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PRESS COMMENTS ON THE  
"MORMON" BILL.

The comments of the press on the so-called "Anti-Polygamy Bill" introduced by Senator Hoar, are very amusing to one acquainted with "Mormon" affairs, and thus able to perceive the general lack of understanding concerning them, prominently exhibited both by our national legislators and the writers for the public who criticize congressional legislation.

The opinions of the press vary very much as to the merits of the bill. Some think it an "important move," others say that the "important move" is his "plainly unconstitutional" that it would not stand for a moment as law, and characterize it as "a stupid violation of all principles of law and common sense." Some think that if it becomes a law "its passage will almost entirely mark the era of the decadence of Mormonism;" others think that the country "cannot afford to confiscate the Mormon funds and convert them into campaign ammunition."

The provisions in regard to husbands and wives giving evidence against each other in bigamy cases, is regarded by some as "eminently proper," while others denounce it as contrary to every principle of common law, and "one of the most sweeping pieces of proposed legislation to be found outside of the draconian code."

THE HIGHER ORDINANCES.

We give space to the following communication for the reason that attempts are being made by the leaders of the society commonly known as the "Josephites" to make it appear that the sacred endowments were not authorized and administered by the Prophet Joseph, but were invented and added by President Brigham Young and others. Also that such ordinances as the Prophet Joseph taught were not to be administered under any circumstances except in a Temple.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

As evidence that the example of persons in this city who have given to misgendered balls and such amusements as have been discontinued by our leaders, the influence of their example and support, is not without its effect upon others, we have before us in illustration to a manuscript in the County Court House, Coallville, just printed in this city. We hear of others in directions that do not lead towards the object they have in view. They are striking at some things that do not exist, and others that they know of which they do not comprehend. And it is much the same with the writers for the press who comment on their proceedings. What is needed by anti-"Mormon" legislators and editors is correct information. But this they will not seek for, and in consequence position worse, they receive for facts and adopt for wisdom the rankest kind of falsehood and the blindest kind of folly.

ROTHACKER'S SAVINGS.

Tex. Denver, Tribune appears to be edited by a maniac, judging from the ravings that appear in its columns about the "Mormons." Here is a specimen:

"We have said before that the least of Mormon crimes is polygamy. We reassert it. The refusal to recognize the nation as the real government of this country is much worse. The effort to strengthen the treason by confiscating the Territories with consequent loss of rights for fear of the inhabitants and shallow charges of their political opponents. The Edmunds-Hoar-Judicial bill is a monstrosity and ought to be strangled in the birth. If it should be permitted to see the light of day, it will prove to be a weapon instead of a 'measuring rod,' and its effect against 'Mormonism' will be a solemn nothing.

REMARKS OF SENATOR TAYLOR'S REMARKS IN THE SENATE.

The speaker, in commencing, referred to the peculiar tenor and position of the Latter-day Saints, to the wide disparity between their views and those of the world at large, and the general misconstruing and aspersion of our motives in consequence. One thing which the world, is contemplating this people, could not understand, was their peculiar tenor and position of the Latter-day Saints, to the wide disparity between their views and those of the world at large, and the general misconstruing and aspersion of our motives in consequence.

Council adjourned till 2 p.m. tomorrow.

HOUSE.

3 p.m. February 11, 1884.  
Mr. Stanford presented a petition from the assessor and collector of Weber County, asking for reimbursement for certain uncollected taxes referred to committee on claims and public accounts.

Mr. Rider presented a petition from the Probate Judge and others of Kane County, asking that two-thirds of the debt of Kane County be adjudged to Washington County. Referred to the committee on claims and public accounts.

THE OTHER SIDE.

Your article published on Saturday evening, the 9th inst., concerning the "Bevis Troubles," has given me more than all the wrongs inflicted upon me by Mrs. Bevis, and I have to thank you for the manner in which you have presented the facts. I am a widow with a large family to support, and I have been in this city a good many years, and am well known by a wide circle of respectable and honorable residents, and never till my unfortunate acquaintance with Mrs. Bevis, has my honesty or integrity been questioned. As to my articles of clothing belonging to Mr. Bevis—other than what I have leased from her—none were found in my premises. I have no money or certificate of any value whatever, belonging to her, been discovered in my room, and I have an old certificate of deposit which is said to have been stolen some years ago from Mrs. Bevis, and is now in the possession of Wells, Fargo & Co. by Ben Tasker, the noted horse thief. This certificate was found in Mrs. Bevis's room, and there by Mrs. Bevis herself, which I am prepared to prove by witnesses of my acquaintance.

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mind was never yet able to comprehend God and His purposes.

The patterning of the Latter-day Saints was thought by some to be an emulating scheme to make money; by others, as a heathen movement, polygamy being considered the religion of our ancestors together. They compared our system of honorable marriage with their whoredoms and abominations, and their affectedly pure minds desired to pull the mote out of our eyes, while they ignored the beam that was in their own. Our morality was from twenty to forty times ahead of theirs, as published statistics would prove. But of this we had not much reason to be proud, for we professed to be a better people than they, and ought to be ahead of them in morality.

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