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**ANTI-MORMON CONSISTENCY.**

The efforts that are made by the local mallesters of the "Mormon" Church, from which source most of the streams of columny that run through the Eastern papers flow out to deceive the public, are of the most audacious character and they appear, grotesquely, when analyzed in order to test their credibility. It is constantly asserted that the "Mormon" Church directs the private secular concerns. There is not any reason or excuse for these affirmations, nor is any real evidence ever offered in their support. Yet their continual reiteration smears the purpose of their authors and takes the place of proof in the minds of a great many people. They have become so hackneyed and stale that little if any notice of them is taken at home. Most of them are too silly for any attempt at their refutation. Occasionally something is said concerning them when a more than usually silly story is told, and one recently invented and printed over and over again ought perhaps to receive some mention. It is this:

"For the past several weeks Sunday school children have been prevented by informed that the enemies of the Church must be subjugated at the coming election. The style of campaign for the resumption of Church control in the municipality is peculiarly unique. The children are lined up in solemn ranks and given a dissertation very much resembling the following:

"Teacher—You are aware, children, that at the last election, the Lord permitted the Gentiles to gain control of the city, and they are now persecuting the brethren and sisters, and squandering the money of the city in such a way that the city will be bankrupt unless we can get them out of office. We want to impress upon you that the Mormon people, so called by our enemies, must stand together, and that this American party must be beaten at the polls this year, no matter how it has to be done.

"Pupil—But will there not be two tickets opposed to the Americans, the Republican and Democratic.

"Teacher—Indubitably. But that does not matter in the least. You and your parents and all of us must vote together to down this ungodly party.

"Pupil—How are we going to know which ticket to vote?

"Teacher—Do not bother about that. After the tickets are nominated, you will receive proper instructions from the brethren.

"And that is precisely the condition that confronts the Gentiles of this community."

That is a specimen of the utter idiocy which is characteristic of these anti-Mormon effusions. It is taken verbatim from a weekly publication, that makes a specialty of just such stupidity on the "Mormon" question that is so painfully exhibited in the quotation. Just imagine a Sunday school teacher talking to children who have no votes, because no person under twenty-one years of age holds the elective franchise in this State, about how they are to cast their ballots and how "to know which ticket to vote!" Any such teacher would be a fit companion for the writer of the nonsense as a candidate for admission into the asylum for the insane. Yet it is not much worse than the general run of the drive which the paper that droops its out offers to its readers, week by week, and which some of them perhaps will swallow down at a gulp without examination or reflection.

We have never heard it intimated that "the Lord" had any hand in the capture of the city by the party which is now in control. We have heard it said, repeatedly, that the "Mormon" citizens were a set of "chumps" for permitting the faction that succeeded, to gain possession of the municipality. The fault, if any, lies with "Mormons" and non-Mormons" alike, for the strong partisanship which many of them allowed to override the general interest, and which we are of opinion need not enter into purely local affairs. It was that which prevented the election of popular candidates for city offices, and opened the way for the new party to slip in between the regular parties and capture the prize it had in view. This is so well understood that we need make no further comments on the case. All that can be done consistently is to watch and see how the incumbents act, whether for private purposes or the welfare of the community.

It seems to us that a little ordinary good sense would indicate that if the "Mormon" Church exercised the control which it is said to claim and use, nothing would have been easier than to send out the word for all its members to unite and thus prevent the result which occurred. But no such influence was exerted, nor will it be in the approaching election. Every member of the Church is and has been perfectly free to vote for or against any person or proposition presented for his or her suffrage. Nothing has been or can be brought forward which would be considered proof, in any court or body of intelligent inquirers, to substantiate the charge that is being perpetually made as to Church interference in political matters. No matter in what way it is urged, it is always untrue, but not perhaps in every case so extremely ridiculous as the story about instructions to little children in the Sunday schools as to the manner in which they are to vote. Teachers might just as consistently spend their time and exertions in showing the children the proper way to fly to the moon.

**BIG HORN PAPERS ON GUARD.**

A short time ago the Chicago Progress, published in the Big Horn country, made a vigorous defense of the settlers

in that part of Wyoming, who are members of the "Mormon" Church. It appears that some other publications have been using the stereotyped misrepresentations of that Church, and have thus provoked the Progress to present the truth in opposition to the misstatements. Now comes the Guard, published in the Big Horn country, and commends the remarks of the Progress, adding comments of its own, which we reproduce, as follows. The Guard appears to be on the right side of the fence, although it has no affiliation with the church and people whom it defends.

"The work and life of the Mormon people in their colonies in Big Horn country shows what sort of people they are, but it seems to have become a fashion with the papers to throw mud at the Mormons when they have nothing else to fill up with. The most of the slurs have come from those who know nothing of these people. If they really want to know what the Mormons are doing and what they are like, let them come over and see. They will find that the best irrigation projects are managed by these people, that they were built without profit to anyone but the home builders; that they blazed the way for those who came after; that they are peaceful law-abiding citizens and are making the desert bloom like a rose. As for their customs, they are peculiar, but that is their business. They have changed them as fast as possible to conform to the new order of things, which the never ceasing march of immigration westward has made.

"The old Church laws were made when the leaders expected that they would form an isolated community. New church laws conform to the laws of the State and Union, and the Church cannot be held responsible for individual violations. These are comparatively few and compare favorably with any other community.

"While we are not Mormons, and have never met them in their homes, the Guard would be pleased to see the stream of venom directed somewhere else. Might shoot awhile longer at Carrie Nation or if you must say things, why not say them about the Beef Trust?"

**WONDERS OF CO-OPERATION.**

A co-operative congress has again been in session in London, and the attention of the world is thereby called to the phenomenal success of the co-operative societies of Great Britain. From a small beginning they have developed to gigantic proportions. The success with which they are managed speak well for the honesty and business capability of those who are at the head—especially their honesty. For without that quality there could have been nothing but failure.

According to the statistics, which are by no means complete, there are 1,416 societies with a total value of shares of \$145,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 in the year. The total membership, now two and a quarter million, increased by over 10,000 in the year. The year's sales were \$470,000,000, an increase of some \$12,000,000, and the year's profits were in round figures \$50,000,000, an increase of over \$500,000.

It must be remembered that this co-operative movement started about fifty years ago with a small beginning. Some poor men put their little savings together and started a little store, in which all were equally interested. Then other stores grew up in a similar manner. Then wholesale houses were founded, and factories. Farms were bought and dairies were established, and the shareholders, who are millions, divide the profits. It is a remarkable movement.

**IMMIGRATION.**

The predictions made early this year, that immigration would show a numerical decrease from last year's figures, have now been disproved. The accessions from foreign countries for the fiscal year soon ended exceed the total immigration of the last fiscal year. As has been the case for some years past, the majority of the newcomers are from the parts of Europe from which it is generally supposed that a less desirable class hails, because it does not assimilate with the American population, very readily, but sticks to old-country languages and customs, and remains under the direction of "bosses" whose rule virtually is a contradiction of American institutions.

The law now in force excludes from our shores idiots, the insane, epileptics, professional beggars, persons likely to become a public charge, persons afflicted with loathsome or contagious diseases, criminals, polygamists, anarchists, and immoral women. It also imposes a head tax of \$2 on every immigrant. It is plain that these provisions, though enforced as faithfully as possible, have not diminished the influx of immigrants. It is now proposed to increase the head tax to \$5, and to add to the excluded classes persons of whom the examining surgeons may certify that they have a mental or physical disability which may affect their capacity to earn a living. It is also proposed to require that each male immigrant has in his possession \$25, a female \$15, and the head of a family at least \$50. In addition, a literary test requiring every immigrant over sixteen years of age to be able to read in some language is provided for.

It is clear, though, that these provisions do not meet the case. The increased head tax would be merely an addition of \$3 to the cost of emigration, and that would not exclude anyone. It would certainly not prevent any of the most undesirable peace-disturbers from coming here, for they would have ample funds. And, as for the literary test, that might exclude some good, honest farmers and workmen, but certainly not the characters that are not wanted in the country.

Immigration will flow this way as long as the country is prosperous and friends and relatives here do all in their power to get their friends over. Immigrants will come, as long as the transportation companies have a horde of agents and sub-agents canvassing every nook and corner for people to send across the ocean. No

legislation has ever attempted to interfere with the advertising this country receives every day in the year, and all over the world, by people who enjoy prosperity here, and by companies that make money by carrying passengers.

The immigration problem will, possibly, some time become serious, but there is not, as yet, much cause for alarm. The country has room enough for a great many millions of strong, industrious people, willing to till the ground, build roads, open up mines, etc. And when the population becomes a little crowded, irrigation from government reservoirs will enlarge the habitable domain, and when this is utilized, dry farming will, perhaps, have developed to such a degree that there will be, practically, no arid country any more. There is little necessity, with the resources of this country, to worry over the influx of immigrants, except such as are not capable of supporting themselves by work, or are moral outcasts. We have room enough, and bread enough for the greatest part of the population of Europe.

**REMEMBERING THE SABBATH.**

The Canadian parliament has before it a bill for the observance of the Sabbath, which, if enacted, as it supposedly will be, will give to our northern neighbor the distinction of having the most drastic law of the kind, of modern countries. It contemplates making Sunday a perfect day of rest, except as to the performance of absolutely necessary labor. The following is a summary of its provisions:

"1. It is made unlawful to sell anything on Sunday, to transact any business of a person's calling or to employ any other person, to do any work, business or labor, except works of necessity, for money.

"2. Games and performances of all kinds for which an admission fee is charged are made unlawful.

"3. Excursions of every kind, by land or water, on which passengers are carried for amusement, are prohibited.

"4. No public park or pleasure ground or amusement place of any kind to which an admission fee is charged can be kept open.

"5. No person is allowed to shoot at a target or other object.

"6. Sale of foreign newspapers is prohibited.

The works of necessity are specified. Among them are such as work in connection with divine service; work for the relief of the sick; sale of drugs; work in respect to telegraph and telephones; essential work on any industrial process of such a continuous nature that it cannot be stopped without serious injury; work for the supply of heat, water, gas or light; conveying of travelers; continuous passage to their destination of trains and vessels in transit when Sunday begins; loading and unloading merchandise at intermediate points from passenger boats or trains; keeping railway tracks clear of snow and making emergency repairs; work in handling trains in railroad yards, before 6 a. m. and after 8 p. m.; labor about an ocean vessel which would otherwise be unduly delayed in sailing, caring for live stock and perishable products, etc.

A tolerant feature of the proposed law is worthy of notice. It provides that Jews, Seventh-day Adventists and others who do not observe Sunday, but Saturday as their Sabbath, shall be permitted to perform work under certain restrictions.

It is almost surprising to find legislators busying themselves with measures for a stricter observance of the Lord's day. The general tendency seems to be in the opposite direction. Desecration of the Sabbath is becoming more general than ever in many parts of the world. This is a moral loss. Nations that have most rigidly kept the Sabbath have advanced most rapidly in civilization, while contempt for the Lord's day has been followed by disaster.

**WHAT THE CANAL ZONE NOW LACKS IS CHIEFLY COZNE.**

Speaker Cannon is said to be worth two million dollars.

Rev. David Usher, D. D. Do Salt Lakeers recognize him?

Ogden, being without contagion, is prepared to throw the first stone.

Those who fight dogs to the death should be made to pay the penalty of the law.

Just as the lock-type canal has been adopted comes Joliet and abolishes the lock-step.

The woman in the Thaw-White case was once a chorus girl. Perhaps there-by hangs a tale.

Justice Brewer is booming Secretary Taft for the Presidency. This is more judicial than judicious.

A Los Angeles man has had his heart washed. This is a new way to make a man pure in heart.

"The President is a great man. He is a great head of a great country," says the Czar. All of which is gratis.

Is that English tailor who has just arrived and is to spruce up Uncle Sam's army, one of the famous Tooty street trio?

"One block, one saloon," it is to be San Francisco's policy. It should be remembered that San Francisco blocks are not very big.

The Civic club wants the assessment on real estate raised. Has the Civic club ever had any practical experience in real estate assessment?

Attorney-General Moody has directed that prosecution against many railroads be instituted for violating the safety appliance law. That's right; put on the brakes.

Ogden Armour says the "attack" on the meat industry has done American products considerable harm in Europe. Possibly, but the "attack" was invited and made necessary by the conditions in Packingtown. They are not likely to recur.

The Bavarians are said to be turning over in their minds the question of how and when to depose their insane king and invest his uncle or one of the lat-

ter's sons with the kingly office. It is to be hoped they will not apply to Otto the remedy the Russians applied to Paul.

The alienists who have examined Harry Thaw, who killed Stanford White, say that so far as they can see he is perfectly sane. A very sane conclusion. The idea that because a man commits a murder he is insane is ridiculous. The plea has saved many a murderer from the gallows and cheated justice. Heinous crimes committed by persons known to be insane are very few indeed. If only the insane committed murder there would not be very many.

**MILLION FOREIGNERS A YEAR:**

Kansas City Star.  
The magnitude of the immigration to the United States in the past few years is on a par with the tremendous expansion that has occurred in trade and industry. Over a million people will have come in from abroad during the last year now ending, and the immigration last year also exceeded a million. The incoming tide has swollen to these large proportions from only 250,000 in 1897 and in 1898.

**ACCOMPLISHED YOUNG LADY.**

Topeka Herald.  
The really accomplished girl of today can cook and cook well. She may not have to but she knows how, and she should know how. What right has a girl to marry and go into a house of her own unless she knows how to superintend every branch of housekeeping? And she cannot properly superintend unless she has some practical knowledge herself.

**DEFEAT OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE.**

Nebraska State Journal.  
The failure of the suffrage amendment in Oregon will be a great disappointment to champions of the cause everywhere. And the reason for the failure must be attributed to the radical depravity of man. A strong fight was waged in its favor. Brave speakers from all over the country were there in force, and the welkin rang as it never did before. Warm work was done in every part of the state, but it didn't melt the cold, commercial atmosphere of Portland whence issued the flat of the opposition. There was lethargy even among the women themselves, some of whom manifested the same spirit that permeates the great New York organization opposed to the extension of suffrage to women. Then the foreign element was up in arms to a man, reinforced by the solid humor interests. In the face of it all the suffragists put up a gallant fight and the vote shows that a whole lot of people believe that woman is entitled to the ballot if she wants it.  
(Signed) Newidell ETOAI NU NUNN

**HEREDITY OF TALENT.**

London Post.  
The Darwin family is being cited as a marked instance of the heredity of talent. All of Darwin's sons—Francis, George, Horace and Leonard—show distinct scientific ability. Francis studied medicine, but did not practice it. He became his father's assistant and later his biographer and literary executor. He has written extensively upon the physiology of plants. The second son is now a barrister, and is a Plinian professor of astronomy and experimental philosophy at Cambridge. The third son, who is chairman of the Cambridge Scientific Instrument company, assists Sir George in his work. The youngest son, Major Leonard Darwin, has served on several scientific expeditions and as a member of parliament, and is the author of books on binocularism and municipal trade.

**EARTHQUAKE AND ERUPTION.**

By Professor Mattucci, Director of the Observatory at Mount Vesuvius.

Notwithstanding the distance separating Mount Vesuvius from California and in spite of lack of exact coincidence between the eruption of the volcano and the earthquake at San Francisco, I believe that a close relation exists between the two phenomena, which I consider to be different effects of a common cause. The surface of the earth since the complete epoch of the formation of its solid crust has suffered laceration as it yielded to internal pressure, thus producing volcanic eruptions. When the crust resists the pressure of incandescent masses below reproduces its motions, which we call earthquakes. It is my opinion that the eruption and earthquake had reciprocal and intimate connection.

**JUST FOR FUN.**

Reliable, But Not Talented.  
Two Irishmen were talking about one of their friends who had been killed the day before by a premature blast.

"It's an awful thing, Pat, the way poor Dinny was tuk," observed Casey. "It is," replied Pat, feelingly. "A fine man was Dinny."

"He was that."

"And a fine shoveler, sure he was the finest shoveler on the job."

"He was a good shoveler," admitted Pat.

"As good a shoveler as youse find in a year lookin'."

"He was a good shoveler, a good shoveler he was, but he was not what you would call a 'fancy shoveler,'" Boston Herald.

**A Bellicose Man.**

The wife of a certain wealthy statesman from the west is said not to have always enjoyed her present luxurious state and prominence. Her friends are frequently much amused by her and a proper observation.

Once some one ventured to remark to her that Gen. So-and-So was certainly a bellicose man.

"The lady's eyes bulged with astonishment. 'You don't tell me!'" she exclaimed. "Of course, not having met him, I couldn't say. But I thought from his picture that he was very thin!"—Harper's Weekly.

**Too Much Name.**

"What is your name?" asked a clerk in the office of the county treasurer, where a citizen of the town had called to pay his taxes.

"R. W. Swackhammer," was the reply.

"What do the initials 'R. W.' stand for?"

"They stand for 'R. W.'—that's all. I never use anything, but the initials in signing my name."

"But your parents didn't name you 'R. W.' did they?"

"No, sir."

"Then, why don't you use your full name?"

"Because I am ashamed to."

"Ashamed? Were you named for some scolding?—Youth's Companion.

**One Advantage.**

Languid Luke—There's one thing about a clay pipe wot makes it better than a cigar.

Agile Ferguson—What's that?

L. L. W.—Why, it keeps it on the pavement, yer don't have to trouble to stoop and pick it up.—Ally Sloper.

**An Exception.**

Master Pert—You made a mistake, governor. You told me that you couldn't take four from three!

Governor—Of course not, you silly boy.

Master Pert—Well, Bridget told me that her father used to take four quarts of milk from three cows.—Tit-Bits.

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