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For a few years past the door to congress has been surrounded with [illegible] to prevent Mormons from [illegible] the oath of allegiance [illegible] to polygamy and [illegible] cohabitation. These oaths have become a source of [illegible] misery on the part of [illegible] and [illegible]. It is [illegible] whispered upon the streets that there was in the district attorney at office a long list of men whose prominence and whose means to pay with certain supposed heavy retainers, secured their acquittance of pleas of legislation and judicial [illegible]. Mysterious aforesaid have been made to a [illegible] constituents, from private sources for the almighty [illegible] of "delinquents" to aid in the [illegible] prosecution. The personal affairs and services of one of the well known attorneys are said to have been either [illegible] in a headquarters for the manipulation of the records and as an agency for the performance of the preliminary details. Vague and anonymous as all this is, it is about as definite as the current stories are, and it is further complicated with as many alleged rattlesnakes as to insure and increase an equality on the one hand and certainty on the other would seem to warrant. We hear of men who are receiving pay for services rendered in eliminating one of spies; we hear of others who are receiving pay for acting as spies; indeed all that we do hear of in this connection is that the underdogs are working for money and so much of it as they can get, while the principals claim that where they get their cash to expend in some direction and now large their supply is to nobody's business.

It is always well to put people on their guard against the professional blackmailer. It is also at all times appropriate to analyze the factors which comprehend certain specific complaints from the envelopes of men—whose cash employment still leaves them entombed to work as misery. It is a public duty to examine the motives of female tourists, and to tear away any veil in which they may seek to conceal their business, or lack thereof, but not to assist into pitching evidence of suspicion to prejudices, or even new offense, against individuals simply with a statement which they might otherwise deplore and regret. The Times therefore resents at the time as a free expression of the public sentiment, because the Herald issued statements to assist women parties under the auspices of the [illegible] and [illegible] the only [illegible] of [illegible].

In the first place, it is [illegible] to see or to make out that there is [illegible] of [illegible] in [illegible] the [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] Mormons [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]