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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY IN "MORMONISM."

DURING the insane assault upon "Mormonism" which was opened by the passage of the Edmunds Act, all the force and machinery of the judicial power have been brought to bear upon a peaceable community, whose domestic policy affected no one but themselves, and who have proven their integrity to their convictions by unimpeachable evidence. And what has been accomplished? A number of individuals have been incarcerated in prison while their wives and children have been deprived of their presence and support, and the great body of the people have been welded together in closer union, their faith has been confirmed and they have been made firmer in their determination to sustain each other and hold on to that which they are more than ever convinced is true and divine.

A very few have been induced to were supposed to be agreeable to the chief actors in the anti-". Mormon' drama. They merely formed exceptions to the rule of strict adherence to principle, and the effect of their departure has proven absolutely ail in the desired direction. It has but served to shock the sense of the faithful, and act as a warning to the weak. The institution that has been assailed has remained untouched. It is only the persons punished and their families who have been injured, except so far as the damage done to business interests and the pain inflicted upon relatives and sympathizing friends may be taken into account.

What seems to be wanted and expected is that the body of the "Mormon" people will fall down upon their knees, abjure their attachment to one of the salient features of their faith, promise to put the laws of man before the commandments of God and exait the buman above the divine. This, it is thought, will cause the whole "Mormon" Church to collapse and the victory will be won. But, after some years of judicial persecution, comprehending the perversion of an unjust law and the extension of Its penalties quences. away beyond its utmost rational mean-

ing and the intent of its promoters, not themselves that their religion is true. a step has been taken in the direction they are prepared to act for themselves sought. There is no indication of in relation to it. And their conviction

their fealty to their sacred covenants.

munds Act commenced, has had any His mental capacity is [of the subtle tendency to weaken the faith or cause sort; keen but by no means any wavering among the "Mormon" of a bigh order. When wopeople. On the contrary, it has deep- men and children are brought ened their devotion to their convic- before him and are compelled to ened their devotion to their convic-tions and stimulated their-conscien-tious resolutions. It is not itear of men, por of a Church, nor of anything ecclesiastical, which induces men to decline making a mere verbal promise which would secure their liberty. There is nothing of that character, that threatens them. If any ench element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in their blade deep into the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in the figures in the figures figures for the sacred recess of the such element as fear figures in the figures figures figures for the sacred recess of the discussion for the sacred rece

motives, it is fear to do wrong, feelings of women and compels them, Thomas Scofield's trial resulted in

motives, it is fear to do wrong, iterings of women and compete turn, in the sight of God and all just people whe understand the with suppressed indignation and sorsituation. The promise which is to be row to see those he loves thus out-extorted from those who are weak raged before the vulgar gaze of the ment found against her for resisting an enough to submit, comprehends the desertion of loving and trusting wives who have been the faithful mothers of their children; the repudiation of those dear companions in violation of sacred covenants to low; cheriah and support the indicer and put under \$250 bonds. She was arraigned to-day, the complaint setting forth the great damage done to deputy U. S. Marshal in regard to the Spanish Inquisition the deputy arrested the husband outcovenants to love, cherish and support and imagine, if he can, a parallel in side the house and then rudely entered them; the branding of their names with infamy; the separation of little chil-dren from their mothers or else from their fathers; the utter avoidance in twist, that he might glut his iron soul public and private, of the objects of over the shrick of a victim. These fond affection for years: the course of side-shows-greeted with icers and

a scoundrel and a villain. hollow mockery from those who have This is what men are urged to do on neither conscience nor moralitythe glittering promise of exemption should be counted as a part of the cost from vile imprisonment. What prompts of martyrdom in these peculiar times

them to refuse? A church? A priest-It is cheap in Mr. Dickson's estimabend the knee and make promises that of that kind? NO! It is the voice of ly edict? A pressure from any source tion for a man to be torn for six months from the mid-t of his domestic circle, of that kind? NOT it is the voice of iron the induct of his domestic check, conscience, the pleadings of affection, and from every social amenity. To be the instinct of honor, the power of a thousand times worse than dead for is in that lengt i of time. To be compelled to lodge in a prison which is unit for intere appointed to determine this unit for the lodgment of human beings, by the community. It is applauded by and to be under the necessity of Washington; 'Peter Forrester, of New York; C. C. Hutchinson, of Massich Strach and Thousand their ap- the most depraved men on earth. To the good and the true. Even honorable "Gentiles" cannot withhold their ap-probation. No one approves of the shameful promise but the melicious, the vindictive and those who place lit-the vindictive and those who place lit-the their hearts are sorrowful on ac-the their hearts are sorrowful on ac-the provided and the true. Even honorable sity of associating with some of suchusetts; George Davis, West yur-ginia and Thomas Ballantine, Georgia. They held a meeting but did not come to any determination. They decided not to make a report un-til Thursday morning. Members of the maintenance, with the knowledge also that their hearts are sorrowful on ac-It is useless for the chief workers in count of his condition. This is what ter, but pretty well understood that an It is useless for the chief workers in the movement against the "Mormons" to try to make the Church responsible for the refusal of convicted men to pledge themselves as required by the costly in the matter of suffering as poscourts. The world will find out that sible. He also goes outside of every

> individual responsibility is a tenet of humane seutiment. 'Mormonism." Each person receives The District Attorney is manufacthe Gospel for himself. Every one turing for himself a little "cheap" nomust stand or fall for himself. The toriety. It is built on cruelty whose truth is proclaimed, the word of the product is inestimable human distress. Lord is revealed, and the strait and These furnish the foundation, while no such material as magnanimity. narrow way is opened. Nobody is forced to enter or continue therein. All people will be judged for their own ephemeral superstructure. There be-deeds. No one will stand in the stead ing no enduring elements in the com-Pretty widely advanced, is to settle of another. There is no compulsion, ponent parts it will soon be scat-there will be no avoidance of conse- tered by a breath. Eternal disappoint- stated positively that this plan will be ment is the natural outcome of his

The Latter-day Saints know for

course. Make a note of it. "AN 'ORRIBLE TALE."



Editor Deseret News:



The reason of this seems difficult of comprehension to their enemies. Many, no doubt believe the statement made in open court by District Attorney Dickson, that it is the overmastering power of the Church which induces men, when a loathsome prison yawns to receive them for protracted periods, to decline liberty at the cost of their consciences. It is supposed that the Church exercises some sort of terrorism over its members, by which they are forced to refuse freedom when in opposition to its decrees. The whole idea is a fallacy. It has no foundation in fact. The Church has not interfered with the free agency of any man. It has not instructed any person to refuse to make a promise of any kind to the courts. It has not excommunicated any member for making such a promise.

Further than that. The Church has not commanded or compelled or coerced any man or woman to enter into plural marriage or do anything else, in defiance of the Edmunds law. All the fulminations of judges, attorneys, editors, lecturers, politicians and priests charging this against the "Mormon"Church are entirely untrue. The word and will of the Lord on the subject of celestial marriage are before the world and have been since 1852. The Acts of Congress passed in opposition thereto, one ten years and the other thirty years subsequent, are also on record. Every man and woman interested is free to take such a course as may be selected individually. The Church does not force people either one way or the other. It is a personal concern. It is between man and his Maker on the one hand and the laws which fanatics have procured on the other. The Church excommunicates no one for taking either course.

The opponents of "Mormonism" seem determined not to take a rational and correct view of the attitude of the "Mormon" people. They have imagined up some extraordinary hold of the Church upon its members that has no existence, and they cannot comprehend the fact of individual conviction and individual choice. Say what they will, the same determination and endurance animate the Latter-day Saints in this matter as were exhibited by the early Christians who suffered at Rome, the so-called heretics who were made victims to the Inquisition, the martyrs under both Catholic and Protestant rule, and all who have refused to recant at the command of tyrants and bigots in Church and State. This may be sneered at as "cheap martyrdom" by a soulless and mercenary attorney, but it means a great deal to them and their, families, and is as strong and rich a token to God and the world of their devotion to principle as they have the opportunity to exhibit. Perhaps if their accuser were to change places he would find the voluntary martyrdom not quite so "cheap;" but it is not at all likely that principle would weigh a feather with him when balanced against present personal advantage.

mon" body consists largely of the in- ster, practically the one-because the ON READING AND FILING THE PE-tition of Charles Lougson, Executor of the estate of Robert Dunn, deceased, setting forth that he has filed his final ac-count of his administration upon said es-tate in this Court, that all the debis have been fully build and that a portion of said dividual faith of its members. They Judge appears to cut a minor figure in are not dependent upon any man, the matter-who persecutes, torments living or dead, for their means of spir- and tortures. Reason would suggest, itual support and personal standing. that those who are the victims of those tate in this Court, that all the debts have been fully paid, and that a portion of said estate remains to be divided among the heirs of Said deceased, and praying among other things for an order allowing said final account and of distribution of the residue of said estate among the persons entitled. It is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of the said Kobent Dunn, deceased, be and appear before the Pro-bate Court of the county of Sait Lake, at the Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House on the 21st day of October, 1885, at 11 o'clock a. m., then and there to show cause why an order allowing said final account and of distribution should not be made of the residue of said estate among the heirs and devisees of the said Robert Dunn, deceased, according to law. It is further ordered that the Clerk cause copies of this order to be posted in three public places in Sait Lake County, and published in the DESERET EVENING NEWS, a newspaper printed and published in Sait Lake County, Intere weeks successively prior to said flat day of October, 1885. They are free agents. They have to processes are in a better position to judge of their character than he. While he only feels delight in the inflictions imposed, it is the victims who feel the pangs; therefore they alone know their real nature. Most, if not all, of those who are subjected to martyrdom, the cost of matter what your belief is individual-by upon the policy of this statute. Ev-ery good citizen ought to obey the iaws: in fact, they must obey them. The law does not mean to reach belief or ethical questions, but you can reach a man for his conduct, and if contrary to law, no matter what excuse he has, he is guilty of a crime, belief processes are in a better position to LATH, Shingles, Mouldings, Frames, Doors, Windows, Blinds, Wood Pumps, Packing Boxes, Builders' Hardware, Sash Weights, GLASS, Etc., Etc. govwork out their own salvation. They must choose their own course. They are guided by inspiration to them-All Styles, Grades and Qualities. selves. They are devoted to a cause WOOD TANKS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS MADE TO ORDER which they have have become convinced is divine. They cannot prove STAIR BUILDING A SPECIALTY. to law, no matter what excuse he has, he is guilty of a crime, belief in a thing does not make it lawful. It is capable of definite demonstration that if you, for instance, might set up a belief that you could commit a crime, but nobody's rights could be pro-tected under this rule. This is not for any particular class of persons, it is for all alike, it is the same with the law of murder, arson or lynching; one is never-theless guilty if he has committed the crime. Now, gentlemen, in the inves-tigation of these subjects, it is your duty to carefully guard your minds against prejudice. You must in all cases get the evidence-such evidence as a trial jury would be warranted in finding. Tou could see to it that the grand jury is not for the purpose of settling civil disputes, for collecting debts and the like, or for the purpose of getting revenge, or any improper recreant to is and retain their own subjected to martyrdom, the cost of **DUNFORD'S** self-respect. They would have no which Mr. Dickson has so ingeniously, talt Black Bouth U. G. R. D. Dep S. LYNN. BUDA confidence in themselves if they renot to say diabolically, increased, are pudiated any tenet of their creed. They men of probity, endowed with a high would have no faith that God would moral sense, and with deeply affec-HATS! HATS! HATS! JAMES & CO. DAVID hear their prayers if they proved un- tionate natures. In all civilized countries, in matters of jurisprudence, the true to their own knowledge of the general character of men charged with Our Stock of HATS has ARRIVED and is ready for truth. LICENSED When Jonas Lindberg, threatened offenses has due weight in favor of the your inspection with an unjust and illegal three-fold accused. In this manufacture of mar-PLUMBERS, ELIAS A. SMITH, Probate Judge. sentence, was offered freedom on mak- tyrs in which the District Attorney is NO ALL FRESH, NEW AND STYLISH. TO ing the required promise and was urged | engaged, such magnanimous consider-Dated September 20th, 18%s. to wait till next morning before he de- ations are to be thrown to the dogs. TERRRICHT OF UTAH, County of Salt Lake. cided, he answered: "My conscience Among barbarous tribes it is not un-TINNERS, GAS LADIES, Call and See our Stock of CHILDREN'S will not change by to-morrow." That County of Saly Lake. 1 I, John C. Cutter, Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of order appointing time and place for settlement of final account and to hear po-titlop for distribution, in the matter of the Easter of Robert Dunn, as appears of rec-ption of the court of the c common for men to lacerate the feel-HATS, all new and desirable. The Largest Stock to is the mind of the body of the people. ings of victims in their power by also Multiplied sentences will not change torturing before their eyes their wives - AND sclect from in the city, Multiplied sentences with not change their consciences. The merciless and unscrupulous course pursued towards them will have the very opposite effect intended. It always was so. It al-ways must be so with sincere religion-ists. Nothing that has been done in the Courts since the extreme and vindictive enforcement of the Edtheir consciences. The merciless and and children. This mode of pre cedure GENTS, Call and See Our \$2.00 Felt Stiff Hats. STEAM FITTERS HATS for Men's, Boys' and Children's Wear. or a in my In witness whereof, I have here-unto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this first day of September, A. D. 1886. No. 67 Main Street. GET YOUR BOOTS, SHOES and HATS SEAL] JOHN C. CUTLER. at DUNFORD'S! TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION No. 77

It is this personal but similar and It will doubtless be a great satisfaction gers were drowned. The crew were anited position that the enemies of to the fifty-five million inhabitants of saved by cinging to the bottom of the "Mormonism" have to meet, and they this Republic when the news is flashed small boats. will find it insurmountable and imfrom Maine to Texas that the criminal

pregnable. MR. DICKSON AS A "MARTYR" MAKER.

IN the abusive tirade delivered in the the dwelling of Mr. R. Sudwick, Third District Court on Monday afa Latter-day Saint, and arrested him ternoon against his "Mormon" vicon the prevalent charge-unlawful cotims and the Church to which they behabitation. A deputy, immediately long, Mr. District Attorney Dickson after, unceremoniously entered the characterized the : ending of a Latterapartment where Mrs. Maria Sudwick day Saint to the Penitentiary for six months and fining him \$300 and costsas a witness against her husband. the tull penalty prescribed by one Ed-This terrible woman did not seem to munds law-as a species of cheap martyrdom. The gentleman inculcated a truth in his remark. He was right in forthwith placed her hands upon his characterizing the suffering which his

victims are willing to endure as marand dignity of the People of allowance of \$10 to \$15 per month. tyrdom, but he is, as usual, a thousand miles wide of the mark the United States," etc. An oris his estimate of the cost. The price dinary man would have covered is so high that none would accept of it up the enormous iniquity, in considerif they could avoid it 'without doing ation of the perpetrator being a woviolence to their conscience, of the exman, and in view of the further facts istence of which Mr. Dickson is apthat she was probably not in an amiparently not aware. He evidently canable mood over the arrest of her husnot understand that the "still small band, and had a distaste to receiving. voice" can have a lodgment in those official or other male company before whom he hates, and his course does not she was dressed. Not so with deputy indicate that he carries much of the Sergant, who-as a"manly man" and a article in stock himself. One would vindicator of the law against females look in vain for indications of it in his whose tempers are disturbed-is enofficial conduct, when "Mormons" are titled to a leather medal. An appro-

the objects of his pursuit. priate badge should also Of course the admission of the ele awarded to the grand jurors who nent of martrydom in the position asindicted Maria. Now, why shouldn't sumed by Latter-day Saints-or an this great government, through its overwhelming majority of them-in the agents, crush Mrs. Sudwick. The present legal and judicial crusade deputy might have done it on the spot, against them and their religion, was with a shotgun, but he is evidently one inadvertant on Mr. Dickson's part. of those predigies who had been raised The price, however, was not of that on "spoon victuals," so he thought he character. The whole expression was would bring down on Maria the mam-

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.

GRAND JURY.

uniawful cohabitation.

intended as an insult, the source of moth foot of this great Republic. which is, however, duly considered. Inadvertant or otherwise, the admission is correct. Here is Webster's definition of a "martyr:"

(1) One who by his death bears witness to the truth of the Gospel; as Stephen was the first Christian martyr. (2) Hence, one Editor Deservet News: who sacrifices his life, his station, or what is of great value to him, for the sake of principle, or to sustain a

cause.' The definition of the word when used as an active verb, hits Mr. Dickson where he lives:

(1) To put to death for what one believes to be the truth; to sacrifice on account of faith or profession. (2) To murder; to destroy. (3) To persecute as a Martyr; to torment; to torture.'

The cost of "Mormon" martyrdom is, in Mr. Dickson's eyes, exceedingly small, and 'there-fore he goes beyond all precedent to make it as great as possible. But no one believes that he is a fit and proper person to estimate the price of the article. It would be absurd to place him in the position of a just judge on the subject. It would be a hideous mockery, for this reason : He is, according to Web-

Gentlemen, that is the law upon this subject. It will be unnecessary for me or you to philosophize upon this subject; it is the law of this country and it must be obeyed. We may spec-ulate upon how a people cau be in a natural state, but it would lead to no good. When people have become members of a community they must sacrifice something and conform to the law; we must be gov-Order appointing time and place to hear petition for distribution. The immense strength of the "Mor-

Preparing for Business.

was arrested, indicted by the grand jury and placed under bonds to appear for trial. This intelligence will relieve the nation and enable it to breathe the nation and enable it to breathe with more freedom. It appears that ernment to make Esquimaltan impregone or more U.S. deputies approached nable harbor and also to make it an important depot for munitions of

war.

The Car Porters Organizing

ST. LOUIS, 22 .- About 50 sleeping car porters from the Baltimore and Onio, New York Central and Pullman Palace Car Co., met yesterday for the was dressing, in order to secure her purpose of forming an organization for mutual aid and protection. The meet-ing resolved liself into a permanent organization, under the name of the relish the presence of the aforesaid "Sleeping Car Porters' Association, officer while she was in dishabille, and and decided to hold a mass conventio of 500 porters in this city this evening forthwith placed her hands upon his sacred shoulders and pushed him out. All this was against "the peace maintain their families on the small

> FOREIGN. LATEST TRANS-AFLANTIC DIS-

> > **Fixing the Fisheries**

LONDON, 22.—Ferguson, Under For-eign Secretary, announced in the Com-mons this afternoon that personal communications were passing in Lonion between the representatives of Her Majesty's government and the United States' minister, in the direction of removal of the friction between the fishing interests of the United States and Canada arising out of the

be defects of the present treatles.

Tightening the Screws.

Churchill gave notice of the intention of the government to introduce early next session measures for consider-able modification in the present meth-od of conducting public business in the Commons. The announcement was accepted as portending further repressive measures against the Par-

The Unionist Vote-Belfast Quiet. LONDON, 22. - Thirty-one Unionists voted with the Tories last night against the Parnell and bill. Ninety-six mem-

bers paired. Belfast, 22 .- The city is quiet to-

UDGE HENDERSON'S CHARGE TO THE day.

A Big Scheme.

PROVO, Sept. 22, 1886. PARIS, 22.-- A syndicate of Paris and Berlin bankers has subscribed 600,000,-000 francs to carry out the scheme sanctioned by the Sultan for a network The First District Court opened yes-terday at 2 p. m., Judge Henderson on the bench. The first business was the of railways to connect the Black Sea with the Persian Gulf under the direc-tion of the Austrian engineer Prettel. impaneling of the grand jury. Prosecuting Attorney Bierbower pat the usual preliminary questions; all answering that they were not believers in polygamy or unlawful cohabitation and would find an indictment upon

FOR SALE, CHEAP!

"THE GOTHIC COTTAGE." A NICE Buck building, adobe lined, 12 feet ceiling; fife orchard; 4 rods by 20 back; situated on Nor h Temple Street, 16th Ward, 1% blocks went of D. & M. G. Railway track; south front, pleasant is cation for any one desiring a city home. For further infor-mation apply to WM H. EVANS. that as quick as any other cause, etc., were accepted. It is thought generally that Judge Hendersön's charge to the grand jury was very reasonable and fair. Here is what he says in respect to "the usual charge:" "Now, gentle-men, there is another subject it will become your duty to see to. You have learned, as well as I, from the examin-ation here, the nature of your duties-

mation apply to W.M. H. EVANS, Church Blacksmith, No. 77 E. North Temple dlw ation here, the nature of your duties-

that is, for the crime of polygamy and LEGAL NOTICE.

In respect to these crimes I call your In the Probate Court, in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah. attention as well as others. I cannot do better than read from what is known as the Edmunds Act, Sec 1. In the matter of the Estate of Robert Dunn

deceased.