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UNIVERSITY DAY.

That was an impressive occasion at the State University on Wednesday. In the normal school sixty-four students received the Normal certificate, fourteen the grammar grade diploma, thirteen the kindergarten diploma, and ten received the high school certificate with the degree of bachelor of arts.

In the School of Medicine, ten students received certificates for completion of two years of medical work.

In the School of Arts and Sciences twenty-three students received the degree of bachelor of arts, and three students the degree of master of arts.

In the School of Mines thirty-seven students received the degree of bachelor of science in the several engineering courses, and five students received the degree of master of arts.

There is an army to be proud of! Well might the President of the University call attention to the increase of students of college grade from 183 with three years of high school work for entrance, nine years ago, to 666 college students with four years of high school work required for entrance in the year just closed.

The pressing need of an assembly hall was evident to the great audience that attended and crowded into the gymnasium; and the lack of the greatly desired building for the use of the secondary training school and of another as a woman's building, was properly referred to by the President.

The ideal of education set forth in the essay by Miss McCann, one of the normal graduates, was followed with the closest attention by the entire audience and seemed to meet with universal approbation. The practical remarks of Governor Spry were peculiarly effective; and the oration of Mr. Parry presented clearly the relationship between the perpetuation of a true democracy and the maintenance of a real university.

We congratulate the University authorities upon such healthy tokens of growth as were shown at the exercises of graduation.

One of the features of the day was the evidence of cordiality existing between the University and the other great educational State institutions, the Agricultural college at Logan. This was especially apparent in the evening, at the splendid banquet of the alumni, where Dr. Whitson, the president of the College, and Mrs. Susa Young Gates, one of the regents, represented that institution and paid tributes of congratulation to the University, no less eloquent or sincere, than those of the other speakers, Professor Porter, Dr. Paul, Alice Farnsworth, and Judge King.

This is as it ought to be. There should be no hostile rivalry between the two great educational institutions. As Dr. Whitson pointed out, the feeling of cordiality now existing began during the administration of Governor Curtis, and has been further strengthened during the time Governor Spry has been at the head of the executive department of the State. There is no reason why this era of good will should not continue. Each institution has its own sphere; there is ample room for both, and both are doing excellent work. In fact, both have achieved fame throughout the country.

NO TYRANNY HERE.

To English critics of the United States government, who compare our institutions to those of Great Britain, it generally appears that the daughter is not very much of an improvement upon the mother country. Somehow they get the impression that American public officials are despots endowed with more power than consistent with democratic principles.

This is the view recently expressed by Harold E. Goset, an English author, who has come to the conclusion that the power of the president of the United States, for instance, is practically unlimited, and that the English are far more democratic in their ideas and institutions than are the Americans. In America, this critic says, the tendency is toward exclusion and monopoly. "The President enjoys the greatest political and administrative monopoly in the history of civilization; gigantic trusts are absorbing and monopolizing one important industry after the other; a handful of speculators threaten to monopolize wealth; and unions direct and monopolize the avenues of employment."

There is some excuse for this view in the fact that officials frequently forget that they are merely the servants of the people. They consider themselves the "masters of the situation," the leaders and directors of affairs, and as they generally are strongly partisan, their services become more often party than general services. They remain party leaders in office, and their acts inspired by partisan motives frequently are despotic.

But that is not the fault of the American system of government. According to this system there are three entirely separate and co-ordinate branches of government. One makes the laws, the other executes them, as made, and the third interprets them when any question as to their application arises. The framers of the Constitution created a work which Gladstone characterized as "the most wonderful ever struck off at any given time by the brain and purpose of man."

They vested the executive power in a president entirely, and also made it his duty, through the veto, to check any tendency in the legislature to deviate from the original course set, and gave him a right, through the power of pardon, to exercise necessary influence upon the judiciary. They vested the legislative power in the legislature; but the house of representatives, through its control of the public purse, and the senate, through its power of consent in the matter of appointments and treaties, also act as brakes upon the executive. They vested the judicial power in the supreme court and other courts, and gave to this department of the government the power to pass upon the constitutionality of any law. Thus one department acts as a check upon the others, but each is at the same time perfectly independent. Such is the system. If it is followed there can never be despotism. In their various positions the officials act as the representatives of the people. They are servants.

Speaking specially of the chief executive, whom the English critic designates as a tyrant whose tyranny far exceeds that of the English peers, the framers of the Constitution made him the chief servant of the nation. Whether there should be a single executive or an executive body or council was one of the problems they had to solve. To some of them the idea of a single executive seemed to suggest a monarchy. But it was adopted, with the understanding that the chief executive should be independent of the national legislature and be free to devote himself solely to the interests of all the people. The intention was to have a president as far above party strife and partisan ambition as the kings are in constitutional monarchies. And when this is carried out in practice there is no danger of despotism.

The American government is an attempt to embody in practice the great law of the kingdom of God, that "he that is greatest among you, shall be your servant," and by this very fact its divine origin can be recognized.

POST HOC, ERGO PROPTER HOC.

At the mass meeting called by the Commercial club traffic bureau last evening one speaker, brilliant and logical, said:

"Ever since Joseph F. Smith became the head of the Mormon church the advance of coal and of sugar has been going on."

What a splendid example of "post hoc, ergo propter hoc." Since President Smith became the head of the Mormon Church prices of the necessities of life have gone up all over the world. Since he has become such a head, William Howard Taft has been elected President of the United States, King Edward of England has died and his son George has become king. Since he became such a head, Messina has been ruined by the worst earthquake known in history, while Halley's comet has appeared, bringing in its wake a long tail and a great train of unfulfilled predictions of dire disaster. Since he became such a head, the tides have ebbed and flowed, the stars have ruled by night and the sun by day, the law of gravitation has prevailed while the universe has obeyed the laws of its existence. All these things and many more, including the taking of the census, have been since President Smith became president of the Church. And furthermore some of them will continue to be! When will local "Mormon" haters cease their monkey gibberish and talk like rational beings? Or, are they not subject to the laws of evolution?

TO SUPPRESS GRAFT.

Rudolph Spreckles is about to organize a country-wide movement against graft. So the dispatches say. The details of his plan have not yet been announced, but it is said that they aim at the suppression of dishonesty and crookedness in high places wherever found. Rudolph Spreckles takes the view that at the root of the trouble is the power of corrupt money which still gives small rewards in comparison to the favors it receives. "It gets," he says, "what legislation it wishes, in municipal councils, in state legislatures, and goes even higher. The nominations of our governors are in the same hands, though I know of many cases where the governors of states are clean."

Mr. Spreckles should have the support of every honest American citizen in this effort, if it is made in good faith. Every good citizen should make it part of his civic duty to stamp out graft and corruption from every part of the government. We need the honest enforcement of all good and righteous laws, but this can never be except when incorruptible officials are elected by the people.

Mr. Spreckles has a large job before him, and yet, if the people are aroused to do their duty the task of cleaning out the Augean stable may be Herculean but it is not impossible.

MR. RAWLINS HONORED.

The decision of the Regents of the University to confer the degree of Doctor of Laws upon the Hon. Jos. L. Rawlins, was eminently proper and will be approved, we believe, by the people of the entire State.

As a lawyer of high standing, honor, learning and eloquence, as a former delegate to Congress, and later as a Senator, Mr. Rawlins is so well known for his services to the commonwealth that the mark of public approval, the first of the kind ever given by the University of Utah, will occasion only satisfaction and congratulation among the great constituency whom the institution officially represents and whom the man served with such distinction and ability.

It is not so generally known, however, that Mr. Rawlins who was born and reared in Utah, stood in a peculiarly close relation of service to the institution which conferred upon him this unique and unsought honor. In his youth he was one of those who attended the noted school in Draper, taught by Dr. John R. Park. When Dr. Park was made the President of the University, Mr. Rawlins became a student and later an instructor in that institution. After this he went East to enter upon a literary course. Returning home, he was appointed to a professorship in the University, and

this position he held until he entered the profession of law. After taking up the profession of law, Mr. Rawlins became prominent in politics and was elected as a delegate to the House of Representatives of the United States Congress. Upon the admission of Utah into the Union, he was chosen by the legislature as a United States Senator. President Kingsbury's statement of the reasons which actuated the Regents in conferring this high honor will suffice for those who do not know Mr. Rawlins, and will be appreciated by the many who are personally acquainted with his career.

"As Professor in the University, as delegate to Congress, as United States Senator, and as an attorney before the bar of Utah, Mr. Rawlins has distinguished himself as a man of genuine character and unusual ability. In these various positions of life Mr. Rawlins has always been a warm friend of education, and has rendered eminent services to the State and especially to the University. To him is due this magnificent title, perhaps unequalled by any other in the world, upon which is now situated the University of the State. Through his far-sightedness, the State School of Mines has been made a part of the University of Utah, and large tracts of land have been appropriated by Congress for the elementary schools, the Agricultural College, and the University."

And when we consider his own high regard for education, it is not at all remarkable that the recipient of this mark of public appreciation should have declared that the unexpected honor meant more to him than any office or position previously attained.

Beware Buena Vista!

Can't census figures lie?

Will the match trust ever meet its match?

Few people know enough to know when to quit.

So far as observation goes, every dog has every day.

At Oxford Colonel Roosevelt did as the Romans do.

The "Iowa Idea" seems very "Progressive" at present.

In Iowa the "stand-patters" call it "Progressive" euche.

More often than not the "right price" wrongs the purchaser.

Even the price of fame is higher than it used to be.

Let the warfare of science be turned to the killing of flies.

Salt Lake grows more beautiful and more bigger every day.

All of Colonel Roosevelt's doctors' degrees are "regular."

It is never safe to break silence for it can never be mended.

To mortgage a home to buy an aeroplane is the height of folly.

The railroads soon found terminal facilities for that junction suit.

If at first you don't succeed, study carefully the cause of your failure.

There seems to be a good deal of bluff around the Bluff at Bluefields.

That Illinois "Jackpot" appears to have been "sweetened to suit the taste."

Why have the astronomers ceased to talk for publication of Halley's comet?

A man's friends would rather that he had a good temper than great riches.

The railroad bill is in conference which proves that it is not yet out of the woods.

"Do what is right and let the consequence follow," but do it in a gentlemanly way.

If the Mayor defends the Stockade why should not his secretary defend skin game races? Like master, like man.

New York butchers are accused of selling over half a million pounds of wool a year as meat. This is going the Connecticut wooden nutmeg one better.

Gifford Pinchot is now in Washington actively opposing President Taft's conservation policy. Is Mr. Pinchot ambitious to transform himself from a whilom public benefactor into a public nuisance?

"Why are baseball cranks called 'fans'?" Real fans make no noise, but accomplish something. Baseball fans are all noise and do nothing," says the Boston Herald. That's too easy. "Fans" is short for fanatics.

President Taft has informed the citizens of Seattle that the Twenty-fifth Infantry (colored) will not be moved because some members have been charged with an assault on a white woman. Evidently the President doesn't believe in Brownville methods.

VISIONS OF THE AIR.

Springfield Republican.

The vision of 1,000 military aeroplanes in time of war, sweeping across the continent on a campaign of invasion is Hudson Maxim's contribution to the discussion of the flying question. And it must be admitted that the flights this spring, between London and Manchester, and between Albany and New York, compel more serious attention to aeronautics in war time. It should be remembered, however, that these flying squadrons could never conquer a country or even a city until they came to earth, and that when they did land their troubles would begin.

SUNKEN CITIES UNDER SEA.

Current Events.

There are buried cities beneath the waters of the Caribbean Sea, at no very great depth. So says Dr. Emil Monsony, of Budapest, Hungary. He is a well known geologist, who has lately spent some time in Central America and has now arrived in this country. Long before the time of Columbus there were, according to Dr. Monsony, populous cities along the twelfth parallel of latitude; that is, in what is now the Caribbean Sea, east

of Bluefields, Nicaragua. By some terrible convulsion of nature, this civilized region sank beneath the surface, destroying, probably, thousands of people. Some escaped to the continent, and became the ancestors, doubtless, of those civilized Aztecs whom the early Spanish explorers found.

VETERANS AND BROTHERS.

Baltimore American.

One of the most touching incidents of Decoration day in New York was the homage paid at Grant's tomb by six old veterans in gray, and the recognition of this tribute by the veterans in blue who stopped to exchange a brotherly handclasp with their former enemies. If anything could be shown that the rancor of that conflict has passed away and that an incident as this ought to do it.

JUST FOR FUN.

Stella—How can you tell if a painting is genuine? Bella—By whether it rubs off.—Judge.

"How does your new book go?" "Great! I am convinced that it is a classic." "A classic? What convinces you of that?" "Everybody has either seen it or heard of it, but nobody has read it."—Cleveland Leader.

"Do you not see the handwriting on the wall?" asked the foreboding friend. "No," replied Senator Sorghum, "the headlines in the newspapers are enough for me."—Washington Star.

Rambo—"I have a pair of glasses at home that makes me see double." Maidwin—"Yes, I've seen you using them. One is a beer mug and the other is a whiskey tumbler."—Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Hubb—"The intelligence office manager told me that our new girl was once an actress." Mrs. Hubb—"I believe it. She dusts the furniture exactly as the soprano does it on the stage."—Boston Transcript.

"You look surprised, Mrs. Mangie; what's the matter?"

"Why, my son Tom came in just now full of air." "Well, he's right in saying so." He told me some news of the fights in the air that were absolutely incredulous, and so surprised me as to leave me almost in a state of putrefaction."—Baltimore American.

She—"Did you see where some man declares that women are not honest?" He—"Well, he's right in saying so." She (sternly)—"When did you ever know me to do a dishonest thing?" He (tenderly)—"When you robbed me of my peace of mind and stole my heart, you dear little thief!"—Baltimore American.

Such Excellent Milk.

A simple-hearted and truly devout country preacher, who had tasted but few of the drinks of the world, took dinner with a high-toned family, where a glass of milk punch was quietly set down by each plate. In silence and happiness this new Vicar of Wakefield quaffed his goblet and adroitly: "Madam, you should daily thank God for such a good cow."—Once a Week.

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