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## LUNACY, NOT ROMANCE.

There have been several recent cases of runaway matches, by young people desirous of figuring in something which they regard as romantic. They seemed to wish for notoriety and to create a sensation. And they have been encouraged in their silliness by some folks who might be expected to have better sense.

The particulars of the cases to which we refer have been published in the daily papers, and we do not wish to mention them in further detail, or to parade the names of the parties before the public. It is principle that we desire to uphold, not individuals to expose. The wrongs that have been done are grievous, and the example set is unworthy of imitation. To follow it would be simply idiotic, and yet the influence of it is contagious.

Some people are nothing if not imitative. They feel that they must follow the fashion, however absurd it may be and no matter how much inconvenience it may occasion. Ladies, now-a-days, when they step from a carriage or car or from a store, make a grab behind to raise their dress, exactly in the fashion set by some one who made the pace. By and by that will be abandoned, and both hands, perhaps, will be employed in a side movement. Or, may-be, skirts will be shortened so as not to do any street-sweeping, and the hands will be left free for better use. The fashion will be followed implicitly and sheep-like, in any event.

It is in the same spirit that some young people think of matrimony, hearing of a couple running off in a surreptitious way to get married and thus surprise their friends, are seized with the copying frenzy and rush off in a similar way, to the astonishment of respectable people and the disgust of their parents and nearest relatives.

It is a species of temporary insanity, and those who engage in it should be regarded accordingly. Congratulations in such cases are entirely misplaced. They only serve to increase the distemper. The foolish parties need commiseration and condolence; approbation would be worse than wasted and help to increase the evil.

We can understand the rashness that sometimes follows the objections, raised by parents, to a suitable union of young folks fitted for each other. It urges the disappointed couple to hasty action and rebellion against parental authority. Fathers and mothers ought to be wise in this particular, and have due regard for the wishes of young people who have reached a marriageable age. On the other hand, young men and women should pay proper respect to their parents and the advice that comes of age and experience.

There may be instances of harsh and obstinate conduct on the part of parents and guardians, that in some degree justify the disobedience involved in a marriage without their consent. But there appears to be neither justification nor good sense in the alleged "romantic" course of the young couples who have figured in the silly escapades referred to. They are without excuse except on the ground of temporary insanity.

How ungrateful is a son or daughter who disregards the wishes of a parent, that has been kind and affectionate through infancy and childhood, providing for every need and manifesting watchful care, and is rewarded by the insult of a surreptitious marriage, despising that parent's wishes and making a public scandal, merely to gratify an abnormal desire for notoriety! Shame on a boy or girl who takes such a course, and shame on all who aid and assist in the wrong!

We commend the Bishop of Farmington ward who recently refused to marry a runaway couple, suspected of the folly we here denounce. His example ought to be followed by every man professing to be a minister of the Gospel. It may be true that when a marriage certificate is presented, legal objections are removed and no penalty can follow the performance of the marriage ceremony. But there are moral as well as legal considerations involved, and while there may be exceptions, as a rule no minister is justified in aiding in runaway "romantic" marriages, in which parents are set at defiance and the usages of good society are set at naught.

Young people ought to know that when a girl or boy is under the age of majority, and swears to the contrary, the crime of perjury is committed, and the penalty thereof is heavy and the act despicable. The consent of the parents is necessary to a legal marriage of minors, and it is a serious thing to violate the law in this respect, as it might invalidate the marriage as well as render the parties liable to the law's punishment.

We hope there will be a sentiment in this community so strongly against the

absurdity of runaway matches, when the parties could be united decently and with the good feelings of parents and friends, that the practice will be stopped, and these indulging in it, instead of being regarded as parties to a romance, will be looked upon as fit candidates for a lunatic asylum.

## DON'T BE DECEIVED.

The taxpayers of Salt Lake City may rest assured that every cent of the money obtained by issuing bonds, in the sum of \$250,000, voted for by a large majority at the election on Monday, will be used strictly for water purposes. That is, it will be expended in the manner promised by the special committee of the City Council.

This assurance is rendered somewhat necessary, to quiet the minds of a few of the citizens, who have been misled by the false accusations of a morning paper, which has exhibited the utmost recklessness in making unsupported charges against the promoters of the plans to secure more water for the city and provide for its proper distribution.

Some people are wondering who are the members of the "Contractors' Syndicate" charged by the Herald with putting up "jobs" for the extravagant expenditure of municipal money. Also who form the "gang" that is accused of its misappropriation? They should ask for particulars, and demand the names of the persons composing the alleged syndicate and the purported "gang." It will be found, on investigation, that they are simply myths, invented by that paper to scare the uninformed, and prevent the success of the measures designed for the relief of the city from a water famine, because the majority of the City Council belong to an opposite political party. That is all of a piece with the dishonesty of the Herald, in pretending to quote from the Deseret News language and sentiments that never appeared in our columns.

The people of this city may be sure that the projects for which the bonds were required and voted for, will be carried out and the funds be used for those purposes alone. Groundless suspicions are as useless as false accusations are contemptible.

## WATCH THE FIRE.

Of course people are always on the alert to guard against fire; yet there are times when special watchfulness is not amiss, and this is one of them. Very little rain has fallen here the past two months. The weather has been abnormally warm. The heat of the sun and the lack of rain has dried everything until it is in prime condition for burning. Even the grass is like tinder.

The slightest carelessness, the throwing down of a burning match, tossing away the lighted end of a cigar or cigarette, loosening of a stovepipe, setting on fire of a chimney, may easily result in a disastrous conflagration.

Burning grass ought to be stopped entirely. On the benches residences have been placed in great danger many times during this dry season, because of fires set to grass and weeds to clear the ground, the flames spreading further than was intended and causing great alarm and much labor to prevent destruction of property. The grass fires should cease entirely.

In this part of the community a great amount of wood is used in buildings, making the exercise of care all the more necessary. True, there are not many large aggregations of buildings, by which a whole town can be swept away as in some of the Eastern States, but there is sufficient continuity to give opportunity for a terrible holocaust, should fire once get hold. Then there is a scarcity of water everywhere, to fight the fire demon once started in his work. This is not only through light pressure on pipes in cities with water systems, but through shrinkage in streams and sources of supply outside of constructed waterworks.

The large business institutions ought to have their watchmen give special attention to all possible sources of an outbreak of fire, and smaller interests should be on the alert. There are tramps who come around houses that may be vacant and barns and sheds, and they are none too particular. It will do no harm to watch them, and may do much good in preventing severe losses. Keep a guard against "accidental" fires, which often are the result of a measure of negligence.

## A NEW YORK "BOXER."

While there is not only a possibility, but almost a certainty that all the foreigners in Pekin have been the victims of a terrible massacre at the hands of the Chinese insurgents, even this awful tragedy is no excuse for the civilized nations to work themselves into a frenzy of bloodthirsty wrath, that will, if carried into action, sink them to the level of the Mongolian butchers. Deserved punishment, meted as swiftly as it reasonably can be, already is the announced purpose of the American government; but no wreaking of a blood-thirsty, maddened vengeance can be permitted, such as is demanded by the New York Journal, which says:

"It is too late now to save the innocent lives sacrificed by the criminal dilatoriness of the civilized world, but it is not too late to avenge them. The forces of civilization must march on Pekin in overwhelming strength. Prince Tuan and his accomplices must be caught and hanged, if they have to be hunted to remotest recesses of Tibet. The graves of their ancestors must be ploughed up; their palaces must be razed to the ground, and their cities sowed with salt. Retribution must be so signal that the most ignorant coolie in China will see it and shiver as he looks."

Civilization "shivers" as it contemplates the awful fate of the slaughtered foreigners; but will it find comfort in the murderous retribution necessary to make the ignorant coolie "see it and shiver"? Perhaps ploughing up the graves of his ancestors or razing his palaces to the ground will fill the Mongolian with fear, but will it inspire him with respect for western civilization, when he realizes the wantonness which demands it? The guilty parties ought to be caught, but will that be readily accomplished by a policy that wreaks vengeance on a whole nation for the

crimes of a part? And here is a further demand!

"But there ought to be no more paltering with the situation. Regardless of what the other powers may do, the United States ought to be prepared to land an army in China strong enough to do our work. If necessary, alone. That means that President McKinley ought instantly to call an extra session of Congress. The attempt to carry on a war on his own account is not only unconstitutional, but ridiculous and dangerous. Attempting to coerce an empire like China with a regiment from the Philippines, a troop from Cuba, a company from Montana and a squad from Chicago is an undertaking more befitting the Grand Duchess of Gerolstein than the President of the United States."

Really there should be no paltering. But what is more paltry than accusing the President of carrying on "a war on his own account," because, as commander-in-chief of the army, he used due diligence in sending United States troops to defend American interests, instead of calling Congress to declare war against China, before the culpability of the Chinese government was reasonably established? Then, to advocate an attempt to accomplish alone what the allied nations combined can do to much better advantage, by acting in concert, is a bit of "paltering" politics which no statesman would stoop to.

Our contemporary heads its editorial with the caption in display type: "Unsheath the Sword of Christendom!" and quotes as its text Rev. vi: 10: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them?" It is a good thing that the Lord is more holy and true than the Gotham editor, who has worked himself into such a frenzy. There isn't much difference between a Chinese "Boxer" and a New York "Boxer," when passion de-thrones reason.

War is a serious thing, especially with the United States, which uniformly upholds the most humane policy practicable in settling its disputes. In this instance it is well to proceed carefully, though with promptness and firmness. Instead of following the wild cry for vengeance of a "yellow" journal, there is much more wisdom and safety, with assurance of better results, in conforming to the suggestions of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, thus narrated in a Chicago dispatch today:

"We must get the facts. No national policy can be framed till the facts are ascertained. One thing is absolutely certain, that America henceforward will protect her citizens in every land on face of the earth. If our people have been slaughtered by an armed rebellion, that is one thing. If by the participation of the government of China, that is another. We must find out the facts before proceeding upon a supposition. We are not vengeful, we do not mean to slaughter a million innocent Chinamen. But we will demand that our merchants and missionaries can be cut off by the wholesale."

## THE PRESIDENTIAL TICKETS.

Now that the National Democrats, commonly known as the gold Democrats, have decided not to name a presidential ticket, and the Anti-Imperialists are not likely to go into the big race independently, the list of presidential candidates is probably complete for the campaign of 1900. It shows ten tickets—enough to suit the fancy of almost everyone in the country who cares to vote at all for presidential electors. It is not probable that all of these tickets will be represented in all of the States, since in some sections the political parties have a very small following, but every State is likely to have seven or eight out of the ten national tickets, which are as follows:

Republican, William McKinley of Ohio, and Theodore Roosevelt of New York.

Democratic, William J. Bryan of Nebraska, and A. E. Stevenson of Illinois.

Populist, William J. Bryan and Charles A. Towne, the latter of Minnesota.

Silver Republican, William J. Bryan and A. E. Stevenson.

Prohibition, John G. Woolley of Illinois, and H. B. Metcalf of Rhode Island.

Populist (middle-of-the-road), Wharton Baker of Pennsylvania, and Ignatius Donnelly of Minnesota.

United Christian, Rev. F. E. Clark of Massachusetts, and Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Kansas.

Socialist Labor, John Harriman of California, and Max S. Hayes of Ohio.

Social Democrat, Eugene V. Debs of Indiana, and Job Harriman of California.

De Leon Socialist, J. F. Maloney of Massachusetts, and Valentine Remond of Pennsylvania.

It will be observed in the foregoing that candidates are distributed among the following eleven States: California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. The presidential candidates come from California, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts (which has two), Nebraska, Ohio and Pennsylvania; the vice presidential candidates from California, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota (which has two), New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Candidates for both offices are listed from California, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania, but while California has a candidate both for President and Vice President, it has only one candidate. One presidential candidate is on three tickets, and one vice presidential candidate on two tickets, while there is one man who is listed as a candidate for both offices.

There is no war in China; merely rumors of war.

The bicyclists have arranged for the first punishment in the bicycle restriction ordinance.

The good roads movement does not appear to be suffering from over-agitation this weather.

Gloom hangs over London. This time it is caused by the Chinese cloud and not the local fog.

Others as well as congressmen will feel relieved that there is to be no extra session of Congress.

In about sixty days the presidential

campaign will overshadow the campaign in China or any other country.

When peace is restored in China, the treaty powers will scarcely be prepared to surrender the consular courts.

Senator Hear accuses Mr. Bryan of using the Philippines as pawns. Is this the knight's defense of his own use of them?

The "yellow peril" is no longer an industrial one, if it ever was, but one of murder and massacre of all Caucasians.

There is a mine in Idaho called the Red Elephant. There are others that are white elephants, though not so named.

A Boston exchange says there is a difference between empire and umpire. An empire is something; an umpire is everything.

Oom Paul thinks there is no difficulty in securing British soldiers for China. He could spare a couple of hundred thousand himself.

When Uncle Sam gets ready to demand reparations for the massacre of Americans in China he will have a sure and swift remedy at hand.

It is well to remember in the line of present discussion that criticism of everything British merely because it is British is the veriest claptrap.

If the cry for vengeance is heeded it may be that not one stone will be left upon another in Pekin. It will hardly be the case with the Great Wall.

A man should never attempt to shirk a just responsibility unless he is first sure he can do it successfully. Politicians should make a note of this.

Those people who insist that the influence of woman purifies the turbid pool of politics are not citing the example of the dowager Empress of China.

Spain is selling her old men-of-war and preparing to buy new ones. The Don proposes to be heard from yet in Europe, though he has had quite enough of war in America.

At Tien Tsin the cry of the allies seems to have been: "Unto the breach once more, dear friends." But the breach was filled up with American, European and Japanese dead.

At Queen Victoria's garden party the Prince of Wales appeared in a long, single-breasted coat, thereby decreeing that the Prince Albert must go. This may be said to be "one on" society.

In the Sino-Japanese war the Chinese troops showed themselves to be pitiful. In the fighting around Tien Tsin they proved to be pitiful still, when the forces of the allies got at them.

An American Christian Endeavor woman delegate in London has been arrested for stealing. She should plead kleptomania like another San Francisco woman who had been arrested in London some years ago for stealing.

A medical authority says: "Four or five ounces of sugar is all that an adult in good health should eat with impunity in the course of a day." He can probably take more than that without the impunity, but the doctor doesn't say.

There is scarcely a novelty or art that the Chinese do not claim to have invented thousands of years ago. And they have not lost the inventive faculty, as witness the lies now being invented to explain the murder of the legations.

Says an exchange: "That the Chinese have been treated equitably is not claimed by many people, but 'humanity,' 'civilization,' and 'the march of destiny' are thought sufficient excuses for the attitude of western nations." Yet how contemptible is the excuse when given its real name, "greed!"

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson's comments on the Chinese situation are among the most sensible and conservative we have seen. He says: "Facts: We must get facts. No national policy can be framed until the facts are ascertained." No better advice could be given. It is too seldom given and still more seldom followed. Secretary Wilson speaks as a wise man.

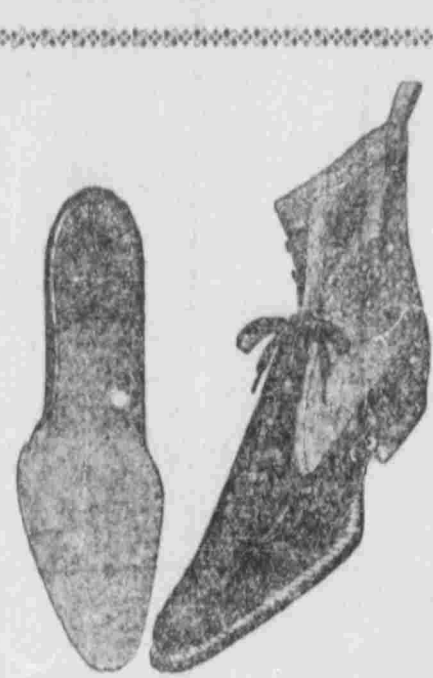
Administration circles in Washington are feeling more cheerful over the China situation. The success of the allies at Tien Tsin and the message received by Minister Wu have induced this feeling. The one great desideratum just now is word direct from some of the legations at Pekin. That such direct word does not come only goes to confirm the fear that there is no one alive at the legations to send the word. If it should come, no matter what it might be, what a glorious thing it would be.

Dr. F. E. Clark of Boston, founder of the Christian Endeavor society, says: "The American and European missionaries in the eastern field are an uncommonly heroic, earnest and sensible set of men and women. Mr. Conger, as well as Colonel Buck, United States minister to Tokyo, assured me that their work had been the most powerful influence in the Orient, not only in behalf of civilization, but in behalf of the advancement of China itself." In behalf of the "advancement of China" to its present blood-and-rape condition?

## MISSIONARIES IN CHINA.

Troy (N. Y.) Press.

Only recently in the South "Mormon" missionaries were mobbed. In the face of these facts, let us not expect too much of poor old China, the persecuted victim of allied greed, whose civilization we are wont to speak of as thousands of years behind the times. It is fair to presume that the ungodly Boxers are as sincere in slaughtering Christians who are trying to overturn their faith, as our godly Puritan fathers were in burning "witches" at the stake for the glory of the Man of Peace, who shed not a drop of blood in accomplishing His divine mission on earth. Sincerely, however, must never be permitted to justify assassination, and in their hellish work the Boxers have invited an awful retribution. Those who



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carry the torch and the sword will perish by the same agencies.

The Literary Digest (New York.)

As the chief offender the missionary is pointed out on all sides, especially the missionaries of the English state church, who are described even by the British premier as relying too strongly upon the guns behind them. On the whole, however, Englishmen are convinced that this can not be helped.

Kansas City Star.

It requires a vast deal of faith to be a foreign missionary—enough, probably, to make the foreigners who are being persecuted for righteousness' sake in China feel that they would not alter their course, if it was to be done over.

New York Times.

It is true that the missionary is disliked, especially in China, not as a Christian, but as a "drummer," as the advance agent of a Manchester firm which proposes to force its goods, at the cannon's mouth if need be, on the native population. That suggestion comes near to being a working hypothesis for the Chinese situation. And it behooves the missionary societies first and most of all to inquire why their emissaries are thus regarded, and to find and apply the appropriate remedy.

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