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CHANGE OF FASTDAY.

On account of the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. and Primary conferences on the first Sunday of June, it is suggested that Sunday, May 29, be observed as fastday in the Salt Lake, Ensign, Liberty and Pioneer stakes.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,
ANTHON H. LUND,
JOHN HENRY SMITH,
First Presidency.

ANNUAL Y. M. AND Y. L. M. I. A. AND PRIMARY CONFERENCES.

The fifteenth general annual conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations, and the conference of the Primary associations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in Salt Lake City, on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, 1910.

All officers and members of these associations are requested to be present at all of the meetings of the conference, and a cordial invitation is extended to the Saints generally to attend the meetings to be held in the tabernacle at 2 and 7 p. m. on Sunday, June 5.

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Presidency Primary associations.

OUR DANGEROUS STREETS.

Another fatal automobile accident in this City, within the brief period of a few days, is a reminder to the people here of the lax conditions of the City government. Whose turn is it next to be hurled into eternity without a moment's warning? Who knows? Our streets have become so unsafe that one who leaves his family and his home for a short trip up town risks his life. Would this be the case in a well governed city? The condition is simply criminal. The magnificent dimensions of the streets which allow ample room for all make the frequent repetition inexcusable.

Salt Lake needs an ordinance making it unlawful for persons not properly qualified to run automobiles in the crowded streets. If such persons want to risk their own limbs, and life, they should not be permitted to do so where the safety of other persons is endangered. We understand that such an ordinance has been drafted and pigeonholed in the council, that body having been too busy so far to pay any attention to the safety of the streets. But it is evident that the people need a protecting ordinance.

They also need a police force that is willing to enforce the law when it is passed. For without the prompt arrest and punishment of the offenders the law is useless. We venture the assertion that if the violators of the speed law were called to account every time the offense is commited in public view, chauffeurs would be on the lookout continually, and such accidents would be few and far between for the simple reason that reckless drivers would find no employment. With a better city government our wide streets would be entirely safe.

There is a great deal of just indignation among the citizens because of this second fatal automobile accident, and we believe there is a general demand for better protection.

INCONVENIENT ROBBERY.

It is truly remarkable how quickly Chief Sheets found a "clue" as soon as the robbery of a gambling den was reported. It was known intuitively and almost instantly that the robbers were "race track followers," but who the prominent men were who were robbed in such a place, was, of course, not known. Intuition does not go that far.

It is equally remarkable that the chief did not know, previous to the robbery, of the existence of such a place. With his keen scent which a bloodhound of pure pedigree might envy him, it is almost incomprehensible that any gambling den could be run in this City. Surely there cannot be many of them. Trust the police department for that. And if there are a few, it is to be hoped that the robbers will not again act indiscreetly and reveal them, just for the sake of filthy lucre. Even robbers should not give away a little secret hidden from the citizenr, since it is none of their business anyhow. Robbers ought to learn to behave themselves in company, and if they do not, they will have to take the consequences.

The unfortunate incident, however, should be of some value because it drew from the police the opinion that "crooks usually are hanging about the scene of race meetings." Others have insisted on this, too, and urged that races in violation of the law be not encouraged; but as those who hitherto have said this are only mossbacks and "knockers" it is gratifying to them to learn that the police have joined their ranks. And now the question is, Is it because "crooks usually are hanging about the scene of race tracks" that we are to have Sunday races, prize fights, and other unlawful and ruinous pastimes? This question is respectfully referred to the council for investigation.

MILITANT THEOLOGY.

A great many of the clergymen of this country are on record against prize-fighting, and especially against the one scheduled in desecration of the anniversary of the Nation's birthday. But the Sacramento Bee has found two who are in favor of it. One is said to be a Presbyterian minister. He is represented as a stout defender of prize-fighting in general and the approaching heavyweight battle in particular. He rather regrets, it is said, that he is not more expert in the use of his fists, and proposes to take a course of training. Dexterity in planting a solar plexus blow or a right arm jab is, perhaps, an accomplishment that he considers necessary to a complete theological education. At any rate, he has no sympathy with those opposed to the "manly art of self-defense," and sees nothing brutal in a prizefight.

The other reverend person is a Pittsburger, who has gone so far as to issue a public statement that those who are against the big fight are so opposed because they don't know anything about prizefighting. He attributes the general prejudice of the pulpiteers against the ring to their utter ignorance of pugilism, and is of the opinion that if some of the brethren could sit through ten brisk rounds they would not only receive a valuable education, but forget their prejudices as well. The reverend gentleman appears to be an expert in this branch of theology, whatever may be his defects otherwise.

We believe there are more reverends than these two who admire a slugging match more than a theological discussion. Otherwise why do they render political aid to municipal governments that are known to be in sympathy with all kinds of unlawful forms of amusement, including prize fights, Sunday shows, gambling, and the rest of it? They may not be on record for verbal endorsement, but acts speak louder than words.

IN HONOR OF JUSTICE BREWER.

A memorial edition of an address by the late Justice David J. Brewer, entitled "The Mission of the United States of America in the Cause of Peace," has just been published by the New York Peace society. The following sentences occur in the address:

"To lead in the cause of peace no one of the great nations is so well circumstanced as the United States of America . . . separated and distant from other nations and thus in the least danger of attack, with a continental population of eighty millions and over, with resources unequaled by those of any other nation, with the most cosmopolitan population, a population gathered from all races and hence linked to all by home ties of affection, with the freest government, the widest popular knowledge, the most loyal in its devotion to the Christ of Galilee, and therefore with an ear open to the music of the song of the angels of Bethlehem, and thus, may we not truly say, indicated as the fitting leader in the great caus of peace.

"If we fail, the cause of peace will not fail. We shall simply stand in history as the nation which lost the great opportunity."

No more fitting memorial to Justice Brewer could be suggested than this republication. His address makes its appeal to all that is best and most truly patriotic in American life.

A KING'S ROMANCE.

Someone has said of the present King of England that, as a boy, whatever he undertook to do he did to perfection. He plays the piano as only an artist can. Once he began to collect postage stamps and his collection is said to be the finest in the world. As a naval officer he has made his mark on his own merits. A man from the earliest days determined to do the very best he can, will never fail. As a king he will be "every inch a king," and his reign may be expected to be one out of the ordinary.

The story of his early romance is one that reveals the true character of the man. When stationed at Malta as a petty officer in the navy the prince fell in love with Admiral Seymour's daughter, and married her. Two children were born. So far everything went smooth.

But when Prince George became the heir to the throne the Admiral's daughter was no longer his equal, and so plans were laid for their separation. The Prince desperately held out in the family council. His mother sympathized and stood by him. His uncle, the Duke of Cambridge, had married in this same way and been happy. The argument used by his grandmother and father was that the Prince's life was not only his own, but that it belonged to the nation. The end of the struggle was that Prince George insisted that this double duty of his, toward the obligations he had already assumed as a man on the one hand, and that to which fate had assigned him as the father of England's future kings on the other, should both be acknowledged, distinct and equally recognized. His wife was to be allowed to come to England and live where he could see her. Unless this was granted, he would not agree to the State marriage which was urged as a necessity for the country. This was finally agreed to, but it broke the heart of his girl wife, and she was taken ill and a quick consumption seized upon her as soon as she arrived in England. On the occasion of Queen Victoria's funeral the heir to the throne was not present. The woman he loved was dying and he would not leave her.

This is the story of the romance of King George. It shows him in an altogether beautiful light, and it is quite possible that he will, as king, be different from the Georges that we know of as puppets and tols of stupid cabinets.

LEST WE FORGET.

The names of Councilmen Holley, Moreton, Mulvey, Reedall, and Reed ought to be engraved on some kind of memorial tablet with the legend: These voted for the maintenance of a saloon near the Sal. Palace in spite of the protests of representative women of this City, and in defiance of the sentiment of the best citizens of the community. They should not be forgotten by the women and the others, when they again appeal for votes. Holley, Moreton, Mulvey, Reedall, and Reed!

And not only did these men vote in defiance of public sentiment, but they failed to protest when it was proposed to resort to unusual tactics to gain the point. The story of the maneuvering in the council on Monday night tells a tale of low cunning and trickery unworthy of men in their position. It shows that when the protesting women had left the council chamber, being assured that the matter would not come up again, the applicant for a saloon license was permitted to present another petition which was hurriedly referred to the chief of police, by Ferry. Such double-dealing in the interest of a soul-destroying business ought to cause the citizens to take notice and make a proper estimate of the moral platform upon which their representatives stand.

The Salt Palace saloons of the past have been open and festering sores in that part of the community. They have been particularly obnoxious because of the proximity to a dancing hall of rather questionable type. That is the reason why so many are opposed to the opening of another saloon there. We hope none of the six who voted against the saloon on Monday will change their vote. But as to that it would be difficult to make any predictions and foolish to build any hopes for the future. A city government that fails to take any steps against the "stockade" traffic in souls and that winks at other evils, cannot be depended on as an ally in the warfare against the evils of the saloon.

No handsome man is ever a pessimist.

Honorary doctors of philosophy never disagree.

To be taken with a grain of salt—cucumbers.

An open faced watch doesn't always tell the true time.

These days freedom is more shrinking than shrieking.

That the comet has a new tail proves that it is deciduous.

There is nothing like a flea to make a dog scratch for his living.

To keep chickens for profit keep them on your neighbor's garden.

It is harder to keep a platform promise than a borrowed book.

To the man in jail the increased cost of living is no source of worry.

One thing the administration is lacking is a Loeb to take the blame.

The "insurgents" are as afraid of a caucus as a wild horse is of a corral.

Look at the comet while ye may for when the daylight cometh no man can see it.

Skunk skins have advanced 100 per cent lately. The market for them is strong.

"Be kind to the umpire," says an exchange. Good advice that only half the "fans" will take.

Heaven helps those who help themselves but their friends have to help those who do not help themselves.

Commander Peary has had the honorary degree of doctor of laws conferred upon him by the University of Edinburgh. As Mark Twain said of the Cross of the Legion of Honor, "few escape it."

Colonel Roosevelt was the guest of some score of famous big game hunters the other day. Doubtless there are more than a score of tuft hunters who would be delighted to have him as their guest.

Dr. George E. Hale, director of the Mount Wilson observatory, says that the astronomers of the world have no apology to offer for the recent eccentricities of the tail of Halley's comet. Neither has the comet.

'If I were to choose between learning to spell well and learning to draw well, as a useful serviceable power, I shouldn't hesitate a moment to favor drawing," says Dr. Eliot. Unfortunately comparatively few people do either well.

Twenty-five million dollars for two preservers of the peace! The Geneva peace preserver, one of the greatest that the world ever saw, didn't cost half that sum. And its life has been longer than that of any Dreadnought will ever be.

Nothing is more desirable than the preservation of the health of the people, but the manner in which some carry on the campaign for it tends to put people in such a state of nervousness that the very thing it is sought to avoid is often induced. Above all others health authorities need sound minds in sound bodies.

"An ignorant ass, an unprincipled demagogues, or the paid hireling of baleful influence," is the way William H. Hackney of Winfield, Kan., characterizes "every man in these United States who opposes the principle of ship subsidy." People expect just such talk from Kansas "statesmen," and they never meet with disappointment. "What's the matter with Kansas?"

The glory of the victory of the mayor over Councilman Fernstrom, when the latter put his signature to the apology prepared for him, as reported, by the mayor's secretary, is considerably dimmed by the farcical conduct of the investigating committee. That committee was to prove Mr. Fernstrom all kinds of a liar and a sensationalist, and demonstrate the seraphic purity of the council. But judging from last night's performance the task must have been found more difficult to tackle than at first anticipated. The council members will, perhaps, before they are through, sign an apology to Mr. Fernstrom for doubting his word when he charged graft. Who knows?

WHAT, IS IT ALL A GUESS?

Omaha Bee.

Here are explanations which three of the most famous astronomers of the country offer for miscalculations on the comet: First—The curvature of the comet's tail, first discovered and noted by Prof. Barnard on Tuesday night, may have developed to a wholly unexpected degree, while the head of the comet has passed the earth on schedule. Second—Like Borelli's comet of 1909 Halley's comet may have ceased its tail-making activity, cutting off the glowing fan that is now puzzling the scientists. Third—It is possible that all calculations are wrong and that the comet has not yet passed the earth. The telescopes found the comet in the east at a time when the scientists had dogmatically determined that it was to be in the west, well on its way toward the pacific slope. What does it all mean? Have we poor, credulous laymen been simply toyed with by these savants? Have they had us losing sleep and craning our necks these nights, peering into the heavens and imagining that we were gazing into the face of Halley's comet when, in truth, the comet was not within range of our vision? We thought the celestial visitor had passed, when they tell us that perhaps it has not yet arrived. But as a matter of fact these three "explanations" may explain nothing or everything, just as you wish to view it. They suggest an adroit method of letting erudite gentlemen out of a tight place as gracefully as possible.

DON'T WORRY.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Conservationists are asking the question, How will mankind get along when timber becomes so scarce that the supply of matches cannot be kept up? Probably they will do as the ancients did, unless in the meantime someone invents a substitute that will dispense with the use of wood, which is not at all improbable.

PREVISION.

Collier's Weekly.

Goethe foresaw many things. In 1827, discussing the importance of a canal across the Isthmus of Panama, he said he should be surprised if the Americans missed the chance of getting the work into their own hands, as "it is altogether essential for the United States to make the passage to the Pacific ocean, and I am convinced it will do it." It was the same poet, dramatist, critic and man of science who foretold that by the end of the nineteenth century the principal problems confronting mankind would be those growing out of the development of industry on the new scale made possible by progress in mechanics. No great man since Leonardo has had as many sides as Goethe.

STUDIES IN PRONUNCIATION.

London Daily News.

Our readers continue to send us curiosities in the pronunciation of place names. Here is a list from the Northampton district:

Irthlingborough—Artleboro'.
Rothwell—Rowell.
Cogenoe—Cookno.
Saicey Forest—Saucy Forest.
Harlestone—Alsen.

UNPRECEDENTED.

Central Law Journal.

"Why should my client be convicted of murder?" demanded counsel for the accused. "No other man has ever been convicted in this jurisdiction on such a charge." The prosecuting attorney admitted that it hadn't occurred to him in that light, and the prisoner was accordingly discharged.

JUST FOR FUN

Deemed It a Tongue.

"The self-made man is splendid," said Andrew Carnegie at a dinner in Washington, "if he makes himself a mental and spiritual no less than a financial success.

"Too many self-made men neglect the intellectual side. This sometimes—at commencements, for example—puts them at a disadvantage.

"I know a self-made man who said at a commencement to his nephew:

"'Well, Tommy, my son, what do they teach you here?'

"'Latin and Greek,' the boy replied, 'and German and algebra.'

"Dear me!' cried the self-made man. 'And what's the algebra for turnip?'"—Washington Star.

Used By Our Best.

"Forget it—cast it away."—Hawthorne's "Marble Faun."

"She was a respectable old guy."—Thackeray's "Vanity Fair."

"It's a sure thing."—Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer."

"Twenty-three."—Dicken's "Tale of Two Cities."

"Gave Hector a gift—a gilt nutmeg—a lemon." — Shakespeare's "Love's Labor's Lost."

"Cut in and win." — Thackeray's "Vanity Fair."

"Gone to the wall."—Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress."—Life.

The Safe Kind.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is a safe burglar?

Pa—A safe burglar, my son, is one who is behind the bars.—Exchange.

Heard, But Not Seen.

"Have you seen any crows?" asked the man with the gun.

"No, I ain't," replied the farmer's boy, "but I've heard some."

"From what direction?" cried the eager hunter.

"From the direction of the chicken house," the boy said, and his statement was immediately verified by the clarion calls of two Plymouth Rock roosters.—Chicago News.

Valuable Property.

"What do you think of this, Henry?" remarked Mrs. Peckhem, looking up from the paper she was perusing. "A woman in Ohio has sued a railway company for $10,000 because of the loss of her thumb."

"Well," rejoined Peckhe "that isn't too much if it was the thumb she kept her husband under."—Chicago News.

Impossible.

"Couldn't you stop that steam pipe from hissing so?" said the provoked tragedian to the property man as he came off the stage.

"Not while you were on the stage, sir!" was the reply of the attendant."—Yonkers Statesman.

Mary Mild—Wouldn't you call her a—ah, doubtful character?

Carrie Caustique—Not unless you wanted to give her the benefit of the doubt.—Smart Set.

"The comet whose tail will brush by the earth has no more harm in it than a lightning bug," said the professor.

"Dear me," replied the nervous woman, "I'm so glad you didn't say wasp."—Washington Star.

She—You look badly this morning.

He—I have a cold or something in my head.

She—It must be a cold.—Harvard Lampoon.

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