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A SUCCESSFUL OPENING.

As might be expected, there are diverse opinions expressed by persons who have visited the Utah reservation since the drawing for choice of lands took place, and these are doubtless colored somewhat by the notions entertained as to the condition of those lands when contrasted with the reality.

It is certain that there are many valuable tracts of tillable soil in the area included in the reservation. Also that some of them are in the vicinity of natural sources of water supply, while others though at a distance therefrom may be irrigated when the needful canals and ditches are constructed. Other portions of that region are suitable only for ranges, and still others will probably be found to contain minerals which will render them of great value to the possessor. But there are portions of the land which cannot be irrigated, unless measures that do not at present appear to be feasible or probable shall be provided at great financial cost.

On the whole, we believe that a large portion of the reservation will in a few years be converted from sterility and barrenness to beauty and abundance. Homes will be built, towns will spring up, crops will be produced and stock raised, which will well repay the labor expended for the production and increase.

The opening of the reservation was a wise step taken by the government, and the system adopted by the national authorities and carried out by the officials in charge has proven to be efficient and praiseworthy. All the misrepresentation and abuse that has come from certain quarters, evidently out of pure malice and natural perversity, have simply exhibited the impotent rage of the libelers and have fallen harmless to the dust, while the gentlemen thus assailed have shown themselves to be competent for their work, honorable and fair in all their dealings and dealings, and worthy the confidence and esteem of all who have become acquainted with them and of the government which they have faithfully served.

The positive absurdity of the charges of unfairness, discrimination, favoritism and similar accusations was clearly perceived by thinking people acquainted with the manner in which the government conducts such affairs. But quite a number of worthy people, male and female, and some "Christian" journals were led away by the calumnies that were published, and made themselves ridiculous in the eyes of the public and of the national administration, by raising an outcry against something that had no existence.

Their standing was lamentable in the extreme. They ought to have known better than to swallow the ridiculous stories that were invented for sinister purposes, but as these at the beginning were supposed to have some bearing upon the "Mormon" people or their leaders, it was no easy task to influence anti-Mormon minds and urge them into the folly that flows from ignorance.

It is now clear to everybody who has followed the measures taken in the opening of the reservation, watched the proceedings and witnessed the results, that the work of the officials engaged in the matter has been thorough, lawful, just and well managed, and that only praise and commendation can be fairly expressed concerning them and what they have done. The tongue of slander has been stilled. The venom of vituperative assaults of these gentlemen has been neutralized. The libel against them have been demonstrated to be utterly false, and a lesson should be learned by the public not to put their trust in or even pay any attention to the chronic promulgators of hate and misrepresentation.

THE SCHOOL FOR DEAF MUTES

The Deaf Mute institution situated at Ogden is a State establishment worthy of general support. The work that is done there has proven to be of a high order, the best modern methods having been adopted in the care and culture of the unfortunate residents into that school, and it has proven to be eminently successful. It has had difficulties to contend with and complaints have been made against its conduct, which, however, have proved on close investigation to be either without justification, or of too frivolous a character to affect the integrity of the institution or reflect discredit upon its officers and teachers.

In the recent reorganization of the board of trustees, in consequence of the resignation of John Watson, who has been honored with another important position, Miss Maud May Babcock was elected president, and the choice fell upon a worthy head. Miss Babcock has been connected with the board for

a long time and has become thoroughly acquainted with the institution in all its details and has taken a special and earnest interest in its affairs. She has been trained in educational work in various lines, and has devoted much attention and care to the establishment which, in association with the other trustees, she will have under her watchcare.

The fame of the Utah school for the deaf and dumb has gone abroad, and pupils from other States have been sent to receive the benefits of its tuition and training. A large number will come this year from Idaho. This speaks well for the institution and its management, and we congratulate Prof. Briggs and the board of trustees on the encouragement thus given to the establishment. We wish it continued and increased success.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City has decided to employ a Superintendent of physical culture in the district schools. The matter of the appointment was vigorously debated before a decision was reached. There were many arguments against the movement, but the proposition prevailed, and we are inclined to think a wise conclusion was reached. True education consists not only of intellectual training, by which the powers of the mind and brain are developed, by which information is imparted concerning those studies that are usually comprehended in the curriculum of the schools, but also in the proper cultivation of physical powers, and further, the training of the spiritual nature, which is as much a part of man as his body and his mind.

Physical instruction cannot be imparted in the educational establishments of the State. It belongs especially and particularly to the Church. It may enter into the courses of tuition in denominational schools, but it is obvious to all who have given attention to the subject, that it must be excluded from the schools of the State.

Physical culture, however, may be properly included in the courses of teaching adopted in the public schools, but this must not be carried to excess nor made the leading feature of public instruction.

Here is where it will be found necessary to exercise caution. Such training as will be necessarily imparted under the head of physical culture will doubtless be of great interest to the students, and will engage their enthusiasm at first. They will be apt to carry it to extremes or at the expense of intellectual studies, as is frequently the case in the leading colleges and universities of the land. A large number of male pupils would prefer to become athletes than to be intellectual. Physical culture must not be permitted to become the leading feature in our public system of education.

We do not regard it, however, as a "fad," or something out of the proper course of youthful training. It can be found a place in our public school system, and be conducted in such a way that it will be beneficial to the bodily development of our young people, and an incentive rather than a hindrance to effectual and successful intellectual study. The Board of Education should keep a watchful eye upon this added branch of scholastic training, and see that it does not overstep the line which should divide it, both as to time and to influence, from the regular courses of school instruction.

We do not look upon it as an "experiment," although it may be a new feature in our district schools. It is a recognized part of general education in many places, and where it is conducted with prudence, it has no doubt been highly beneficial. We hope it will prove successful here.

A STALWART GONE.

On Sunday, September 3, very impressive services were held at Wellsville, Cache County, in the meeting-house at that place. The remains of the late Bishop William H. Maughan were borne to that assembly by the loving hands of his sons, and followed by an immense concourse composed chiefly of his family and descendants and connections, and the ecclesiastical authorities of the ward. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers given by the neighborhood, and the casket was covered entirely with these tributes of affection and respect. On the stand, in the center, and empty chair draped in white with a beautiful wreath upon it, indicated the vacant place left by the departure of the faithful man who had been Bishop of the ward for more than forty years, and emblematic of his character and the esteem with which he was clothed in his coffin and the robes he will wear in the Eternal Presence.

The eulogies pronounced upon his life and labors by a large number of his personal associates were touching in the extreme, and the calmness of the congregation and the intense interest exhibited during the addresses, showed how well the family and friends had been trained to endure bereavement in quietness and submission to the dealings of Providence.

The departed veteran was one of the pioneers of Cache Valley and a leading spirit among the people with whom he had spent nearly half a century. His numerous and loving family, united in spirit and ready to help each other in the midst of their affliction, afforded strong evidence of his patriarchal influence and power, and the entire ceremony was a glowing tribute to his integrity, endurance through tribulation and faithfulness throughout a useful life.

All who addressed the congregation spoke freely concerning the departed as a stalwart man of Israel, a leader among his people, an honorable devoted citizen of his country, a fervent defender of the faith, and a noble servant of the living God. A good man has departed. His memory will be sweet, and the consolations of the divine spirit will rest upon his bereaved household.

John L. Moore of Concord, Vt., has been asleep for one hundred days. He

takes much more sleep than most men.

A sign-theatre shall follow the peace envoys.

The walking delegate never wears walking-fast shoes.

Utah colonists should particularly enjoy their Indian summer.

A pleasant and successful encampment to the Guard!

The Russian bear has become as tame as a Yellowstone Park bear.

If he wants diversion, the President might resume his hunt for the trusts.

The dictates of conscience are very different from those of the "boss."

Perhaps the long, hot summer is but a prelude to a long, hot fall campaign.

Speaker Cannon is for economy in governmental expenditures. "So say we all of us."

"Loomis, acting," will act no more. He has resigned and his successor has been appointed.

Children in Germany bids fair to become a worse scourge than yellow fever in the United States.

A San Francisco boy claims to have invented a wireless telephone. The claim may be an airy nothing.

Rev. Dr. MacArthur comes to Mr. Rockefeller's defense. Here is the antidote to Rev. Dr. Gladden's bans.

A Boston critic says, "Austin's poems are getting worse." Impossible, unless getting to be more is construed to be getting worse.

Emperor William believes in giving credit where credit is due. "President Roosevelt alone deserves credit for bringing about peace," he says.

"What is wrong with society?" asks a writer. The question is probably somewhat answered by reading a patent med. ad. symptom list.

Justice Brewer continues to insist that a woman should be elected President of the United States. Isn't the insistence a little old womanish?

A woman who was worth \$100,000 died alone and friendless the other day in a New York hotel. Her friends and relatives should not be censured. They didn't know she had any money.

When Komura and Witte arrive in their respective countries doubtless both will be charged with contributory negligence in framing a treaty not entirely acceptable in Japan or Russia.

"What," asks the Memphis Commercial Appeal, "shall we do with President Roosevelt when his term expires?" There is no need to worry about that. He has shown that he is amply able to take care of himself.

So far as we have seen, not a single paper in the whole country has quoted Milton on peace's victories since the treaty of Portsmouth was agreed upon. What is the matter? Is the press of the country becoming less literary than it was?

The douma is said to be growing more popular in Russia. It certainly should, for while it does not give us that the most advanced reformers of Russia would like, it is a step in the right direction, and in the czar's dominions it is a very long step. In the matter of representative government a people must learn to walk before they begin to run.

In five years Iowa has lost nearly two hundred thousand people. That is a condition as bad as the abandoned farms of New England. There is not a better agricultural state in the United States than Iowa, and every census should show a large increase of population, but the state census just taken shows the contrary. Why this should be so it is hard to explain. To call the state decadent would be but to raise a laugh. In the last few years Iowa has furnished a large portion of the population of the new boom towns of the west, and this may in a measure account for the present state of affairs.

FASTER TROTTERS NOW.

Boston Transcript.
Excerpt among the devotees of the turf, there was hardly a ripple of excitement over the fact that Sadie Mc, at the Reading races, trotted a mile in two minutes, six and a quarter seconds. And yet there was a time, not so very long ago, when the making of such time as this on the track would be the universal subject of talk. When the time was pulled down to 2:04, there were those who thought the limit had been reached, or at least was safe for a long time to come. Nowadays the horses which trot a mile in 2:19 are comparatively numerous. The world's record stands at 1:59, without wind shields or other devices to promote speed, and while there must be reached a limit of speed for harness horses, it would be folly to assume that the present record cannot be beaten. Hereafter, however, the time will not be cut down as much as frequently has in the past, when Goldsmith Maid, and Samson, and Maud S. and Nancy Hanks were names to conjure with.

HORSE COMMITTS SUICIDE.

St. Paul Dispatch.
A peculiar incident occurred at La Pointe, Madeline Island, last week. A horse, owned by Postmaster Tunn, committed suicide. The horse had been sick for several days and the owner decided to put it to death. With that end in view he led the steed to the brow of a hill overlooking Chequamegon bay for the purpose of shooting it. When he reached the scene of execution he found he had neglected to bring his rifle along, and, leaving the horse, he went after the weapon. Upon his return he found the horse in a state of collapse. It had been seen to rush at breakneck speed down the hill, on being left alone, and hurl itself from the pier into the water, where it eventually perished.

JEW SOLDIERS.

Dr. Peters.
Two thousand Jews served in the American armies during the war with Spain. The first man to volunteer was a Jew, and the first man to be killed

in battle was a Jew. The first man to fall in the attack on Manila was a Jew. Fifteen Jews were killed in the attack on the Maine. Theodore Roosevelt declared that most astonishing courage was displayed by the seven Jewish Rough Riders, one of whom was a lieutenant. The much-maligned Russian Jew furnished more than double his share of volunteers, and it is a matter of history that during the war with Spain the Jews fought as bravely before Manila and Santiago de Cuba as they did at Lepanto and Waterloo under Kosuth and Garibaldi, before Sebastopol, Sadowa and Sedan.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The following articles appear in National Magazine for September: "Ada Clare, the Queen of Bohemia," a character sketch, by Charles Warren Stoddard; "The Man in the Black Cow," a story of mystery, by Jessie M. Whitaker; "The New Woman," a satirical poem, by Mrs. E. D. Kendall; "Hetty Green, America's Richest Woman," a character study, by Carol Ford; "A Prologue and a Play," a story of love and adventure, by Lewis E. MacBrayne; "The Little Green Goblin of Goliathville," a story for the boys and girls, by James Hall Norton; "Michael Whittcomb," a serial story, by F. E. D. Albery; and "Affairs at Washington," illustrated chat of the capital, by Joe Mitchell Chapple—Chapple Pub. Co., Boston.

Among the stories found in Wayside Tales for September are the following: "His Black and Luck," Baldwin A. Pendleton; "The First Cannon," Stanley Wescott; "The Turquoise," Russell Whitcomb; "The Man on the Beach," William H. Greenfield; "In the Kentucky Hills," N. M. Hall; and "Guiseppe," a story of the Colorado. Among other noticeable features are an article on "Gold Dredging in Colorado," and a paper entitled "The Women of the Book of Mormon," in which a very startling answer is given. There are several poems in this number—M. S. Company, Association Building, Chicago, Ill.

The September number of the Improvement Era offers an excellent opportunity to which some of our best authors have contributed. The opening article is by B. H. Roberts, on "Originality of the Book of Mormon," in which the writer presents many original thoughts. Susan Young Gates is another contributor whose articles always are very much appreciated. Edward W. Anderson relates "An Incident of Every-day Life." One of the notable features of the number is an address by Dr. James E. Talmage on "Some Facts and Fancies of Mormonism." It was delivered before a large, representative assembly at a summer resort in California. On the "Editor's Table," a well-written editorial is found on the necessity of avoiding debt and credit. This editorial is by President Joseph F. Smith. It should be read carefully. There are several short stories and poems, as well as other features of value to the readers.—Templeton Bldg., Salt Lake City.

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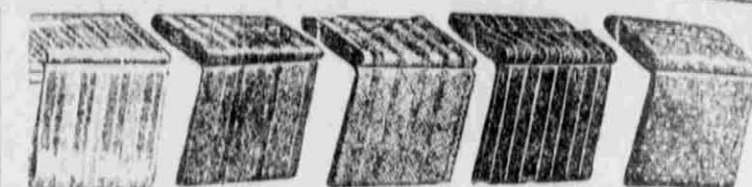
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