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MORMONISM.

The people of the east are all wrong in supposing that the Mormon polygamy was a concession to the lust of mankind. It was a sacred tenet of a religious faith, so practiced and so believed in. The problem in Utah is in consequence one to be dealt with in sympathy and through the sharing of light and knowledge and not through bitter assaults. The charges that young girls are now or have ever been imported from England to become plural wives is a cruel slander. It has been fully investigated, and all investigators agree that those young women who have become plural wives since the Mormon agreement to cease polygamous marriages are themselves the daughters of plural wives, and they are but living their mothers' religion. Each one knew fully what she was doing. Right Rev. F. S. Spalding, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Utah.

OLD TIME MIDDIES

They Were Tots of Schoolboys.
Some Not in Their Teens.

TOO YOUNG TO WEAR SWORDS

So the Midgits Were Armed With Dirk
Knives Instead—They Were Fighters.
Though, Farragut and Porter Being
in Battles at the Age of Twelve.

Something more than a hundred years ago the midshipman was, indeed, the "midshipmite" that he was popularly called, for he was but a mite of a lad, usually receiving his appointment before he reached his teens. Admirals Farragut and Porter were midshipmen, and in pitched battles, at twelve years of age, and Goldsborough was appointed when only seven years old. Nowadays, however, the midshipman is quite a different person. He cannot enter the Naval academy under fifteen and is therefore when on a regular cruising ship after completing his four years' academic course usually a well developed man, physically mature and athletic and with a trained mind. He is far better equipped mentally than the lieutenants and many of the captains of even seventy years ago.

The old time middies were mere schoolboys. All the warships of any size carried in their regular complements a schoolmaster, whose duty it was to give the lads as liberal an education as possible in the odd periods between strictly professional duties. This rating of schoolmaster was abolished, in fact, only about twenty years ago, but after the establishment of the Naval academy, in 1841, these officials devoted their energies to the sailor apprentices only, the enlisted boys of the fore-castle. Even these now obtain their education on shore.

There is a tradition that the three brass buttons the midshipman wears on the sleeve of his full dress coat during his four years at Annapolis originated a century or more ago, when their presence was needed to discourage the youngsters from brushing their noses with their sleeves. This is probably a base slander, modern research indicating that the buttons are relics of the days when there was a cuff flap on the sleeve.

At all events the extreme youth of the midshipmite used to be his most conspicuous characteristic. Instead of the full sized regulation officer's sword that he now carries, he wore a little straight bladed dirk about a foot long. He was to a large extent a messenger for carrying orders about the ship, but he also took charge of boats and commanded men despite his youth. He was frequently placed in charge of a prize captured in war, taking her into port, and not infrequently suppressing mutinies among the prisoners on board. Farragut was a prize-master at twelve and got his prize safely in.

The title "midshipman" is an ancient one. He is above the seamen and the petty officers forward and below the commissioned officers in the wardroom aft; hence "midshipman." There was formerly a higher grade called passed midshipman, but this was abolished before the war between the states. Then the grade was restored, but called midshipman, the former midshipman being designated as a cadet midshipman. In 1882 the title of the latter was changed to naval cadet, which it still remains, and the midshipmen were merged with the ensigns. Accordingly the time honored title of midshipman no longer exists officially in the United States navy.

While officially a naval cadet, that young officer is still regarded and often referred to verbally as a midshipman, for he is the same creature as of old as far as his duties go. But by the side of his earlier prototype the twentieth

century "midshipman" is a savant. The geometry was about as high up in mathematics as the old timer ever went. The twentieth century lad goes far beyond. He goes through analytical geometry of three dimensions, differential and integral calculus, applied mechanics.

Gunnery a hundred years ago was little more than loading, aiming and firing at short ranges. It now involves metallurgy, theory of the combustion of powder gases, stress and strain, mechanical engineering, manufacture and preservation of complex explosives and other abstruse subjects, in all of which the midshipman of the present day must be proficient.

Midshipmen were conspicuous in all our early wars, notably those with the Barbary States, with the West Indian pirates and with the British in 1812. They were equally conspicuous during our conflicts with the Spanish and Filipinos. Midshipmen, naval cadets, had charge of the extremely hazardous picket duty in the Santiago blockade, close under the Spanish batteries and often under musketry fire from shore. Cadet Powell ran his open launch right into the harbor of Santiago after the Merrimack, remained all night under the menacing guns of the inner batteries and steamed out again under their fire in the morning.—New York Press.

Blood and Fire.

A French editor, anxious for sensations, came into his office and asked his deputy what had happened. "Nothing," he was told, "except that a man's nose had been bleeding in the Place de la Concorde and a chimney is on fire in Montmartre." "Enough," said the other and wrote the placard "Blood and Fire in Paris!"

Hurry and cunning are the two apprentices of dispatch and skill, but neither of them ever learns his masters' trade.—Colton.

A GLIMPSE OF WAR.

The Sensations of a Young French Soldier at Sedan.

We could see the lines and lines of helmets. A bad sight to see those helmet spikes. And I cannot remember when it was that there crept through our ranks the feeling that those helmets were not only in front of us, but in every direction round about, and that we were surrounded. I suppose it came from the sound of firing coming from so many directions.

It is at such a time that one feels of a helplessness. And the noise—did I tell you of the noise? There were single bumps and crashes of volley firing, and then there would be just one great roaring, one great thundering, that deafened you and in which you could not tell one sound from another.

There was smoke, smoke, everywhere, and the ground would tremble when the cavalry made charge.

I would tell you all that I remember of most interest. But is it interesting to tell you that shells burst and that our ranks thinned and closed up and that I felt more and more that we were to be beaten?

I would have wept, but I had too much to do in firing and in watching the lines of helmets.

It is that a soldier gets full of an excitedness. You do things and you scarcely know that you do them or why.

It was early that day that my comrade was killed. And he jumped up twice—so, so! And he fell flat on his face. I turned him over, and my captain said: "No time for that. You are a young soldier or you would know there is no time for that."—Robert Shackleton in Harper's Weekly.

Siam's Garden Lands.

Much of the garden land in lower Siam is made by digging trenches to raise the ground, so that half is trench and half ridge, and only rice can be grown in the trenches. This practically only one-half of the garden land gives any return, yet the price of such land in the best localities is \$100 to \$250 an acre.

FORGIVENESS LANE.

Forgiveness lane is old as youth. You cannot miss your way. 'Tis hedged with flowering thorn, forsooth. Where white doves fearless stray.

You must walk gently with your love. Frail blossoms dread your feet. And bloomy branches close above. Make heaven near and sweet.

Some lovers fear the stile of pride. And turn away in pain. But more have kissed where white doves hide. And blessed Forgiveness lane. —Martha Gilbert Dickinson.

Notice To Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for the construction or building of a barn at the Coos County Infirmary for the County of Coos, State of Oregon, according to the plans and specifications prepared by J. A. Yoakam and on file in the office of the County Clerk. The shingles to be nailed with galvanized nails. Separate bids will be received for the construction of the building, for concrete foundation and for cedar blocking as part of the foundation and bids for the entire construction. The contractor to furnish all material and labor for the construction, grading and all work connected with the building.

The County Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to award the contract or contracts to a bidder not the lowest should they deem it for the best interest of the County.

All bids to be filed with the County Clerk on or before the 1st day of May, 1912, at 1 o'clock p. m. Five (5) per cent of the amount of the bid to be deposited with the County Clerk with bid and bidder to enter into a contract with the County Court, with a good and sufficient bond within 5 days after the awarding of contract.

Dated at Coquille, Oregon, this 4th day of April, 1912.
JAMES WATSON,
County Clerk.

Sheriff's Sale of Real Property. On Foreclosure.

Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of an execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Coos and to me directed on the 3rd day of April, 1912 upon a judgment and decree duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in and by said Court on the 29th day of March, 1912, in a certain suit then in said Court pending, wherein A. E. White as plaintiff, and C. A. Manassa, and Rosanna Manassa, his wife, and F. J. Feeney, Trustee, were defendants in favor of plaintiff and against defendant by which execution I am commanded to sell the property in said execution and hereinafter described to pay the sum due the plaintiff of \$2673.66, with interest thereon at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from the 29th day of March, 1912, until paid, together with the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed at \$24.00 and costs and expenses of said execution. I will on Saturday the 11th day of May, 1912 at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., of said day at the Front door of the County Court House in the City of Coquille Coos County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on the day of sale, all the right, title, interest and estate which said defendants, C. A. Manassa and Rosanna Manassa, his wife, and all persons claiming under them subsequent to the plaintiff's mortgage lien in, of and to said real property. Said premises hereinafter mentioned are described in said execution as follows, to-wit: Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block Six (6th) Wollen Mill Addition to the Town, now City, of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, according to the plat thereof filed with and recorded by the Clerk in and for said County, and State, together with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances.

Said sale being made subject to redemption in the manner provided by law. Dated this 8th day of April, 1912. W. W. GAGE,
Sheriff of Coos County, Oregon.
Apr 12-May 10-F

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County

Henry Clemens, Plaintiff
vs.
Helena Clemens, Defendant

To Helena Clemens, the above named defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon:

You are hereby required to appear and answer or otherwise plead to the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit in the above entitled Court on or before the 26th day of April, A.D., 1912, and if you fail so to appear and answer or otherwise plead to the said complaint for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in his said complaint, which is substantially, 1st: For a decree of the Court dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between the said plaintiff and the defendant and for a divorce therefrom; 2nd, For such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by order of the Hon. John S. Coke, Judge of the said Circuit Court, duly made and entered of record on the 13th day of March, A.D., 1912, which said order directed that said summons be published once a week for six weeks consecutively in the Bandon Recorder, a semi-weekly newspaper of general circulation published in Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, and that said summons requires you to appear and answer said complaint on or before the 26th day of April, A.D., 1912, which is the last day of the time prescribed in said order for the publication of said summons.

The date of the first publication thereof is March 15, A.D., 1912, and the date of the last publication is April 26, A.D., 1912.

F. J. FEENEY,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
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W. O. W.

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