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date on the label on your paper.
When the date is older than the date
of the paper it is time for you to re-
new. If you delay this too long you
will find the blue X mark, that means
you are cut off until you settle up.At the Cabinet meeting Oct. 4th it was decided to send the Government exhibits at Buffalo to the Charleston Exposition. The exhibits will go to Charleston just as soon as the Buffalo Exposition closes, November 1. All of the Government employees now with the exhibits will be sent to Charleston.

A balloon trip is proposed across the Mediterranean sea. It is to be accomplished by means of an old fashioned balloon with a drag floating on the water and stationary wings to the car. We suggest that the aeronaut supply himself with a good life preserver, if no such happen not to be a good swimmer.

An extraordinary effort has been made throughout the Schley trial to keep Admiral Sampson away from the witness stand, by Schley's prosecutors. Is Sampson afraid to face the cross examination that he will have to undergo as the chief accuser of Schley? Schley and his attorneys seem to be holding up their end of the string all right so far, and the people hope he will come out on top.

The body of O'Doherty, the assassin of President McKinley, will pass directly from the electric chair after his death, into the hands of the physicians, who will examine the brain, photograph it and skeletonize the body, which will be placed in the National Medical Museum at Washington, along with similar relics of Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, and of Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln.

Judging from the short crop of cotton in the West, the great cotton growing section, it looks like higher prices for cotton. The decline in Texas and other States west of the Mississippi, with no improved condition reported anywhere to offset this remarkable decline, can only mean an advance in the price of cotton. We would not be surprised to see 10c cotton. The estimate is only 9½ million bales.

With its last Saturday's issue the Atlanta Daily News suspended publication indefinitely. The News has been running one year, and although there was already a No. 1 evening paper in the Atlanta Journal in the city, the News forced rapidly to the front, and was a warm member as a news-gatherer, and succeeded in that short space of time in securing 15,000 subscribers. It seems that a full 14 of this number of subscribers would not remain without a paper to take the News' place very long. The News also had a fine advertising patronage.

Mr. Carapetis, C. E. E. M., who has been making a close study of the Texas oil fields for several months, says that the gushers will have a minimum output of 45,000,000 barrels a day in five years. The crude oil is coming into use rapidly as fuel, and he says that the future rate of oil will likely be 60c per barrel. At this price this crude oil will be about equivalent to coal at \$2.40 per ton. The petroleum in Beaumont district is of great value in the production of illuminating gas, and will probably furnish the gas-producing hydrogen of Europe unless a demand is at once created in this country, which is very probable.

DOWN WITH POLYGAMY.

The International Council of Women for Christian and patriotic service are in tituting a noble crusade against the evil of polygamy, and are making herculean efforts to have the anti-polygamy bill passed in Congress. When we read the reports of those living in Utah, showing how polygamy is winked at, and endorsed by the Governor, it is high time that we bestir ourselves to action, and let it be known in no uncertain manner that the evil is not to be tolerated. These noble Christian women have issued several leaflets, setting forth their methods of operation, and earnestly soliciting the help of the Christian people of our land. The following letter shows what has already been accomplished, but there is still lots of work yet to be done and it will require some \$15,000 to push it through to a successful finish:

RESULTS OF THE ANTI-POLYGAMY CRUSADE.

"For the encouragement of the many friends who have labored so faithfully and efficiently for the advancement of this cause, it might be well to remind ourselves of what has already been accomplished by the crusade.

In addition to the exclusion of Mr. Roberts from Congress, five other prominent polygamists have been removed from positions of trusts and influence since January 1, 1900.

1. Orion Smith was removed from the office of Presidential Postmaster at Logan, Utah. Mr. Smith has held the position of President of the Cache Stake (Eccllesiastical County) for many years, and is very influential, both in the councils of the Mormon church and in the State of Utah. His appointment had been interpreted to the young Mormon people to mean that the United States Government had ceased to oppose polygamy, and been heralded as a vindication of the Latter-day Saints who had been faithful to their coverts and had lived up to the precepts of our holy religion in its fulness. After two years of effort, we succeeded in stamping the Administration that Mr. Smith is still a polygamist, thus securing his removal.

2. Later John C. Graham was removed from the office of Presidential Postmaster at P. W. H. As he is a thorough proponent, the editor of a leading Utah Republican paper, and a prominent Mormon leader, the effect of his removal is very great.

3. After much effort, Dr. J. M. Farmer, who is also a three-ply polygamist, was removed from the Presidency of the Utah State Agricultural College. This being a State institution, it was impossible for the General Governor to reach Dr. Farmer directly; but, since the College receives \$100,000 per year out of the National Treasury, we forced him to resign by getting the Congressional Committee on Appropriations to refuse to continue the appropriation of the said \$100,000 unless the polygamous President should be removed.

4. Secretary Wilson, another proponent, was removed from the office of Secretary of the same institution at about the same time and in the same way.

5. Apostle M. W. Merrill, a four-ply polygamist, who, as a leading Trustee, had, more than any other man, shaped the policy of the institution, was also removed, and in the same way.

Owing to the position and influence of these men, the moral effect of their removal is very great throughout Utah, especially in view of the fact that the young Mormon people had been taught to believe that their appointment was an evidence of the Divine sanction of polygamy, and a proof that the Government had found out that it had made a mistake in opposing polygamy in the past.

In addition to the foregoing, we have been able to prevent the appointment of a number of polygamists who would have been placed upon the roll of Federal appointees, and would now be drawing salaries from the Government, had it not been for the work of this crusade. It should not be overlooked, in this connection, that even the veto of the Polygamy Bill recently passed by the State Legislature is to be counted among the results of this movement, since the Governor admits that he vetoed it for fear its enactment into law would be used by us as a new ground of appeal for the proposed anti-polygamy constitutional amendment, an appeal which would be sure to be effective.

The Governor's admission that an anti-polygamy amendment would put the polygamists into a worse position than they are under the State in which is effectively a dead letter, is one of the most forcible arguments in favor of the amendment which has yet been produced. Moreover, such admission on the part of the Mormon Governor, including his admission that all his sympathies are with the polygamists, and that he vetoed the bill in their interests, effectively disposes of the Mormon falsehood that polygamy is dead. Everybody knows better than any Mormon can tell him that, if polygamy were dead, neither the polygamists nor their sympathizing Governor would have anything to fear from an anti-polygamy constitutional amendment.

The moral effect of this agitation has also been very great throughout the entire country. Prior to the beginning of this movement, the

Mormons had been increasing at a constantly accelerated ratio since 1891. For the year 1897 the ratio of their increase was 32 per cent. For the year 1898, during which this agitation was vigorously begun, their ratio of increase fell to 16 per cent. For 1899 they are reluctantly to give figures, as they do not like to admit that their ratio of increase is diminishing. The highest figures received from Mormon sources put the net increase for 1899 at about 40,000. In view of the fact that they have all along boasted that this agitation was increasing their membership, they have probably made this number as large as possible. This would make their ratio of increase 11 per cent. for 1899. Probably, if we had the accurate figures for last year, their increase through proselyting would be almost nil. If the ratio of the annual increase in the number of Mormons had remained as great as it was in 1897, before this anti-polygamy crusade began, there would be 100,000 more Mormons today than there are.

In addition to the foregoing tangible results, we have succeeded in educating tens of thousands of people upon the Mormon question, so they are beginning to see the Mormonism is a real menace to our institutions and to appreciate the necessity of a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the practice of polygamy.

Great as is the work which has been accomplished, the work needs to be done still. Unless we succeed in securing the Amendment, the effect of what has been accomplished will only be temporary; but we are glad to be able to report that a large percentage of the Members of Congress are in favor of submitting the proposed Amendment at the next session, provided we in the meantime push the agitation so as to bring a strong public sentiment which will insure the support of the members in general and give reasonable assurance of favorable action by the State Legislatures, in case such an amendment is submitted to them for ratification.

In view of these facts, we feel that we have reason to think God and his angels encourage us to push the crusade with all energy and enthusiasm until victory has been gained. We therefore urge all who are in sympathy with this movement to give it their hearty cooperation.

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Santa Settings.

The sad sweet days when we had the birds singing simple and plaintive when sometimes winds would blow, the fishes.

And still the whisper of loss and grief when come and closer hold those we grieve.

To scatter the blossoms from nature's boughs,

When else tomorrow daybreaks.

Or the lonely, lonely road.

Or when they speak it's sound be pleasant tears.

If you require a time-sleeper for a minute, not fearing if you ever saw a sunrise.

HEY DENVER.

I would like to have some others of this Times comes out, and I will send you my address. Mr. S. L. Bryan, or there and I thought I said you had a good boy and I think he is a good boy.

I was anxious to increase and increase acquaintance.

I was surprised, when I saw one of my neighbors, Mr. S. L. Bryan, or there and I thought I said you had a good boy and I think he is a good boy.

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