in harmony with sound philosophy, practical and in full accord with the teachings of the Scriptures. To those who have found the truth, it is not surprising to learn that the light of truth is reflected through the features of those who proclaimed it.

One who knew the Prophet well has left this picture of him:

"He possessed a noble boldness and independence of character; his manner was easy and familiar, his face as bright as the sun, his benevolence unbounded as the ocean, his intelligence universal, and his language abounding in original eloquence peculiar to himself—not polished—not studied—not smoothed and softened by education and refined by art; but flowing forth in its own native simplicity, and profusely abounding in variety of subject and manner. He interested and edified while, at the same time, he amused and entertained his audience, and none listened to him who were ever weary with his discourse."

Such was the Prophet. He was one of the great men of the last century.

A GREAT GATHERING.

The peace meeting in the First Congregational church on Sunday was in every respect a great gathering. On the platform were representatives of the Moslem faith, the Roman and Greek Catholic churches, the Protestant churches and the Church of Latter-day Saints, and all were united for the furtherance of the great cause of humanity. The large congregation was similarly composed. The musical exercises were pleasing, and the addresses were instructive and eloquent. It was an occasion notable for the absence of discord. The spirit of the religion that has the Prince of Peace for its center was embodied in that gathering, and may we not hope that, as coming events cast their shadows before them, it was prophetic of an era of good will and fellowship among all classes of citizens in this commonwealth?

The constitution adopted for the Utah State Peace society expresses the thought that "men and nations should strive for harmony in all human relations, as best fitting the purpose of life," as well as "labor for the furtherance of the international peace movement." If this is carried out, strife will vanish as the shadows of night before the morning light. International peace

as a permanent condition may seem far off. Destructive wars may still be looked for, as well as other calamities, before the nations of the earth shall be fully prepared to receive divine instruction on questions of government and submit international differences to arbitration of the Supreme Judge, and until then armies and navies are a necessity; but there is no reason why men and women should not now unite their efforts for the promotion of peace, unity and harmony in the every-day affairs of life, private and public, as a preparation for the Millennial era.

And this is the aim of peace friends. They are neither charlatans nor dreamers. Among them are some of the most practical statesmen of the world.

But we are told by some that wars are necessary for the development of the many qualities of men. This is a common error. Wars have caused the physical exhaustion and extermination of nations. In wars the physically strong and perfect men are slaughtered and the weaklings are left to propagate the race. "Greece," says David Starr Jordan, "died because the men who made her glory had all passed away, and left none of their kind, and therefore none of their kind. France is today a great nation, but who can tell how much greater it would have been, had the country not had so many wars?" "Road," says President Jordan, "the dreary record of the glory of France, the slaughter at Waterloo, the wretched failure of Moscow, the miserable deeds of Sedan, the waste of Algiers, the poison of Madagascar, the crimes of Indo-China, the hideous results of barack vice and its entail of disease and sterility, and you will understand the 'Man of the Hoe.' The man who is left, the man whom 'glory' cannot use, becomes the father of the future men of France." Such being the case, it will be readily understood that the peace friends, in pleading for a change in the war policy of the world are really pleading for the physical preservation of the race, as well as for the raising of its moral standards and the lightening of the economic burdens that have become a curse upon the laboring men of the world.

UNREST IN CHINA.

Reports have it that a rebellion has broken out in China, in the province of Yunnan, which is causing a great deal of anxiety in Peking. The leader of the rebellion is Sun Yat Sen, a Chinese agitator, educated in Europe and supposed to represent the "Young China" idea. But where the insurgents obtain the moral and financial backing, no one outside the movement seems to know.

To one not familiar with Chinese conditions it is difficult to understand how rebellion can flourish now in one part of the empire, and now in another. But each province is, to a large extent, independent. Each viceroys raises, pays and commands his own army, and the Viceroy of Yunnan is said to have only about 5,000 half-trained troops, while the rebels have 10,000 well disciplined soldiers, apparently well equipped, and commanded by Japanese officers, doubtless veterans of the Russo-Japanese war. As the Chinese when well will fight as well as any other troops, the situation is doubtless serious. The anxiety at Peking is not difficult to account for when it is remembered that such an army as the rebels are reputed to have could march all over western China, regardless of any opposition which they might meet.

The city of Menatse, which is said to be in the power of the rebels, is situated about sixty miles from the northern frontier of French Indo-China and up on a railroad built and operated by the French. Mengtse is about 1,400 miles from Peking. The railroad line which the rebels may seize, is French property in close proximity to French territory.

THE GRAND JURY.

Grand Jurors do not talk of the work in which they are engaged, but the Foreman of the present jury, has been quoted to the effect that the jurors now serving would be willing to spend the rest of the summer in their little inconvenient jury room, before they would give up their investigations while still a single clue remains that has not been wholly worked over.

Each morning the men on the jury file into their room and work away till noon, then with a brief recess they get at it again, and each one of them has important business outside which is suffering, and will continue to suffer while they perform this service.

The jury has already been in session for two weeks longer than its longest predecessor, and no one can say yet when the end will be. That no complaint has issued from the jury room, and that the vigilance of those working therein is as keen now, after the long investigation as it was in the beginning, is a subject for comment. The jurymen seem to have been determined to do their duty, whatever the results of the efforts may be.

A GROWING STATE.

To one who does not often pass over the State from end to end, its sudden changes may easily leave impressions of what is being done far behind the actualities. But progress is in evidence everywhere. Emery county is no exception from the general rule.

With the trees planted this year in Green River and in Castle valley, there is now, we understand, a total of 2,000,000 fruit trees in the ground in that county. Gold miners have made the mountains famous, but the returns from vast orchards like these should make the valleys equally famous and must not be overlooked. Something like 400,000 trees, we are told, represent this year's planting at Green River, while the item of \$9,999 is the total of the season's activity in Castle valley.

Emery up to now has not been famous as a fruit growing county, but these figures make it certain that the wealth drawn into Utah by the counties of the north is to be augmented by important fruit production in the south.

ably find others reaping rewards to which a little foresight now would give them a full title.

Fly time should be a good time to try airships.

What kind of a hat did the merry widow Guinness wear?

Mrs. Guinness would have been an ideal affinity for Bluebeard.

Is Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's divorce suit to be part of her regular wardrobe?

Senator T. C. Platt thinks less of the Mae Wood than of the May flower.

They have sporting pages in the House and Senate, why not have one in the Record?

The summer rush to Europe having been resumed, gold is returning by the millions.

It looks as though the Guinness farm, famous for its murders, were destined to be Indiana's greatest pleasure resort.

Having kept the lid on in the Philippines, Cuba and Panama, Secretary Taft will have no trouble in keeping it on at Chicago.

It is not at all surprising that a man should turn the cold shoulder to those who ask for a subscription to a polar expedition.

In nothing does history so repeat itself as in the outrages that always accompany a street car strike, as witness the doings in Cleveland.

King Manuel should be very popular in Portugal for he is madly in love with the daughter of a lady in waiting to Queen Amelia, for does not all the world love a lover?

Seeing that they cannot use the funds of their companies for purposes of political contributions, the managers of the great life insurance companies will not be so popular with the party bosses this year as they have been in former presidential elections.

Secretary Metcalf says that the long cruise of the battleship fleet has improved the machinery of the ships. How much added improvement will there be in the machinery by the time the fleet reaches Hampton Roads in February?

Preservation of the nation's natural resources is a proper and commendable thing but there has been somewhat of an alarm note heard in connection with the cry for it. The nations of Europe have been using their natural resources for thousands of years and they are not yet exhausted, and there is no great danger that those of the United States will be exhausted in any approximately near future. Let us not exchange our American optimism for a mess of pessimism.

The present crusade against "scorching" automobiles is probably more explosive than anything else. The police have been quite as much to blame as the chauffeurs, because it has been in their power all the time to stop the scorching. The thing to do is to allow automobiles to run at a reasonable speed, taking into consideration all the conditions, and then rigidly and persistently enforce the ordinance regulating their speed. Such a policy would have the support of the press and the public.

CUBA'S DESPONDENT BANNER.

One of those little accidents which spectators are apt to consider unimportant occurred in the course of the ceremonies attendant on the laying of the corner stone of the Pan-American building at Washington, Monday. Something went wrong with the halyards at the most inopportune time, and the flag of Cuba, instead of fluttering forth on the breeze, hung in a feeble, listless and could not be either lowered or opened. While the flags of other Latin American nations spread their gorgeous colors to the wind, that of Cuba remained despondent and despondent, the cynosure of many eyes. Considering our responsibility for Cuba, and the character of Cuban politicians and parties, it would not be wonderful if the superstitious saw in the occurrence a reminder that Mr. Carnegie's dream of universal peace might suffer a rude awakening at the cold touch of actualities.

ODD ANIMALS IN HARNESS.

Montreal Standard.
The horse must look to his laurels, as a number of odd competitors for his place as the friend of man are springing up. At Anaheim, a German settlement in Southern California, ostriches have been trained to draw light four-wheeled traps. One of these birds so harnessed has traveled a mile in three minutes, or at the rate of twenty miles an hour. The African zebra was formerly regarded as being too wild and vicious to be of use in harness. But time has changed this, and now in British East Africa any number of zebras can be purchased, ready trained to bit and bridle. The zebra will be found most useful in Africa and India, as it is exceedingly strong, a fast trotter, and immune from many diseases which attack horses. Perhaps the oddest animal in harness is the wild boar which is driven by a French peasant at Montlucon. It is now three years old, and able to draw a small two-wheeled cart. As a bit of no use, the reins are attached to the animal's eye-teeth.

OLD WORLD TALKING PEACE.

Los Angeles Express.
Without at all denying the occasional usefulness of lawmakers and diplomats a measure of approval may be given to the sentiment recently expressed by Rear Admiral Evans and given in the following words: "We will always have a war as long as we have anything worth while to fight over, and the more battleships and the fewer statesmen we have the longer we will have peace."

The opinion of the admiral somewhat substantiates the idea of a big navy as a pacemaker, but in the first analysis the point becomes most prominent particularly when taken in connection with the influence which the world-wide feeling of the fleet is having on other nations. Thus an American recently returned from Russia says European opinion regards the sending of the fleet to the Pacific as the greatest diplomatic move of the century. Russians and others now believe the peace of the world is assured, and with the voyage ended they believe the feeling which has developed between the United States and Japan will be dissipated. The fleet ques-

tion, or the program for naval expansion, therefore, is not one to be settled by American statesmen or even American public opinion just at present. The verdict must be rendered after the effect upon other nations has been observed and fully considered. It seems Europe is talking of world peace and the voyage of the "big sixteen" is not half completed.

JUST FOR FUN.

Contrary to Law.

"Did you ever notice what dirty hands those otherwise neat children of the Plunkers always have?" "Yes, poor things. They inherit them. Their fathers always have taken care of his own automobile."—Brooklyn Life.

The Wheat Speculator.

At the "open board," in golden grain. He plunged with his little might and main. And now he is making frequent "calls" At the shop with the sign of the golden balls.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Fortune Hunters.

Gunner—I see where that prince wore false whiskers when he called on his golden lady love. Guyer—He's lucky. Some of those foreign noblemen have to wear false shirt bosoms.

Brother Had to Have 'Em.

Bill—You say you wore evening clothes? Jill—Sure thing. "Didn't know you owned any?" "I don't; they were my brother's." "Didn't know he had any?" "Sure thing; he's a waiter."—Yonkers Statesman.

A Contradictory Reply.

Commissioner Bingham of New York, discussing the case of a policeman found guilty of protecting gambling houses, said: "The man lied so naively in defence of his innocence, and his stupid being next to the nursery the children's noise disturbed him, and he employed a carpenter to make the law sound-proof between the two rooms."

"I'll fix it all right," said the carpenter, confidently. "The best thing to do will be to line it with shavings." "He completed the job, then he called the literary man in." "She's sound-proof all right now," he said.

"We'll test her," said the literary man. "You stay here." "And going into the nursery he called to the carpenter in the study."

"Can you hear me?" "No, sir, I can't," was the prompt reply.—Washington Star.

He, Too, Had Erred.

Capt. Bruguiere of the army transport Sherman likes a good story, and although some of the best he tells are on himself he tells them just the same. Bound last Thanksgiving Day. Some of the soldiers had chipped in and bought a turkey from the commissary and prepared to celebrate the occasion with a feast more elaborate and seasonable than that provided by Uncle Sam. The turkey was stolen over night. It was learned a few days later that a certain fireman had entertained his watch at a turkey supper in the forecabin, and in due course of events the fireman was brought before Capt. Bruguiere.

"How about the turkey?" demanded the skipper in his most judicial manner. "May I see ye alone, sir? I don't like to talk before these people," replied the fireman.

The others withdrew. The fireman carefully closed the door and in a hoarse whisper addressed his commanding officer. "Cap. Bruguiere," he said, "d'ye remember where we were quartered on the San Juan?" "I do," replied the captain. "D'ye remember that we were shipmates then—that I was donkeyman?" "I do. What's that got to do with this?"

"Nothin', sir, but I just wanted to ask ye where did ye get them chickens I used to roast for ye?" "You go to thunder," was what Capt. Bruguiere said. It was all he could say. But he bought the soldiers another turkey.—San Francisco Call.

Yankee—I'll have you know, stranger, that I belong to Chicago. Sandy—Deed, an' whad he's thought it? Fane the way ye've been speaking I thought Chicago belonged to you.—Home Magazine.

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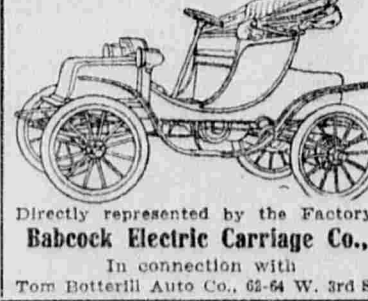
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