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ANOTHER VOLUME BEGUN.

THIS number begins a new volume, whose predecessor records many momentous events. The New Year promises to be still more prolific in yielding historic occurrences of great weight than was 1890. We expect to make this magazine a faithful relator of what transpires throughout the world, with special reference to matters which have any connection with or bearing upon the work of the Father, in which the community of Saints take an active, deep and abiding interest.

THE MOSAIC LAW.

THE Houston, Texas, *Post* recently published a pertinent article in reference to the "Mormons," claiming for them, in common with all other religious bodies, the right of freedom of belief, even though the practice of that belief might be unlawful. And incidentally it asked what would be the consequence of obeying the Mosaic law. We published the article, as it was simply a word in favor of religious liberty inside of the law.

But the rabbi of Houston took exception to the remarks of the *Post* and addressed a letter to that paper, which we here append with the very proper response of the editor to the rabbi. It needs no further comment.

"To the Editor of the *Post*:"

"Houston, Texas, December 8.--In today's editorial notice on the Mormons you ask: 'How long can a man comply strictly with the Mosaic law and keep out of the penitentiary?' The answer is easy enough, 'A lifetime,' and if a man would have as many lives as a cat is reputed to possess, I could answer with 'Nine lifetimes.' To hint at the above question shows a gross lack of familiarity, both with the Mosaic law and with prison statistics. The fact is, that all who are in penitentiaries were put there for breaking Mosaic law, except it be for polygamy, which is tacitly allowed by Moses, but is always mentioned in the Bible as exception to the general rule. Hoping you will put this answer in as prominent a place of your paper as that held by the insult flung to all observant Jews.

W. WILLNER,
 Rabbi of Houston."

"The worthy rabbi altogether misinterprets the spirit of the editorial in question. No insult was flung at observant Jews or people of any other race or creed. What was intended was to show that the strict letter of the dogmas professed by many religious sects is not in perfect harmony with the laws of this country. Even the rabbi admits the truth of this while questioning the information of the writer, for is not polygamy 'tacitly allowed by Moses,' a penitentiary offense in Texas? Does the worthy rabbi find nothing in the thirteenth chapter of Deuteronomy that, if strictly adhered to, would bring the devotee not only to the prison but to the gallows? No one can have a more profound respect for the teachings of the inspired men of Judea, than the *Post*. It does not say that wherein the American law departs from the Mosaic it is for the better, but that there is a departure is self-evident to the most superficial observer. The *Post* deals in facts, not in quibbles or conjectures."

THE PETITIONERS FOR DISFRANCHISEMENT.

A SHORT time since we published a brief clipping from the Ogden *Union* (Gentile), which stated that those who petitioned for the passage of the Strubble and Cullom bills for the disfranchisement of all members of the "Mormon" Church, were mostly office-holders and office-seekers. We commended the assertion as practically correct. This has awakened the morning anti-"Mormon" organ of this city into committing another of its ludicrous blunders. It is becoming notorious for laying down propositions and proving their opposite. In its issue of yesterday morning it said:

"The News says the Ogden *Union* tells the truth, that only the office-seekers of this Territory petitioned to have the Strubble and Cullom bills passed. The reader can obtain a clear idea of the character of the men who signed the petition by the following names, taken from the roll in this city and Ogden."

Then follows the petition, which it is unnecessary to reproduce here. Appended to it is the list of names referred to in the foregoing quotation. We here present them:

Arthur L. Thomas, Governor of Utah.
 Elijah Sells, Secretary of Utah.
 C. S. Zane, Chief Justice of Utah.
 T. J. Anderson, Associate Justice, Utah.
 Charles S. Varian, United States District Attorney, Utah.
 E. H. Parsons, United States Marshal, Utah.
 G. L. Godfrey, Chairman Utah Commission.
 R. S. Robertson, Member Utah Commission.
 Jacob S. Boreman, Commissioner Public Schools, Utah, and formerly Associate Justice.
 Hoyt Sherman, Jr., Receiver Land Office, Utah.
 Frank D. Hobbs, Registrar Land Office, Utah.
 Arthur Pratt, Territorial Auditor,

Utah, ex-Deputy United States Marshal and Warden of Penitentiary.

Bolivar Roberts, Territorial Treasurer, Utah.

G. W. Burch, Probate Judge, Salt Lake County, Utah, appointed by the President of the United States.

O. W. Powers, Chairman Liberal Territorial Committee and ex-Associate Justice, not confirmed on account of bad "record" in Michigan.

William M. Ferry, Member National Democratic Committee.

George M. Scott & Co., merchants. Mr. Scott is "Liberal" Mayor of Salt Lake City.

C. C. Goodwin, editor Salt Lake *Tribune* and defeated candidate for delegate to Congress from Utah.

Alfred Sorenson, editor Salt Lake *Times*.

Frank H. Dyer, ex-United States Marshal.

Joseph R. Walker, several times candidate for Mayor, Salt Lake City.

A. H. Nash, Territorial Librarian.

F. Edward Connor, commanding military district of Utah, 82-86, and aspirant to the office of U. S. Marshal for Utah.

Jacob B. Blair, Republican in Congress, W. Va., Thirty-eighth Congress.

Richard Mackintosh, miner and merchant.

M. B. Sowles, late office-holder in Salt Lake City.

Henry Page, department commander U. S. A. R., Secretary of the Utah Commission and defeated "Liberal" candidate for Recorder of Salt Lake County.

Thomas C. Bailey, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue.

J. B. Rosborough, member National Democratic Committee for twelve years.

John E. Dooley, late "Liberal" City Councilman.

W. H. Dickson, late United States Attorney for Utah.

T. R. Jones, banker.

I. A. Benton, postmaster Salt Lake City.

James H. Bacon, banker.

F. P. Addleman.

Henry W. Lawrence, real estate and mining, receiver in the Church confiscation cases, and "Liberal" candidate for Mayor Salt Lake City.

Fred Salomon, ex-Surveyor-General.

Henry G. McMillan, Clerk Third District Court.

C. P. Mason, merchant.

Fred. S. Kessel, mayor, Ogden.

Ransford Smith, late Liberal candidate for Delegate to Congress.

Joseph P. Bache, Clerk of Supreme Court of Utah.

Lewis P. Kelsey, real estate.

R. C. Chambers, mine proprietor and operator.

John A. Marshall, attorney, and lately Probate Judge by Federal appointment.

Thomas Marshall attorney, Liberal Member of the Legislature.

Nicholas Trevick, mining superintendent.

Parley L. Williams, Late Commissioner of Schools by U. S. appointment.

John J. Daly, delegate to the last National Republican convention.

O. J. Hollister of Salt Lake *Tribune*, chronic U. S. office-holder for over twenty years. Got the complaint bad.

Allen G. Campbell, Liberal candidate for Delegate, 1881.

William Nelson, ex-United States Marshal.

J. Brainerd Thrall, Pastor First Congregational Church, Salt Lake City.