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THE POOR CREATURES!

A number of ladies in this city, following the lead of some professed ministers of the Gospel and a rampant newspaper without principle and utterly regardless of the truth, have formulated resolutions, which have already been published and which were telegraphed to the committee of investigation at Washington. This was for the purpose of increasing prejudice against the "Mormon" Church and offsetting the evidence recently adduced as to the indisposition of the non-"Mormons" here to stir up trouble, and as to the absence of interference by the Church in political affairs. The straightforward testimony which has been introduced seems to have set the rabid anti-"Mormon" faction perfectly wild.

The ladies who signed the resolutions prepared for them, based their addresses in their "mass" meeting upon a recent editorial in the Salt Lake Tribune, and they became almost hysterical over the idea that any "Gentiles" in this city had either "condoned" or "tolerated" the continuance of plural family relations by men who entered that status previous to the manifesto of 1890. The utter absurdity of their excitement and their attestations is patent to the great body of our citizens, who know very well that the recent testimony of "Gentiles" at Washington on the matter is absolutely true. For the benefit of the signers of the dispatch to Senator Burrows, we will quote a little from the paper which has stirred them up to their present fury. The following excerpt is from the Salt Lake Tribune of December 22, 1904:

"The Gentiles in Utah had fought long enough; and they were grateful for peace. They deplored anything that looked like a renewal of the old strife. For years they kept their mouths closed and their eyes shut, permitting men to go on living with their plural wives, showing neighborly respect and consideration, and believing that, without special condemnation of what was known as unlawful cohabitation, they could very well leave the situation for time to remedy."

This is just what the witnesses who have been so abused and held up to obloquy by that same paper testified before the committee, arousing the mock indignation and simulated fury of the Tribune, the ministers and the women who have blindly followed them into the folly exhibited in their meeting and in their telegram. If we had any disposition to turn the tables on some of these terribly scandalized people over Mormon conditions, we could a few tales unfold which would make their intemperate avowals look mighty ridiculous, and cause a shaking among the dry bones of local society. But never mind.

One outrageous assertion in the dispatch which the ladies sent to Washington needs further notice. They say: "Utah is ruled absolutely by the Mormon hierarchy, which defies law, directs legislation, controls courts, frightens witnesses, and works its vengeance upon those who resist."

Every assertion in that paragraph is absolutely and wickedly untrue. The women who signed it may believe it, but they have to depend entirely upon rumor, chiefly the base fabrications of wilful and intentional liars, who have never been able to adduce anything which would be considered proof by a court or pass muster in a fair inquiry conducted on the lines of law or logic. It is but a repetition of the howling of ministerial wolves, echoed by subsidized or parrot-like papers, that pander to the popular desire for sensation and are ready to swallow anything that reflects upon the "Mormons."

Those women have put themselves on record as endorsing wicked and groundless falsehoods on matters of which they have no personal knowledge, and only exhibit a disposition to assail a Church and a people who have done them no harm. There is as much Christianity in their course as there is solid substance in a vacuum. It is a pity that they have not home affairs enough to better engage their attention, but a mercy that some of them are blind to their own surroundings. But for consistency and harmony of sentiment and assertion with its own utterances, commend us to the rattled and raving anti-"Mormon" organ in this city.

CARNATION DAY.

January 23, the anniversary of the birth of the late President McKinley, is by his friends and admirers called "Carnation day," as a tribute to his memory. There is a "Carnation League" in this country, formed for the purpose of making the day a general holiday, just as there is a Primrose League in Great Britain, in memory of Lord Beaconsfield, the names of the leagues being suggested by the favorite flowers of the deceased. The anniversary this year falling on a Sunday, it has been suggested that the day be observed by the churches, and religious and patriotic organizations, by having a portion of their services appropriate to this memorial. "The same loyal impulse," says the league's announcement, "that prompted the stopping of almost all the wheels of industry for those few moments on the day of his burial has found annual expression in this simple tribute instituted by the Carnation League of America. It can be taken part in by the old and young of either sex. To wear the president's favorite flower, in the lapel of the coat, or in the hair, or at the throat, in silent memory of a departed public servant, whose life was forfeited because he was our servant, is what is contemplated by this movement." To promote patriotism is the underlying motive, and this is certainly as laudable as it is highly needed. And it should be impressed upon all on such occasions, that commemoration alone does not inspire patriotism, unless it prompts to imitation of the virtues of patriots. We can build monuments to the dead and yet be far from the paths of usefulness and sacrifice upon which they attained greatness and fame.

A FORMER SALT LAKER.

A great many people are acquainted with Dan W. Jones, an old resident of this city, who has traveled much in Mexico and other places, and is the author of a book that was published some years ago, entitled, "Forty Years Among the Indians." Mr. Jones was regarded here as quite a character in certain lines and achieved considerable notoriety. Old friends would probably like to learn of his whereabouts, and we make this notice for their benefit. By letter from him to President Francis M. Lyman, we learn that he is now at Sacramento, California, and is engaged in placing a machine of his own invention for the oiling of public roads and dressing them preparatory to lubrication. His work appears to give great satisfaction, as it is an improvement upon other methods of the kind. Roads dressed up and sprinkled with oil in this way are entirely free from dust, and Mr. Jones has an arrangement with a shop to make and sell a certain number of his machines for a year. The compensation he receives provides him with a living, and he anticipates a wide extension of his business. He professes strong faith in the Gospel, and is able to bear convincing testimonies of the truth of the latter-day work. His bodily health and strength are excellent. He desires to be practically useful to the end of his days and he wishes to be kindly remembered to his old acquaintances in Zion.

"THE CALL" OFF WRONG.

The San Francisco Call of late appears to be imbued with a spirit of spite against the "Mormons." Articles very wide of the truth concerning them appear in its columns. We have not made any reply to them, but have wondered what is the matter with the Call that it should be so vindictive and unreliable. We mention the matter now because one of its peculiar paragraphs has been commented upon by a paper that has a wide circulation in California, with offices in several cities. It is called the Trades Union Herald, and this is the paragraph that appeared in the Call, which called forth the Herald's reply:

"To be a street car operator, get employment as a clerk, dig ore in the church mines or reduce it in a church smelter, be a public school teacher or get employment as a handicraftsman, it is necessary to be a Mormon. And every Mormon public school teacher, street car man, miner, smelter, clerk and craftsman has to pay tithes to the church one-tenth of all earnings every year."

Every statement in the foregoing clipping is a positive untruth. The call can find this out by inquiry from any reliable firm, establishment or individual in this city, regardless of religion, politics or social status. Why such statements should be made in so respectable a public journal as the San Francisco Call, is something we are not able to understand, and what object that paper can have in endeavoring to so mislead its readers is one of the puzzles of the period. The Trades Union Herald answered the Call as follows. We commend the rather satirical but pointed and pertinent remarks of that paper to the consideration of the editor of the Call, and suggest that before other articles of a similar character to those which have been published of late concerning the "Mormons" are permitted to appear on its pages, some inquiries be made as to their truth, so that the Call may not make itself ridiculous as well as unvarnished in the eyes of its readers. The Herald said:

"Strange, too, isn't it, how prosperous and contented the Mormon people are, and how so many recruits are being added to their colonies every year, and how Mormon temples are so scarce, and none at all in the alms houses and few in the insane asylums in the states where they outnumber the Gentiles three to one?" "Strange, isn't it, that the Mormons should prefer to give employment to their friends in preference to strangers, and provide work at a good salary year in and year out, and only charge 10 per cent of earnings in tithes, or so doing? Employment offices charge more than that in San Francisco and sometimes the job don't last a week. Wouldn't it be nice if the other churches, Methodists, Catholics, Presbyterians, Baptists, etc., would all take care of their own as well as the Mormons do. How few would be out of employment and how happy we would all be, everybody with a job and all the uncertainty of losing one's position when times get dull banished forever. But the Mormon Church should please

the Call by all means, and give all positions at their disposal to outsiders and let their own people go to—well, the west.

Again in writing of the Smoot investigation, the Call man says: "Collateral to this inquiry some success has attended the effort to disclose the secrets of the Endowment House, the private ceremonies of the temple and the oaths which bind the brethren together. In this field the revelations are somewhat startling. The oaths are fearful in their nature, and invoke upon those who violate them the severe physical penalty of death by mutilation. In this part of the investigation it is shown that superstition is used as a powerful means of subjecting the human will to the control of beliefs and practices which revolt human reason when it is free from a degrading faith in the supernatural."

"This reminds us of the hubbub created last year over the refusal of an Omaha clergyman to grant certain church privileges to members of the Typographical union, because the obligation of that organization was said to be superior to allegiance to the church. 'Well, the union's oath has not been changed and we presume the printer stand about as good a show of shaking hands with Uncle Peter as the next. But to return to Mr. McNaught's article. The Mormon oath is a terrible thing, etc., etc. We know nothing of the Mormon oath, but we presume it to be no worse than that of a certain great secret organization which is said to be a hair-raiser—and the members of the same order were hounded like wolves and chased from pillar to post in their own United States because the people who did not belong to the order, had the same misconception of it as the Call editor and others possess of the Mormon Church. The Mormon church needs no more defense for its existence than does trades unionism. Both are condemned most by those who are ignorant of their fundamental principles and both continue to grow like a Green Bay tree."

"In reference to polygamy, we have this to say: If the Mormons practice it they are guilty of no more heinous offense than are millions of others, not Mormons, but those who call the keeping of a mistress by another name. We will gamble our old straw hat against a bushel of turnips that if Smoot should ask his investigators to cast the first stone, he would be the only man left in the room."

In Russia the throws of revolutions are bombs.

The Czar won't have any peace with infra dig.

The love of borrowing money is the root of all evil.

These skin game scoundrels are themselves pachyderms.

Venezuela is the spoiled child of the Western Hemisphere.

The Port Arthurian romances are no longer popular in Russia.

The bounty swindlers would much rather face the bear than the bar.

It is no harder to kick against the pricks than it is against the trusts.

May Yohe is seeking a divorce. If she will seek in South Dakota she will find.

Governor Adams doubtless thinks that ex-Governor Peabody doth protest too much.

The Czar's soldiers seem to have better success against Russians than against Japanese.

Is it not a misfortune of parties to pray for the Czar and his people at one and the same time?

The musicians are perfecting a protective organization. May its members ever dwell in harmony.

Mr. Bryan displays far more admiration for President Roosevelt than for ex-President Cleveland.

"Was General Stoessel a hero or a coward?" asks an exchange. Let the trustees of the Carnegie hero fund decide.

The North Sea inquiry commission has elicited some eighteen charges by Great Britain and just as many denials by Russia.

Some score and a half Americans have captured the toga this winter, but Russia has been unable to capture a single Togo.

Perhaps the wisest thing that the republic of San Domingo ever did was to come under the protecting wings of the American eagle.

When it comes to trotting double in steeplechase, Arizona and New Mexico hitch up about as well as a cat and dog would.

"Vigilance committee to redeem New York is now being formed." says the World. That's right. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

The germs of revolution are spreading in Russia, as they never spread before. And they will continue to spread in spite of all the Czar can do.

A Pittsburg preacher has offered a thousand dollars for the best novel on international peace. Isn't this rather a novel offer for a preacher to make?

If the bounty law is not to be repealed it certainly should be so amended that swindling under it will be less easy and the swindlers, when caught, more severely punished.

The anti-"Mormon" organ's Washington correspondent has formulated and passed unanimously a resolution for Senator Smoot's expulsion from the Senate.

When Mr. Bryan tells President Roosevelt that he indorses his government control of freight rates policy, it begins to look as though that policy were going to be made unanimous, so far as the people are concerned.

A price has been put on the head of the American eagle in Tahoma county, Cal. The board of supervisors offers a reward of one dollar to the head of each of the great birds on the petition of the sheepmen who have lost many lambs by eagles. Justice demands that it should be an eagle for an eagle.

Questions concerning the opening of

the Uintah Reservation are still coming to the "News" office. No information has as yet been made public concerning the details of that event. Those interested will have to be patient until the government proclamation comes, in which everything necessary for the guidance of settlers will be set forth.

THAT RUSSIAN NOTE.

Chicago Record-Herald.

From the time of the international invasion of China, in the summer of 1900 until the beginning of the recent Russo-Japanese war the Russians held Manchuria by fraud and force. Their government violated its pledges outwardly, coerced China into negotiations which would have led to the absolute loss of the province, if otherwise had not intervened, and also to the fear of the allies. Its conduct was such that it evoked a sharp note of protest from Washington. This Russian policy of bad faith was possible only because of the weakness and the fears of the Chinese. Now Russia is offended because, as the allies, these same compliant people are violating neutrality in favor of the Japanese, who happen to be next to them today owing to circumstances over which the Russians have no control.

San Francisco Chronicle.

The complaint against China for not interfering with the manufacturing and supplying of the Japanese army by Chinese firms will operate with equal force against any other neutral nation whose subjects or citizens have been trafficking in contraband of war with both belligerents without governmental interference. But the ways of Russian diplomacy are so dark and intricate that the object of the note may develop later as the ground-work for international intervention in the settlement of the terms of peace whereby Japan shall be deprived, as she was in the settlement with China, of the fruits of her victories, through exciting the fears of the powers claiming spheres of influence in the empire that increasing Japanese influence there is putting their own interests in jeopardy.

Pueblo Chieftain.

France, England and Germany are doubtless sincere in their desire to avoid war, and it is this desire that has kept them from war thus far. Yet we have repeatedly seen how they may be forced into war at a day's notice. Either Russia or Japan can force the other powers into the combat, and the knowledge of this fact inspires the alarm with which the question is asked, "What does Russia mean by the protest against China's lapses of neutrality?"

Kansas City Star.

It is quite possible that a move by Russia to punish China for its alleged derelictions might precipitate a scramble by European powers. Such a move by Russia, moreover, might conceivably be contemplated for the purpose of forcing an intervention to end the war. In this instance as in others the United States has shown itself the especial protector of the Chinese empire. If China is allowed to live its own life, to develop along its own lines of civilization, and to distribute its trade without undue discrimination, the credit must belong largely to the United States and to the foresight of its Secretary of State.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The New Year's number of the Colorado Springs Gazette and Telegraph is one of the handsome publications of the season, of which the entire West may well feel proud. It is indeed an extraordinary specimen for a paper in a city of the size of Colorado Springs, and should do much to advertise that place.

The following is the list of contents of Amelle's Magazine for February: "Cherub Devine," Novlette, Sewel Ford; "Square Bill," Short Story, Holman F. Day; "With Cupid as Chauffeur," Short Story, William G. Brownlow; "Editorial," "English and American Society," Essay, "February," Short Story, Ernest C. Thurston; "As I Go Speeding," Poem, Ella Wheeler Wilcox; "Divided," Short Story, Vincent Harper; "The House Party on Olympus," Short Story, Edgar Elerton; "Hannah's Husband," Short Story, Jessie Knight Hart; "Twenty-four Hours," Short Story, Anna A. Rogers; "Miss Tobey's Matchmaking," Short Story, J. J. Bell; "The Change," Poem, Theodosia Garrison; "The Girl and the Car," Short Story, Helen Sherman Griffith; "A Study in Felt," Essay, Dorothy Dix; "Certain Fragments from the Arabic," Poem, Charles Hanson Towne; "The Deluge," Serial, David Graham Phillips; "Separation," Poem, John B. Tabb; "Strange Dramatic Influences," Alan Dale; and "For Book Lovers," Archibald Lowery Sessions.—156 Fifth Ave., New York.

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