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THE MORMONS AGAIN.

The London, Ont., Presbytery has again discovered that there are Mormon settlements in Canada, and without waiting to ascertain the facts connected with these districts, has prepared an overture to the General Assembly reading as follows:

"Whereas the presence of the Mormon element in certain parts of the Dominion and the danger thereby to the perpetuation of the practice of polygamy is a serious menace to the morals of our land, and

"Whereas the people of the United States have for years suffered very seriously from the same element, and this Presbytery overtures the Assembly to take such action as will arouse the whole Church to the peril of those parts of the Dominion affected, and at the same time approach the other branches of the Christian Church to take joint action in the matter."

The very wording of the above indicates that the ministerial and lay delegates of London and vicinity should first look into the customs of those people in Western Canada and also study the tenets of the Mormon church. It would be just as reasonable to urge that because some negroes in the Southern States have been found guilty of criminal assault, all negroes should be excluded from Canada. Polygamy, the great evil complained of, is not a Mormon doctrine. It has been permissible in the past but is not now, and was practiced in the United States solely from personal motives by some who thus violated the law of the land. It is not now, nor has it ever been, found among the Mormons of Western Canada, nor will it ever appear unless indeed some man or woman with criminal instincts disregards this law as any other criminal might disregard any other law. The Mormons of Canada made their homes in what was formerly an arid and desolate region, shunned by all other settlers. With persistent effort and untiring zeal they have transformed a wilderness into a most productive land, have created villages, have prospered, and have won the respect of all their neighbors. There are not in Southern Alberta any persons who are more deserving of esteem than these same Mormons whose removal is desired by a group of so-called broad minded and enlightened Ontario ministers. This is a land of religious freedom, so it is said.

A SCIENTIFIC SUCCESS.

The Star publishes today an account of a recent development in science which seems to be regarded as of the utmost importance. The inventor has been hailed as one to be classed with Newton, Stephenson and Watt. At the meeting of the Royal Society in London, Mr. Louis Brennan, an engineer, whose name is already prominent in the scientific world gave a practical demonstration of a one-rail railroad, a device by which all accepted principles of equilibrium seem to be set at defiance and perfect poise maintained even in the face of what look like impossibilities. Mr. Brennan has, after thirty years of research, applied the principle of the spinning top to his model cars. In the railroad locomotive which he places on one rail, are heavy fly wheels, mounted at a great velocity and spinning so that their energy may be utilized. These maintain the equilibrium of the car, just as a top stands on end, and they prevent overbalancing no matter how unevenly the load may be distributed. The prime object is of course to reduce friction and the one rail idea will add five hundred per cent. to the hauling power of the locomotive. The possibility of overbalancing being obviated, it is clear that such trains can be sent along at greater speed, made to turn sharper curves, and to run over uneven roads with far greater safety than do those of any existing system. Mr. Brennan's achievement is regarded as marking an epoch in scientific application of natural forces, and his further experiments will be awaited with eager interest.

Dr. Oeler's theory has at last made one convert. A man in Omaha, having passed the three score mark decided that he was no longer of any use in the world, and hanged himself. Chloroform was not at hand. Men who develop such ideas are perhaps better out of the world. They make room for sane persons.

Senator Foraker, of Ohio, has given up all hope of securing the presidential nomination and has declared himself a supporter of William H. Taft. The success of the latter is beyond doubt and he may be looked upon as the next president of the United States.

Do not have a house too large for your requirements. If you do you increase your rent and your work.

"WHEN WE MEET ON THAT BEAUTIFUL SHORE"

Is the name of a new, very delightful and pleasing sacred song and chorus composed by Samuel H. Speck. First Verse.

Oh I dream of a beautiful stream rippling by,
As it flows to the heavenly throne,
And the choir celestial so sweet greet my ear,
From that shore where no sorrow is known,
Mid the fair angel band standing there hand in hand,
Are the loved ones who have gone on before,
In that home of the blest, we'll all find peace and rest,
When we meet on that beautiful shore.

This is one of the sweetest home songs published. It is especially suitable and adapted for the home, church and choir use, being also nicely arranged as a quartette for mixed voices. The regular retail price of this song is 50 cts. per copy. Star readers will receive a copy post-paid by sending 10 cts. in silver or postage stamps to THE GLOBE MUSIC CO., No. 11 West 28th St., New York.

TALE OF A FISH.

He whipped the stream with practiced hand,
There came a whirl and swirl,
And then from out the waters cool
He drew a modest fish.

He told the tale to all his friends,
Described the tempting dish,
And entertained them with the length
Of that peculiar fish.

It grew a little day by day,
According to his wish,
Until his whole connection knew
Of that gigantic fish.

The tale would still be going round,
But on one reckless night
He drew it out so very long
It strung clean out of sight.

THE BETTER WAY.

"A'weel, Donald, and do you still think of putting Jack into the ministry?"

"Na, na, Laird, he's been called too higher things; he's just been appointed grounds and extra professional to the Auchtermuckelhevers Golf Club!"

ALL HE HAD.

"Can you give bond?" asked the judge. "Have you got anything?" "Jedge," replied the prisoner, "since you ax me, I'll tell you; I hain't got nuthin' in the world 'cept the spurs, a pair of shoes, a watch, a ring, a chain, six acres o' no-count land, a big family, a hope of a hereafter, an' the ol' war-rheumatism!"

MRS. PEY'S DIARY.

(A. D. 1907, January 1.) This morning I dropped in at May's and had a game of bridge.

At Pat's to lunch, and afterward a little game of bridge.

Tonight we entertained at home—A dinner, later, bridge.

Cooked supper in the chafin-dish, and finished up with bridge.

A CALL FOR ENTHUSIASM.

Instructor in Public Speaking II.—"What is the matter with you, Mr. Jones? Can't you speak any louder?"

Be more enthusiastic. Open your mouth and throw yourself into it."

HOW IT HAPPENED.

Farmer Medders—"Was Deacon Burd buried from the house?"

Farmer Green—"No, from the back yard. His wife was house-cleaning."

CONDITIONS OF COMFORT.

"Do you think you could be comfortable on \$10,000 a year?"

"Yes, I believe I could if the people next door hadn't more than \$9,000 a year and my wife knew it."

BRAVERY AT MONTREAL.

There is no doubt about the bravery of those Montreal Socialists. Any band of men or women who proposed to willingly parade on the streets of Montreal in the spring cannot lack courage.

SURPLUS FOR NINE MONTHS

AMOUNTS TO \$17,000,000

OTTAWA, May 10.—The final financial returns for the fiscal period ended March 31 last are not yet all to hand, but there is enough to show that the year will be one of the best in the history of the Dominion.

The revenue for the nine months is \$67,135,584, but this will be increased by \$2,000,000 when all the collections are made. Mr. Fielding, in his budget speech, made an estimate of \$65,000,000, but it will be about \$4,000,000 more.

The expenditure Mr. Fielding put at \$25,000,000 on ordinary revenue, and on capital \$12,500,000. To date the ordinary expenditure is \$45,000,000, but this will be increased by \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000, and the capital is about \$12,000,000, which will be increased by \$500,000 or more, so that the revenue has increased and the expenditure has been kept down to a greater extent than Mr. Fielding anticipated.

The surplus on ordinary revenue Mr. Fielding estimated at \$13,000,000 and judging from all appearances it will be \$10,000,000 to \$4,000,000 better, which will be the largest on record. This will be sufficient to meet the capital expenditure and all other liabilities, and reduce the net debt by a handsome sum. And it should be remembered that all this is accomplished in a nine month period.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

SACRED CONCERTS.

If many crimes have been committed in this name of "Liberty" many very pronounced secular concerts have been "sugar coated" by the word sacred. I wonder what makes a concert sacred? Is it the tune? Then many rocking tunes that reek with bar room associations have been wedded to sacred hymns, and some one should have forbidden the bans. Is it the singer? Then many singers whose breath reeks of the bar room are sacred. Does a church make a concert sacred? I know a famous quartette who never heard sermon or prayer. If they sang in the first part of the service, they went back to the beer saloon—at least two of the famous four did. If they sang at the close of the service they came from the saloon, dining away the church with beer and whisky. Was this music sacred? I am not asserting, I am interrogating; like "Rose Daria" I want information. "I want to know, you know."

If I am pastor of a church and my sermons have not "drawing power" and I get some famous singer to fill the church for me, and incidentally half empty several other churches at the same time, is the music sacred?

The singer or singers make no pretensions to piety. They would feel as much at home in a prayer meeting as a savage would in a drawing room and a modicum of truth be called sacred.

If a church by its artistic singing—not its spiritual—can draw from homes and hotels men who would fish the streams or idle the day away and never hear a sermon, I suppose the end justifies the means and the singing may be a modicum of truth be called sacred.

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SHE WILL MAKE 13,000

MILE TRIP IN ALASKA

Mrs. C. R. Miller, of Baltimore, to Rough It in Journey Up the Yukon.

BALTIMORE, May 10.—Mrs. C. R. Miller, wife of the fourth vice-president of the Fidelity Trust and Deposit Company, is about to start on a trip to Alaska. She was strenuously engaged in preparation for the journey today. A pair of ducking boots, boy's size, lay on the floor, beside a capacious trunk; a "ranch" hat was on top of the trunk, and a large camera stood nearby. She said:

"I will leave tomorrow on a trip requiring more than three months. I shall travel more than 10,000 miles. From Nome I shall go 1,000 miles up the Yukon to Fairbanks to look over the American mining interests in that region."

"I wear a divided skirt, and these boots—a very comfortable costume. I do not object to a few inconveniences. I slept in the same room with a goat and a pig and I have had a pig under my bed in some of the places I have been, but I do not mind either. Nor do I mind 'roughing' it generally."

"The worst thing about Alaska is the mosquitoes. The boat to Nome travels leisurely. Sometimes it rests on a sandbar for quite a while, or if the ice comes down, it generally stops until we have open water. It sometimes pulls into a place where there is no open water to keep up the fire. If I could live as I please however, I would spend the summer in Alaska, the winters in Cuba and Christmas in Baltimore."

Mrs. Miller is going North to illustrate a magazine story.

DETROIT, Mich., May 10.—Word has been received here that Brigadier General Orlando Wilcox, U. S. A., retired former governor of the National Soldiers' Home at Washington, died today at Cobourg, Ontario, aged 85.

LARIME, Wyo., May 10.—For twenty-four days a snowstorm has raged in the southern Wyoming mountains and snow is seven feet deep on level.

Housecleaning!

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