

voted for or against, or did not vote at all on that document.

The conclusion reached in the foregoing, which is in general to the effect that a political party is not the interpreter of promulgated rules of church discipline, is a very proper one. The address to the Saints—called a manifesto in the resolution quoted—is wholly the business of Church members in that relationship. It does not affect the politics of any man; but leaves him perfectly free to take any political action he chooses, placing him under no restriction whatever therein. Its effect merely reaches to his obligations to the Church, as a Church member, and no more—his politics is not in question at all. Hence all attempts of politicians to "interpret" the address would be trenching on the ground of Church members, which invasion the resolution quoted is a declaration against.

A KINGDOM OF JUDAH.

The talk about the restoration of the kingdom of Judah with Jerusalem as the capital has been revived in England. It is supposed that the Turkish government would be willing to sell the whole country of Palestine for a considerable sum of money, and \$450,000,000 is named as a reasonable equivalent for the country. The English Jew, Osmund Goldemidt, is said to be a lineal descendant of the ancient Maccabees, and he is mentioned as a probable candidate for the prospective throne. There are quite a few Jews who object to the revival of a monarchy in the land of their fathers and who would like to see republican principles established there, but the champions of the scheme argue that a monarchy would meet with fewer objections from the European statesmen than a republic and they, therefore, prefer that form of government.

Were financial considerations the only ones, the sultan of Turkey might probably be willing to listen to negotiations for the sale of a strip of country that, mortgaged as the revenues are, at present yields but little to his treasury. But the fact is that in the entire Mohammedan world Palestine is regarded as a sacred country, the guardianship of which is entrusted to the successor of the Arabian prophet. Does it not contain the tomb of Abraham at Hebron, a place so sacred that no Christian and no Jew is allowed to enter its precincts? Are there not the last resting places of David and Solomon and the site of one of the most sacred places of worship on earth; and must it not be kept from defilement until the day of judgment when holy prophets and angels shall reward the faithful and punish the infidels? To sell these sacred places would to those who regard them so be paramount to an exchange of the very life and soul of Mohammedanism for gold. It is extremely improbable that the sultan would dare to do so, even if he personally were inclined that way.

That Palestine will become the country of the descendants of Israel

and that the kingdom will be restored, appears very probable, but this will hardly be accomplished by peaceful means. We believe the Turkish sultans for years have been contemplating the possibility of having to remove from Constantinople, in which emergency Jerusalem would naturally be made the capital of the empire. If they ever give the city up to another race, it will be because of inability to retain it and the country of which it is the principal city.

OLD PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

A German statistician, says the Buffalo Commercial, has studied the census returns of Europe and found among other things that the highest civilization apparently does not produce the greatest longevity. His figures are quite interesting. He shows that the German empire, with 55,000,000 inhabitants has but 78 subjects who are more than 100 years old. France, with fewer than 40,000,000, has 218 persons who have passed their 100th birthdays. England has 146; Ireland, 578; Scotland, 46; Denmark, 2; Belgium, 5; Sweden, 10, and Norway, with 2,000,000 inhabitants, 23. Switzerland does not boast a single centenarian, but Spain with but 18,000,000 population, has 401.

Turning to the Balkan peninsula where the mode of living is comparatively primitive he finds that Serbia has 575 persons who are more than 100 years old; Roumania 1,084, and Bulgaria 3,883. In other words, Bulgaria has a centenarian for every 1,000 inhabitants, and thus holds the international record for old inhabitants. In 1892 alone there died in Bulgaria 350 persons of more than 100 years. In the Balkan peninsula, moreover, a person is not regarded as on the verge of the grave the moment he becomes a centenarian. For instance, in Serbia there were in 1890 some 290 persons between 106 and 115 years, 123 between 115 and 125, and 18 between 126 and 135. Three were between 135 and 140.

The oldest man now living, the German statistician says, is Bruno Cotrim, a negro born in Africa, and now resident in Rio Janeiro. Cotrim is 150 years old. Next to him comes probably a retired Moscow cabman, named Kustrin, who is in his 140th year. The oldest woman in the world is 130 years old, but he neglects to give her name or address.

COL. JOE LEFFEL, the smallest perfectly formed man in the world, has announced himself as a Republican candidate for mayor of Springfield, O., next spring. The colonel is sixty-three years old and is only forty-six inches tall. If he is nominated and elected, he may be sure of much company, for there are other pretty small mayors in the country.

WHEN so much is being uttered and insinuated concerning "Mormon influence" in city, county and State business, it is strange that no one ap-

pears to recognize that there is such a thing as a distinctly anti-Mormon influence, also a "Masonic influence"—both of which have shown themselves potent in recent instances.

To HER [Kate Field] more than to any one—man or woman—is due the abolition of polygamy in the United States.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Where, then, do the claims of Judge Goodwin, Prof. L. E. Holden, and several other more or less well-known orators come in?

NO SOONER did the talk of burying all trusts begin to strike agreeably upon the public ear than the shovelmakers, whose product is necessary in all burying operations, went to work and formed a trust among themselves.

SPEAKING ABOUT influential names what's the matter with Mark Hanna?

THE SILENT CITY.

The following lines were read by Miss Annie Jones Atkin at the assemblage of the district schools of Provo, at the Opera house in that city, on Friday, May 29th. It is an appropriate memorial poem:

THE SILENT CITY:

One afternoon in autumn
When our morning toil was done,
When the haze hung o'er the mountains
Of the Indian summer sun,
When the poplar leaves were yellow
And the maple leaves were red,
We strolled to the Silent City,
The City of the Dead.

The air was soft and still-like
And the silence seemed profound,
As we walked along the narrow streets
Of that city void of sound.
The leaves with a weary motion
Fell down to their earthy bed,
In the white stone Silent City,
In the City of the Dead.

There are resting places many
For the toiling sons of earth,
For the brave and strong, who lived life
— long
And the child that scarce knew birth.
The fair young bride lays there beside
The aged and hoary head,
Neath the marbles that tell of their dwell-
ing
In the City of the Dead.

'Tis true the city is silent,
But there in the upper deep
Their spirits like guardian angels
Watch o'er the forms that sleep.
And they note the kindly actions
Of those that plant and spread
The shrubs and flowers in leisure hours
In the City of the Dead.

Yes, there are hosts above us,
Where all is pure and bright,
Where dwell the dear departed
In peace and calm delight.
Yes, they are there in the upper air,
Whose loving thoughts are led
To those who kept their memories green
In the City of the Dead.

Just wait! and we will rest there
When our thread of life is spun,
And with our dead be blest there
When the funeral chant is sung,
When to that heavenly concourse
Our spirits free have fled;
With a loving smile we gaze awhile
On the city of the Dead.

And when our rest's completed,
And the trump of God shall sound,
And the archangel commandeth
The dead from out the ground;
Then with our forms immortal
We'll join the mighty throng.
"Glory to God in the highest!"
Shall be our new-born song.

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