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WHAT THE "NEWS" REALLY SAID

"An Argument That Doesn't Fit," i the appropriate heading to an editorial in the Salt Lake Tribune, in attempt ed criticism of an article in the Deseret News on the subject of the possibility of present revelation. The position really taken by the "News" on this question is entirely ignored by the Tribune, and its remarks are addressed to a point of its own creation. This is the basis of its "argument:

sumption that those who object to the reception of such testimony by the magistrate are disbellevers in the prin-ciple of revelation from God. That is clearly an unwarranted presumption."

The last sentence in the foregoing fits the rest of the quotation exactly The "News" did not say, or infer, or hint at any such an "assumption." On the contrary the "News" stated emphatically that such testimony could not be and was not received as evidence by a court. Here is our exact language on that question:

"No one that we have heard of pretends for a moment that it was given or received as legal evidence against the accused. It was simply an incident that can have no real bearing upon the case, which has yet to be tried before

In explaining the way in which the testimony was drawn from the witness by cross-examination, the "News" said:

"The decision that the defendant should be held to the district court for trial, was not affected in any way by the reply of the witness to that inci-dental question."

All the comments of the Tribune are, therefore, utterly wasted. They form an "argument that does not fit." We have not expressed a thought indicating that revelation, real or pretended, should be made applicable to court procedure. Yet the entire Tribune editorial assumes that we have taken that ground, and that those who object are disbelievers in the principle of revelation from God." Well, we believe in the principle of revelation from God, and yet we object, and have plainly stated our objection, to the reception of such testimony as evidence in a court How more completely the Tribune could misrepresent our views and our utterances on this subject we fail to perceive.

For the information of that paper we will say, that no such testimony would be received as evidence in the courts of this Church against an accused person. No one can be condemned therein on anything but real evidence. Such a statement as that elicited by close cross-examination in the justice's court would not be admitted in a trial for Church fellowship. The Tribune has gone off on a tangent and strayed far away from the subject of the "News" editorial which it attacks. The Tribune Says further:

"The question of revelation is not challenged."

That is an assertion that shows either great density of mind or a disposition to pervert. The Monday morning's papers published a synopsis of a discourse by a Methodist preacher on Sunday, in which he denounced the idea of present revelation as "fanaticism." He ridiculed the claim of any one nowadays to hav-Ing divine communication as, "profess ing to have a private wire with God. And that this was not intended merely as applicable to the case of the witness in court, is evident by the minister's assertion that:

"No good can come from a man pretending to receive revelations from God as a demonstration of the truth of the

Our argument on the subject of present revelation was addressed to that pulpit assertion, and not in support of revelation as evidence in a court. Here is what we said on that point:

"The preacher on Sunday repudiated Immediate revelation entirely, and de-clared it "could not stand before the law nor as the Gospel." It will be readfly admitted that testimeny concerning a revelation from God will not "stand before the law" as evidence against an accused person. But can it be excluded as evidence relating to the Gos-

We then showed from the Bible, which the preacher professes to receive as the "only guide" in religion, that revelation from God is an essential feature of the Gospel, and that without it man cannot know God or that Jesus is the Christ That is the subject of the "News" editorial and it has been completely avoid ed to the Tribune dissertation, which is

indeed "an argument that does not fit." Some gentiemen who are disbellevers in either ancient or modern revelation. commenting on the preacher's declaration on Sunday, wanted to know why. I God talked to Abraham he could not talk with a man nowadays. And, further, they raised the pertinent query, how any one could rationally profess to be sent of God to preach. If there was no such thing as communication

from God in the present age. The questions are pertinent and applicable, and they form an "argument"

that really does "fit." If God has 'called" the preachers who claim to be sent of Him, and who act on a claim of Divine authority, performing or-Organ of the Church of Jesus Christ dinances in the name of Deity, there must have been some communication from Him to them or to persons who ordained them. If there is no such thing in modern times, then all their claims of divine authority are baseless pretenses, unworthy of the attention of

ntelligent human beings. Now let it be understood that the Deseret News has not, at any time, taken the position erroneously attributed to it by the Tribune. We have not uttered a sentence supporting the Idea that a court, secular or ecclesiastical, should admit as evidence against au accused person, testimony like that extracted from a witness in the case which has been sent to the district court for trial. And if our morning contemporary will have the goodness to read our remarks with care, we think it will have the fairness to acknowledge that it has made a big mistake, and that the heading on its attempted criticism is strictly applicable to its own hasty remarks.

WHY THE QUESTION WAS ASKED.

In commenting upon the remarkable bit of testimony elicited by the attorneys for the defence in the Mortensen ase, the Descret News has endeavored to make it clear that no blame could e fairly attached to the witness, to the prosecution or to the court. This may have created the impression that by inference the attorneys for the defence were censured. If so we desire to remove that impression.

If the report of the cross-examination is read carefully, it will be seen that the questions which led up to the statement, came along in natural sequence and were on legal lines. Here is the report of that part of the proceedings. When Attorney B. Stewart Interrogated Hon, James Sharp as to his conversation with Peter Mortensen, on the morning after the disappearance of James R. Hay, Mr. Sharp stated: "When he put his foot on the spot

I said: 'Here is the spot where my son was killed,' and I said he was respon-"Mr. Stewart-When did you arrive

at this conclusion? "Witness-I had it all the time. "Then, why did you send him and Mr Romney to the police?"

Because he said James R. Hay ran Who did you believe killed him?" "The man who last saw him alive-Peter Mortensen."

"You came to that conclusion?"
"I knew it."

"How did you know it?"
"God revealed it to me. I told him that he was responsible for the death of my son and the proof would be within twenty-four hours when the body would be found within a mile of

the spot where he placed his foot."
"How did you know?"
"God revealed it to me."
"You did not say right out that Mortensen murdered your son-in-law?"
"Not so broad as that but I said he was responsible for it."
"Did he deny it?"
"No, he never denied."

The statement of Mr. Sharp was not anticipated by Mr. Stewart. There was no understanding by anyone present that such an experience would be reit?" except by telling the truth as he understood it. The question was very natural and was strictly legal. After the witness had stated his conclusion that Hay was killed by Mortensen "How did you know it?" was a proper inquiry. The answer was so surprising that all who heard it were amazed, and so no objection was offered but it was permitted to pass without comment, As we have explained heretofore, it.

had no effect on the court or on the case as it will go to a jury, and is not regarded by anybody who knows anything about the value of testimony, as evidence in this dreadful case, which has caused so much sorrow and excitement. We have referred to this unpleasant matter again, so that no unjust criticism may be passed on the attorneys for the defence, who are doing the best they can for their client and have displayed great energy and ability in his interest.

PREDICTED AN EARTHQUAKE

There is a curious story in a St. Louis dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald to the effect that the earthquake which shook St. Louis on Friday last, was predicted by a mysterious man, who claimed to have obtained a knowledge of the occurrence through supernatural

About a week previous, the man, who gave his name as Dryer, walked into the Associated Press office and told his story. "There will be an earthquake," he said, "next Friday and the Friday following, in which millions of lives will be lost, and you and I may be numbered among the dead." He claimed to have been forewarned of the event. "The United States," he continued, "may be swallowed up in this terrible cataclysm." He could not say for certain whether the main shock would come on Friday the 24th of this month, or the Friday following. He also inserted an advertisement in the papers, stating that there would be an earthquake on one of the Fridays

indicated. The story goes on to say that two distinct shocks were felt in St. Louis a few minutes before 5 o'clock in the morning on last Friday. Persons woke up and left their beds. The buildings rocked, and a rumbling sound was

heard. The disturbances were observed as far north as Quincy and west to Kansas City. In several other places shocks were observed, and now people are wondering whether the man really had had a revelation, or whether the fulfilment of the prognostication was merely a coincidence. They are, perhaps, wendering, too, whether the coming Friday will be the day of greater judgment, since the mysterious prognostleator Intimated that he did not know whether the main shock would

come last Friday or a week later. The prophecy has certainly not been fulfilled in all its details so far. The man said the disturbances would be felt all over the world, and that many lives would be lost. This did not happen. The inhabitants of many parts of the states of Illinois and Missouri damage was done. Either the calamity is yet to come, or the prediction was false.

It is remarkable, though, that in an age in which it is considered a mark of orthodoxy to deny the possibility of deriving any information from supernatural sources, the claims to communication with an unseen world are multiplying on all sides. In proportion as the world refuses to accept the genuine coin, counterfeit currency, so to speak, is offered it from many sources. And that is a just rebuke to the systems that claim to be orthodox. For if there is no genuine gold, you can there be a counterfeit? The states of Illinois and Missouri, by the way where there, in the early days, was no room for the Church, have had their share of "Elijahs," "Messiahs," and "prophets" of various kinds,

THE DANISH ISLANDS.

The purchase of the Danish West Indies appears to be about accomplished now. The treaty of cession has been signed by Secretary Hay for this country and Minister Brun for Den-

By that treaty Denmark transfers her sovereignty over the Islands St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix to this country, in consideration of about four million deliars, which is not far from half less than the price asked thirty years ago, when Setretary Seward negotiated for the little group of isl-The signing of the treaty does not

complete the transaction, though. The agreement will have to be approved by the Senate, and by the Danish govroment, and Congress must make the necessary appropriation. If at any stage of the further proceedings the transfer does not meet with the necessary approval, it will be called off, but t is expected that it will be accepted. The Islands have not been profitable to the Danish government, but if it is true that this country needs them for a naval and coaling station, and that the United States cannot permit any other power to buy them, they may be worth the price asked for them, and nuch more. Alaska, at one time, was thought to have been acquired at an exorbitant price, but now it is quite clear that that territory is worth much more than was paid for it. It may be so with the West Indies. There may he resources not yet developed. But even if that is not the case, if by buying them future complications are avoided, they may prove cheap at four million dollars.

SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT.

"Will the papers of the State press be kind enough to inform their readers that at the trial of the Mayor of Ogden. for a supposed violation of the quarantine laws, the evidence showed that the patient released. That all statements to the contrary were manufactured for the Salt Lake papers out of whole cloth a yard wide.

That paragraph appears in the Ogden Standard. We give place to it in the Descret News. The statement made to all the Salt Lake papers by their respective correspondents was to a similar lated. Mr. Sharp felt he could not reply effect. The "News" correspondent reported that the Mayor of Orden had 'dispatched Sanftary Inspect or Powers to the office of Dr. Condon, to tell the latter that it was the order of the Mayor that the alleged smallpox patient be dismissed from the hospital." The objection of the Standard is a mere quibble or play on words. / Its own reports show that the Mayor was found guilty of violating the health ordinances of the city and he was fined for doing so. He over-stepped the bounds of his offiial authority, and that he took steps have the patient discharged on the ground that he did not have smallpox, s as certain as that he had no right to pass officially at all on the question. It s of no use to blame the Salt Lake papers, for they all aimed to put the matter correctly before the public.

Henry of Germany comes as a prince

The attacks on Colon seem to have heir regular periodicity.

The cold weather warms the cockles

f the hearts of the lcemen.

The president of the steel trust is said to have a cold steel grey eye.

The war in the Philippines appears to have found a Lodge-ment on the floor

It is in order for someone to rise up and say that Schley didn't capture Chicago,

Bandmaster Sousa has composed a novel called "The Fifth String." It is written "way up in G."

Ten to one that New York and Washington society will vote Brother Henry a prince of good fellows.

People who are so perturbed over the belief of others in revelation should join a don't-worry club.

It would be quite appropriate for the Mayor and City Council to have "smoker" over the smoke nuisance, Ogden's mayor has it in his power to

emit the fine imposed upon his honor

for breaking the pest ordinance. Mr. Schwab set the Austrians an example of fast living when he hired a special train to carry him to Buda-

"Money makes for peace," says o Philadelphia paper. And everybody makes for money, letting the peace take care of itself.

Many New York politicians doubt if Boss Croker has really resigned the eadership of Tammany. Those tame doubters may be termed "croakers,"

When a widow has an income of ten thousand a year she is not in need of a pension even though she be a presidential widow.

It is a very common thing to have sults in a trunk, but in the district court there is a suit over a trunk Can it be owing to the cold weather?

Secretary Long sees no reason why the pay of the chaplains in the navy should be increased. If the chaplain feel that their compensation is not ade were badly frightened, but no great quate to their work, they can even facts and motives.

matters up by making their prayer's shorter.

The managers of the St. Locis feir are displaying an activity and "hustling" capacity that would do credit to the livest committee Chicago could get

China is going to reorganize her government. It needs it, for never was government much more badly disorganized than China's during the past

Down in Alabama they are establishng Jim Crow towns. The latest one is named Booker City. The first was called Hobson City. Each city considers its own birds the whitest/

It now appears that the inhabitants of the Danish West Indies are anxious to come under Uncle Sam's protecting care. He is a good care taker. He even takes care of the Monroe doctrine and when any one thinks of touching it he tells them to take care. And they

Commenting on the concentration camps in the Philippines, the New York Evening Post says: "Under the circumstances would it not be well for this country to tender its humble apologies to the much-maligned General Weyler?" Possibly. Will the Post kindly appoint itself an envoy extraordinary to convey to General Weyler any and all apologies it may deem due him?

It is claimed that in repairing the iamage done to some of the monoliths of Stonehenge, England, by the great storm of December 31, 1900, evidence has been obtained as to their age. Dr. Montchius fixes the date at 1500 B. C., while Professor Norman Lockyer carries the time further back into antiquity, attributing their erection to a period at least 2000 years B. C. The excavations prove also that the "blue" monoliths in the Druidic temple must have been found by the builders in the neighborhood of Salisbury plain, and that they were not transported, as popularly believed before, from either Wales or Brittany.

THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.

Springfield Republican.

It would be unfair to President Schurman of Cornell university to say that his declaration in favor of the ultimate independence of the Filipinos, made efore the reform club in Boston Monday evening, was his first pronounce ment in that line. Not long after his return from the Philippines he delivered a speech in which he said that the ultimate independence of the islands should be the objective of American efforts. But that was over two years ago, and, since then, Mr. Schurman has done considerable running with those who view the Philippines as a first-class asset of empire. The surprise with which the radical and uncompounding anti-imperialists of Boston promising anti-imperialists of Boston heard his remarks the other evening. therefore, is easily understood. They had long ago come to regard him as one whose influence was always used to help along the imperialistic scheme -when help was needed.

Boston Herald.

In our judgment, we have needlessly sacrificed 50,000 lives of our new subjects and thousands of lives of our own people, and have caused a vast waste of their property and our treasure, without winning their respect or their ce in our good intentions. No body, it seems to us. Who candidly considers the conditions prevailing in the beginning of our occupation of Luzon can reasonably doubt that we might have done this and have secured every real national advantage in the way o a naval station, and of supply depots and of trade, which we shall ever get after prosecuting a war for such acknowledgement of sovereignty as w. never do us any good when an emergency arises that puts its sincerity to

New York Evening Post.

Gov. Taft's optimism as to the small army which will be needed in the Phil-ippines after January 1, 1903, is not ne out by the reports of army cers. It is the commissioner's belief that 17,000 men will then suffice to hold the archipelago, because of the effi-ciency of the new Philippine constabu-lary and the native scouts, of which 12,000 bars been authorized by Con-gress, and 6,500 raised. Desirable as would be the condition of absolute peace which this belief of Gov. Taft would foreshadow, his opinion can only be the expression of an earnest hope, in view of the conditions in southern Luzon which have led to the enforcement of reconcentration and the return to Manila of all American women in the disturbed district.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. There having been some misunder-standing of part of his speech and a consequent assumption that he is now in full accord with the extreme antiimperialists, President Schurman next day sent out a signed statement in which he said that when President Mo-Kinley invited him to accept the presidency of the first commission to the Philippines the President assured him that "the sole object of taking the Philippines was the humanitarian one of carrying to them the blessings of liby." The commission reported that intelligent Filipinos, "though recognizing the need of temporary Ameri-can intervention and tutelage, all desired and hoped for ultimate independ-ence." President Schurman condensed the substance of his remarks at the Boston Reform club into the statement "The Filipinos want ultimate in lependence, and our progressive grants of liberty and home rule must eventu-ate in independence, and it is American and Philippine sentiment

that must finally settle the question.'

Baltimore Sun. And now it is reconcentration-reconentration with all its horrors-reconentration as an American war policy!
. . . Can these things be? Can America, the world's example and teacher of liberty, do this? Congressman Cannon, in a speech Monday in the House of Representatives, said of he United States in the Philippines: The law sends us there, and in my adgment we will be there forever and day." Are we to stay there by such nethods as these? Can the same people ho at the close of the nineteenth cenury called reconcentration Cuba butchery" look upon it in the Philipoines at the beginning of the twentleth with complacency?

St. Paul Pioneer Press.

There are very few of the so-called apperialists who now advocate or at ny time have advocated the perpetuand to the fitness or the desires of the Imperialists was much ado about othing. By ignoring facts and attriouting false motives wherever convenful bugaboo for their own small circle which they found it an exhilarating recreation to assail. The only "remarkable and unexpected" thing about President Schurman's speech was that they applauded its thinly veiled rebuke of

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