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THE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS.

On Monday evening the Deseret News gave a very succinct synopsis of the majority and minority reports to the Senate of the United States by the committee on privileges and elections, in the case of Reed Smoot, Senator from Utah. A full and complete account of both reports and findings will appear in the Deseret Evening News of Saturday, June 16th. It will be of much interest and will be valuable for future reference.

It is evident beyond all fair dispute that the strongest kind of bias against the Senator, and the Church to which he belongs, inspired the framing of the majority report, also that rumor, suspicion, unproved accusation, popular belief and vindictive prejudice, take the place of evidence and logic in the pretended statement of facts and the sophistical arguments that form a large part of the presentation made by Senator Burrows.

The gist of it all is that certain persons, some of whom were high officials in the "Mormon" Church, are alleged to have contracted plural marriages since the issue of the manifesto against them of 1890, and the admission of Utah into the Union, and that Senator Smoot, being associated with the body to which these accused individuals belong, is to be counted as guilty with his associates of conniving at, encouraging and countenancing the alleged violations of the law. That the First Presidency and Council of the Twelve Apostles is a self-perpetuating body that governs absolutely the members of the Church in all things spiritual and temporal and political; that failure to receive and obey counsel in all these matters subjects the one who refuses to the discipline of the Church, and be practically excluded from the blessings, benefits and privileges of membership in the Church. That Reed Smoot and other members of the Church have taken an oath of vengeance, which obligation is an oath of disloyalty to the government which the rules of the Mormon Church require, or at least encourage every member of that organization to take. These are the main objections urged against the retention of Reed Smoot as a Senator of the United States.

The cases of violation of the marriage laws since the admission of Utah as a State of the Union, it should be understood, even if substantiated by proof, would not be infractions of the Constitution or statutes of the United States. There is nothing in them that relates to marriage, singular or plural in a State of the Union. Nor is there anything in them that touches on the subject of the relationship of a man with his plural wives in any State of the Union. The testimony taken by the committee as appears of record does not prove a case, of plural marriage since the time mentioned. It is simply in the nature of rumor and surmise and unsupported gossip. Nor, taking these statements as correct, does it appear that Reed Smoot had anything to do with those occurrences whatever they were. It is not shown that he had any authority in the premises or any knowledge that they occurred.

The cases that the report mentions are so few in number that they are evidence of the general cessation of the practice, and would not be thought remarkable in any other State of the Union. The argument (?) that they could not take place without the consent and connivance of the Church authorities, because the rule of the Church is that only one man at a time (the President) holds the keys of that authority, is the silliest kind of silliness in reasoning. It is tantamount to saying that nobody can violate a law without the knowledge and consent of the law-maker or lawgiver. Testimony of the most positive character appears of record that no such consent or permission was given by the man who held "the keys" of that power, and that Reed Smoot had no more to do with it, anyway, than had any member of the committee sitting upon his case.

The adoption by the majority of the committee of the charge in the protest against Senator Smoot, that the First Presidency and Twelve Apostles form "a self-perpetuating body of fifteen persons," and that they "control absolutely the members of the Church spiritually, temporally and politically," is proof that the slanders of that report merely take the accusations of the nineteen protesters, against the positive evidence adduced in the examination. It was proved absolutely that there was no such "body of fifteen" but two separate and distinct bodies of three and twelve with functions peculiar to each body, and that they are not "self-perpetuating," and that they do not exercise or claim any such authority as that alleged. On the contrary, the fundamental Church doctrine of common consent was fully explained, and the power of the body of the Church to receive or reject those dignitaries as their presiding officers, and also the recognized principle of free agency were expounded at length. This was set forth in a manner to evoke surprise and numerous queries from members of the committee, who seemed unable to understand how an individual could act on his own agency and yet have God give a commandment or revelation.

The power to obey or disobey at choice seemed to puzzle them, but it was set forth so as to overthrow completely the charge of absolute power of the Church authorities over the membership.

The so-called "oath of vengeance" was clearly shown to have no existence as an "oath." That the ceremony referred to contained nothing hostile to the government was established on strongly corroborated evidence. The testimony of witnesses who contradicted each other and who were shown to be utterly unreliable and untrustworthy, is adopted by the signers of the majority report, while that of reputable and unimpeached witnesses to the facts in the case are ignored or passed over as that of members of the Church, while the truth is that several of them were not members and had not been for many years.

Their declination to describe affirmatively something that they had promised not to disclose, while set forth as something to discredit their testimony, should rationally be taken in their favor as men of honor who held true to a solemn obligation. We doubt not that members of the committee who also are Mormons, if put to a similar test would have responded in a similar manner; if challenged as to an alleged obligation of that Order, they would no doubt deny that it was of a diabolical character but decline to tell its form and language.

The "reasons" advanced why Senator Smoot should be adjudged "not entitled to a seat in the United States," when analyzed turn out to be of the most flimsy character. They are completely exposed in the minority report, as will be seen when the views of the latter are thoroughly presented, and as appear even in the synopsis already published. The question of exclusion or expulsion will come up when the Senate considers the report, with the probability that the exclusion movement will be itself excluded. It is doubtful whether the matter will be decided at the present session, considering the short time remaining and the mass of business to be disposed of. It is highly desirable, however, that a vote should be taken upon it and a settlement be made of the entire dispute, of which the whole country appears to be weary.

THEIR ONLY WEAPON.

The New York World a few days ago contained a letter from Salt Lake City, written by an outspoken opponent of Senator Reed Smoot, reflecting upon the dilatory movements of the committee having his case under consideration. The letter also affirmed that Senator Smoot "has taken an oath pledging him to an absolute obedience to the leaders of a church which sanctions polygamy; that he is actually a high functionary or apostle of this church, one of whose tenets is that it has a right to nullify the laws of the United States."

An anti-"Mormon" sheet, notorious for its tricks and falsehoods, equivocations and rabid misrepresentations, credits the accusations against Senator Smoot to the New York World. That is one of its dishonest prevarications. The World does not hold itself responsible for communications of that character, or for any of the numerous topics touched upon in the columns devoted to correspondence. If that paper had been the author of the assertions we have quoted, we might take up considerable space in showing their error. But we simply say that neither Reed Smoot nor any other apostle or member of the "Mormon" Church has ever "taken an oath pledging him to an absolute obedience to the leaders of the Church." Neither is it one of the tenets of that Church that "it has a right to nullify the laws of the United States." No such claim can be found in any of the written authorities on doctrine or discipline. On the contrary, it is one of the tenets of the Church that its members must be subject to civil authority, and support every constitutional law of the land, and defend the government from its foes on land or on sea.

We mention these well known facts again, because of the renewed endeavors of individuals, who are engaged in attacking the Church for personal ends and purposes, to put the Church in a false position before the country and thus stir up further animosity against one of its leading members. They do this because they cannot find any legitimate cause of complaint against him, but they imagine that by identifying him with an organization that they claim is hostile to the government, they may furnish a pretext for his ejection from a seat to which he is as justly and legally entitled as is any member of the Senate of the United States.

One cause for congratulation in the latest crusade against the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and against Senator Reed Smoot because he is a member of that body, is that nothing that is true and pertinent to the demand for his rejection as a national legislator has been advanced against either the Church or the man. Every protest, petition, charge and argument in that direction has contained the elements of falsehood, which only requires time and proper effort to dissipate into its vaporous attenuation. Whatever may be the result of that attack upon a religion and one of its adherents, the ultimate effect will be the triumph of truth and the exposure of the falsehood, infamy and atrocity which have inspired the onslaught. We can afford to wait and see.

A GOOD BOOK.

Self-Culture is the title of a little book that has just been added to the literature of Utah. The author is Miss Olive Durfee, and she offers in this, her first literary effort, an essay on individuality, which can be recommended to the thoughtful study of both old and young, but particularly the latter who are anxious to make a success in life. Miss Durfee has a message she has felt prompted to deliver. She has embodied in the pages of her book her own experience in "overcoming" and human experience is always valuable as a guide along the road of progress.

Miss Durfee has for the last two years been assistant registrar at the Latter-day Saints University. Her intention now is to devote herself to the teaching of the principles of self-cul-

ture, and we believe she deserves encouragement in this, for many persons need some assistance in order to escape the low places of despair and mount to the lofty hills from which life and all God's creation look so beautiful, so inspiring. She is well qualified for that work. She has studied human nature closely. Her thought is clear, and her expression forceful, and convincing. Her entire philosophy is summed up in the following lines:

"Use all your hidden forces. Do not mope.
The purpose of this life, and do not wait
For circumstances to mould or change
your fate.
In your own self lies destiny. Let this
Vast truth east out all fear, all prejudice.
All hesitation. Know that you are great.
Great with divinity. So dominate
your environment."

And this is true. It is a helpful truth. If another is not lost sight of, that all our forces are limited to the work of "rough-hewing," while a mightier power than human shapes our destiny, sometimes radically different from the ideal at first present to our minds.

We hope the little essay will reach many readers. We believe those who read will be pleased to learn more of the gifted author, for her sincerity and her desire to be helpful are evident in every paragraph.

LONDON'S SMOKE NUISANCE.

London, it is asserted, is threatened by the invisible fumes of sulphuric and sulphurous acids that are poured out from the chimneys of some manufacturing establishments. These fumes, they say, not only kill vegetation but are slowly disintegrating the marble of the fine buildings, and inure art treasures in the galleries and museums.

An interesting statement is made in this connection. It is to the effect that the officials have a remedy, which is thought to be effective. This is the simple expedient of sprinkling coal with lime water before it is placed in the furnaces. The acid fumes that are invariably one of the products of coal combustion would, it is claimed, be sufficiently neutralized by the weak alkali to render them innocuous. It is also thought that the noxious gases are most abundantly produced by plants generating electricity, and for that reason the location of such plants will be regulated, at the same time the sprinkling of the coal will be insisted upon.

The smoke problem is one of general interest. There is hardly a large city in the world that is not endeavoring to solve it. The experience and experiments of a city like London are therefore of general interest.

What so warm as some days in June?

By their labels ye shall know them not.

Boyer's and Aiken's graft appears to have been of the long haul order.

"Thrice Armoured is he that has his cause just," say Neil and Reynolds.

The czar is finding that to muzzle the duma is much like belling the cat.

Packing house head cheese and potted ham are what the Spaniards call "no sabe."

During his ocean voyage John D. Rockefeller gained seven pounds. How much did the Standard Oil gain?

President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania has made a clean breast of it. Now let the president of the Reading lay bare his breast.

Bishop Potter says there is no love lost between England and America. It is to be hoped that a whole lot of ill-feeling has been.

Chancellor Day accuses the President of practically stampeding Congress. A man who has ridden the range knows how to do those things.

Many regret the exposure of conditions in the meat-packing industry. Not the exposure but the conditions is the thing to be regretted.

Mr. Hearst has not come out for anybody. He has a dark horse, "all saddled, all bridled, all fixed for the fight." On the trappings are said to be the initials W. R. H.

The Pilgrims never dreamed of such a home of worship as the Christian Scientists have just dedicated in Boston. Still their Plymouth Rock was the cornerstone of religious liberty in America.

The string that Senator Bailey attached to the majority report in the case of Senator Smoot when he signed it, is very like a drag anchor. To Senator Burrows it is the fly in the ointment.

"This is too sudden," was Mr. Bryan's good natured remark when informed of his endorsement for presidential candidate by several Democratic state conventions. Said in jest, the remark shows keen political insight. Yes, the endorsement is too previous.

Bishop Potter when interviewed by an English reporter on the insurance scandal, said the difference between the Americans and British in such matters was that the Americans washed their dirty linen in public while the British washed theirs in private. The British way is rather the more preferable of the two.

The people who appealed to the President to interfere in the execution of the Massachusetts law in the case of Tucker, the murderer of Mabel Page, got their telegram to Governor Guild. The President strongly endorsed the stand of the governor and commended his decision to let the law take its course. This is what the petitioners did not expect but just what they deserved.

The "Home Coming" edition of the Louisville Herald, of June 6, is an excellent publication, showing the resources of Kentucky and the enterprise of its citizens in a very favorable light. The idea of holding an

annual reunion of all Kentuckians who live in other parts of the country is one that should commend itself to citizens of other states. We might have an occasional "home coming" all over the country, since "there's no place like home."

THE SCENIC MARVEL OF IDAHO.

World's Work.
The world is less familiar with the Snake River of Idaho than with any other river of importance in the United States; and yet it is our seventh largest river—more than a thousand miles long. It is one of the most wonderful and impressive waterways in the world. The few who have tried to follow its winding course through wild and forbidding extents of lava plateau, do not wonder that so little is known of it, for no railroads traverse the lifeless desert that borders it, and no boats, for hundreds of miles at a stretch, dare ply its waters. It is navigable for only one hundred miles from its junction with the Columbia to the Idaho boundary, and in several isolated sections of the interior. For the greater part of its course it flows through old and magnificent canyons of its own making through desolate and awful wastes, the result of vomiting craters and of convulsions of the earth.

SWEET PEAS ALL SUMMER.

Outing Magazine.
When the sweet peas come into bloom cut their flowers off as soon as they begin to fade. This prevents them from forming seed, and the plants in their efforts to perpetuate their kind will straightway produce more flowers, and keep on doing this as long as it interfered with. In this manner flowers are secured throughout the entire season. But if seed is allowed to form you will have comparatively few flowers during the latter part of summer.

NAIL BITING HEREDITARY.

New York Sun.
"Hereditarily? Look at these finger nails of mine," said a physician of somewhat stolid exterior. "Observe that every one of them is bitten down to the quick. They've been bitten down to the quick ever since I can remember, and in spite of everything I could do, I've tried all or most of the schemes that have been invented to stop folks from gnawing on their nails, and yet here am I with my disgracefully bitten nails to show how ineffective such schemes are—in my case, at any rate. Now, my mother bit her finger nails in precisely the same fashion. She had a beautiful pair of hands, with long, slender, tapering fingers, and it was one of the miseries of her existence that she simply could not get away from the habit of ruining her nails by biting them. Not only that, but my mother told me that her father, in turn, bit her nails, and his mother had tried all of his life to do away with the habit of biting her nails without success. So you see that in my case the nail biting habit is distinctly hereditary."

NOT WHAT HE SEEMED.

Country Life.
Romance has flung a deceptive halo over the old British yeoman farmer. He was certainly not a good fighter of the soil, but lady, old-fashioned and unenterprising. No houses were so much in need of repair, no gardens so ill-kept, no fields so overgrown with weeds as those of the small proprietor of the eighteenth century.

JUST FOR FUN.

Cause and Effect.
Cleveland Leader.

A theological student was sent one Sunday to supply a vacant pulpit in a Connecticut valley town. A few days after, he received a copy of the weekly paper of that place with the following item marked: "Rev. _____ of the senior class at Yale seminary, supplied the pulpit at the Congregational church last Sunday, and the church will now be closed three weeks for repairs."

Safe Deposit.
Denver Times.

Of Marshall Field III an amusing story was recently told at Lakewood. The boy, according to the story, approached an old lady in a Lakewood hotel and said to her: "Can you crack nuts?" "No, my dear, I can't," the old lady replied. "I lost all my teeth years ago."

"Then," said the little boy, extending two hands full of walnuts, "please hold these while I go and get some more."

Such a Grandfather.
Lippincott's.

A young man was being examined by a life-insurance official as to his family record. Among other questions the following was asked: "Of what did your grandfather die?"

The applicant hesitated a few moments and then stammered out: "I'm not sure, but I think he died in infancy."

Defined—by Father.
Chicago Record-Herald.

"Pa, what are halcyon days?" "S-h-h," replied H. Peck, Sr., as he looked around to assure himself that he and his son were alone; "they're the glorious summer days when your dear mamma is far, far away from the wicked, noisy city enjoying freedom from household cares and getting the sweet, pure air she needs so much."

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