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### FROM THE CLASSICS.

Can any one find out in what condition his body will be? I do not say a year hence, but this evening.—Cicero.

Nothing is more annoying than a low man raised to a high position.—Claudianus.

If matters go on badly now they will not always be so.—Horace.

Our advantages fly away without aid. Pluck the flower.—Ovid.

The plant which is often transplanted does not prosper.—Seneca.

Bodies are slow of growth, but are rapid in their dissolution.—Tacitus.

### AS TO "RURAL CREDITS"

The universal cry for "rural credits" is amusing to those who understand what is really intended by responsible officials dealing with the subject.

Rural credits is a fetching term which may mean almost anything desirable, and is vaguely imagined by some to be supplying the "poor farmer" with money at low rates of interest on whatever security he can offer. And, if we were to embark in that sort of a deal, perhaps the \$250,000,000 suggested by some would not be too much. The kind of rural credit which those who will deal with the matter contemplate is rural credit of the kind that will be followed by rural payment.

And "rural payments" appear not to be even thought of by some of those who shout loudest for what is just now a fashionable slogan.

Rural credits to be followed by rural payments would at once shut out a multitude of those who doubtless are in sorest need of money. They have incurred debts which cannot be paid from the proceeds of what the debt was incurred for, and the debt will have to be compromised before it can be taken over at lower rates. Referring only to mortgage loans, the first necessity is that payments shall be extended over about the period of a generation, with trifling payments half yearly. That is not possible for any bank of deposits unless it can immediately sell the obligation at a rate to afford a banker's profit. At present there is no broad market for such securities. The only way to create such a market is to create an institution or institutions which shall stand ready to purchase all such securities offered at current rates of interest. With such an institution in existence, anybody would buy the securities and the broad market is at once established. Without that, it would require many years to create the market.

The creation of such an institution is all the real problem there is in rural credits. With that once established, the poor farmer would find plenty of people to supply him with money to the extent to which tillage of the mortgaged farm may be reasonably expected to provide payments punctually as agreed.

The trouble will come when the farmer already mortgaged may find that he cannot borrow at low rates enough to pay off existing debt, or the new settler borrow to the amount of anything like 60 per cent of the price asked by those who pay 25 and 30 per cent commissions for sales to settlers of land at speculative prices. Values of buildings or orchards will count for little or nothing in fixing the amount to be loaned on the amortization plan, because the depreciation account will wipe them off before the loan comes due.

Upon proper security land alone at market values, which may be expected to increase from year to year, money can be had at lowest current rates of interest in the great financial centers wherever the necessary machinery can be organized. The money will come from that awful

### EPIGRAMMATICAL

Atty. G. T. Treadgold says that when traveling on the ocean no one gets seasick; but that many suffer from stomach trouble.

### OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more  
When once I knock and fail to find you in;  
For every day I stand outside your door,  
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Wait not for precious chances passed away;  
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;  
Each night I burn the records of the day;  
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,  
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;  
My judgments seals the dead past with its dead,  
But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hand and weep;  
I lend my arm to all who say "I can!"  
No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep  
But yet might rise and be again a man.

Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?  
Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow?  
Then turn from blotted archives of the past  
And find the future's pages white as snow.

—Walter Malone.

place, Wall street. There is no other reservoir of "cheap money." And it will come from there whether the state or some other financial institution is the intermediary. The only question is as to who can do the intermediate work most economically. And as to that it will not be wise for any one to be too set in his opinion. —San Francisco Chronicle.

### NECESSITY FOR ROADS SEEN

Now that the fall rains are commencing the need of good all the year 'round good roads is apparent even more than a few weeks ago when everything was dry—and the rainy season seemed a long way off.

In a short while unless the weather should clear up, the highways will become impassable to any vehicle except the slow moving wagon or buggy. The size of loads hauled will be reduced, the time consumed increased, money thrown into repair bills or the increased expense. But worst of all the farmers and their families will have resigned themselves to a long period of isolation. It is hoped that before many years all this will be changed; good roads built and the dread and isolation caused by the rainy season in a great measure removed.

### THE RIGHT SPIRIT

The way in which the Port of Bandon commissioners and officials and C. B. Zeek of the Republican central committee made every effort to see that Congressman Hawley was made to feel Bandon welcomed his short stay here, is appreciated by the citizens of the town.

All realize that in addition to giving the visitor a pleasant recollection of the hospitality of the city, it also allowed him a chance to obtain first hand information concerning the local port which will be of more value than a hundred letters or a dozen superficial trips to this section.

### A NATIONAL WEDDING

As a surprise comes the announcement of the approaching marriage of President Wilson, and the whole country evinces an interest in the forthcoming event.

The past year and a half have been a lonely one for the chief executive, burdened with numerous cares and responsibilities. It is human that he should feel a longing for companionship and a fireside. There will be no lack of genuine good wishing from everyone of a long and happy wedded life to our chief.

No one can say the Bandon port commission is not wide awake when an opportunity is presented to explain why the local harbor should receive government improvements.

Now that the rainy season has apparently set in, that "fog horn bark" of a large percentage of Bandon's citizens will disappear.

In a little while local sportsmen will settle down to lengthy discussions: "Remember last year that big four prong buck—"

Oh you web-feet!

## A Very Common Error is Corrected

(By Samuel Wood)

There is no such a thing as the Mormon Church on the face of the earth.

That may sound ridiculous even to well informed people but it is, nevertheless true.

There is, however, a religious organization—Latter Day Saints church—whose members, without any serious protest, permit people to call them Mormons. This church is commonly known as the Mormon church of Utah.

There is another church—Re-organized Latter Day Saints church—which, on account of the name, is sometimes confused with the church in Utah, and is sometimes, but not commonly nicknamed in the same way.

But the members of the latter church, as a rule, seriously object to being called Mormons, and there hangs a tale. But careful investigation will show that the "tail" is an imaginary appendage to a hole in the atmosphere.

It is this, the word Mormon has come to be synonymous of polygamy as a result of the practice of the former church in Utah, whose belief in the Book of Mormon prior to their acceptance of polygamy drew from them the nickname (Mormons.) And since Mormons practiced polygamy of course Mormonism meant polygamy and polygamy meant Mormonism! But in the name of reason why? Since the Book of Mormon, of all religious books, condemns polygamy most.

Hear what it says: "Wherefore, my Brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none: For I, the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women."

"Behold, David and Solomon had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord." pp. 171-2.

Mormon is the name of a man who lived among the ancient inhabitants of this continent, and who compiled the religious records of his people, which were engraven upon metal plates as was the custom at that time. These records, ever afterwards, bore the name of the man who compiled them. Mormon added a few chapters but the book in the main was the history of the dealings of God with the inhabitants of the continent both north and south as handed down by them from generation to generation until Mormon's time who made an abridgment of the whole, added a sketch of the history of his own time, passed the records on to his son who finally deposited them, together with other sacred materials, in a stone box which was buried in the side of a hill on the eastern part of the continent that it might be revealed to the peoples who should inhabit the land in our time. This was made known to Joseph Smith who afterwards obtained and translated the records by Divine aid. Smith afterwards organized the church whose members accepted the book, now known as the Book of Mormon, as a sacred record of equal importance with the Bible, and thus it came that the members of the church were called Mormons.

At the time of the death of Joseph Smith, at Nauvoo, Ill., a large number of the members of the church under the leadership of Brigham Young, crossed the plains and settled in Salt Lake valley where a few years later, Young and other leaders introduced polygamy for the first time, as a part of their church doctrine.

### Reorganization

When word reached those members in the east, who might have followed Young, that polygamy had been introduced into the church, thousands withdrew entirely, others subsequently convened, repudiated Young disavowed polygamy, and reorganized under the leadership of Joseph Smith, son of the Prophet, whose recent death was announced in all the leading papers of the country. And thus the Re-organized Latter Day Saints church came to be.

It goes without saying that the Re-organized Latter Day Saints church does not and never did believe in or practice polygamy. Then why enter such strenuous portents against being called Mormons since in reality the word and the Book is a monumental protest against polygamy? The answer is that members of the Reorganization are inclined to be exact. Furthermore, all due respect to that organization, they do not wish to be confused with the church in Utah. They frown on polygamy and so do their books and hope that the time may come when the church in Utah will do likewise.

The courts have awarded the Reorganization with the original church property on the grounds of legal successorship.

The church at this place, of which Mr. Chatburn is the pastor, is a

branch of the Re-organization. Its members object of being called Mormons for the reason that it is improper and inaccurate, carrying with it a fallacy with reference to polygamy.

## Scourge of War

(By JAMES L. LONEFEATHER)

"Now," saith I, "for which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost: Whether he have sufficient to finish it?"

"Did you sit down, O Kings and Rulers of Europe! And count the cost, before you unsheathed the sword? Did you reckon these items? Have ye brought this—to-wit?"

Seventeen million men, the strongest, fittest, healthiest of Europe, are withdrawn from the work of Creation, and set at the business of destruction. They leave the plow, the saw, the pen, and seize the rifle, the bayonet, and the cannon. They leave the Beautiful work of Creation—to fight with the cannon.

The houses in which were happy families, the buildings where commerce thrived, the cathedrals centuries old, the works of Art, the structures that were the joyous boast of cities all Europe around: That strangers came to admire—from the ends of the earth, bringing their gold and silver to enrich you—are battered down, blown up, or burned to the ground; yea they are battered down, blown up, or razed from the ground!

You have darkened what? Thousands of homes, and set a guard of terror there. Many are the races of tongues of man, but the sobs of mothers are of one language.

From all Europe comes that pitiful—ancient as the world's blood—just—the voice of lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning; Rachel weeping for her children, and refusing to be comforted—because they are not. Did you think of this misery, when you—the scourge of war on them—ye thrust?

What is the iltch of your miserable honor—compared to the abysmal woe of these women? Or the shrill wails of millions of fatherless children, accusing you to Heaven, for the scourge you've given!

And the boys, the handsome, brave hope of all, lying piled up on the battlefields, their fair bodies chewed by the Minotaurs of War. Murdered by the lust of war! Some dead, some anguished by thirst and wounds—and in untold suffering and agony, crying aloud: For the pain of battle is the hardest they've bore.

Commerce paralyzed, mills still and vacant, shops closed, banks barred, schoolhouses empty, mines deserted, and the fields and vineyards rotting, homeless families; Patriotic display of flags and hunting! Forests aflame, cities looted, the armies of contented laborers zone back to the jungle business of man-hunting; to the savage, murderous business of man-hunting!

That is your supreme will! You want to kill. TO KILL, YEA TO KILL!

### President to Marry

A Washington, D. C., report is to the effect President Wilson has announced his engagement to Mrs. Norman Galt, of Washington. The date of the wedding has not been fixed but it probably will take place in December. Mrs. Galt is the widow of a Washington jeweler and is said to be both beautiful and wealthy.

Railroad for Eastern Oregon  
A railroad through the eastern part of the state, extending from Bend to Klamath Falls, and from Silver Lake to Lakeview, and from Bend to connect with the line out of Vale; is under consideration and it is said will probably be built soon. The road would be 400 miles long and would cost approximately \$6,000,000.

### THE MAN HE KILLED.

Had he and I but met  
By some old ancient inn,  
We should have set us down to wet  
Right many a nipperkin.

But ranged as infantry  
And staring face to face,  
I shot at him, as he at me,  
And killed him in his place.

I shot him dead because—  
Because he was my foe,  
Just so; my foe, of course, he was;  
That's clear enough, although

He thought he'd list, perhaps,  
Offhand like—just as I—  
Was out of work—had sold his traps—  
No other reason why.

Yes; quaint and curious war-fair!  
You shoot a fellow down  
You'd treat if met where any bar is  
Or help to half a crown.

—Thomas Hardy.

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