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THRESHING OLD CHAFF.

A Presbyterian convention, particularly in Urah, without an attack on "Mormonism" would be somewhat like the play of Hamlet minus the Prince of Denmark. We were expecting to hear something on the percental topic from some member of the body convened in this city, but did not anticipate a tirade from so notorious a Hbeller and falsifier as N. E. Clemenson. Common decency might have suggested the selection of a speaker of some character and reputation, instead of a person despised and contemned by people of all classes and faiths where he lives and is known for wilful mendacity mingled with unabashed impu-

As the correspondent of a publication that flourishes on falsehood and is noted for its vindictive and ribald scurrility, he has gained the distinction of being one of its vilest contributors. hesitating at no untruth, and delight ing in the work of distorting and bur lesquing the remarks of "Mormon" speakers, relating unsavory stories sometimes without any foundation in truth, misrepresenting "Mormon" doctrines and doings and poisoning the public mind at every opportunity. He was the inventor of the wholly groundless story about Senator Reed Smoot having married a plural wife and keeping her in Omaha. He is the author of other tales equally untrue and shame ful. Yet he was the orator at the Presbyterian convention, still sitting in this city, and at the First Presbyterian Church on Monday evening. His statements about the "Mormon problem" and his theory as to its "solution" appeared to be highly relished by some of his hearers at least. It does not argue much for either their intelligence or their taste. A report of the meeting appears in another column of the "News."

If this person were of a decent charecter or of any special consequence we might take up his assertions about "Mormonism," seriatim, and show their fallacy and their intentional misrepre. sentation. It is not necessary, There is nothing new in them. They are simply the same old chaff that has been threshed over and over again. The "Mormons" are described as a very good, religious, peaceable, upright sort of folk, very much like other people. That is in one breath, In another, they have taken a "treasonable eath" that disqualifies them from taking part in the affairs of the na-The conception of the "problem" to be solved is professedly derived from "Mormon" writings, but are artfully selected extracts that have been frequently used for a similar purpose, while the written standards of the Church are carefully avoided, as they would upset both the declarations of the sophist that seeks to deceive and the alleged arguments that are presented in their support.

The purpose in view of such blatant assailants of the "Mormon" faith and the "Mormon" people is to attract the attention and draw the funds of religious folks in the East. The idea set forth is that "Christian schools" are needed here and "Christian" evangelists, well paid to promulgate the erroneous ideas about "Mormonism" that pass for the truth, but are as far falsehoods. "Christianize the Mormon" and company are the kind of

'Christianizers' that can do the work! Send us out to meet the "Mormon" missionaries and their converts in the cast, and give us money to set up schools in Litah"

But how is this Christianizing to be accomplished? Which form of it is to | be the motive power? Presbyterianism? Bless your heart, the "Mormon" people are familiar with its theories of a vacuum for a delty; of the divine selection of a few souls out of "the rubbish of nature" to be eternally say. faith," and you cannot "Christianize" them with that kind of doctrine.

As to real Christianity they are well posted. They have been taught faith sent to the Isthmus by the Cosmopoliin Jesus Christ as the Savier of man- and in the September number of kind in their homes and Sunday schools that magazine he presents the results and are trained up in His gospel. The of his observations. He charges that, the land, and the alleged ignorance of | sanitary improvements, Colon, for inour people and their children, is all in stance, is a filthier and more miserable the lying lips and tongues of such place than Jamaica. Where does the

problem-solver's speech is worthy of some attention. It is this, 'What peomisinform and arouse the public to just as they are. See! anger. That creates indignation to the Mr. Bigelow says Colon is built upon

good people of Christendom be permanently influenced in the direction desired by such persons. For a time they may be induced to part with their money and declaim against "Mormonism" because they do not understand it, but patience, endurance, perseverance and trust in God will bring the truth uppermost, and all efforts to becloud it and cover it up and falsify it before the world will perish with those who use them, and pass into the shades

A WORTHY CAUSE.

of oblivion.

France has taken the initiative in directing an appeal to Russia, for liberty. It is not an official measure, but it is an address to the Russian people signed by a number of senators, deputies, former cabinet ministers and members of the Institute and Academy. They extol the outlawed Douma, look cheerfully to a still stronger Franco-Russian alliance, express the hope that liberty is near in Russia and declare that "representative government and individual liberty are the only certain means on which a nation can found progress and

Frenchmen can consistently, in this manner, interfere in Russian affairs. France, as the ally of Russia and Frenchmen as creditors, must be expected to take an interest in the welception can be taken to the friendly advice offered. But other countries ought to follow the example of French citizens and join there in the appeal made. In the name of humanity that can consistently be done, for the cause of humanity is universal,

News does not flow very freely from Russia, but even the little that finds he way to the outside world, is appalling. The severe flogging of a young weman in St. Petersburg, storming the jail at Ivanovka, attacking the villa of a helpless woman in Yalta, murdering two policemen of Kieff, shooting from ambush a coachman in Samana, assassinating the chief of police of Votslavsk, shooting the acting chief of police of Chita. killing forty-three and wounding a hundred persons in Warsaw and throwing bombs in Lodz, such is the record of one day, recently, and there is no reason to believe that it was very exceptional. Does not such conditions call for friendly interference, in the name of humanity?

The effects of the daily-occurring horrors upon the Russian people, are simply awful. A contributor to the Novoe Vremya truly says that the moral sense is becoming blunted, "You | dating watch this struggle, you listen to it with alarm and heart-burning, and little by little your moral sense gets blunted, you grow accustomed to it. It is but a short time since a sensational murder would have moved and horrified you, but now you daily read how in one city a police officer was blown into fragments by a bomb, how in another the revolutionists executed two women for giving evidence in a court of law, putting 82 bullets through their bodies, in a third how they bound the condemned persons to a tree and fired ten bullets each into them. He tells of how cases of ill are becoming frequent. "A short time ago," he says, "a policeman in Moscow began to fire indiscriminately along the street without any visi-

endurable he went mad." The same writer points out that children are learning to become murderers, and that acts of savage cruelty are gaining the approval of the unthinking crowds. Speaking of this feature of the situation, he says:

ble cause. Arrested, he was found to

be suffering from an acute fit of mad-

many months, going his rounds, he

went in expectation of death, and as

the apprehension finally became un-

"In one projetarian journal there is a account written with the relish of elight of how intelligent workmen took obscurantist reactionaries, de-prived them of their boots and socks and set them barefooted on red-hot ron slabs, after which these so-called black hundred men confessed their errors and became 'intelligent. In another organ of the same color

there is an account of how a number of other just such wild half-humans wanted to cut to death with a pair of scissors a semi-blind man among the political views."

Such results are only what may be looked for, from the prevailing anfor just such an appeal as that made by French citizens of influence, and the French should be supported in their efforts, by effizens of every civilized country. That would be a worthly cause for which to procure a million

BIGELOW ON THE ISTHMUS.

ed, no matter how unworthy and the borers on the Isthmian canal has been rest to be eternally damned, notwith- subjected to some criticism, but with- and her picture found in their school standing their good works, all for the out sufficient reason. The canal must histories glory of His grace and the majesty of | be constructed, and if native labor is His sovereign power, who created them, not satisfactory, or if American labor for these purposes. They know all cannot be had, except for positions as about the literal heil and the perpetual foremen and bosses, there is no alter-Sunday heaven of the "Confession of | native but to secure such labor as is avallable.

Poultney Bigelow offers criticism of a different nature. He was recently secular schools are as good as any in notwithstanding the money spent for would-be "Christiantzers" as the proms | money of the American taxpayer go to? tem-solver of the Presbyterian convon- Mr. Bigelow says he asked an honest doctor at Colon how it happened thut One sentence in the report of the he could daily notice the vile condition some change. He answered, "Well, ple should do is to let outsiders see the Tys thought of that. But it wen't do. facts honestly and free from misrepre- There was a young doctor here who did sentation." Certainly, But when that complain about it; but they silenced be solved. The almost invariable meth. Our politicians want things left just as of pursued in to exaggerate, mislead. They are. There's lots of graft in things

Mermon" mind, and when time brings an island, but there is not a place forth the facts causes a revulsion in where the poor people can go and take public sentiment and defeats the ob- a bath. Not a road is built over which ject in view of the promoters of anti- the people can have access to the farm-"Mormon" agitation. The "Mormon" ing districts and obtain food at reasonpeople will not be converted to modern | able cost. The railroad fare is exorbineterogeneous, multipectional Christ. tant. The water reservoir, the writer arity, by any such assaults on their | for the Cosmopolitan claims, is an in-Church as those attempted by creatures suit to American engineering, and a

government has undertaken to build it. and Colon will be told to pay for it. Colon, on the other hand, declines to accept it, protesting that it is badly built and that there is no water in the vicinity fit for any reservoir; and that this particular reservoir won't hold water anyway.

The complaints which Mr. Bigelow voices in the magazine he represents are of a far more serious nature than the question of imported latter. They are to the effect that somebody is abstracting public money appropriated for the benefit of the residents of the canal strip, and suffering the people to perish for want of proper sanitation.

ONLY POSING.

A Pittsburg dispatch to the New York World gives a story in which Harry, Thaw played an important role. Briefly stated, the report is that Thaw laid a plan for the seduction of a young girl, whose beauty had attracted his attention, but he was foiled by the mother who faithfully watched over her child. Thaw was locked up for several hours, but, unfortunately, escaped further consequences of his alleged attempts upon innocence. The day after his incurcuration he was out driving with his wife. This happened,

the dispatch says, last fall. The incident, if true, is worth while noticing because Thaw's friends and sympathizers seem inclined to excuse him on the ground that he was justified by the "unwritten law" in taking the life of his victim in the defense of virtue. How shallow is the pleawhen seen in the light of his own exploits! Whatever his motive for the murder was, it could not, if the reports of his unteredents are true, have been a burning zeal for the vindication of virtue. It might have been jealousy, or wounded egotism, but certainly not the worship of virtue.

The fact cannot but have weight both in public opinion, and with the jury that will be charged with the duty of passing upon the case and its motives. It is somewhat common with certain individuals to pose as possessing virtues they have not. But posing should have no influence when intelligent people are called upon to pass

The Bryan-Sullivan quarrel becomes menetonous.

The great rain will weaken if not break the backbone of the hot weather.

The trouble with accommodation trains is that they are too accommo-

Stensland hasen't turned up yet. He must have had his return ticket ex-John D. Rockefeller proposes to build

a home for chorus girls. How they will sing his praises! Russian murder statistics do not com-

pare with killed-in-American-railwayaccident statistics. The trouble with the Drago doctrine

"Is New York to be law-ruled or mob-ridden?" asks the World. A little of both in all probability.

minum on dishonesty

A colored covalryman at Fort Sheridan has beaten everybody as a rifle ness. Nor is it to be wondered at. For shot. His victory is due, doubtless, to his Anglo-Saxon blood.

> Starting a revolution and plotting the assassination of President Palma is nothing more than a recrudescence of old time civilization in Cuba.

The monument to Wirz will not be erected very soon if subscriptions do not flow in faster in the south than in the north for such undertakings.

When there is a big slump in stocks nearly everybody cries, "I told you so," but when there is a big jump in them there are few yho say, "I told you so."

Do you know, I find newspaper men and even magazine writers a charming class personally," says Mr. Rockefeller. What a splendld tribute to Ida M. Tar-

Wilbur Glenn Voliva has been praying for Dowie and asking his people to do the same. Heretofore he has acted as though he thought Dowle was past

"Do not be discouraged; be resolute in the battle with insensate anarchy and sedition," says the Czar to Governor-General Skallen of Warsaw. There is a regular Lady Macbeth ring to that.

ment to Pecahontax is on foot. Is it not enough that her name is engraved on the hearts of the American people

The president of the Society for Paychical Research says he has just returned from a visit to Mars. The isthmian commission should seek him out and learn how the Martian canals are

America has little of the econom sagacity of England, intellectual acuof Germany, or social rhythm of France," says the Armenia. Yet she has Englishmen, Germans and Frenchmen in abundance. The Armenia has been indulging in that pleasant pass time, talking through your hal-

COSTLY CITY GOVERNMENT.

Los Angeles Express.

Undoubtedly there is an enormous waste in city administration and need of retrencement. The reckless "spend ery cent you can get" methods seem to be the rule rather than the excepand the suggestion that a little econo-nay be practiced when it comes to spending the people's money would un-doubtedly sound like rank political heresy to most of them.

AN OLD TREE.

London Times.

In the Island of Cos. in the Aegean huge plane tree, measuring nearly 15 yards in circumference. It is surrounded by a podium, or raised platform breast high, doubtless built to support the trunk of the tree after it had be-come hollow and weak from age. The and have been shored up by pieces of the Clemenson breed. Nor will the wrong to the national treasury, Our antique columns, over the upper ends of

which the branches have grown like caps in consequence of the pressure of their own weight. Close by the tree is a solid marble seat, which is said to be the chair of Hippocrates, the father of medicine, and it is supposed that he taught the art of healing from that seat. He was born at Cos 460 B. C. This gives a clue to the age of the celebrated plane tree, which must be considerably more than 2,000 years old.

THE MEETING OF MONARCHS.

Cleveland Plain Dealer

It is taken for granted that the plight of the emperor of Russia formed one of the subjects discussed by the two sovereigns, for Nicholas is the kinsman of both and they have a keen personal interest in his fate, irrespective of the effect which that fate may have upon their own. It was assumed in some quarters, too, that they would give him ome wholesome advice. This assumption, however, ignores two very sub-stantial facts. It is not at all deriain that the two rulers would agree as to this advice, since they differ so radically in temperament and ideals of government. It is reasonably certain that the king would advise conciliation, while if the kaiser's ideas of divine ight are not reserved exclusively for after dinner expansion he would be likely to counsel repression; and thus the egar would find his relatives and lines as his advisers at home.

JUST FOR FUN.

Of Course

'Here is 'Santo Domingo' bill of fare," said the guest. "What is that, a cigar? replied the watter. Santo Domingo is a very warm stew."

His Journey.

Beenaway-Let me se! About No--when I left he was going from bad to worse, and-Stuidhome-It subsequently dave oped that he had no return coupon. -Punk.

The Churchly Name for It.

All Laderstan' dat Deacon Jones has hin charged wid chicken-stealin' -an' he was a pillah ob de chu'ch, wuzu't

'No, he wuzn't a pillah. He turned out ter be wot dey call de nave."-

Never look a gift auto in the chassis.-Life.

A gentleman went into a restaurant and ordered a plate of soup. After a long walt the waiter brought it in and placed it before the diner. After amining it he said to the waiter: After ex-

What do you call this stuff?" "Bean soup, sir," replied the waiter.
"Yes, I know it's been soup, but what s It now?"-Titbits

Did you struggle against the consequences of temptation?" inquired a prison visitor. "Yes'm" replied the object of her interest. "Ah. if you had ought just a little harder you wouldn't be here today." "I done th' best I could, ma'am." said the prisoner modestly-"it took six p'licemen to get me to the station!"-Australasian.

Miss Wise-"She has finally decided to marry Tom Hansom, I believe." Miss Jechis-"The idea! Tom called to see me jast night, and it's searcely like-ly he'd do that if—" Miss Wise—"Oh! Tom doesn't know anything about it yet,"-Philadelphia Press.

"That man never uses money in his impaigne." "No." answered Senator ampaigns." Sorghum, "he merely makes promises. He uses credit instead of cash."is that it really attemuts to put a pre- Washington Star.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The September Century covers a wide range of interests, Prof. Bailey's pres-entation of facts and figures gathered entation of facts and ngures gathered at first hand from Cornell university students, setting forth, in two previous papers in the Century, the attitude of young men today toward farming, is followed by a concluding paper on "The Agricultural College and the Farm Youth," likewise based on students' replies to letters of inquiry. The scientific article of the number is Dr. Robert Bennett Bean's summary of late au-thoritative researches into the fundamental physical and mental differences of the brains of the white and the black races—differences which, if is now held. must be considered vitally important in any rational adjustment of the relations between the two races, or in a just determination of the character and genius of either race. "Getting Into Khiva" is the first of a series of three papers by Langdon Warner, recounting the exciting personal experiences of a member of Prof. Raphael Pumpelly's archaeological expedition in visiting this ancient and isolated city. Charles M. Skinner's 'The Gates of the Hudls a sympathetic appreciation of Palisades, and there are two arti cles to make special appeal to the re-ligious world: Gustav Kobbe's narrative of the unselfish, isolated life of the Moravian brotherhood "Down on the Lubrador," and the late Henry R. Elliot's story of the "Haystack Prayer Meeting." the starting point of the foreign missionary movement in this country. In "A Religion Nearly Three Thousand Years Old." A. V. Williams Jackson, professor of Indo-Iranian languages at Columbia, draws a vivid and upressive picture of life today amon-he so-called Persian fire-worshiper The second installment of A. E. W. Mason's "Running Water" makes a strong bid for rank as a novel of exceptional appeal and brilliancy.—New York

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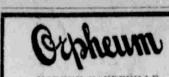
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