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MORE MISREPRESENTATIONS.

The religious press of the country continues its anonymous Philipines about Senator Smoot and the "Mormon" Church. The spokesmen for bigotry and intolerance are slow to learn that the first duty of loyal citizens is to accept as gracefully as possible the verdict of the tribunals that have authority to decide matters in dispute between them. In their opposition to the United States Senate they are simply anarchists.

Rev. C. W. Smith, editor of the Pittsburg Christian Advocate, speaks for one part of ecclesiastical anti-"Mormons." When he says that some day the nation will come to its senses on the "Mormon" question, just think of that! In the view of this class of bigots the nation is all wrong; they are the only ones who have a monopoly on what is right. The nation must bow to them; they can not submit to the nation. And this is the essence of anti-"Mormonism." It has always been. It is an echo of the old saying, that if the law can not reach the "Mormons," powder and ball can. Anti-"Mormons" have not advanced very far beyond that barbarous platform, though they, fortunately, have not the power they once had.

The reverend editor of the Pittsburg paper endeavors to justify his hatred of the Church by a lengthy statement embodying all the reasons he can think of, why the United States Senate, in his opinion, ought to have violated the Constitution in the decision of the case against the senior Senator from Utah. We copy part of it, because it shows how woefully ignorant even some educated persons are concerning "Mormonism." It will be noted that almost every sentence quoted is a falsehood, more dense than Egyptian darkness.

The rev. scribbler says the "Mormon" Church, as a politico-religious organization, is a thoroughly disreputable and disloyal organization. "Its history," he says, "and its teachings prove that it has no respect for the laws of the state, or the nation, or for its own promises. This organization is to its members in all things supreme." Concerning Senator Smoot he alleges that he "was purposely chosen by the Church and sent to Washington to force a 'Mormon' elder down the throat of the United States Senate." Mark the elegant expression of a professed minister! He continues: "Nominally he represents the State of Utah; actually he represents the 'Mormon' hierarchy. Nominally he is the servant of the state; actually he is the servant of the Church. Professedly he is loyal to the Constitution and laws of the country; actually his supreme allegiance is to the Mormon Church. If such a man may legally sit in the Senate of the United States, we can scarcely conceive of what would exclude him. And yet good men and able lawyers stood up in the Senate and defended this man's right to sit at that body! 'Mormons' the country over are laughing at the innocence and gullibility of these Senators, and are shouting over the victory the Church has won in the Smoot case. 'Mormonism' has not had such a triumph in all its history."

There is hardly a sentence in the entire quotation that is not a more barefaced falsehood than any for which Ananias suffered death. There is in the Scriptures in which the editor of the Pittsburg paper professes to believe, something about the eternal doom awaiting those who love and make a lie. Has he no regard for the retributive justice of the Almighty? The facts are all the opposite of what he states. The Church is loyal to the government. Its members are more free to believe and to act than most other church members. Senator Smoot was regularly elected, and the Church had nothing whatever to do with it. As a senator he represents the State of Utah only, and no church, no faction. These are the facts that must be repeated, until falsifiers are driven to the dark holes where they belong. Two truths are merely hinted at in the long string of misrepresentations. One is that the Church is in all things supreme. This is, of course, meant to convey the idea that the Church leaders claim some power to direct the faith, the business, the politics, of men and women. In this sense the allegation is a malicious libel and nothing else. But the Church claims supremacy, in this sense of the word, that its members are urged to do right in everything they do, be it business, or politics, or worship. The Church asks a business man to perform his work as a man responsible to God for the manner in which he treats his fellow-men. It asks the citizen to perform his civic duties as in the presence of the Almighty. It asks for conscientious, God-fearing men and women in all public offices. It emphasizes the apostolic injunction that "whatsoever ye do, do all in the name of the Lord." This is the supremacy the Church teaches—the supremacy of the divine Lord and Master. Is that wrong?

Another truth is also suggested when the rev. gentleman says the Church is glorying in the victory won. Yes, because the Church today is the representative of religious freedom and truth; it stands for the principles of government this nation has to thank for its existence and marvelous development. In the Senate decision we see the glorious triumph of these principles for which so many noble men have laid down their lives. Therefore we rejoice. We rejoice in the victory of light over the darkness of bigotry.

of the friends of the Constitution over the crypto-anarchists who assailed it. And in this we do no more than what every enlightened American citizen feels it his duty to do.

The article in the Pittsburg paper reveals the secret of the misunderstanding between the Church and other denominations. The spokesmen of many churches will not learn the truth about the other side. They accept the fables told by the traducers of the Church, and then argue as if these tales of fiction were facts. There can be no feeling of Christian brotherhood between those who stand separated by walls of falsehoods built by disreputable characters. But those who prefer to crouch behind such walls might remember that the Son of man was murdered because of the false testimony brought against Him, and the perversion of His teachings concerning the kingdom of God, and His own divine mission. "What further need have we of witnesses?" the murderers shouted; "behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy." And so they pronounced the sentence. And thus it is again and again in the history of the Church.

It is strange that so many non-Christian publications in our time should appear under the boastful name of Christian advocates. It is strange that the most diabolical cruelties were once practised by men calling themselves "the Society of Jesus."

WAR DOES NOT PAY.

War between nations does not pay. It is too expensive a method of settlement of difficulties, even to the victorious side. In times gone by war sometimes was inevitable. It has been a necessary evil. It is so no longer. There are civilized methods of removing obstacles to unity and harmony. War is therefore too dear.

War upon business interests of a country does not pay. It does not settle anything. It engenders ill feelings between citizens, prompts to acts of retaliation, throws laborers out of employment, and brings wreck and ruin over the vast field of industry. "War is hell," no matter where or how conducted. It is too expensive to both sides.

Look at the state of Nebraska. Some time ago a law was passed there providing for a two-cent fare over the railroads. The consequence was that trains were taken off. The roads refused to sell continuous tickets, and the two-cent fare was not allowed on interstate tickets. Whenever war is declared, both sides can wield the gun, and the people, though innocent of offense, will be the sufferers. War does not pay. Only fools will regard the outbreak of hostilities between interests that ought to work together, as a matter of congratulation.

What the rabid attacks on railroad interests may lead to is indicated in the reports from Washington, according to which business men express the opinion that a check to general business has already resulted from the railroad situation, and that this check will grow. The cost of borrowing money has been increased, and there will be a marked reduction in expenditures.

Mr. Harriman, though unwilling to speak definitely of the future, is quoted to the effect that "a slowing up of business would mean the curtailment of expenditures, an increase in the surplus of the roads. It would mean also a lessened demand for labor and a reduced demand for money. These in consequence would become cheaper."

THE PARRENT RELEASE.

A mighty wall has gone up from the bunco steering press of the city over County Attorney Hanson's release. W. H. Parrent, the self-confessed crook and card sharp. We have not been taken into the confidence of Mr. Hanson, and consequently do not know much about his reasons for giving liberty to this particular prisoner. But for our part we can see little justice in the principle of permitting one class of suspects to have their freedom and not another. Rather would we see them all in durance. Take the case in point: Sheets, Raleigh, Newton, Parrent and others were arrested on the same identical charges for the same specific offense. The first three are at large, roaming wherever they might choose, and why not the card sharp as well as they? The law should not be made the agency of unequal imposition. It contemplates justice all round. To allow a part of the alleged conspirators to walk the streets unmolested, to go about their business unmolested, and to compel another of them to languish in jail while they are enjoying these privileges, is hardly in consonance with the equities involved in the case. There should not be a fish for one and a fowl for the other. Both should take the same kind of medicine. This county attorney says he knows that Parrent will be here when wanted just as well as he knows that Sheets, Raleigh and Newton will be here. Perhaps he is correct. We are not in a position to contradict him, nor are we predisposed to do so. He is an officer of the law who apparently takes the view that all offenders of the same grade look alike to him and should be treated accordingly. That appears to be his course in the Sheets-Parrent case, and it is not illogical. It looks like a disposition to do the fair thing to all concerned regardless of who or what they are.

INFLUENZA CONQUERED.

A contributor to the Medical Record of Feb. 23 claims that a remedy has now been found for the grip, and that, consequently, those who feel it coming on ought to hasten to consult a physician and get cured. The specific referred to is gelatin, the tincture of the fresh root. The fresh plant tincture only is endowed with medicinal virtues; the ordinary fluid preparations

of the dry root being quite valueless in cases of influenza. As the plant is highly poisonous, and the disease requires careful dosage, any attempt at self-administration of the drug would be folly.

The importance of this announcement, if correct, is in the fact that the epidemic is no longer beyond the reach of medical science. The affliction is known in almost every land. In Russia they call it Chinese catarrh. The Germans name it the Russian pest, and in France it is known as the Italian fever and the Spanish catarrh. The name "influenza" comes from Italy. The Arabians, we may add, used to call it "abu ruha," the father of the knees, because of its weakening effects upon the lower extremities.

It is claimed that immunity to patients who have previously suffered from repeated attacks of influenza is given by a cautious treatment with arsenic as a prophylactic. Sometimes the dosage of this powerful agent must be suspended at intervals, for not a few patients become more sensitive to its action than to the disease, but it rarely fails, and it conquers the misem we are told, in more than 94 per cent of cases.

When sauntering begins, "23" in not far off.

It is better to have molasses than to have codling moths.

Just now Goldfield seems to be the center of the strenuous life.

The flood tide of prosperity has begun to ebb rapidly in Wall street.

The rise in the price of coal will be welcome news to those who profit by it.

Just now Pittsburg is suffering from floods. This must be a relief from its scandals.

Jerome's hypothetical question shows he does not believe that brevity is the soul of wit.

The Spooner presidential boom has been launched. It should produce a good deal of spooning.

One of the scientists declares that deep and serious thinking produces disease. But it's a very rare disease.

To the Wall street operator how dull and sickening is the thud of the stocks as they drop lower and lower!

Professor Vanduyke of Princeton has recalled his resignation. Evidently it was never out of his mind.

Thank anybody you please that "Mac" Mackenzie and "Maize" Follette were not called to the witness stand.

Ruef would much rather have a writ of habeas corpus than the most sumptuous "private" apartments in San Francisco.

The secret service men haven't found that \$173,000, but they have exhausted all their theories about how and where it went.

Salt Lake City is about to pass through the hands of the school book trust. It can hardly expect to come out unscathed.

Prosecuting Attorney Jerome's hypothetical question contains fifteen thousand words. Where did he find an interrogator point long enough to go with it?

In times of war it is dangerous to regard an enemy as dead, who may only be sleeping. It is always foolish to underestimate the strength of an adversary.

A Chicago girl wants to be a smoke inspector. There is no city that has more smoke than Chicago unless it is Pittsburg. She would feel right at home in the business.

Recently United States Judges Evans and McCall decided that the employers' liability act, passed by Congress was unconstitutional. Now come United States Judges Hanford and Trierber who decide that the law is constitutional. In the language of pugilism, "honors are even."

Has an appeal to the President become the universal panacea for all our ills? Representatives of the Federation of Churches of New York City have invoked his aid to arouse a greater interest in religion in that city. And he promised to aid the cause in every way possible.

POOR MAN'S GOLD.

Springfield Republican.
Soon there will come into general circulation "yellow backs" of the denomination of \$10—these being authorized by the financial bill of the last session. Hitherto a man had to deal in quite considerable sums of money to catch a glimpse of yellow bills or gold certificates. Since they have never been of lower denomination than \$20. But now we shall hear it said that gold at last has been made the "poor man's money." Perhaps the poor man will feel richer on this account—and perhaps he will detect no particular change in the condition either of his feelings or his pocket.

PEPPER FOR RATS.

Kansas City Journal.
Jephtha Coleman, of Atchison, gets rid of mice and rats by wrapping cayenne pepper in a cloth and stuffing it into the holes where the animals pass in and out. They gnaw at the rag and the first thing they know they have a dose of the pepper on their snouts. Mr. Coleman does not know whether they sneeze themselves to pieces or simply hike to the neighbors. Anyhow, they disappear.

DEED OF A GALLANT NOBODY.

London Evening Standard.
It is not always the information carried by the recognized military correspondent to and from the commanding officer in battle which is of highest value. "There was a supreme moment during the battle of Waterloo, when the Duke of Wellington was left absolutely alone—and that not when he was running the risk of capture by sailing through the enemy's lines. It simply meant that every halloper had gone his way, each with his message. At this moment a stranger rode up to the duke and quietly asked: 'Can I be of any use, sir?' The Duke took one glance at him, and unhesitatingly answered: 'Yes, take this pencil note to the commanding officer,' pointing to a reli-

ment in the heat of battle. The stranger took the note and galloped away with it, through the thick of the fight. He delivered it, but what happened to him no man knows. The Duke always declared that to be one of the most valiant deeds that had ever come under his notice. It was done without prospect of acknowledgment or reward.

LO! THE UNGRATEFUL INDIAN.

New York World.
In Oklahoma a bit of America for Americans has come to pass. It is not an echo of the old know-nothingism. The white delegates in the constitutional convention of Oklahoma have been politically outgeneraled, surrounded, captured and scalped by native redmen. We read with attention the story of the clash and the outcome. The whites, it appears, set out to play politics as known to their own civilization. They sent to the convention professional farmers, wind-jamming lawyers and a few scabable bartenders. They did not care who they got the support, provided they got the system. At present writing the janitorships seem to belong to the politicians. The Indians have everything else, including a prohibition clause in the constitution. Naturally, the full tale is one of ingratitude on the part of the nation's wards. The Indian leaders took advantage of privileges accorded to them by a paternal government. Having saved money and gone to various eastern colleges and earned bank and taken up railroad building and such things, they proceeded as delegates to set up in opposition to the white man's kind of machine politics.

JUST FOR FUN.

An Opportune Time.
Congress passed an appropriation for the rebuilding of Alaska. And this was done when Santa Claus Grayevore was about to say farewell and retire—Youngtown Vindicator.

Not an Idle Fear.

The Pittsburg chamber of commerce is afraid the city's reputation as a decent place to live has suffered. We guess the fear is well founded.—Indianapolis News.

The Demand of Mankind.

If there is a prejudice against wealth, it gotten wealth is largely to blame for this condition. Mankind demands a square deal.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

How Fortunate.

San Domingo is reported pleased with the treaty putting her into the hands of a receiver. In fact, she has got to be.—Boston Herald.

Genuine Reform.

The genuineness of reform in Persia can no longer be doubted. They are polishing the fee offices.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Something Doing.

Heads fly at Panama, even if dirt does not.—New York American.

Business Reasons.

"That judge is firmly opposed to the unwritten law."

"But then, you see, he started in life as a court stenographer."—Baltimore American.

A Good Rule.

Knowledge would be more general if men could only be convinced that they do not know as much as they think they do.—Florida Times Union.

He Would.

Luther Burbank, the plant wizard showed last month to the students of Stanford university an apple that was sweet on one side and sour of the other.

"This apple shows us," Mr. Burbank said, "how different treatment will have different effects. It shows how environment causes the most radical changes."

"As in apples, so in men," he said. "I have used to live in Santa Rosa, a good, kind man, but unfortunately he married a shrewish wife, and the woman changed his nature."

"One morning, after his wife had called him a good-for-nothing loafer and snatched his breakfast away, he started off, hungry and sore, for work."

"A sour-looking woman entered the car he was on. She got into a violent dispute with the conductor over her change. Finally, red with rage, she looked about her and said:

"Is there a gentleman in this car who will stand by and see a lady insulted?"

"The hungry man whose nature had been spoiled rose eagerly.

"Yes, madame," he said, "I will."—Minneapolis Journal.

Unusual.

"Yes," said the woman of the house, "my husband has some old garments which he has told me to give away, but they are much too small for you."

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