

The Mormon Problem.

Common sense says, "Deal with the polygamic problem with temperateness and patience. Go slowly. Leave to the irresistible pressure of a stronger civilization, which is growing up around the Mormons, the task of eradicating the evil." Religious and political fanaticism say, "Bring up the troops and destroy every Mormon who refuses to instantly banish a time-honored custom which is the heart of his religion." But as between the two methods of destroying it, one of violence, the other of moderation, so long as one is substantially as effective as the other, there should be no hesitancy in the choosing. The violent spirit which would invade Mormondom with troops is the same spirit which drove the slaveholders of the South into a war upon the Union. It is not certain that the brute policy towards the Mormons would provoke bloodshed; but it might, and our late experience with the Modocs has illustrated how a despised and numerically weak foe may make a successful resistance.

Polygamy has flourished for a whole generation undisturbed because the Mormons did not flaunt it in the face of the world. They went away into the wilderness and founded a city and an abiding place far from the national highway and the ordinary haunts of men. It must be said of them that they evinced a remarkable tenacity of purpose, energy and industry. The reason for this must be sought for in the blind sincerity and earnestness of the Mormon masses.

The spot which this people selected for a home was a solitary waste, well calculated to repel the advances of outside civilization. But the Mormons made a "thing of beauty" of their wilderness, and therein they unwittingly took the first step towards the destruction of their pet tenet. They made their city so attractive that gradually a Gentile population crept into their midst, and it grew very fast when the Pacific Railroad began to open up the far Western wastes to the world's travel. The Mormons could only hope to preserve their "peculiar institution" through perfect isolation. So incapable is it of surviving contact with enlightened modes of life, that zealous religionists may almost be pardoned for seeing the hand of God in the inception and execution of the great work which has broken down this Mormon barrier of seclusion. Civilization will kill polygamy sooner or later. The consummation may not be reached quite so quickly as with bayonets and bullets, but we shall be the gainer in blood saved and national scandal avoided. —*Cleveland Plain Dealer, February 14.*

After the Mormons.

CARSON, February 20, 1872.

Under the head of presentation of petitions, President Denver this morning introduced in the Senate the following:

To the President, Senate and House of Representatives of the United States: We, the undersigned, humble petitioners of the State of Nevada, respectfully ask that you will enact and then enforce such laws as you may in your best judgment conceive necessary to stop the evil practices, and that hereafter you will control the conduct of those truly unfortunate, fanatical and misguided people known as Mormons.

We hope and trust that you will require them to observe the laws, and deport themselves as other law-abiding citizens of our common country.

Also beg you will permit us to suggest the propriety of reserving a sufficient amount of government land for the future use and benefit of the most unfortunate, innocent, illegitimate children and their mothers—said children who are the offspring of polygamy—provided polygamy is effectually suppressed by the Federal or State Government.

This petition was accompanied by a paper bearing the title: *The Anti-Mormon Gazette*, for the perusal of future generations, containing an article headed "Thirty years in the West! Brigham Young and the Tourists! Brigham Young's threats!" which the Secretary proceeded to read. He had not read very far until most of the Senators got disgusted and left the room. Mr. McClinton moved to dispense

with the further reading and allow the author to publish it in the *Appeal* at his own expense. —*Gold Hill News.*

The Pittsburgh Mormon Railroad.

THE "LITTLE COTTONWOOD" SCHEME—IS THERE A SNAKE IN IT AND DOES IT MEAN AN ANTI-MORMON CRUSADE?

In yesterday's *Evening Leader* mention was made of the fact that quite a number of prominent Pittsburgh politicians and others had associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a railway company in Utah territory, and that General Negley was urging the passage through congress of the act granting them a charter. This scheme, it is alleged, has been very carefully "set up."

A gentleman who, a little over a year ago, was, perhaps, more prominent than any one else in city politics, has, it is alleged, made several trips to and through Mormondom for the purpose of organizing the project.

The above bill looks innocent enough on its face, and, for aught we know, it is innocent. It is evident at a glance, however, that there is room for a "snake" in the fifth section, and therefore no one will be surprised at the insinuations contained in the following extracts from the Washington correspondence of the *New York Tribune*, which we quote entire, because it gives, in a concise form, the very same rumors about this company which are current in our streets:

Mr. Negley has before the Pacific railroad's committee a bill to incorporate a number of gentlemen of Pennsylvania as the Little Cottonwood railroad company of Utah. One section of the bill gives to the company in fixing the location, building and opening the road, all the powers, privileges and franchises granted in an act of congress of 1864, to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad in California to Portland, Oregon: This section of the bill is very ingeniously drawn. On its face it does not appear that any subsidy or land grant is given to the road, but a reference to the California and Oregon bill shows that the rights, &c., contained therein, and given to this company, include among other things the land grant of five or six alternate sections on each side of the road. The iniquity of the measure is still more apparent when it is proved that the Mormons have already surveyed and are rapidly building a road over this line, seven miles having been completed within a few months. Delegate Hooper has as yet been unable to secure the attention of the House to a proposition to grant to this road simply the right of way through the public lands.

If the *Tribune* then is correct we have a rather serious piece of "subsidy" jobbery, and the bill in question is one which ought not to pass, and our congressmen ought not to urge its passage. But the land grant features of this bill are not, it would seem, the worst part of it. If the *Tribune's* information be reliable, the scheme is a gross piece of injustice to the Mormons, as it is in effect an attempt to get a United States charter to cover and extinguish a charter at present granted by the territorial legislature, and to "cabbage" the road which the Mormons have already commenced to build over this very route.

But there is some reason to fear that even this is not the worst feature, or the worst consequence of this enterprising Pittsburgh attempt to "develop" Utah. It is more than hinted that the present anti-Mormon agitation which brought forth yesterday morning a message of menace against the Mormons from the President, and which may culminate in harsh measures and possibly bloodshed, was gotten up to further this Little Cottonwood scheme, and one or two other Gentile operations of the same character, of all of which Gen. Negley seems to be the champion. The report comes from Washington that that now famous interview which Negley and Messrs. Clagett and Merritt, territorial delegates, had with President Grant, was what influenced the President's mind to commence the crusade against the Saints, which he seemed to be determined on. Certain it is that it was out a day or two afterward, when all the troops at the South were ordered to hold themselves in readiness to march to Utah. —*Pittsburg Leader, Feb. 16.*

Special Session of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, 22.

By the President of the United States of America, a proclamation: "Whereas, objects of interest to the United States require that the Senate should be convened at twelve o'clock, on the fourth of

March next, to receive and act upon such communications as may be made to it on the part of Executive. Now, therefore, I, U. S. Grant, President of the United States, have considered it to be my duty to issue this my proclamation declaring that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene for the transaction of business at the capitol, in the city of Washington, on the fourth day of March next, at twelve o'clock, at noon of that day, of which all who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body, are hereby required to take notice. Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1873, and of the independence of the United States of America the 97th.

(Signed) U. S. GRANT.
"By the President,
HAMILTON FISH,
Secretary of State."
—*Ogden Junction.*

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