

stitutional guaranties. They would have the Edmunds bill. It must be passed then and there, without hesitation and almost without debate. It was a religious crusade against a religious system and a religious community, and Methodism yelled as loudly and threatened as vociferously as any of the mob of spiritual inebriates.

And how do they like the law now they have hurried on its enactment? Why, the miserable creatures are just as dissatisfied as ever, and they exclaim in their abject melancholy: "We believe the Edmunds bill will not accomplish the end proposed." Why, then, did they go crazy for fear it would not be passed, and rave and gesticulate when it was proposed to consider, amend and take time over it? What is it that they now demand? Simply the overthrow of all semblance to republican government in this Territory; and the establishment of an autocracy. Nine men in whose selection or appointment the people are to have no voice, are to hold at their command the lives, liberties and property of over a hundred and fifty thousand souls, in a republic founded upon the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence! Think of it. These men are pretended ministers of religion; authorized exponents of Methodism; professed servants of Jesus the Nazarene; opposers of Church influence in State affairs.

What is the reason they are so full of anger and bitterness, and desire such forceful and persecuting political measures against the people of Utah? The answer is given in their own words: "Utah is the most difficult and embarrassing mission field on the entire globe." These "Mormons" know too much for them. The pious platitudes and whang-doodle whinnings with which they work upon the feelings of sensitive people in other places, have no effect upon the "Mormons." The fallacies of Methodism are plainly understood. The pretensions of its ministers are known to be utterly groundless. The entire absence of sacerdotal authority in their man-cooked system is perceived; and their greed for money and utter lack of principle in its collection are seen through and despised by these "difficult and embarrassing 'Mormons.'" Hence the anger, therefore the resolutions.

When will these lying hypocrites and hungry money-grubbers be satisfied? Is not a measure designed to rob every Latter-day Saint of political existence sufficient? Must every remnant of republicanism be rent away from Utah before these religious, but mite-brained politicians will be content? They find fault with the "Mormons" for yielding to the provisions of a law which they howled themselves hoarse to have enacted. It was designed to prevent polygamists from holding office, and yet they complain to Congress that polygamists have resigned and their places have been filled with monogamists. Is there any way to gratify them?

And these are the men who have the temerity to talk about "priestcraft." They dictate to the President and the Senate what course to pursue towards a section of the Republic, call upon the Bishops to present the matter to the general conference, and urge that "action be taken upon the subject." At the same time they send the man Hilton once more to the East to beg for funds in aid of their devilry. They instruct the President and Senate to put the whole people of Utah under the domination of nine men. The next step would be to dictate who should compose the nonagonal despotism. Is not this priestcraft? Is not this interference of the Church in affairs of the State?

And they believe that this is an "irrepressible conflict." Very good. We will go further. We know that it is an "irrepressible conflict." But on our side it will not be fought with carnal weapons. We shall seek to deprive no man of his rights, either religious or political. We shall not combine to establish oligarchies. We shall not attempt force against any sect. But we shall wield the weapons of truth and the authority of the Holy Priesthood for the overthrow of error, false doctrine, priestly assumption, soul-merchandising, religious humbug, sanctified cant and all sectarian deception by which the world has been held in bondage for centuries. And we expect the opposition and hatred of those who live thereby—"who preach for hire and divine for money," and whose dominion will soon come to an end.

And they may write this down in

their memorandum books: Every scheme by which they seek to overthrow this work which they call "Mormonism," will bring them as little satisfaction as the Edmunds law. It has been inscribed in the holy archives on high concerning the Saints, "Now upon that is formed against them shall prosper, and the tongue that rises against them in judgment shall be condemned." Let these "vessels of wrath" who seek to destroy religious and civil liberty in Utah by their outpourings, make resolutions, misrepresent a creed which they cannot refute, strive to accomplish by priestcraft and political intrigue that which they fail to effect by reason and moral suasion, and fill up the cup of their iniquity. They can do nothing against the truth but for it, and we leave them in the hands of Him who will render a just recompense.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

An exchange says: "The idea of teaching every girl to thump a piano, and make every boy to be a bookkeeper, will make potatoes \$7 a bushel in twenty years."

It is a singular season. In the middle of June the snow lay thick at Balmoral, Scotland, and the cold was intense. Snow also fell in Fife-shire and in Norfolk, England.

A sensible law is that in Chicago requiring the street car companies to keep the streets along which their lines run "moistened and well sprinkled with water," from May 1 to Nov. 1.

Fatalities through the use of toy pistols on the "Glorious Fourth" are numerous. No less than six boys have died in the neighborhood of Boston alone, since July 4th, from lockjaw, caused by wounds from toy pistols, inflicted during "the day we celebrate." The record in other sections is equally shocking.

An English parson gives ginger ale at the sacrament. Lady Brassey mentions that in one of the South Sea Islands the missionaries had to substitute cocoanut milk for wine, as the cup never reached the third communicant without replenishing. It is suggested that possibly the parson has had similar painful experience.

A society has been incorporated at Albany, New York, with the staggering title of the "Supreme Secular Benevolent Association of Port Jervis." The inquirer after the objects of this magnificently-named society finds that they are the abrogation of Sundays, Thanksgiving days, religious observances, and the use of the Bible in schools.

The Providence, R. I., Star says: "The first rumor that comes concerning the possible re-election of certain Congressmen is the most disheartening. It is to the effect that Speaker Keifer will probably be returned, not because he is not locally unpopular, but because there is no one who has confidence to enter the field against him. What a remarkably independent community he must hail from."

Judge Miller, of Missouri, a noted horticulturist, obtains corn for table use a full week earlier than his neighbors. His plan has been, as soon as the ear was formed, to break down the top, but leave it sufficiently erect that the pollen of the tassel may dust the silk of the ears, as they may not be fully impregnated should the stalk be topped and the tassel be removed. Repeated experiments have convinced him of its value.

In September last a new perpetual clock was put up at the Gare du Nord, Brussels, in such a position as to be fully exposed to the influence of wind and weather, and, although it has not yet been touched, it has continued to keep good time ever since. The inventor, M. Auguste Dardenne, a native of Belgium, showed his original model at the Paris Exhibition of 1878, but has since considerably improved upon it.

A census of the marriageable princes of Europe appears to have been taken. The age for marriage of a prince is, from 24 to 40; for a princess, from 18 to 23. There are thirty-eight marriageable princes, and only twenty-four marriageable princesses. Germany furnishes the chief supply. There are twenty German princes now in the market, including King Ludwig, of Bavaria, the most eligible bachelor in Europe.

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