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ATTEMPTED DESTRUCTION OF THE "MORMON" CHURCH.

THE political crusade which is now is progress is a disbonest and deceptive movement. It is ostensibly directed against a practice alleged to be detrimental to the welfare of society; it is really another effort to destroy the Church of Jesus Curist of Latter-day Saints. From the very date of the organization of that religious body there have been strenuous efforts to disrupt and demolish it. The enemies of the Church have adopted various tactics and resorted to many different expedients to effect their porpose. But so far their labors have been in vain. instead of suppressing, they have aided | But harm was intended by their inserinjspreading the principles of our faith, and persecution has been part of the prepagands of the Church.

What mobs failed to do in Missour and Illinois, and what ministers of all denominations have been unable to accomplish anywhere, legislators,

judges and lawyers are now trying to achieve in Washington and in Utah. Polygamy and politics are pushed to the front to figure in the fray, but behind them all are the forces of religious bigotry and that hatred against the truths and authority revealed from heaven which they have always excited in the breasts of the majority upon the earth.

Disguise the measures adopted by sions were predicated. Thus, in con-Congress as they may, the legislation troversy their position is not correctly stated. In judicia proceedings against now awaiting sction from the President is directed against "an esthem the law is strained and its limits tablishment of religion" and designed exceeded. In hostile legislatiou to prevent the "free exercise thereof." groundless reasons for it are advanced Such portions of the bill as are as its excuse and the Supreme Law of simed at the marital relations of the the Land is violated often in letter and Latter-day Saints, commonly called always in spirit. Without this falsifi-"Mormons," are purposely and intencation and wrong they cannot be tionally devised to interfere with cusreached, and this is potent evidence toms and institutions that have grown in their favor before any impartial out of religious faith and the doctrines mind.

entertained as divine by an unpopular The Church thus assailed has, so far, Church. And it is because that Church outlived all attacks that have been happens to be unpopular that this made upon it from every quarter. It inimical legislation has been conceived will survive this new onslaught. Many and adopted. The spirit of persecution of its members may be tried to the against an unorthodox ecclesiastical very quick. Some will falter and fail. body animates and has animated the A few will turn traitors and reap the whole movement. The enactments reward and reach the fate of a Judas. that relate to family concerns are The majority will cling closer toframed to apply specially to the ties gether and to their God and perve have been formed under themselves to meet whatever His that auspices and regulations providence may have in store. And the a religious society. If the Church will remain, indivisible of

nate from the lowest hell. It is the matter whether the blow be aimed at spirit that has filled the mouths of pro- an unpopular class of people, the refessed gospel ministers with venom sults must be the same. In fact class and mendacity in defamation of the legislation is the most dangerous of "Mormons," and inspired the writings any other kind of measures. Its of the scribes who have urged on character is necessarily schismatic, the wicked to their deeds of fury and if permitted will eventually segreagainst the Latter-day Saints. It gate the body politic into fragments works in another line, that is all. It's and cause its. dissolution and methods are different but falsehood death. This phase of the and malice, which are its distinguish- measure is destructive of correct ing features, show up in the speeches principles of government, it is centraland tricks and shrewd perversions of ization with a veogeance, and if it can the promoters of legislative and judi- be applied to Utah it can be applied cial persecution, as in those who are elsewhere, and we decline to believe responsible for the physical persecu- that President Cleveland has the slighttions that have been heaped upon est desire in that direction.

the Saints from the beginning. Let the principle of confiding strict-There is not a Member of Congress | y local appointing prerogative tojthe who has taken an active part in urging executive head of the nation by foistthe passage of the bill who has not ut- ing upon him the power to tered something that is false concern- select county officers in a Territory ing the people or Church whose de- or any other State organization struction is sought by its means. Much be established and it is thus recogof this misrepresentation has been no nized as a permanent institution. This doubt the result of ignorance and recognition and application makes it the adoption of falsehoods told wilequally consistent to place upon him fully by hired defamers. The bill it- the responsibility of appointing the ing the oath to be taken by all appliself carries the stamp of this misap- most insignificant officer in a commuprehension of facts. Sections in it are nity, down to a deputy sheriff or spedevoted to the repeal of alleged Utah clal policeman. There is, however, no iaws that have no existence. It may consistency in such a measure, being be said that no harm can come of that. diametrically opposed to the spirit and letter of American institutions.

tion. The very fact of their adoption shows that their pretended existence CHICAGO IN A BAD FIX. helped to make this new legislation appear necessary. Every speech re-In conversation with a gentleman who ported in the Congressional Record utrecently visited Chicago, we learned tered in favor of the bill contains unsome facts in relation to that city that truths about the "Mormons," their are not generally known. They are

creed, their laws or their doings. This is characteristic of the entire opposition to the Church from the commencement. There never was a lecture delivered, a sermon preached or a book published against the "Mormons," that did not contain distortions, perversions or wilful and baseless falsehoods as part of the premises on which its arguments and conclu-

to call upon the police commissioners, and from . them gleaned information of a rather startling character. indicating that the community are, so to speak, over a sort of slambering volcano, liable to burst forth in violent eruption from some exciting cause not unlikely to occur at any moment.

The hosts of the anarchists are growing to alarming proportions, their number being now placed at between forty and fifty thousand. Their ranks are being constantly augmented from among the rougher class of work people, and it is known to the police that the manufacture of dynamite and other explosives is being carried on to an increasing extent. The object of the prosecution.

named, goes without telling. Its product is intended for use in the destruction of life and property. Another feature, discovered a short

ANY ANALOGY

ed much uncasiness among the police. between the one provided in this bill At a meeting of anarchists a detective? "It is a test oath, designed to be such and to interfere with the conscience of the speakers, less cautious than his a Mormoa. When the day comes that the safety of republican institutions depends upon a test oath, then repub-lican institutions are at an end. If the nore effective than rifles and

lands, and given the comforts of, life and educated, they are to be distran-chised. Why? Because they believe WASHINGTON.

The Passage of the Infamy-Learned Senator, Vest Shows Its Enconthat which has stitutionality - Senator Butler BETTERED THEM Cannot Understand It - Hoar's

and in those who have benefited them **Opposition-Eloquent** and Con-And yet we are told this bill is not devincing Speech of Senator Callsigned to infringe on the right of con-science. Twenty members of this body, who will vote for this bill, voted Edmunds' Discomfort, etc. NEWS' 3pecial Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 1887.

for the right of suffrage to women not long since. Why will they vote the reverse way now? Because these wo-Agreeable to notice made by Senator men are Mormons. Edmunds, he called up in the Senate There is a test eath here. Who is it to-day, the conference report on the anti-Mormon bill. Senator Vest be-gan the opposition. He said he was aware of the fact that the bill would

lier than thou. Thank God I am not pass the Senate, but he proposed to as that publican," who confessed his vote against it and would give his reasin and was received again into the sons for it. He denounced the section fold. No man can say he will never He may say he will try not to; regarding the disposition of Church sin.

but only by property after all debts had been paid DIVINE HELP and challenged any Senator to show a can he keep from doing wrong, and

parallel case in any statute book; he yet this law makes the Mormon swear denounced the right to arrest witthat he will not do a thing while he nesses who were not in contempt as may not be able to keep that oath an invasion of constitutional rights. "The whole thing is intended to aifect the Mormon Church, and to and declared that the section prescribdestroy the rights of conscience, and in its spirit the entire bill is intended cants for registration was a suppress the Mormon religion.

TEST OATH

SENATOR VEST

HARSH FEATURES

ency and it was worthy of note that neither ne nor Senator Edmunds at-

tempted to defend it on legal grounds.

Regarding the test oath he affirmed

emphatically that, notwithstanding his

support of the measure, he would vote

It is a disgrace to civilization as it is subversive of the religion of Christ, at which it is a blow." "The bill is barand fundamentally contravened the constitutional inhibition of test oaths. barous and inhuman." "It is a fanat-He realized that his opposition would ical attack upon the religion of be futile, but he knew something about test oaths, for he had lived where they "Establish this bill as law. Christ." and the religion of Christ is no longe the rule; but it is one of persecution,'

had been enforced for some years. Senator Edmunds stated that Mr. Vest misunderstood the bill. It pro-vided that the property was, after all debts had been paid, to be distributed "Every minister and priest should as-sail it from the pulpit as an attack up-on the Gospei of the Divine Master." conformably to law. As for the test "So began

oath, the one in question was nothing THE INQUISITION

more nor less than every citizen had to take, than every Senator had to take. in Spain, not from the church but from Hoar, of Massachusetts, had asked men who had political ends in view: so it is with every persecution." "The passage of this bill ushers in the era of persecution." The sentences in quotations are among those that dropped from Senator Call's lips as he Edmands prior to this if there was anything whatever in the section which could infringe upon the rights of con-science, and the Vermont St. Jerome declared there was nothing that could be so construed, not in the slightest denounced the infamous measure. Senator Butler briefly objected to

the bill. He was not only in favor of suppressing polygamy in Utah, but al-

so in every other part of the country and after the arguments of the Sen as the report had only been printed this morning and he had been looking ators from Missouri and Florida h could not see how it was possible to vote for the measure. "I would infinit over only since the clerk began the reading of the bill. He averred that he tely prefer to abolish the whole ter was not mistaken, however, and that ritorial government and govern it by a even were the organizations declared commission as is done here than to illegal the only legal way to dispose of vote for this bill. I must vote against the property was to distribute pro rata agreeable to contributions among the this bill and I want to state why.

HOAR ALSO

opposed the bill because of the abo-lition of woman suffrage, as did Blair and Dolph.

The motion was then put, the ayes be a loyal citizen of the government, and, that the Catholic Church organizaand mays being taken; there were thirty-seven for and thirteen against the bill

It was noticeable that practically no doctrine was boldly advanced that its property should be confiscated. It is attempt was made to defeat it, that there was a unanimous and emphatic die to talk about this oath being like central on the part of those who favored and framed the measure that the oath that which officers of the government had to take. Just read it. By no was in any way whatsoever designed to or could be construed as trenching upon the rights of conscience or opin ion, and that it was infinitely less harsh

than its predecessors. WALTON WOLD.

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again took the floor saying it was not surprising that he should be mistaken,

members. This was confiscation, pure and simple. He had remembrance of a similar cry to this against the Roman Catholics years ago, when ministers and men in the puipits all over the land held that a Catholic could not tion was a treasonable one and the

of this industry, it such it may be

course of reasoning, however subtle, could there be established time since, has increased the anxiety of the municipal authorities, and caus-

was enabled to gain access. One of

fellows, intimated that there were

not of a re-assuring character, espectally so far as the people of the Queen City of the West are concerned. While there our friend took occasion legree.

it were not for the howl that has gone and indissoluble. As a corporation it up from sectarian throats, and the simply sought the recognition of the shricks that have rent the air from law that it might have a legal status to disappointed place-hunters and adtransact its temporalities without venturers who lay their repeated detemporal hindrance. Disincorporafeats at the door of the "Mormon" ted, its integrity will not be affected in Church, there would not be any such the remotest degree. Robbed of any of insane excitement over the alleged its rightful possessions, it will not doings of a small religious body as be injured as to its existence, vitality, that which has disgraced the walls of authority or force. Its truths, its Congress on more than one notable ministry, its spirit and its mission will occasion. remain the same, and all earth and hell

. That the test oath which has been will not overthrow it or cause its discarefully worded so as to appear fair organization. And the very measures and consistent in its letter, is really invented for its destruction will cause directed in spirit against the people the development of new energies, more called "Mormons," as members of devoted faith and more potent agencies a Church which holds to cerfor the dissemination of its principles tain tenets obnoxious to the muland the ultimate triumph of its cause. titude. must be clear to every The Latter-day |Saints, theu, can sfcandid observer. Its object is to deter ford to smile slike at the puny pug-Latter-day Saints from voting, serving nacity of their sectarian opponents, on juries or holding any office, local or and the threatening and formidable national. Whether it will accomplish hostility of their national and official the end in view counts for nothing in enemies. Their trust is not in man, the argument. The purpose and debut in Him who is the Author and sign are now in question. will be the Finisher of their faith. In Then examine the sections framed to this world they expect tribulation, but disincorporate the Church of Jesus in Him they have peace. And Christ of Latter-day Saints and the whether in tranquility or in turbulence, Perpetual Emigration Fund Company in liberty or in bonds, in power or and involve the Church in expensive submission to tyranny, at home or in a and verstious litigation. It will only dupgeon, in life or in death they will take an ordinary mind to perceive the serve God and fear nothing. And there purpose lurking behind the words put is no power, secular or ecclesiastical, together by cunning lawyers, so beneath the throne of Jehovah that can

as to make them plausible and rob them of their light and knowledge, appear within the limits of their interest in heaven or their eterthe Constitution. That purpose nal family ties and increase, or their is the spoliation and destruction of the unfading and unfaltering assurance Church named in those sections that the cause for which they are ready There can be no doubt of this to any to endure all things shall yet prevail one who can discern the spirit that anover all the earth. God rules and His imates the letter of this legislation. Church and Kingdom will never be destroyed!

Even the provisions in regard to dower are devised to aid in accomplishing this purpose. They are to prevent men who have contracted or may contract plural matriages under Church auspices, from providing in fairness for their plural wives and the cated within the notorious Edmundsinnocent offsprings of those unions. Tucker bill has not been comprehend-The same with the section debarring ed. Should it become a law its ridicthe children of such marriages in faulous and abominable featres will be ture from luberiting their share in the more and more sharply developed and father's estate at his demise. It is all those who have been most forward in in the same direction, promoted by the same malice and bigotry, urged by the same sectarian and scheming influence against the members of a Church obnoxious to the unthinking multitude

and the reflecting securies. Much of this legislation may be construed as conformable in word to the provisions of the actional Constitution. But, as ably argued by Senator Call in his masterly speech against it, "The letter of the law killeth, but the spirit maketh alive." "Every law has a policy, has a spirit. It is not to be determined by the letter of the law, as it is sought to be justified here, and that is the very first thing a student of the law learns." Said he further, "The acute sophists who have written this bill do no credit to the intelligence of the age or the faculty of reason when they declare in this bill that it is not vielative of the Constitution that it is not a law 'respecting an establishment of religion,' that it is not an intolerant" proscription of religion, that it is not an unjust denial and discrimination between different citizens in their political rights, because the in their pointical rights, because the language of the bill carefully avoids the open statement of any or all these his foot flatly down up on the measthe open statement of any or all these

bombs. "We have got them," he exclaimed, "from above as well as be low." This remark led to an investigation of the roofs, of houses along whole blocks of which, one building communicating with another the entire distance, a tremendous quantity of missiles of warious kinds, pieces of old iron, stones, bricks, etc, was discovered strung

there.

City.

AN INSULT TO THE CHIEF EX

ECUTIVE OFFICE.

THE full measure of absurdity incul

local offices.

to report to the government.

along in position to be hurled from the tops of buildings upon people in in the bill as it came from the House. the streets below. In addition to these prepared weapons of destruction, firewalls, invariably erected on the line of the roofs running between buildings, could be improvised for the same hor. rible purpose. The amount of loose brick that could thus be put to that diabolical use is almost beyond estimate.

against it if, in the faintest way, a line or a word of it could be construed as an infringement upon the right of con-science. No man had greater respect for sincere religious belief than he, and An exciting cause for an outbreak he made no exception to a Mormon. might be the execution of the con-While I demand and revere the right demned Anarchists or some labor disto believe as I will and my rea-on agreement. Be that as it play, the auapproves, 1 am willing to accord the same to the 'Mormon' and to everythorities are in a dilemma as to how to body else. The Senator from Missour deal with the element which at any must know that test oaths are not i moment might precipitate upon Chica- rare thing, but I am as greatly opposed go a calamity 'that would startle not only the nation but the world.

When the commissioners were asked why such facts were not more could see in any way how the language can be so construed." widely known, they replied that it was not deemed advisable SENATOR BUTLER. to give them any extensive

of South Carolina, asked what the meaning of-the word "status" was in publicity. It would only serve to draw attention to and possibly augthe test osth, to which Mr. Ingalls re-plied with the concurrence of Edmunds ment the evil by drawing toward the that it meant his social status, his ther union dues and assessments. married condition, and any this, it was a question of the control court would so construe it. "I of their business, and if it had to be city more turbulent spirits to swell the ranks of the army of anarchists: already | married

court would so construe it. I of their ousliess, and settle it now, as would like to know," said Mr. Butler, "how a man can define his own status under oath. I confess this language is been manufactured and they could af-This is certainly a somewhat dismal picture of the situation in the Queen not plain to me." Senator Call, who so vigorously op-posed the original Senate bill, took the floor sgainst the one under consid-

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eration. Section by section he con-sidered it, all that he said being so ROOM. much to the point that it is almost idla to make selections. His speech on Friday evening the first of a series idl: to make selections. His speech should be republished and I am told, that able as he is at all times, he fairly of sociables was held inithe Fou tteenth

Ward, the object of which is to obtain means for the establishment of a eclipsed himself to-day.

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party was successful in every . way, a during the address, sat uneasily and I refined and artistic entertainment be- do not recollect a man ever to have been so thoroughly denounced in a Christian manner and in teming given and the sum of forty dollars obtained as its financial result. We believe the project will find fa-vor in most quarters. Places where and heartless St Jerome. He said that our young people can spend an even-ing in pleasurable society for the im-the language came within the letter of provement of their minds, must have a the Constitution, when every student beneficial tendency if properly con-ducted. There should, in our opinion, be several of these institutions in this city, and one at least in Massachusetts (Hoar) as to whether in this city, and one at least in every populous town in Utah. Young people by these means may be kept from roaming the streets at night, or visiting resorts where moral and intelbooks of any country, and it will bring this body into contempt before the lectual culture are farthest from CIVILLERD WORLD

What is the purpose of this bill? We are told that it is not intended to trench upon the rights of conscience. it is not intended to ple to gain useful knowledge and In every section, in every line, it is aimed at the Mormon people to dehave to be taken that the reading room stroy their right of conscientious worhave to be taken that the reading room is kept free from improper attendance. Rules will have to be adopted, in the onset, with this object in view. That which is intended for good may be turned into a vehicle of evil: But this may be said of everything the father, the innocent offspring, with designed for the nature, use and which the Creator in His economy has designed for the nature, use and seen fit to crown even the guilty act of benefit of mankind. Precautions its parents, is to be brought within the may be devised to keep the institution revengeful reach of the Senator from

Mormons are in open or secret rebel-lion as is charged, they will perjure themseives by taking this oath and thus continue the rebellion. It can do Fremendous Snowfall In and Near St. Paul. no good, but may force them to add to treason the crime of perjury. I shall not vote for the bill." ----CARDINAL JACOBINI DEAD. Senator Ingalls next acose and in a speech unusually temperate for him, defended the action of the conference Another Great Strike in New committee, and declared that he had opposed many of the Jersey

By Telegraph to the NEWS.] His argument regarding the seizure of Heavy Snowfall. Courch property was one of expedi-

ST. PAUL, Feb. 26 .- Last night snow WEDNESDAY, DONIZHTTI'S GREAT OPERA. commenced falling throughout the LUCRETIA BORGIA State, accompanied by a high wind, Sparkling with Gems, including "'Tis Better to Laugh than Sigh," "Ah! How Beauti-ful," 'Dare but Breathe a Whisper." which caused it to drift badly. This morning all the roads report blockades. The storm is still raging with no pros-pect of abating. In some places the drifts are many feet deep, causing more trouble and delay than any pre-EMMA ABBOTT and Entire Company. THURSDAY-First production in Salt Lake City by a Grand Opera Company of the Great Japanese Craze, The vious blockade this winter.

Cardinal Jacobini Dead. ROME, February, 26 .- Cardinal Jacobini died at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

beauties of this opera Another Strike

NEW YORK, February 26 .- There are to any infringement upon the right of conscience-('or of opinion,' interposed Senator Edmunds) yes, or of opinion, as the Senator from Vermont suggests, and I would vote sgainst this bill if I now more than 5,000 silk operatives out of work at Paterson, New Jersey The trouble started with 1,800 of the dyers because their employers would not agree to the new schedule of wages and conditions. The first of the con-

CARNIVAL of VENICE ditions was in effect that no one should be employed but Knights of Labor and members of the union, EMMA ABBOTT and Entire Company. SATURDAY NIGHT, FAREWELL PERFOR and that all the employes should de MANCE, Donizetti's Romantic Opera duct from the wages of the hands LINDA, of CHAMOUN their union dues and assessments EMMA ABBOTT'S "Home, Sweet Home. EMMA ABBOTT, as Linda. any this, it was a question of the control "I of their business, and if it had to be

ar The sale of seats for every opera wil begin Monday morning, February 28th, at 10 o'clock, at the Theatre Box Office. PRIOES-Parquette and Circle, \$1.50; First Circle, \$1; Second Circle, 50c.; Third Circle, 25c. down several months if necessary. December may be said to begin the work of silk man-

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they were empty the weavers began to be laid off; after that the spinners and workmen in the other departments were laid off, until now the number out is about one-third of all in the UtahCentral Railway

ousiness in the city. If the strike keeps up two weeks longer, the re maining 10,000 workers will be idle in one way or another. It is a loss o hundreds of thousands of dollars to the city.

to shut

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> ames Sharp, BIRTH. d & s w l w.

MITCHBLL-In this city, on Washington's Birthday (Feb. 29, 1887), to the wife of Hez ekiah Mitchell, a daughter. All doing well.

DEATHS. BATHS - At Wanehop, Summit County, Utah, February 25th, John Bates, an old

and highly respected resident of that place. HOLLOWAY. -- At Orangeville, 'Emery County, Utah, February 21, 1887, Anna Eliza

beth Callaway, daughter of Levi H. and Anna Callaway, born on the 26th of Febru ary, 1872, at Panaoca, Lincoln County, Neva-

ALLISON .- At West Jordan, Feb. 99, 1867, Eliza Allison, aged 68 years and 3 mont





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favoring it will be animated with a desire to keep their share in formulating and pushing it as much as possible under cover. That it will be vetoed is the hope of every sensible and patriotic person cognizant of its character. There is one of its phases alone which would amply justify that action on the part of the President-the extension of in this city, and one at least in his appointing prerogative to purely The measure is sweepingly innovatory in a dangerous not to say desisiting resorts where moral and inteltructive, direction. There are twenty-

four counties in Utah. The measure thought and practice. authorizes the Chief Executive of a We understand that the intention in nation of nearly sixty millions of peothis case is to provide facilities for ple to appoint a Probate Judge for the youth and others of our own peoeach of those countles, yet in no sense whatever is a comparatively insignifiliterary entertainment. Care will cant official of that status a United States officer, not even being required To place such a petty responsibility apon the head of the nation is an insult to the dignity of the highest office in the land and a parody on common sense, and our honored President would

