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THE "CALL" AS AN ECHO.

The San Francisco Call, which ought to know better, has fallen into the ways of some uninformed public journals in copying absurd and baseless stories about the "Mormon" people. This time it has echoed an unsupported and ridiculous story, told by a lady writer for an Eastern magazine once before referred to in these columns. The purport of the story is that an Eastern clergyman visiting Salt Lake City, accompanied a "Gentile" friend to the Temple square, where at the Bureau of Information they met with a guide who showed them through the Assembly hall and the Tabernacle, and explained to them many of the principles of the "Mormon" faith. This guide is described as "a fine looking and extraordinarily intelligent young woman of about twenty-three years of age, well dressed and of aristocratic bearing." The story goes on to say that, "When asked of the relation of polygamy to the Church, the young women answered without hesitation that the Church regarded the principle as true but had suspended the practice under the admonition of the Manifesto."

It is stated that the clergyman was very much impressed by the conversation with the girl, and with her modesty and culture and intelligence, and he reached the conclusion that there was no use in worrying about the "Mormon menace," and stated that the young lady appeared to be "in no way different from hundreds of other young women in Utah." But now for the sequel. The Call says, taking its information (?) from the magazine writor aforesaid:

"The two friends parted for a time, the clergyman to his apartments, the friend to a newspaper office, where he procured several newspapers which he maye to his friend later in the evening. The newspapers contained information of the marriage, which had taken place a short time previously, of the young woman who had been their guide in Temple Block, to a prominent member of the Mormon Church who already had several with the superior of the Mormon Church who already

The first part of this "terrible tale" is doubtless correct. Hundreds of pecple, almost every day, visit the Temple grounds and are escorted by either a lady or a gentleman who takes pleasure in showing visitors the buildings and gardens, and in explaining to them the tenets of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And the impression usually made is well described in that which we have quoted. But the last part of that which the Call has copied bears on its face its own refu-

If an account of the marriage of that young lady to the so-called "prominent member of the Mormon Church who already had several wives," appeared in "several newspapers," or in any newspaper, a complaint could have been entered at once before a court of competent jurisdiction, and the parties to this fliegal union would be prosecuted. There are persons here on the perpetual lookout for something of the kind, who would give a great deal for the discovery of any such an infraction of the law. Even if proceedings were not instituted, be-Tore the courts, such an occurrence would be blazoued abroad with sensational headlines, the country would be aroused over the "startling outrage" and the wires would be kept hot to

sound the glarm throughout the land, We denounce the whole statement concerning this alleged marriage as a malicious fabrication. It may have been told to the lady writer of the magazine alluded to, for it is evident that her cars and mind were open to any kind of anti- Mormon' romances. and that she was anxious to obtain something that would gratify the popular appetite for anti-"Mormon" sensa-*ion. Why was not the name of the newspaper in which the "information of the marriage appeared" given to the public? Why hol give the name of the girl and that of the prominent "Mormon" with several wives who but "a short time previously had married

We must confess surprise that the Call, in spite of its desire to say something malevalent about the "Mormon" Church and people, was unwise enough to copy that bit of palpable error, and nid in giving publicity to a falsehood which has not the shadow of an excuse. It is just such concoctions that are caught up by preachers and women's societies in the East, and held out to the world as a reason for attacks upon the majority of the people of Utah. We challenge the Call and the female who first gave the stupid story to the press, to furnish such parficulars as would lead to the identification of the parties to the alleged plural marriage and the newspaper or newspapers which are said to have announced the occurrence. But we do not expect anything reasonable or fair from

such sources of Intentional misinfermation. The story is headed "How the Mormons Deceive," but should be entitled "How The Anti-Mormons De-

NOT A TIME FOR FOOLERY.

According to a story that comes from colorado Springs, Colo., a fellow in that vicinity is accused of having endeavored to sell his wife, at auction, or a bottle of beer. Some of the pariclpants in the farce thought it a good joke, and the beverage was procured and consumed. But the husband was serious, and endeavored to drive the wife away. This is said to have happened eleven months ago. The wife is low suing for divorce.

The story sounds improbable in the ighest degree. One hesitates to beeve that such scenes can be enacted n the stage of every-day life, in this ountry, under the flare of the multiolored lights of our civilization, and mid the popular clamor for the purity f the American home. But, it is probbly true. For, notwithstanding the clamor, there is a tendency among the public to regard marriage as a jokean occasion for the display of all kinds of jests and foolery. No wonder, if, cometimes, this spirit follows married life, and breaks out in such fareless proceedings as the one referred to.

It has become customary with some to play all sorts of pranks with newmarried couples. Showers of old shoes and rice, and the ear-splitting charivari are no longer the limit. To what lengths some will go in treating marriage as foolery was illustrated on a recent occasion, when, in one of the eastern ities, the brother of a young bride, heading a gang of the guests at the wedding, captured a circus menagerie wagon-a regular cage for animalsthrust the married pair into it, and led them thus, exposed to the public gaze. through the streets, preceded by a band of music. This affair is said to be regarded by the superintendent of the police as a good joke.

When it has come to this that some people treat marriage as a huge joke, to be celebrated with buffoonery, it is time to call a halt. The women of this country would find a field worthy of their seal, if they would turn their attention to this fearful tendency of the time, that ultimately, if not checked, will result in their misery and degradation, as in the case of the wife offered for sale for a bottle of beer. If they would follow their own refined instincts, instead of the lead of drunken sors who are paid by a plutocrat to deceive them, they would find a field of usefulness far beyond their present hopes. The American home is menaced It needs defense. But the danger is not from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Prophet Elijah on one occasion was accused of seducing Israel, but he hurled the accusation back, declaring that not he, but the wicked king and his house were the offenders. The Church today, with equal force, the force of eternal truth, hurls the accusation made against her. back upon the guilty heads of the accusers.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN VICTIM.

The assassination of the prefect of Moscow adds another chapter of blood all accounts this man was a good official, a friend of the people, who endeavored to do all in his power to lighten the burdens of autocracy. He gave regular audiences where he received the public and heard complaints, and it appears that the assassin took advantage of the generosity of the man, and shot him down, after having gained access to him among the supplicants for official favor. He acted very much like the creature who took the life of President McKinley.

It will readily be admitted that Russians are sorely tempted to use the bullet, or the knife, in their war for liberty. They are confronted by a power that does not hesitate to shed Russian blood in torrents, in its own selfish interests. If ever there were extenuating circumstances for a case of assassination, the internal conditions

of Russia new present them. But the assassination must, nevertheless, be deplored. To do wrong, even in the interests of right, if that were possible, is wrong, and will not result in anything but evil. The frequent acts of violence by the liberals of Russia, lend an air of justification to the severe policy of the government, The assassination of Alexander turned the wheel of progress back at least half a century, and similar acts will have similar effects now, They are the doings of a class of agitators who know no force but brute violence. They are deplored by all true friends of reform.

ON AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Hugh Coyle has an article in the Denver Times Friday Magazine, on entertainment. He shows that amusement is one of the world's greatest nocessities, and that, through modern methods, many kinds of legitimate entertainments have deteriorated fearfully. But he thinks we have arrived at the turning point. He says that people everywhere are ready to sustain whole. some entertainment honorably presented and conducted. Mr. Coyle reminds his readers that the drama originally was religious, and he believes that there are many signs of its return to its original sphere and function, " can think of no way," he says, "in which the picturesque characters of the Old and New Testaments, Moses and Elijah, David and Isaiah, John the Baptist and St. Paul could be so livingly defined and enforced as in a spectacle historically veracious and

scientifically correct. Of greater interest however, is his announcement of a coming change in the seasons of entertainment. He says:

"I have not only passed through, but have aided materially in revolu-tionizing public entertainment at least five times during my life, and am now and have been engaged ever since the year 1897 in the endeavor to totally revolutionize once more this great public necessity, viz., to convert the real season for all kinds of entertainment, especially the theatrical, from the winter, which is now the regular season, to the summer, which is the proper

A winter theatrical season has always been wrong. In the near future theaters in cities and towns will be given up in the winter to vau-deville and light entertainment at pop-ular prices. Rehearsals, productions ular prices. Rehearsals, productions and other business for the summer will be arranged for and conducted in the winter instead of the summer, as now, Productions of all characters will be presented under canvas auditoriums and portable corrugated from structures that can readily be moved from place to place. Our suburbanites and ruralities will be introduced to every form of entertainment, brought to their very doors, which they have pre-viously never had an opportunity to enjoy. Upward of 1,000 managers are under canvass next season.

We are not told to what extent the public is consulted in this proposed rearrangement of times and seasons.

GOTHENBURG SYSTEM.

The Los Angeles Times is taking quite an interest in the so-called Cothenburg system for the regulation of the sale of intexicants. That system consists chiefly in turning that business for any given community over to a stock company, which gives certain guarantees for the orderly conduct of its saloons, limits the individual profit on the stock, and distributes all its earnings, in excess of a certain percentage, for the benefit of the community, in the form of donations for public improvements, or charities.

The system is no longer an experiment. It has been in operation for 40 years, and been adopted, with certain modifications, by many communities in Norway and Pinland, as well as Sweden. Some of the results of it are given as follows:

In 1868 there were, in Gothenburg and its suburbs, one public house for every 2,293 persons of the population; in 1899 there was one public house for every 8,158 persons. In 1875 there was one shop for retailing spirits for "off-consumption" for every \$.569 persons of the population. In 1899 there was one retail shop for every 17,481 persons. During the twenty-three years from 1875 to 1898, inclusive, the profits of the "holag" (the company which took over tha liquor licenses), amounted to 16,282,360 kronor (something like \$4,000,000), all of which, instead of going into the pockets of liquor dealers, went for the benefit of public institutions or funds, such as the parks, the museum, the fund for providing free legal advice to the working classes, the school children's hollday fund, reading rooms for workmen, etc. The greater part of the money, however, wan paid in to the town treasury to be used for improving the police system, the hospital service, and the system for relieving the poor.

Such results ought to attract the attention of friends of temperance everywhere. It is indeed probable that the Gothenburg system would be a most effective means of furthering the cause of prohibition.

Is this to be known in history as the era of investigations?

The mean temperature yesterday was 82; the meanest was 94.

Few men are rich enough to feel comfortable" in hot weather.

The Y. M. C. A. has had a house warming. For that purpose the weather

In Kansas City walking delegates use automobiles. To their profession of killing industry do they propose to add killing people?

A boy near Danby, Vt., has just been mistaken for a deer and shot. Isn't this opening the mistook-him-for-adeer killing season early? If the wholesale indictment of Mil-

vaukee bondlers continues it will be almost impossible to secure a jury from the vicinage to try them. Pasadena, Cab, is the home of the

champion lady tennis player. And every resident of Pasadena feels that he is entitled to share the honor. Suttonly. A foud between a Kentucky mayor

and a Kentucky jailer should prove unusually interesting. The returns of the dead and wounded will be awaited with anxiety. M. Deleasse declares that in the next

var with Germany France and England will be on the same side. Albion perfide and La Belie France fighting side by side. Jamais!

If the Czar relieves M. Muravleff as peace plenipotentiary and appoints M. Popottleff in his stead he will make the mistake of swapping horses while crossing a gulf stream.

The salaries of the chief officials of the Equitable Life Assurance company have been out very materially. Still it is not likely that these same officials will resign because they cannot afford to work for the wage offered.

"The decay of a state is its failure to enforce its laws," declared Gov. Folk of Missouri in his address before the Fremont, Neb., Chautauqua assembly, No; the real reason why states decay is because their administration is

Chairman Morton has discovered for himself that "the least said the soonset mended," and so has instructed his ubordinates not to discuss publicly Equitable affairs. Good instructions. and they make it plain that it is never loo late to mend.

Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador at St. Petersburg, has cabled the state department that he learns from Count Lamsdorff that M. Muravleff, the ranking Eussian peace plentpotentiary, on arrival at St. Petersburg, has suffered an indisposition. It looks much like an indisposition close akin to the "fever" that carried so many off in the famous island in "Phroso."

A LONG TIME A-BUILDING.

Paris Correspondent in London Globe. A church begun in the thirteenth century and only just finished! That is the unparalleled characteristic of the church of St. Urbain, in Troyes, which is to be selemnly opened today. Pope

Urban IV, who was a native of Troyes, ordered its construction on the site of the house in which he was born, and the foundations were laid during his pontificate. At his death he left the care of the work to his nephew, Cardinal Ancher, hoping thus, said his holiness, to perpetuate his memory among his compatriots and fellow citizens. But, although the edifice is destined to be, according to the great Viollet le Duc, the jewel of Gothic art in France, its progress has been delayed through the centuries until its completion in the twentleth. The opening will be celetwentieth. The opening will be cele-brated with spiendid ceremony, in which some of the greatest living eccle-stastical orators will take part.

HOT PLACE FOR OVERCOATS.

San Francisco Chronicle.

"I'm beginning to believe the climatic conditions all over the Pacific Ocean are changing," remarked Capt, Saunders, of the liner Munchuria, at the St. Francis last evening. "In the lifteen years I have been running across the Pacific I never saw such cool weather as we've been getting lately. On our last trip I were a white suit just once. In Honolulu the weather was decidedly cool and in Hongkong people were actually wearing overcoats. Can you imagine anything more ridiculous than on overcoat in Hongkong? So far as all San Francisco Chroniele, ngine anything more ridiculous than an overcoat in Hengkong? So far as all my past experiences go, an overcoat in Hongkong is about as useful as it would be in the nether regions. And yet people were actually wearing overcoats in Hongkong when we were in jort there a month ago. Mind you, overcoats in Hongkong! Just think of it! People actually wearing them! Eyer been in Hongkong? No? On, well, then the humor of the situation is entirely lost on you."

SLIGHT MISTAKE.

Youth's Companion.

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There is an old story of an authority on Buddha whose next neighbors at dinner insisted on bringing the talk back to agricultural products, under the impression that "butter" was the magic word attered in her ear by her hostess. This story has had many successors, one of which relates to sir Henry Howorth and his book, "A History of the Mongols." He met at an afternoon reception a young woman who, after surveying him with interest, launched into a discourse on dogs, telling him. surveying him with laterest, launched into a discourse on dogs, teiling him she had three, and had always been pleased that each of them had such a good pedigree. "Though I don't know that it counts for much," she said at last. "Some of yours, no doubt, are cleverer than any one of mine." "But I have no dogs," said Sir Henry, beswildered. "Ch. well, I mean those you've written about," said the young woman quickly, "But I've never written about any," said Sir Henry. "You haven't!" exclaimed the young woman. "Why, I'm sure somebody told me you had written a book on mongrels."

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

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