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FULL OF VENOM
AND FALSEHOODSpecious Statement Issued by the
Anti-Roberts Lobby.

HOW THEY DISTORT FACTS

All Essential Points They Make Down-
right Misstatements.

IN THE BITTERNESS OF GALL

Charges Against Utah and Her Peo-
ple by Champions of Cant
and Hypocrisy.

Washington, Dec. 8.—An answer to Mr. Brigham H. Roberts's address to the American people was issued today by a delegation representing the Gen-eral element in Utah, who are here to oppose Mr. Roberts. The answer is as follows:

"In this morning's papers Mr. Roberts makes an appeal for sympathy, in which are many statements needing correction, while many facts are suppressed.

"Mr. Roberts claims that the prece-dent made by his exclusion is both new and dangerous. That it is not new was conclusively shown by Mr. Taylor in his able legal argument before the House, and not a single precedent to the contrary was cited where the ground of objection was intelligible.

"Neither is the precedent dangerous. Whenever a prima facie case is made against a member's citizenship, show-ing that under a conviction for felony against the laws of the United States he is a disfranchised, and further, that by reason of his present maintenance of the status of a polygamist he is suffering from civil disability un-

der the Edmunds anti-polygamy act, such a member, refusing even to deny the charge, should be excluded.

"Nor is this dangerous, for it is not likely, as Mr. Roberts seems to assume, that an entire minority or all the rep-resentatives of a large State are com-ing to Congress carrying such a bur-den. In other States men who flaunt their violations of the laws of decency in the face of the public are sent to the penitentiary. It is only in Utah where such indecency ever added to one's eligibility and served as a recommenda-tion to political preferment.

"Mr. Roberts's contention that no evidence of his guilt can be received, except a judicial record of his conviction in Utah, as a matter of law is er-roneous and as a matter of practice dangerous, because Mr. Roberts and his all-powerful and inspired Priesthood can prevent such conviction if they consider it worth while.

"Mr. Roberts claims that whatever were his civil disabilities before State-hood, they were removed by the adop-tion of the State Constitution. If at the time of the passage of the Enabling Act Mr. Roberts was, as he seems in his appeal to admit, disfranchised by act of Congress, and, therefore, not a full citizen of the United States, as by the Constitution he must be, to become a member of Congress, then he is still in the same condition, because the Consti-tution of Utah could not restore him to Federal citizenship, and the Enabling Act did not do it.

"The Enabling Act of Utah, unlike that of some other States, required citizenship of the United States as a qualification for voting, and did not confer that citizenship upon those then not such citizens. Hence Mr. Roberts's statement that by Utah becoming a State he was rehabilitated with the wanton attributes of citizenship, is unwarranted.

"Mr. Roberts says he has not been convicted since Statehood. It does not follow that he is innocent. He is now a fugitive from justice in Salt Lake county on a charge of unlawful co-habitation, and in Davis county, Utah, where resides one of his polygamous wives, with her illegitimate twins, born August 11, 1897, and where a charge of adultery (a felony under the laws of Utah) has been for two months piconed by a Mormon prosecuting attor-ney.

"Mr. Roberts, in his attempt to belit-tle his crimes, insists that he is only charged with a misdemeanor. He knows better. He knows that he has been under oath and before the proper prosecuting officers charged with the felony of adultery as well as the mis-deemeanor of unlawful cohabitation.

"He asserts that in 1890 he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor only, and also says that if he were guilty of the same acts in the District of Columbia, even flagrantly so, that as a member of Congress he could not be arrested there, for it is only a misdemeanor. Here again Mr. Roberts states what is not true, and he ought to know it.

"Unlawful cohabitation under the Edmunds act, under which he pleaded guilty, was a felony, as also is adultery, with which Mr. Roberts is charged in Davis county, Utah. In the District of Columbia both unlawful cohabitation

and adultery are felonies, as defined by the Utah statutes, and it is only in Utah that the former is a misdemeanor.

"These charges in view of the Ed-munds and Edmunds-Tucker laws of the United States, still in force, war-rant Mr. Roberts's exclusion. They are aggravated, however, because his is not an isolated case, but one represen-tative of a system.

"Many sentimental people are being misled by Mr. Roberts's very ingenious suggestions, from which some people infer that he took his polygamous wives when it was lawful to do so. This is a mistake. Adultery was a crime in Utah when Mr. Roberts was born, and at the time of the passage of the Cullom anti-polygamy act Mr. Roberts was only 6 years of age.

"His plea for sympathy therefore amounts only to this, that he should be allowed to continue his criminal practices notwithstanding he took his polygamous wives in defiance of law.

"We demand that he should support his families, but also demand that he shall cease the begetting of further il-legitimate offspring, and this is our demand of contention, the only thing demanded which he refuses to yield.

"In this matter we disclaim any de-sire to have him declared ineligible be-cause he is a Mormon, but solely be-cause he is violating and defying the laws of our State, of the United States and of common decency.

"Ex-Congressman W. H. King was and is a Mormon, and no claim of in-eligibility was ever made against him. We point to this fact as showing that we oppose Mr. Roberts not upon the ground of any religious opinions enter-tained by him, but because of his crim-inal practices. Neither is this a mat-ter of religious or political persecution or prejudice. The undersigned include men of different churches and men who belong to no church, those who are Re-publicans and those who are Demo-crats."

"Mr. Roberts denies and we assert that the compact between Utah and the other States has been violated; that compact was evidenced by many public acts, as follows:

"First—By the manifesto of the Mor-mon Church in 1890, which, by their oath to prohibit the continuance of po-lygamy, prohibited the continuance of polygamous relations, as well as the con-tracting of new marriages.

"Second—By the Utah Legislature, which, in 1892, made unlawful cohabita-tion as well as polygamy crimes against the Territory.

"Third—By the solemn pledges of the Apostles of this alleged Church, that these laws would be obeyed and en-forced, which pledge was made in a petition to the President praying for a general amnesty proclamation.

"Fourth—By the declarations made by prominent citizens of Utah before the Congressional committee having the Enabling Act under consideration, where also the foregoing evidences and statements were used to secure State-hood.

"Fifth—By the declaration in the Con-stitution of Utah that polygamous mar-riages shall be forever prohibited.

"Sixth—By the act of the Constitu-

tional Convention continuing in force the Territorial laws punishing unlaw-ful cohabitation, as well as polygamy, of which Convention Mr. Roberts was a member.

"All these public acts combined show conclusively that the compact includes the discontinuance of old polygamous relations, as well as the prevention of new ones. As evidence that this com-pact has been broken, we point to the following:

"First—That in Utah 1900 illegitimate children have been born to polygamous wives since Statehood.

"Second—That about 2,000 polygamous households now exist in Utah, and that the attempt to secure a punishment of these offenders is denounced by the ma-jority, as we believe, of Utah's citi-zens.

"Third—That the circumstantial evi-dence unmistakably points to the exist-ence of new wives in polygamous households, the most conspicuous ex-amples of which are the cases of Apo-stles Abram H. Cannon, John W. Tay-lor and Apostle Teasdale. In at least the first of which the Church organ of the dominant Church refuses to deny the marriage, and the new polygamous wife is employed as a teacher in a Church academy.

"Fourth—That the very men who in-terpreted the manifesto of 1890 to pro-hibit unlawful cohabitation with prior-acquired wives, now publicly justify its continuance.

"Fifth—The most of the same men who, in a petition for amnesty, pledged their sacred honor for the obedience of the law by their people are now, by example and precept, encouraging the commission of the crime of unlawful cohabitation.

"Sixth—As a further evidence of this bad faith, we call attention to the fact that the men holding high Church of-fices have pleaded guilty to the crime of unlawful cohabitation before the State courts, without having their Church standing affected, even in some cases having their fines paid by sym-pathetic friends.

"Seventh—All this is, by necessary implication, indorsed by a majority of Utah's people in the election of Brig-ham H. Roberts, who, during his cam-paign for election, was publicly charged with being a violator of the laws, as evidenced by his illegitimate progeny, and in spite of these undenied charges he was elected by an overwhelming ma-jority.

"That Mr. Roberts himself understood that compact to mean the discontinu-ance of unlawful cohabitation, we point to his registration oath of 1895, in which he swore it to be his intention to obey the law prohibiting unlawful cohabita-tion.

"T. C. ILIFF, "Salt Lake.

"G. W. MARTIN, "Manti, Utah.

"C. M. OWEN, "Salt Lake.

"J. M. COOMBS, "Brigham City, Utah.

"A. T. SCHROEDER, "Salt Lake."

Comparison of Estimates.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Analytical com-parison of the estimates for this year,

the appropriations of last year and the various increases was issued today by Messrs. Cleaver and Courts, the secre-taries of the Senate and House approp-riation committees, respectively. It shows total estimates this year of \$73,856,238, against \$69,006,489 last year. The estimates this year are \$14,288,578 more than the amount actually appro-priated last year. The chief increases are:

Army \$47,261,629
Fortifications 6,819,005
Navy 26,145,539
Postoffice 5,145,661
Sundry civil 1,686,777

The total estimates for this year ex-ced the total estimated revenue for 1901 by \$17,081,594, but counting the sinking fund this excess is reduced to \$18,981,594.

CERTIFICATE TAYLOR.

Republican Candidate for Governor Wins in Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 8.—The State board of elections tonight gave out their official findings that W. S. Taylor, for governor and the rest of the Re-publican ticket have been elected on the face of the returns. Commissioners Ellis and Pryor signed the majority report, in which they held that, as a board of canvassers, they have no right to go behind the returns of the county boards; that their duties are purely ministerial as canvassers, and that the face of the returns as re-ceived by them from the counties show the election of the Republican State ticket. Accordingly the report says, certificates of election were ordered is-sued to each candidate thereon.

Commissioner Poyntz presents a mi-nority report which he closes by say-ing: "I am unwilling to certify fraud and to turn Kentucky over to the con-trol of the bayonet, gatling gun and fraudulent tissue ballots."

Extensive preparations are being made to inaugurate Taylor next Tues-day.

Whether a contest will be made in the legislature is really yet to be de-termined. It will depend very largely upon the wording of the opinion which Commissioners Ellis and Pryor will hand down at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. If it implies that the com-missioners believe fraud was committed which might invalidate the election, did they as a canvassing board have the legal right to go behind the certi-fied returns, it is almost certain a con-test will be made. Otherwise it is un-certain.

HESITANCY IN BUSINESS.

Productive Forces Covered by Contracts, and Prices Are High.

New York, Dec. 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade, which issues tomorrow, will say:

"The approach of a new year usually brings so much of hesitancy in busi-ness that small shrinkage this year is surprising. Probably never before have the productive forces of the country been so largely covered by contracts at this date, insuring employment and profit far into the coming year. This results from actual demands for con-

sumption running far beyond the pro-ducting capacity hereafter and pushing it to remarkable expansion. The in-crease in foreign trade has been in-significant compared with the increase of twenty-four thousand millions in payment through clearing houses. For the week the payments have been 20.3 per cent larger than last year and 35.1 per cent larger than in 1892.

"Prices of pig iron are strongly main-tained and through extraordinary ef-forts promise increase of over a quar-ter in producing capacity of most of the because the entire output of most of the furnaces for the first and in part of the last half of next year has been sold already. Sheet bars are a shade lower, owing to the closing of many tin-plate works. Demand for cars and other railway equipment are enormous and also for shipping, both lake and ocean.

"Tin is weak at 27½¢, and copper de-clined to 16½¢, but lead and spelter are stronger.

"Hides are again stronger at Chicago, although receipts of cattle at the four chief western markets in eleven months have been 3 per cent larger than in the previous year, as the demand for con-sumption in manufacture has evidently increased much more. Thus western productions of boots and shoes has gained more than eastern, yet ship-ments from Boston have been \$75,000 boxes, or 3.3 per cent more than last year and 937,000 cases, or 37.5 per cent more than in 1892, when cattle receipts were 7.8 per cent larger than this year.

"Wool has advanced further, with much speculative buying, though most manufacturers have supplied wants for the present and are less disposed to purchase at prices now, are, giving high-er than at any time since June 15, 1898. Higher prices demanded in the interior and rising prices abroad give confi-dence of the fact that goods have ad-vanced from the lowest point this year only 19.2 per cent.

"Wheat has risen 2 cents and corn a fraction, with a decline in western re-cipients of both. Atlantic exports of wheat this week, flour included, were only 3,359,677 bushels, against 5,636,767 bushels last year, and Pacific exports 88,172 bushels, against 556,523 bushels last year.

"Failures for the week have been 221 in the United States, against 248 last year, and 33 in Canada, against 22 last year."

Illness of Lieut. Brumby.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Lieut. T. M. Brumby, the flag lieutenant to Ad-miral Dewey at the battle of Manila, is lying critically ill at the Garfield hospital in this city. He is suffering from a fever contracted as a result of his long stay in the tropics, and has been at the hospital for about two weeks. The physicians express the be-lief that he will recover.

Lady Cook Coming to America.

New York, Dec. 8.—Lady Frances Cook, formerly Tennie C. Claffin, has sent \$2,000,000 to this city to be used in purchasing real estate, and it is stated that it is her intention soon to leave England and make her home in New York. It is said she has already purchased a residence in west 121st

street and that she has declared that she wishes to die in America.

Mrs. John Biddulph Martin, formerly Victoria Woodhull, and the sister of Lady Cook, said last night:

"Lady Frances Cook intends to spend the winter in New York and to end her days here.

"But she has many great plans to carry out before she will consent to settle down in quiet domesticity. Lord and Lady Cook intend to duplicate in New York the \$1,250,000 Alexander home for young women artists that they built in London. This will take a large part of the \$2,000,000 that my sister has to invest here."

ARIZONA WANTS STATEHOOD.

Delegation of Thirty Will Go to Wash-ington to Press the Question

Chicago, Dec. 9.—A special to the Chi-cago Record from Phoenix, Ariz., says: An enthusiastic mass meeting was held here today to start a movement to secure statehood at the present session of Congress. Prominent men from all parts of Arizona were in attendance and took part. Governor Murphy was elected chairman of a committee of thirty which will go to Washington early in January to advocate state-hood.

Live Stock Exposition.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The International Live Stock exposition to be held at Chicago from Dec. 1 to 8, 1900, will em-brace among its main features the fol-lowing:

A grand breeders' prize exhibition of cattle, hogs and sheep.

A great fat stock show on the order of the renowned annual Smithfield shows of England.

A display of draft horses and horses for general use, as a society show but as a utility show.

An exhibition of dressed meats and meat food products of all kinds and refrigerator appliances for preserving them.

Animal by-products, showing the complete utilization of all parts of the slaughtered animals not directly used as meat foods.

An exhibition of packing house meth-ods and appliances and government in-spection of meats.

Appliances of all kinds for transport-ing animals and meats.

Meetings of breeders and stockmen's associations.

Trying to Arbitrate Labor Differences.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The Building Trades unions last night agreed to send dele-gates to meet the committee of seven contractors appointed for the purpose of smoothing away the difficulties be-tween employers and workmen in build-ing lines and averting the lockout threatened by the contractors for the first of the new year. There was lit-tle argument as to the advisability of meeting the contractors, but much ob-jection to the idea of choosing a referee from the circuit bench to decide possi-ble deadlocks.

President Edward Carroll, of the Building Trades council, said he would appoint the seven representatives of or-ganized labor today.

GREAT HOLIDAY OPENING

1899.

Do you wish to see the Grandest and Most Beautiful Exhibition Ever Opened in the West?
Come to the GREAT CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S DISPLAY at

1900.

Z. C. M. I., Commencing Monday Morning, Dec. 11th.

Everybody is invited. Everybody is welcome. On that date we will open for public inspection the most Magnificent and Extensive Stock of Goods ever displayed in this Market. Every Department in our great Dry Goods establishment is replete with the best and most stylish products of the manufacturer's art. There are creations from all parts of the world, and the highest qualities of the useful, ornamental and beautiful are gathered here. It would be vain to attempt to enumerate any considerable proportion of this vast exposition. We name below only a few items. For this occasion our spacious rooms are tastefully decorated, and the whole forms a magnificent picture to please the eye and gladden the heart. Come and view it, and bring the children. Come, whether or not you wish to buy. You are welcome. If you wish to be a purchaser, you will find that THIS SEASON WE HAVE PUT EVERY-THING AT POPULAR PRICES. Here are a few items that suggest the lines of display for the Holiday Season.

Notions Dept.

Kid Gloves, Handkerchiefs,
Ladies' and Children's Wool and
Silk Mittens,
OSTRICH BOAS,
Purses and Hand Bags,
Boston Bags,
Elegant New Fancy Ribbons,
New Line Bretonne Lace Ties,
Fancy Metal Bag Tops.

Cloak Dept.

Christmas Presents
Always Please.

You Are Not At a Loss to Know
What to Buy Here.

A Fur Scarf or Collar every-body appreciates. Or a Fur Cape; a Plush Cape; a Golf Cape; a Stylish Jacket, either in light tan, rich brown, royal blue, gray or black; one of those handsome VELOUR JACKETS—

\$40, \$50, \$65.

A beautiful Tea Gown; a soft, warm, rich Shawl; one of the latest Silk Waists; a Pretty Dress, already made, for the girls; a Child's Fur Set; and lots of other things, any one of which will be a safe buy.

Underwear.

Magnificent assortment of Ladies' Black and Colored Silk Underskirts, stylish and dressy.

Complete stock of Ladies' Knit Petticoats, assorted colors, patterns and prices.

Elegant Line of Ladies' "All Silk" Underwear in various styles and colors.

LADIES' BLACK SILK HOSE. A nice and varied stock. Select a box of these goods early; nothing better for Xmas for the Ladies.

INFANTS'

SILK BONNETS.

We are displaying a choice assort-ment of Infants' Silk Bonnets, neat and Baby-like.

FLANNELETTE GOWNS.

Large line of Flannelette Gowns. These come in Pink, Blue, Striped, Etc., made full length and size. These are good goods.

Santa Claus
Specialties.

We will have on exhibition com-mencing Monday the 12th, an elegant assortment of Dolls, Novelties, Fancy Goods, Jewelry, Toys, Books, Games, Workboxes, Manicure Sets, Dressing Cases, Tourist Cases, Smoker's Sets, Albums, Glove and Handkerchief Sets, Jewel Cases, Toilet Cases, Comb and Brush Sets, Shaving Cases, Cigar Chests, Necktie Boxes, Cuff and Col-lar Boxes, Doll Carriages, Pianos, Drums, Guns, Pistols, Black Boards, Railway Trains, Washing Sets, Sets of Dishes, Stoves, Whips, Balls, Xmas Tree Ornaments and Candles, Magic Lanterns, Rattles, Toys, Iron Toys, Mechanical Toys, Swings, Iron Wagons, Wheelbarrows, Shoo Flies, Trumpets, Horses, Cows, Dogs, Cats, Monkeys, Birds, Tool Chests, Trunks, etc., etc.

Fine Dress Goods

BLACK SILKS in Peau de Soies, Satin Duchesse, narrow and wide Striped Bengalines, Gros Grains, Taffetas and Brocades.

Full lines in Colored Satin Duchesse, Persian Stripes, Figured and Plain Taffetas, Silks, India Silks in colored and black.

Just arrived, an elegant assortment of Black Crepons, ordered especially for Holiday Trade.

Also a beautiful line of UMBREL-LAS to select your presents from, for lady or gentleman.

STERLING SILVER
AND EBONY GOODS.

Our display of Sterling Silver and Ebony Goods eclipses all previous stocks of this character. The stock is full and complete, and we cordially invite inspection, as we are in a position to quote the very best prices in the City.

Dry Goods.

A line of elegant WHITE WOOL BLANKETS from

\$5.50 to \$20.00

DOWN QUILTS, new designs, from

\$6.00 to \$16.50

TABLE DAMASK.

A choice assortment of TABLE DAMASK with Napkins to match. Fringed and Hemstitched Table Sets comprising: Table Cover and one dozen Napkins; also Lunch Cloths, Scarfs, Tray Cloths, etc., at prices that will clear up the entire stock.

FINE TOWELS.

We will make a specialty of our stock of FINE TOWELS for Christ-mas Presents. Call and see these goods and prices.

Z. C. M. I.

Holiday Opening Display Com-mences Monday, December 11th.
Free to All. All Are Invited.

Z. C. M. I.

T. G. WEBBER, Supt.