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MEMORIAL SERVICES.

For years it has been the custom in the wards throughout the Stakes of Zion to commemorate the birthday of the Prophet Joseph, by special services, on the Sunday nearest the date of that anniversary. In accordance with this practice we suggest that Sunday, Dec. 26, this year, be devoted to the memory of the great Prophet of this dispensa tion, and that appropriate services be held in the Sunday schools, ward houses and other places where the religious services of the Church are held, on that day.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND, First Presidency. Salt Lake City, Dec. 11, 1909.

WHAT IS THE MATTER?

"What is the matter with the church es?" asks a writer in the Delineator for January. And the answer given to that important and timely question is:

'The dollar-mark fever.

"The dollar-mark fever. "The greed for gold. "Financial thirst. "The worship of Mammon. "All these different names for a dis-ease that is calculated to kill or de-stroy anything. The church (catholic or universal) stands today, divided into as many grades as any social circle or inancial institution in the land; and the dollar mark is its standard. "Show your church trustees any help unsupported by the glorious coin, and see how cordial your reception into that fold!

golden egg.

should be the last to vote against the

multiplication of schools, and more par-

of the individual possessing it, is, of

eral intelligence and education of the

people lead to an increase in the mar-

ket value of realty is obvious enough

also, when we come to consider what

it is that makes real estate valuable

It is largely the desirability of the

place as a home, and this depends upon

the culture and education of the sur-

LECTURING ON UTAH.

large audience in the Odd Fellows Tem

showed the people in Utah in a very

"He gave facts and figures which will

do much toward correcting the wrong

impressions which the people here in

the East have gained from the stories

which are circulated by sectarian min-

isters and others who know little or

do much to correct some of the ridicul-

ous and vicious impressions which the

and the Mormons."

Utah and her people.

doctrine."

contemporary.

people here in the east have of Utah

We have not the pleasure of knowing

the lecturer, but if he has made it his

business to enlighten the people of the East on Utah conditions and will do so

in a spirit of fairness and truth, we

cannot but wish him success. We want

the world to know all the truth about

NOT AN OBSOLETE DOCTRINE.

The St. Louis Times, speaking of total

"The theory of total de-

depravity, pronounces it an "obsolete

pravity is out of date, and we hope in time to find it quite extinct," says our

And so we hope, if by "total de-

pravity" is meant that every man and

voman is so thoroughly bad that there

is nothing good in them. And this idea

was once preached by zealots with but

little understanding of human nature.

that every man and woman has been

affected, some more and some less, by

sin and by the sinful conditions existing

are contrary to the law of God.

But, if by "total depravity" is meant

favorable light. Says our correspondent

rounding population.

ourse, undisputed; and that the gen-

ticularly those of higher grade.

fold! "Let us return to the simple form of worship of our Savior's time and make it possible for the mechanic and laborer to join the throng with that feeling of fellowship that makes us of kin."

The question is one that causes con cern all over the country in church circles. Prof. William D. Furry, of the department of philosophy of the John Hopkins University, took up the same question before a class, the other day: What is the matter with the church? And he answered it thus: "Why it has been doing too much singing and too little fighting."

He explained that, in his opinion, the church in the past has been derelict: "It has," he said, "not sought to com-bat social evils. While it sat back singvice got in its deadly work, and when the eyes were opened the disease had got deep enough almost to discour age battling. The kingdom of God is here to correct social evils-to continue the work started by Jesus. No matter how low a man falls from his high mo tives, no matter how sorry a spectacle of humanity he may be, if he keeps the ideal of Christ before him, if he struggles to live His life, then is he, I think, truly a disciple."

There is a great deal of truth in both of these views. And, furthermore, while the churches have been derelict in their duty to fight the social evils, for fear of losing the patronage of those who profit by them; while they have exhibited many symptoms of the dollar fever. they have swelled up in pride over their alleged orthodoxy and self-righteousness, and engaged in hostility against

tally good. The image of the Creator A UNIQUE ARGUMENT. has not been entirely blotted out of An editorial in the Christmas "News" the soul of any human being. Even the aintained that high schools are neces sary to the education of all the pupils; such schools can be no longer regarded many a man and woman pronounced bad by human society is not half as as luxuries, but must hereafter be wicked as others who are honored and eemed necessities. feted. On the same day that the last pages

posite character. This is true, but that does not modify the doctrine of total Christmas "News" were printed, the Utah Educational Review came depravity, as set forth in the Scriptures from the press bearing a brisk and un which is this, that man is in such a answerable argument in favor of high condition that he cannot be saved ex cept through the aid of the Spirit of

The article maintains:

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 "That the high school is the poor man's college. Many a youth can go no farther than the high school in regu-lar educational training. A vustly greater number would do well and many would be glad to go as far.
"That the high school opens the door of opportunity to every youth and should be brought within the reach of every one truly desirous of attend-ing it. and sanctification. This doctrine can never become "obsolete." The good trusts dle young. Absent but not forgotten-Dr. F Economy is the cry: extravagance is

That attending a high school far the fact One touch of Christmas makes all the world kin. Roosevelt luck again. He never con-

"That attending a high school far from home is always more expensive and difficult and is open to objections that readily suggest themselves, especi-ally in view of the fact that the aver-age at which the grade pupils are being graduated has been regularly becoming lower for some years past.
"That the intellectual life and even the industrial efficiency of the na-tion as a whole, to say nothing of civic responsibility and the education of the future voter as one capable of intelli-gent political action, must rest largely and perhaps mainly upon the knowl-edge imparted and the training given in the high school."

The foregoing arguments may be already more or less familiar to many people, being somewhat similar in im port to those usually set forth on this subject; but the next argument, the fifth, states a fact not generally known by men of wealth or by business corporations. This following unique proposi tion is well worth pondering. It declares:

ky trust. 5. "That the price of real estate in any community varies directly with the intelligence of the people who live there. Schools are the best financial "What is a professor?" asks an exchange. Almost anybody who is not

colonel guarantee of a continued rise in the value of land. Ricardo's theory is not value of land. Ricardo's theory is not absolute. Mere numbers are not all. Quality makes values. The City of Mexico with its hundreds of thousands, scarcely mets the value of real estate in Sait Lake City with its less than a hundred thousand people. The "un-earned increment," or rental of land depends upon the number multiplied by the intelligence and education of the people. The best investment for a land-holder is more and better schools, for these increase the values of his land. The worst of all the devices of the rich to escape taxation is to resist educa-Nicaragua may not maintain a stable government because it is a one-horse epublic

gratulated Cook

toad.

at the University of Copenhagen

along the straight and narrow path.

A water-power trust is not desirabl

but it is more desirable than the whis-

Give a railroad an inch in a franhise and it will take an ell every time it gets a chance

God, operating within for regeneration

Can the country stand the reopening of the Cook-Peary controversy and the investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot o escape taxation is to resist educa-lonal progress. For a man of property n any place to vote against the build-ng or improvement of the high school s like killing the goose that lays the rolden err." quarrel at one and the same time?

Some educational faddist may vet want the schools turned into a channe for a propaganda of annual reports of If the foregoing proposition is correct, the various departments of the govern-

and we are almost if not quite con-vinced of it, then investors in real ment. If it is so hard to find a suitable state and property holders of all kinds sor to Ambassador Whitelaw stablishment, the improvement, or the Reid why not appoint him to succeed himself? He has had great success, and nothing succeeds like that. That intelligence is a financial asset

It will hardly be said of the plaintiff and defendant notorious divorce suit now on trial in New York that bey were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided.

Tomorrow the battleship Utah will be launched. It has a double importance. It adds a great fighting ship to the navy and it emphasizes the fact that the old hatred and prejudice against Utah are practically dead, out-

side of Utah. We are in receipt of a letter from Estrada seems to be infected with Mr. C. V. Ridges, dated Baltimore, Md. the same political ambition that Zelaya Dec. 2, in which our correspondent was. In the same position would he speaks very highly of a lecture by one be any better? Central American re Mr. H. K. White on "Utah, Polygamy, volutionary leaders all seem to be made and the Mormons." Mr. Ridges tells f much the same stuff and cast in us that the lecture was given before a substantially the same mould. The difference between them is little more ple, at Baltimore, and that the lecturer than that between the big endiens and

the little endiens. Mr. Charles Crane has again sent to his friends a gem of a Christmas card It contains a "creed" and a "prayer." This is part of the "creed:" "All the beauty and sweetness of living is to ask, to receive, and to give." And nothing about the Mormons but who here are the concluding words of the "prayer:" "Lead us by the hand of

see, the very ecstasy of wonder and gratified hopes. But let us not at-tempt to escape without a lesson. Let us note in all seriousness that Germany has trees to cut because her general policy is one of intelligent cultivation and consideration. That is something to be imitated, and though the proper use of trees is justified a foolish waste is not nost depraved has good traits, and Human nature is of a very com

> DIVORCE DRESS A LA MODE. Exchange

Exchange. In all well-regulated divorce trials these days it is fashionable to tell in detall, what the principals wear, thus lending color and life to the affair. In fact the last suit for separation-and allmony, of course-we note that a "wine-colored cloth taitor-made suit, the skirt made en train, a turban of sliver fox trimmed with black velvet, and a stole and muff of the same ex-pensive fur: white gloves, street boots of patent leather, high collar, lace shirtwaist and diamond watch suspend-ed from a begemmed ribbon" is be-ing divorced from a "symphony in blue-a blue serge suit, blue sox, blue tle and blue-edged handkerchief."



At the Bargain Counter. Ten Christmas shoppers standing in

They grow some awfully big lemon One got elbowed out, then there were nine. Nine Christmas shoppers, shopping very The highway to popularity is no

One fell asleep, and then there were eight In life a great many people fail to Eight Christmas shoppers, shopping till

hit anything because they aim too long One fainted dead away, then there were No matter what the rules of the road seven are, the automobile is the ruler of th

Seven Christmas shoppers, cross as two one flounced home to bed, then there were six.

Six Christmas shoppers, only just alive One remembered baby! Then ther, were five

Five Christmas shoppers pawing bar-gains o'er: The salesgirl snubbed one, then there were four.

Four Christmas shoppers, nervous as could be;

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

THE YANKEE GOLD THAT DECIDED AN ENGLISH ELECTION. By J. E. Edwards.

This daily series of ancedotes and incidents that throw new, interesting and frequently dramatic light on fam ous events and personalities of the paat have been collected by Edwards during nearly forty years of more or less inti-mate acquaintance with many of the country's leaders since the Civil War. Each ancedote or incident is fresh from Mr. E dwards's notebook, and, either in whole or in part, it constitutes New News of Yesterday, garnered from the men who made the news-the history-or from equally authoritative sources. As im-portant contributions of the "Human Interest" sort to American history, these articles have a distinctive value all the ir own.

Perhaps the best kept diplomatic secret associated with the diplomacy of the early days of the Civil war is the name of the man who lent Charles Francis Adams, our minister to England, \$5,000,000 in gold, without any security. With this deposit of gold Mr Adams was able to prevent the departure from port of the Confederate cruisers that had been built at Newastle. But possibly the next best kept secret is that of the name of the candidate for parliament at one of the bye-elections held early in 1862, whose campaign was financed with American I will tell the story as it was related to me by the venerable Frederick W. Seward, assistant secretary of state under Presidents Lincoln and

"You doubtless know," said Mr. Se ward, "that in England nearly all of the aristocracy hoped for the success of the Confederacy. The middle class, represented by John Bright, Richard Cobden, Goldwin Smith and the historian Freemont, at Oxford, were friends of the North. We did not have many influential friends in the house of commons, and we regarded it from every point of view of much consequence that we should have as many friends and sympathizers as possible in

that body. "There were to be bye-elections, and an English gentleman of much prominence, whose name I do not care to tell, but whom we all knew as a strong friend of the North, was anxious to offer himself as a candidate in one of the upright man, but he had no fortune, no money with which to make the campaign, a campaign for parliament in those days being a very expensive undertaking. So it occurred to some American gentiemen then in London that it might be worth while to appeal to their wealthy countrymen, also in London, for financial assistance for the prospective candidate. Some thought that it would be worth while to bring the matter to the attention of Minister Adams, but those who knew Mr. Adams best were convinced that if a word wore said to him about it, the project would be killed. Then some one sug-gested Henry S. Sanford. "Mr. Sanford, who was one of the first men to develop the interior of paign, a campaign for parliament in



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"He thinks about \$50,000," Mr. San-ford was told. "Well.' was the reply, 'I will have deposited, in such way that it cannet be traced to me, \$50,000 to the credit of this man in a London bank. He can draw upon that for his campaign ex-penses, and I shall regard the money as well spent if he is elected.' "That same day Mr. Sanford made the deposit; using this Yankee money, the candidate was handsomely elected, and I don't suppose there were five men in Great Britain who ever knew how he was able to meet his campaign ex-penses.

"As for the man's services to the North in the house of commons, they are a matter of history."

"I'm the Assassinator of Sorrow." -Bob Blake.

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everything upon which they could not put their own brand of purity.

If we were permitted, in this connection, to utter a word of criticism of local churches-and we do so in no spirit idle fault-finding-we would say that some of them, at least, have done too much fighting, and too little singing. They have engaged in war upon the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, while vice has got in its deadly work. They have fought, not with spiritual weapons, from their pulpits, endeavoring to enlighten those who from their point of view are the erring ones; correcting, entreating in brotherly love, as is the duty of Christian ministers, but they have fought the Church under the command of political pirates in the field for spolls, and in the same ranks as saloon keepers, gamblers and managers of dens of infamy. They have fought the Church in the political sreau, where, under the American flag, no ecclesiastical differences can fought legally, because under that flag all have equal rights. They have com-mitted this grave mistake, no doubt in the hope that the ranks of the Church would be depleted, if the political rights of Church members could be taken away from them. But, in the meantime they have aided in the establishment of a city government that is a blot on the name of an American city. They have aided in the establishment of a regime under which brutality, graft, and vice are flourishing, and they have hurt themselves beyond estimation.

Why should it not be possible in an American community, under the flag that stands for equal rights, for all the members of churches, including the Latter-day Saints, to present a united front against the evils that threaten odern society? Why not labor to gether for the better observance of the Sabbath; for the closing of the saloons, and the cleaning of the streets; for honesty in the city government; for justice between man and man, and for universal brotherhood founded upon equity and justice?

We believe the churches of Utah would today have more members and he stronger, if they had not, in an unholy alliance with the world, enin a futile fight upon the "Mormon" Church. And we are perfectly sincere in this criticism, and offer it merely as a timely suggestion.

are ever ready to place them in an unfavorable light before the world. Mr.

Point us to the pathway of duty. White's lecture was given in a very Bear with us when we stumble over the pathway which leads onward and upscholarly manner and showed him to be a very broad minded gentleman and ward into the light. And we shall hope desirous of getting at the truth. His one day to stand with You in the midst beautiful stereopticon views showed of the radiant splendor of Eternal many points and people of interest con-Truth." That is, indeed, the spirit of nected with Utah and her founders. Mr. Christmas. White will deliver his lecture before the students of some of the principal ELIMINATION OF "HELLO." colleges here in Maryland, and it will

New York Evening Sun.

New York Evening Sun. New York Evening Sun. The matter of greetings at the tele-hone has figured in various philo-casual comment upon a thousand lips. The loftlest flight which this inter-esting topic ever achieved, we believe, was in a late novel of high life, where-in the aristocratile millionairess was represented as shuddering to the very core of her refined being when ad-dressed over the telephone by the undaryfit individual on the other end should have opened proceedings with "Greetings!" "Happy Days!" "May it please your loveliness," or some such picce of elegance. But to the most of us "Hello!" has been good enough and indeed a sweet and satisfying word. Why is it then that the word is slow-by vanishing from the wires? Simply, because in this sordid age-when see-onds are esteemed more highly than health or happiness-the elimination of "Hello!" makes for speed. As an emolient, a lubricant and saponifier no criticism of the word has been offred. There is something about the liquidity of its utterance which combines a sufficiency of shout with a maximum of no avail with the telephone di-dectors, however. Save in rare cir-cumstances, no. 'Hello!' is now allowed to cross a central's lips.

CHRISTMAS TREES.

Chicago Record-Herald.

Chicago Record-Herald. An esteemed and erndite contempor-top of the christmas tree habit, and ex-plores Scandinavia, Egypt and Goble of the Christmas tree habit, and ex-plores Scandinavia, Egypt and Goble "Are not the modern Christmas trees, then, survivals of the heathen sacri-fues of Germany, but converted to the survivals of the heathen sacri-fues of Germany, but converted to the or cor, it is a great comfort to heat they have survived and that we do not have to go to Germany for hough not universal in this country, is very widespread, and it is a pleas-ing custom, which brings with it keen or and happiness. There is no pretifier or more delightin sight than the child by the Christmas tree, all exgerness ment. It is worth going many miles to in the world, account for the origin of sin how you may; if by "total depravity," further, is meant that every faculty of human beings has been affected, in some way or other, by evil, so that to do right requires a greater effort than to do wrong, then, we fear, the doctrine must be accepted as true. Our experience testifies to the peculiar fact that human nature has been so deranged that man's inclinations No. This condition is general. There is no exception. Without regeneration no one can see the kingdom of heaven, or enter its portals. It is true that no one is totally bad, as little as anyone is to-

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