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THE MARTYRDOM.

Tuesday, June 27, this year, is the
first anniversary of the fearful tragedy
of Carthage, Ill., by which the innocent
blood of the Prophet Joseph, and his
beloved brother Hyrum, the Patriarch,
was shed by assassins. The circum-
stances form one of the deplorable
chapters of American history—one, in
which is illustrated the terrible power
of evil men and women at times are able
to exercise when influenced by the
arch-enemy of truth and righteousness.It is not necessary at this time to re-
count the details of that martyrdom,
which are quite well known among
well informed persons, but we may be
permitted to call attention to some of
the conditions that preceded it.The character of the most active op-
ponents of the Prophet may be inferred
from what is on record of Francis M.
Hughes. He caused the arrest of the
Prophet on the 6th day of May, 1844,
but it was proved in the hearing that
the accused was a malicious individual,
guilty of immorality, who had in-
stituted the proceedings against Joseph
through malice and private vengeance.
The court therefore ordered the Prophet
liberated, and made the accused pay
the costs of the suit.The chief persecutors of the
Prophet diligently represented him as a
"fallen" prophet. They did not
question the truth of his claim that he
had been called by revelation to be a
prophet, but he was "fallen," they said.
They, themselves, were apostates.
Some of them were guilty of the grossest
immorality. One had been cast out of
the church for dishonesty while filling a
position of trust in the Nauvoo Legion.
Amidst all this, the people who were
sworn to by diverse women who had
knowledge of their corrupt life in
private. One of them, an outsider, but
a congenial spirit, is said to have been
guilty of robbery and murder. And
such individuals, the very refuse of
human society, constituted themselves
the champions of purity, morality, and
loyalty, and succeeded in stirring up
the mob that stained American soil
with the innocent blood of those noble
martyrs. Many persons "professing re-
ligion" joined the mob, forgetting the
divine injunction: "Be ye not unequally
yoked together with unbelievers." 2
Cor. VII 14.The literary monstrosity that made
its appearance in Nauvoo on the 7th
of June, 1844, and which was filled
with reeking abuse of the Prophet and
his friends, breathing a spirit of murder
and mobocracy in almost every
line, was one factor in the warfare at
that time waged against the Church.
The city council performed what it
conceived to be a sacred duty toward
the citizens, and abated the nuisance.
But the wrath of the mob grew in in-
tensity, and finally, the murder was
decided on. It was well known that
the mob were guilty of no offense,
and that they could not have been
convicted by a fair jury. The mob there-
fore, had no other recourse than as-
sassination.It was a time of trial and deep sor-
row to the Latter-day Saints, who
loved the Prophet and Patriarch with
the most placid affection, because
they knew the purity of their char-
acter, the unselfishness of their motives,
and their devotion to the service of
God. It tested their faith to see these
noble men hounded to death by wolves
in human forms. But the honest in
heart came out of the trial stronger
than ever. Their faith had be-
come purified in the fiery fur-
nace of persecution. The Church be-
came more united than ever. The
martyrdom became one of the corner-
stones of the glorious structure. The
blood of the martyrs once more be-
came the seed of the Church.The enemies of the Saints at that
time knew, as they always do, that
they were engaged in persecution. A
remarkable testimony as to the real
nature and character of the persecu-
tors was given in the St. Louis Organ
of Jan. 9, 1848, quoted in Times and
Seasons of Feb. 1, that year. The St.
Louis Organ said in part:"We have reason to believe that,
however bad the Mormons are, there
has still been much exaggeration as to
their misdeeds; and further, that their
most violent opponents have ever been
of a cast of character as questionable
as anything that would represent the
Mormons to be. It is notorious that
the great 'Mormon eaters' of Upper
Missouri, were the greatest scamps inthe country, and we have very good
reason to believe that the same remark
would apply to the tribe who are now
persecuting them in Illinois."The People's Register expresses the
fact, that the Mormons will be some very
bad men still left in Illinois, after the
Saints are gone. This we think quite
likely. There will probably be left
some of those who have invited them to
the state, for the purpose of using them as
stepping stones to power, but who, fail-
ing in making them the creatures of
their will, afterwards resorted to
every means within their reach to
vilify them, and even to encourage
them to acts of outlawry. There will
be left those who, under the dis-
guise of carrying out the laws of Illi-
nois, induced the Smiths to become
prisoners, and then in cold blood mur-
dered them—an act of atrocious unpar-
alleled in the history of the age. And
there will be left men who will seize
upon the effects of the banished fanat-
ic, and whose prime object in driving
them forth, is to fill the state with
blood. They will be left to the
shame of Illinois—and they, of course,
will continue to have apologists for
their misdeeds, in the shape of some
sycophantic journal, of the caliber of the
Warsaw Signal."This is impartial testimony concern-
ing the persecutors of the Prophet Joseph.
It would take very little space in
the text to make it apply to persecu-
tors of all times, including the present.It is not necessary for us to say
that the Latter-day Saints have no
feeling of resentment toward those who
have caused them untold trials and
sufferings. They are in the hands of
the Almighty, and not of men. They
know that the work is destined to ad-
vance, no matter how many may op-
pose it, or how many may fall by the
wayside. It is the work the Lord has
commenced for the redemption of the
world, and even the deeds of the ene-
mies will in the long run serve to the
furtherance of that work.

FINISH THE BOULEVARD.

Some years ago, during the stress of
hard times, the business men and pub-
lic officials of Salt Lake evolved a plan
to provide employment for some of
those who found themselves out of
work. That plan was calculated to
give the city a magnificent boulevard.
Thousands of dollars were expended
in the enterprise, and hundreds of la-
borers were relieved from the want
that pressed hard upon them. But the
work was never finished. Sufficient
funds were not at hand. Efforts to
raise more money failed. So the project
was abandoned. For more than a
decade nothing has been done toward
completing this splendid public im-
provement. Now, however, the Com-
mercial club, acting upon a suggestion
made by this paper some weeks ago,
contemplates a vigorous campaign,
the purpose of which will be to finish
the boulevard.Investigation discloses the fact that
this can be done at a comparatively
small cost. The line that was laid out
long ago can be easily followed. The
heaviest grading has been done. The
paving of the years has proved that
the expense of keeping it up will be
very slight, as much of the road is
still in an excellent state of repair. To-
day a body of officials and public-spirited
citizens are inspecting the entire
course. Their report and recommen-
dations, we have no doubt, will be
favorable. The details will have to be
worked out. The public will await
them with interest. Then it will be
a step-forward-and-a-push-together.
With that decision reached the comple-
tion of the boulevard will be assured.What a matchless driveway it will
make! Where else in all the land can
be seen a superb panoramic picture
such as that which will present itself
in a carriage spin or automobile run
over this commanding pathway? Threading
its way out of the main thoroughfare
of the city, crossing the beautiful grounds
of Capitol Hill, winding its way along
and over the canyon's mouth to re-appear on
the great plateau on the northeast bench,
to intersect with the Penrose drive,
which gives entrance to Fort Douglas,
one of the most picturesque military
posts in the United States, it cannot
but become a great attraction for both
home folk and visitors. Our mountains
in all their grandeur, our valley in its
garb of green, with its cities and towns,
its mines and its mills, its famous in-
land sea and pleasure resorts, its bright
sunshine and bracing air, will photo-
graph themselves indelibly upon the
mind and cause all who behold to say:
"Surely this is a beautiful city. It is
well to dwell here."The time has come for final action.
By all means finish the boulevard.

THE IMMIGRANT QUESTION.

The exceedingly large, and increasing,
immigration to this country makes some
consideration almost imperative, for the dis-
tribution of the newcomers to the vari-
ous places of the country, where they
are really needed. It cannot be dis-
puted that the country is large enough to
comfortably maintain its present population,
but a great many of the immigrants
remain in the larger cities, where
competition is already too keen, and
vast stretches of land are left un-
occupied. It is all very well to tell the
newcomers to go south or west, but the
fact is that they need some guiding
hand to the right place, and also some
protection against the sharks that are
but too willing to devour what little
substance they may possess.We notice that a movement has re-
cently been started in St. Louis, which
has for its aim to render to immigrants
the proper assistance in this direction.
At the head of it is Archbishop Glennon.
The intention of those interested is to
give information, especially to Ameri-
can Catholic families who are intending
to move from one part of the country
to the other, as to where suitable loca-
tions can be found, and also to direct
European immigrants of the Catholic
faith away from the Atlantic Coast to
the inland states, where there is plenty
of room for homeseekers.The movement is not, it seems, mere-
ly a charitable enterprise, but it is a
business venture at the same time. It
is organized as a realty company, with
the following purposes: 1.—To offer ad-
vice and direction to Catholic home-
seekers, concerning the location, value
and character of land, and in connec-tion therewith, location or intended lo-
cation of church or school. 2.—To ar-
range easy terms of payment for lands
the homeseekers acquire, so that they
may not be driven from the farms
where once they settle. 3.—In virtue of
options which it has secured on large
tracts of land to negotiate sale of same
at prices impossible for the individual
to secure. 4.—Acting in conjunction
with the diocesan authorities to group
the people who come with respect to
nationality, language, etc.The object of the company is obvi-
ously good, as far as it is to secure
the future of the immigrants. We hope
the Archbishop will not be too severely
censured for using his influence in the
furtherance of the temporal welfare of
co-religionists. If he were living in
Utah, he might be severely attacked
for mixing things temporal and spiri-
tual.We could desire to see a movement of
a similar kind, embracing all immi-
grants without regard to religious af-
filiations. Some would also like to see
the day when emigrants are required to
present some kind of a certificate from
American Consuls residing abroad, as to
their general qualifications. That, it
is supposed, would check the influx
of an undesirable element. With the
immigration taken care of in this way,
both at the ports of embarkation and
debarcation, the anxiety concerning the
immigrant question would soon be re-
moved.The road from here to Ogden looks
like a blazed trail."The devil's to pay," says Russia
every time she thinks of this indemnity.Reorganization and restitution seem
to be the order of the day in the Equi-
table.President Roosevelt is the peace lord
of the world, no matter who the war
lord is.The schooner-yacht Atlantic has won
everything it has gone after. The
schooner the better.If Lord Curzon resigns as viceroy of
India, how terribly shocked Chicago
society will be!In Kansas, college boys are reaping
what, yet at college most of them
sowed wild oats. And so a man does
not always reap as he sows.Just why Chief Engineer Wallace
came back from Panama and has ten-
dered his resignation. It appears to be
a case of "Betsy and I Are Out."That man Folk of Missouri not only
does things but he says them. His
last saying, one that may make him
famous, is, "Americans for America."The belligerents in the Far East
have not agreed to an armistice yet, but
as their armies are not now engaged in
conflict they have something "equally
good."Japan and Russia seem to be stand-
ing on their dignity in the matter of
appointing peace plenipotentiaries. Each
to the other is saying: "After you, my
dear Alphonse."It is quite impossible to bring France
and Germany together. The latter has
just bought a site for a residence for
its ambassador at Washington, and it is
the very opposite of the residence of the
French ambassador."Many a natural born fool wouldn't
be suspected if he only had sense
enough to keep his mouth shut," says
a New York philosopher. Certainly
not a man is a fool who has sense
enough to keep his mouth shut.A prominent colored man, address-
ing a Boston audience, discussing the
race problem advocated intermarriage
of negroes and white people as the
only true solution. That would be no
solution, as it would only be doing
things by halves."Why not pass on new laws in ad-
vance?" asks the Denver Post. Better
still, why not have no new laws? All
over the country there is a surplus of
laws, new and old. And a surplusage
of laws does vitiate their proper ob-
servance and enforcement."The ocean liner, Philadelphia, could
scarcely have been acting up to its
name when it cut a whale plump in two
in midocean a few days ago," says the
Kansas City Star. But just think how
Philadelphia herself has been cutting
up of late."Dave" Elton, the enterprising edi-
tor of the Cardston Star, is being
"boasted" by his friends for the provin-
cial legislature. It is violating no con-
fidence to say that the choice would be
popular with the editors," says The Cal-
gary Daily Herald.A chauffeur at Ridgefield, N. J., the
other day left his machine and rescued
two boys who were drowning in Morris
canal. So far as known, he is the only
chauffeur in the world who has ever
saved a life. His case proves that there
are exceptions to every rule.

SPAIN'S YOUNG KING.

London Express.
His majesty is neither a nonentity in
his kingdom nor the puppet of his min-
isters. He will understand facts, he
insists on comprehending every meas-
ure of the Cortes, and he has a firm
will of his own. Ever since King Al-
fonso assumed the reins of power he
has seen to it that he is kept thor-
oughly informed of everything that is
going on. He presides over a general
council once or twice every week, and
he makes a rule of giving audience to
his prime ministers every day. It is
not only that the young king knows
how to rule, but he loves to come into
personal contact with those whom he
rules. At any time he may pay a sur-
prise visit to some great, or even small,
manufacturing establishment, where he
will ask all sorts of questions and at-
tentively examine machinery and prod-
ucts.

THE "GREEN PERIL" IN FRANCE.

London Telegraph.
According to one of the anti-absinthe
writers, 125,000 hectolitres, or 2,925,000
gallons, in round numbers, of the stuff
are annually absorbed by French peo-
ple, men and women, for the women
have also learned to like "the green peril."
Fifty years ago only 125 hectolitres ofabsinthe were consumed in France. The
increase of luxury is attributed to the
deleterious drink. Sixty years ago
there were only 10,000 registered licen-
tices; now there are 50,000. The increase
in crime is also traced to the love of
absinthe among the masses.

THE JEWS TO BE HEARD FROM.

New York Evening Post.
The most striking feature of the
Zemstovsk's address to the czar on
Monday was the statement of their
unanimous belief that representation
in the proposed national legislature
should not be according to classes, and
that nobody should be excluded from
representation on account of race or
religion. "You are the emperor," said
Prince Troubestskoi to the czar, "not
of the landowners, merchants, or peas-
ants, but of all Russia," and he then
proceeded to urge the czar to stand
for freedom of speech and publication
in regard to the promised popular as-
sembly. If this is granted—and the
publication of Prince Troubestskoi's
speech forebodes the content of the
czar—the Russian Jews will surely be
heard from.

OLD INNS.

Philadelphia Ledger.
The Ostreich Inn at Colnbrook, Mid-
dlesex, England, has had an uninter-
rupted existence since the far-away
days of King John. It was doing a
thriving business before Magna Charta
was signed, and had qualified as a
veteran before Grey was fought. The
seven stars in Monmouth were a dis-
cussed house in the year of Politics
(1866), two-thirds of a century before
the cathedral was founded, and it
beats today a staid race clock which
began to tick over so long before Dr.
Johnson was born—nearly two cen-
turies ago.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The July number of the Four-Track
New York magazine begins with an
article upon the history and the romance
of the beautiful Hudson, entitled "In
the Wake of the Half-Moon," by William
Walt. Frank Cramer tells us something
of the Danish West Indies; Day Allen
Willey of Atlantic City; W. Brown-
Sermon of Laquette Lake, and Oliver
Clarke Kinney of the Monticello Valley.
"The Reindeer Queen," "The Halk-
Rocka," and "Antique American Art"
are three interesting sketches upon un-
usual subjects. C. H. Harvey writes of
"Old Fort Ontario," and Frank H.
Taylor of "Cathedrals of Silence." "In
a Swiss Dilemma," by Charles B. Wells,
and "The Magic Craft of Onondaga,"
by J. P. MacGregor, are well
written articles of more than usual in-
terest. "A Dear Old-fashioned Town,"
by Ruby Carlton Johnson, tells of her
discovery of Belfast, Me.; Guy Mor-
rison Walker graphically describes "The
Inland Sea," that beautiful, land-
locked lake of Japan. "Key and His
Boat," by Augustus Cook, is a jolly
little story, and there are numerous other
articles, together with the usual de-
partments, poems, humor, etc.—East
Forty-second street, New York.The New Way is the title of a mag-
azine, the first number of which has
now made its appearance. According
to the announcement the new period-
ical will enter the field of "higher
thought periodicals," not as a competi-
tor, but to "help to sing the song of
contentment." Looking over the list of
contents, we find papers on such sub-
jects as these: "The Science of Suc-
cess," "Relationship," "The Perfect
Model," etc. There are editorial arti-
cles on "Source of Vitality," "Way We
Grow Old," "How to Keep Young,"
etc.—The New Way Pub. Co., 1107 E
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