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THE FAKE CARNIVAL.

The respectable people of this city will breathe more freely after tonight. Not because of any very great change in the temperature, but because the "Street Fair" will be at an end. We know that we express their opinion in stating that the entire affair has been a disappointment. Some features of it have been much worse than that. The so-called "Midway" was a fair production of "Pandemonium." The noise, confusion, crowding, rowdyism, discordant sounds and fake shows were thoroughly reprehensible. Some of the parades were worth seeing, and were conducted with order and decency. But the side shows brought here to gull the public were of the rankest kind and deserve to be denounced by the press as well as by the public.

We have to speak, not by experience but by the testimony of numerous re-Hable persons who took in the whole business with all its "racy," vulgar and licentious details. The latter were too vile to be described in print. The fact that they had to be suppressed by the police during the time that juveniles made their special visit, is sufficient evidence that they were unfit for general exhibition. With two or three exceptions they were to be utterly condemned: and wc must confess surprise that after their real character had beperformances, or to pay their money simply bumbugs.

The free entertainment was the best good. We need not jump into flames or feature of the Fair, apart from the be drowned in the flood to learn the

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and who succeed simply in exhibiting A PERIOD OF TRANSITION. their own ignorance. They are perhaps The fact can hardly escape the no-

not so much to blame as the originatice of thoughtful observers, that our ors of the wrong. Still, the eagerness age presents many features of resemwhich they exhibit in picking up such blance to the age of declining paganism morsels of misinformation indicates in the old Roman empire. Then the their kind of appetite. The untruth to philosophers were incessantly underwhich we particularly refer is that our mining the established faith with their Sunday schools "give instruction in criticism, while the new religion was ended to inculcate in the minds of struggling into life. Then, too, persechildren the idea, that they must sin cution was chiefly directed against the before they can know the heauty of

followers of the new faith, who were Every Latter-day Saint and every regarded as the enemies of the established system, although this was child who has been instructed in any crumbling and falling because of its of our Sunday schools, know very well own decrepitude. It is so today. Christhat such a notion is contrary to the tlanity, as it is now, is undergoing a fundamental doctrines of the Church most critical period of its existence. It and to the teachings of its ministers. is subjected to the criticism of friend The necessity of practical righteousand foe, and in the meantime, its defenders, blinded by prejudices and unable to read the signs of the times, turn against the rekindled faith that shone Church than in any other upon the forth in this age by divine mercy, as face of the earth. The common docif the chief danger came from that trine that mere faith in Christ is the source,

A most remarkable indicator of the tendency of our age is the eagerness righteous conduct, in order to gain the with which Christendom has accepted Dr. Harnack's lectures on the Essence favor of God in this life and exaltation of Christianity. The noted scholar reinto His presence in the next, is urged jects the Gospel of John, as many have upon old and young continually. done before him, and also much of the The excuse offered for thus misrepre synoptic Gospels. He rejects the story senting the doctrine of the Latter-day of the supernatural birth of our Sa-Saints, is that it teaches the necessity of contrasts in order that mankind vior, and the miracles, and then puts forth the statement that Jesus is not may appreciate the difference between good and evil. For instance, the Fall the central point of Gospel proclamation, but God, the Father. And the of our first parents is viewed as an book containing these views has been event that occurred in the wisdom and providence of our Eternal Father and sold in thousands of copies in Germany. the land of the Reformation, and God. That it is not to be considered as translations have been made in numer-'a grievous calamity." but that out of the apparent evil of the transgresous languages. The question is fast assuming a matter of international insion committed, good will come to the terest and importance. Some regard human family. The experience obtained in consequence of the introduc-Prof. Harnack's work as the beginning of a new reformation. A reformation. tion of evil and sorrow and pain and eliminating from Christianity the docdeath, will enable the sons and daughters of Adam to understand, and appretrine of the divine attributes of Jesus! No wonder that moral and intellectuclate, and fully enjoy the blessings of al confusion prevails in the world, happiness and pleasure and glory in the eternal world. That light cannot be Men's minds are unsettled, and there is a general spirit of uneasiness, just fully enjoyed without the experience of as there was in Rome before the fall of paganism. But it means that the way is being prepared for the universal acceptance of the Gospel, with all its gifts

and authority conferred upon the servants of the Almighty. The ground is being cleared of all the rubbish that has accumulated during the ages. Criticism is doing that work thoroughly. The Word of God will remain, while the man-made doctrines will burn in the fiery furnace. And the Church of Jesus will rise in her splendor, and the nations of the earth will walk in her light. We are passing through an age of transition, from the old dispensation to that of the Millennium.

UNIVERSAL PEACE.

Justice Brewer, of the United States ever it may be Sir Thomas has won the Supreme court, recently expressed the



ness, of the avoidance of sin, and of real repentance when wrong is committed, is taught more strictly in this

that which is good.

one essential to salvation is repudiated utterly by this Church, and the absolute necessity of personal purity and

darkness, pleasure without pain, joy without sadness, life everlasting without passing through death, seems to us almost beyond fair dispute. If it had not been for sin there would have been no death. All the ills of mortality are the result of disobedience to law, divine or human. The lesson derived from this is that of strict

obedience to the divine will, and avoidance of everything that is contrary to righteousness. It is the very reverse of the deduction made by our enemies for the purpose of deceiving inquirers into our faith. The results of sin are come known, so many persons flocked all around us. We need not be sinful in crowds to witness their disgusting ourselves, in order to understand the effects of transgression. But we can for what they might have known were profit by the lessons they teach, and learn to avoid the evil and choose the

her attendants. We are sorry that they were in any way connected with the the comfort of cleanliness. shameful exhibitions made part of the Fair. Nothing that we have to say on this subject should be construed as casting upon them the slightest reflection, for they were in every way above

all that was objectionable in the affair. It may be thought that our words of condemnation ought to have been uttered at the beginning, rather than at the ending of these alleged festivities. But it will be found that in the first report of them given by the Deseret News, they were exposed in their real character, and disapproval was expressed in such terms as to occasion considerable comment. And it is to be observed that the more the worst features of the shows were denounced, the greater were the crowds of the curious who wanted to take them all in. We speak of them now that it may be known to all who are interested in the matter, that the decent people of Salt Lake are opposed to such low down exhibitions, and in their behalf we raise a protest so that in future this city may not be degraded by their repetition.

We do not believe that any real good will result from this so-called "carnival." Thousands of people from the country have come into the city, and gone away in wonder whether such things are countenanced by the authorities of Salt Lake. It has lowered the municipality in the estimation of decent visitors. It has tended to damage the reputation of the city. It has helped to swell the tide of immorality which has set in and that is visibly affecting a portion of our population. It has had an evil effect upon young people. The comments that will be made will not be of a complimentary kind all things." As He brought order out and the effects that will follow, will be in the direction of depravity, rather than in that of elevating the moral tone of the community.

It will, doubtless, to some extent have a damaging effect upon other celebrations that are expected to follow. People will fear that they are to be again deceived. We believe, however, it will prove a warning to the managers of by the evil doings of the wicked. The other entertainments of a public character, and that they will be careful as | because of the works of darkness, and to the kind of entertainments which they bring here or to which they lend | nal Father who have passed through their encouragement. We hope we have | the ordeals of mortality, and the sorseen the last of such "fakes" and debas. ing recreations as those that have at- have kept His commandments, will be tended the Midway feature of the Salt | the gainers through their sufferings Lake Street Fair.

"MORMONISM" ON SIN.

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bring its penalty. Righteousness will

surely gain its reward. The obedient

will be exalted on high. The wicked

will receive a just punishment. And

out of it all, the purposes of God will

be accomplished, and the experiences of

earthly life will be beneficial to all His

In the continual opposition which the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have to meet, it is very rare indeed that a fair and correct statement of its doctrines constitutes the basis of arguments against it. In addition to the calumny which forms the greater part of the contention raised, there is a persistent misrepresentation of the tenets of our faith and of the meaning and spirit thereof. Some ministers among the different sects seem to make a study of methods, by which the teachings of this Church may be distorted and presented in the very opposite light to that intended in their ground gation

maintee, when his and serrow and We have noticed recently a perverdeath are overcome, and every knee sion of one point of doctrine that is beshall bow in willing subjection to Him ing copied by persons who desire to who sits upon the throne and who show familiarity with "Mormon" ideas, | shall reign forever and ever.

appearance of the Carnival Queen and difference between fire and water. We need not dabble in filth to experience

the war drums are still beating and trumpets are calling men to arms," he The revelations of God to this Church said, "the day of universal peace will declare that "He cannot look upon sin come as surely as a Supreme Being with the least degree of allowance." rules over the destinies of nations." Through human weakness and the ef-His view of the matter is that the feets of original disobedience, all manmoral sense of the world is growing. kind have sinned. Christ came to reand that it will soon have reached a deem them from sin, but not in their stage of development when it will adsins. Faith in Him, repentance of all mit of no arbitration by brute force. wrong-dong, baptism for the remission M. Bloch, the eminent Russian auof sins, and the gift of the Holy Ghost thor on military affairs, also believes by the laying on of hands, with the that universal peace is coming. But fixed determination to lead a holy life, de draws his conclusions from different serve God and keep His commandpremises. He thinks the perfection of ments, avoiding all evil and cleaving to arms of destruction will be carried to all good, are the first principles of the the point when a war between two Latter-day Saints' faith, and these are taught to all people, even to little great powers will be so murderous as to be almost impossible, and that dischildren in the family circle: and in the Sunday school. Therefore when the armament will be the immediate result conclusion is jumped at by our oppon-No matter from what point of view ents, and published in an influential the question is regarded, the conclusion paper, as a logical deduction from the is the same. Some hold that the busiteachings of the Church in reference to ness interests of the world are becomthe providence of God concerning the ing so intertwined that a great war results of the Fall, that "sinning is would mean world-wide financial disasthus actually commended as the pathter, and that armed conflicts therefore way to good," the wilful distortion of must become a relic of the past. Othour creed must be apparent to every ers read the history of mankind in the unprejudiced and informed thinker. light of Scripture propheeles, and find If God had not foreknown what depicted a future in which the arts and Adam and Eve would do in the garden, occupations of peace shall have taken he would not have prepared "the the place of the clash of arms and Lamb slain from the foundation of the the glittering tinsel of martial glory. world" in explation of that sin. If He How it is to be brought about is a had not foreseen the benefits which question that belongs to the future;

would come to His children from the but that peace is finally to come is experiences they would obtain in consequence of that transgression, the oc-It is not improbable, though, that becurrences related as to the Garden of fore the era of peace breaks over the Eden would never have been permitworld, a terrible war will first have ted. In the language of the Book of to be fought. Mankind must learn a Mormon: "All things have been done lesson to last it for a millennium. in the wisdom of Him that knoweth Neither the Boer war, nor the Chinese military operations, have sufficiently of chaos and light out of darkness in impressed the nations and governments the beginning, so He will evolve eternal of the world. It takes a veritable Argood out of the temporary evil that has mageddon to do that. Besides, the present geographical arrangements of come upon and pervaded the world. Sinning is not "the pathway to good," nations is too artificial to be lasting. it is the road to evil. Transgression Peoples have been broken up by means of the sword, and scattered to the does not bring blessing but a curse Obedience to law is the only path to winds. The past is filled with wrongs which must be righted, and tyranny true happiness. The good may profit that must be put down, before peace can come. How this can be done withchildren of light may gain experience out wars does not appear, since a peace court would not be authorized to those sons and daughters of the Etertake up the questions of past injustice to nations, which still are rankling among them causing uneasiness and in. rows and agonles of this life and yet surrections. A gathering of the scattered races and their deliverance from the hands of hateful rulers seems a and toils, and will comprehend to the necessary preliminary to universal fullest extent the joy and glory of a peace perfect state of existence because of

But it will all come about. Provitheir understanding of the opposites to those beatitudes, in their earthly pildence is leading mankind to that goal. and all that takes place is overruled for that one end. At first only prophets In all the events that have occurred and seers foretaid its coming. Now it is on this planet, from the time when it expected by statesmen, business men rolled into its orbit from the hands of and philosophers allke. its Creator, they have been under the

watchful eye of Omnipotence and will How different a San Francisco schutall be overruled for the ultimate good zenfest from a Texas gun play! of His children. Sin will inevitably

If the striking San Francisco teamsters will keep to the right there will be no trouble Is the old nursery rhyme, "London

Bridge is Falling Down" to be changed to, "Brooklyn Bridge is Falling Down?"

Will all the drinking places in the ity be in full blast to-morrow? . Or will there be some show of the enforcement of the law?

Mark Twain has named his Adiron-

pinion that universal peace will preadmiration and good will of the American people. vail in a not remote future. "Although

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The Tubercolosis congress, which has just closed in London, strongly urged that expectorating in public places should be prohibited. It is an unhealthy as well as flithy habit and anything that can be done to abolish it should be. Home teaching will have greatest effect, but this will apply to children rather than to grown up people. In our own city there is an anti-expectoration ordinance but it is enforced in a ery lax manner.

> ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS. New York Churchman.

Does the church really want to get and to bring her people as close as she can to the mind and thought of the Bible and of our Lord? To ask such a juestion might seem to be to answer it. Yet, that is the whole question. The scholars of 1611 were holy and wise nen, but they did not know, and could know, what we know about the Bible today. Shall the church give her sople this new light, or shall she hide from them? To deny it will be their oss and hers. For the people want the tospel; they are jealous of any veil beween them and it. Every few mo-nehts brings some unauthorized, more r less colloquial, version of some part f the Bible to our tables. Energetic clergymen in some fields feel that they must have such translations for their work. All missionary experience con firms their conviction.

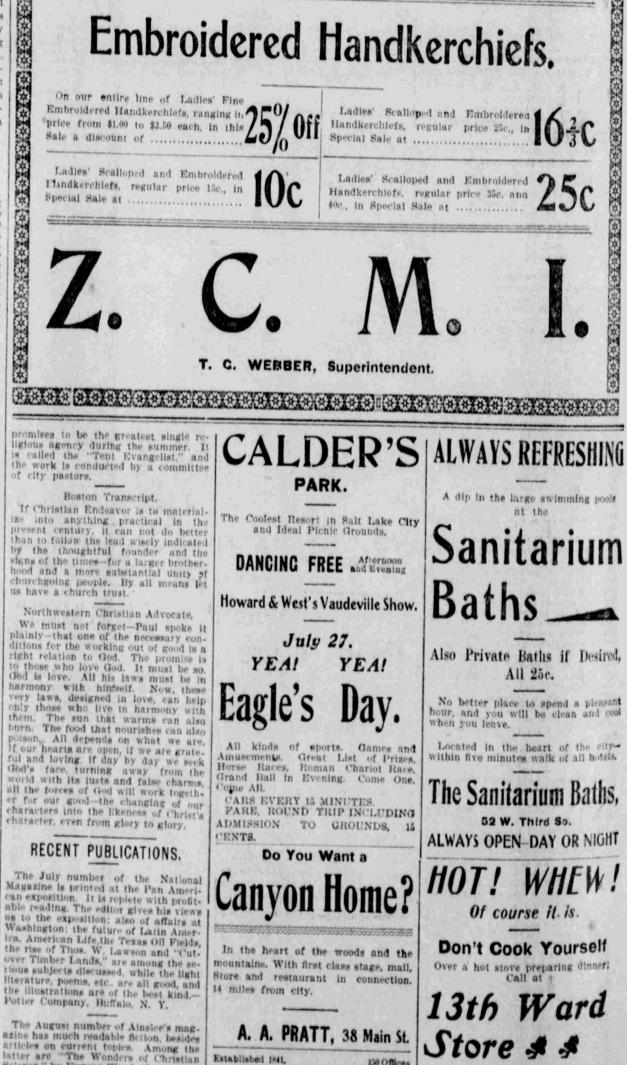
The Congregationalist.

Neither the Episcopal Church of Eng. land nor the Presbyterian Church of Scotland bows under a heavier theo logical burden, than ecclesiastical bodies in America, which insist on fer-mal affirmation of statements of doctrine that have become obsolete and are repudlated by the moral and intelle tual sense of many who affirm them. The doctrine of mental reservation, which ministers of some denominations and of some of our own theological seminaries seem forced to adopt, is one of the most vicious of all heresies. Notwithstanding all this, it is a satisfaction to any one to have what he believes nobly expressed in words. No organization is so strong as a community of believers in the truths which ost exalt men.

The Living Church.

A quarter century ago the higher education of the country was very largely the work of religious bodies. Today, following on the divorce of religion from the public schools, it is largely secular. This is partly because of the large financial support granted by the state to its own institutions. is also due in no small measure to the fact that the American people are largely losing their hold on the Chris-tian religion. Wears of the jarring claims of 'churches,' they are holding aloof from religious organizations. Education, the cherished child of the church, now discours her own mother.

The pastors of all our evangelical churches have been deeply interested in the religious phase of the Pan-American exposition, and a strong pressure has been brought upon the directors in regard to Sunday closing, as well as upon other phases of the religious ques. tion. Several conferences were held with the directors, but the desire to make the exposition "pay" has been potential with a majority of those in authority. The result is a compromise. The gates of the exposition are open on Sunday, but the "Midway" shows, government buildings, and many other exhibits are closed. No religious ser-vices are allowed on the grounds on Sundays. I suppose this is done to exhibits are closed. No religious ser-vices are allowed on the grounds on Sundays. I suppose this is done to prevent complications between denom-inations, and to save the directors from conflict with the "Midway" conces-sionaries. The Hawellan people, how-ever, have a religious service of their own, and among the 400 Indians there are frequent services. A tent has been crected on Lincoln parkway, near the main entrance, and this tent work



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