

A WRITER OF FICTION.

A newspaper correspondent, dating his letters from Salt Lake and signing his efforts, Henry Russell Sinclair, is industriously disseminating falsehoods about the Latter-day Saints under the pretense of publishing the "Truth About Salt Lake City." This correspondent, it seems, was commissioned by the Manchester Chronicle to describe the conditions in Salt Lake City, and he does this in a letter to the paper mentioned.

The following extract is supposed to be part of a conversation between Mr. Sinclair and an alleged plural wife:

"If you are not happy," I said, "why don't you leave the place and go back to England?"

"You do not understand," she replied, "how difficult it is for anyone to leave this city after having become a Mormon. The chances are that you would not be far away before I would be brought back, and be pointed at among them."

"But you are free, surely? There is nothing to hinder you, for instance, from taking the first train out of Salt Lake City, and getting outside Utah and out of home?"

"You think not?" she asked. "I go I could not be out of the reach of the missionaries. They would find me out and compel me to return to my husband. Besides, would the world believe the word of one woman against that of Mormon elders and missionaries?"

This extract shows sufficiently the character of the letter-writer. The probability is that no such conversation ever took place. No one acquainted with Salt Lake could write about the "difficulty" of leaving the City, or of missionaries "compelling" any one either to remain or return. The story is silly in the extreme.

The letter gives so much evidence of ignorance as to suggest the probability that the author of it never honored Salt Lake with his presence. This is the way he speaks of the Tabernacle:

"Of the Tabernacle, it might be said that it is a gigantic building supposed to be modeled on the plan of Solomon's Temple, and it has a magnificent interior. In the main court is a huge baptismal font, and the whole building is a most impressive one. Then there is Social Hall and the Seventies' Hall, and it must be said that the life of the Mormons is not so solemn as might be supposed."

The comparison between the Tabernacle and Temple of Solomon, and the reference to the "magnificent interior" and the "huge baptismal font" in "the main court," show how imagination can be drawn on when truth is no consideration. The reference to Social Hall and the Seventies' Hall might have been suggested by some old guide book, now out of date. The writer speaks of "Temple street" as the best place to see "the female portion" of the "Mormons." He is disappointed with the buildings of Salt Lake. The most "imposing erection," he says, is the Tabernacle, and next in order comes the Theater. The Tabernacle and Theater are historical buildings of which Salt Lake is proud, but they are not the only ones to attract the attention of tourists. Sinclair has not a word to say of the Temple, the City and County building, the magnificent churches and residences along Brigham street, the Federal building, or the Newhouse skyscrapers. The Tabernacle and the Theater represent his impressions of Salt Lake, from the architectural point of view. And yet this rot is printed in England and copied in American papers. We find substantially the same letter in the Baltimore Sun, of July 12.

We learn from the Millennial Star that Right Rev. Bishop P. S. Spaulding, who is in England at present, took the pains of refuting Sinclair, in an interview which the Manchester Chronicle was fair enough to publish. Bishop Spaulding, the Star says, gives facts and figures which completely contradict the Chronicle man's assertions, and the Chronicle closes its account of the interview with this sentence: "In conclusion the Bishop said it was not the case that 'Mormon' missionaries were swamping girls for immoral purposes." The Star adds:

"That paper publishes also a letter from Elder Julian M. Thomas, of the Manchester conference, who, in a pleasant spirit, ridicules and refutes the Sinclair effusions; and one from William Henry Bywater, who some time ago was chief of the fire department in Salt Lake City, an Englishman who is now on a visit to this country, and who adds some items of information which also put a quietus on the nonsense written by Mr. Sinclair. A good many people have asked have asked the Saints, 'Have you seen 'The Truth about Mormonism' in the Manchester Chronicle?' The Saints are now replying: 'Have you seen 'More About the Mormons' in the Manchester Chronicle?' And there is now another kind of a smile on the faces of the opponents of the Latter-day Saints."

We have men and women of Utah who, though not members of the Church, have the moral courage of defending Utah and the Latter-day Saints, when they find them defamed and slandered abroad. We have another class of people who live here, and do business here, who never open their mouth in defense, though they know that scandal-mongers are bearing false witness against their neighbors. They are afraid of becoming unpopular with a certain class. They are cowards who dare not take the side of

truth in the battle between truth and error. All honor, therefore, to those who dare to speak the truth both at home and abroad.

CONSIDER THE FIGURES.

Everyone interested in the proposed bond issue should read carefully the statement issued by Councilmen F. S. Fernstrom, John Holley, L. E. Hall, James D. Murdoch, Oliver Hodgson, and H. T. Cowburn. The so-called American majority of the council, utterly disregarding the right of the minority to be heard and fearing, no doubt, to face the truth, forced an adjournment before the statement could be read in the meeting, but it found its way to the press and is now before the tax-payers for consideration.

The statement demonstrates that the City has enough revenue to pay all expenses of the various departments and to carry on all necessary improvements. From the figures presented it is clear that if the taxes of this year are not squandered, there is a surplus of over \$125,000 that can be used for enlarging water mains, and other purposes.

The statement shows that the allegation of bond orators that there can be no improvements this year without a bond issue, is absolutely false. It shows that public improvements are now going on; that work on contracts is progressing; and that this work will be finished without borrowed money. How, then, explain the feverish thirst for bonds that suddenly manifested itself this Spring in certain patriotic camps?

The statement shows that certain purposes for which the bond issue is asked, are illegal. It shows that \$200,000 is demanded for the enlarging of East Jordan canal, while the City has no right, as yet, to enter on the work of such enlargement.

The voters cannot ignore these representations. The constitutionality of the report on the question that is to be decided at the election on the 29th of July. And minority reports are not infrequently found to be true.

There is a wide difference between the position of the City Council on the bond question at this time and in 1904, when the citizens were asked to authorize a loan of a million dollars. In 1904 the council unanimously decided to submit the question to the voters. Every member of the council urged the necessity of a loan for the purpose of securing an added water supply and extending the sewer system. In 1904 there was absolute no doubt as to the course to pursue for the furtherance of the best interests of the community. It is different now. The loan is asked for by one side of the council only, while the other side appeals to the people not to authorize it, because it is not needed.

It happens that the members who are in favor of bonds are known to be under the influence of party politicians who have manifested considerable selfishness, as well as bitterness and fanaticism. On the other side are men who are under no obligation to party bosses, and who have studied the affairs of the City for many years and therefore know what they are talking about. This being the case, why should the citizens rush headlong into the deeper water, against the warning voice of men whom they can trust, merely to please the representatives of a political faction? Why not postpone another bond issue until the council is united on the need of it, as in 1904?

CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY.

Public sentiment is undoubtedly crystallizing in favor of publicity of campaign expenditures in presidential campaigns. If this great reform shall become an accomplished fact, then we may hope for similar progress in the case of municipal elections.

Congress refused to take the step now taken by the two presidential candidates; and one of the platforms was silent on this paramount issue. Both Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan, however, perceive the direction of public sentiment on this matter and both seem ready to meet it.

The Democratic candidate now announces that the publication of contributions to aid in his campaign will begin on October 15th, and will be continued every day thereafter until the campaign closes. It is not at all improbable that Mr. Taft may decide upon a similar policy of ante-election publicity.

For the first time in our national history, the voters are to know both the size and the sources of the political campaign funds. It is a great reform and it has come quietly. What seemed remote and hopeless is already in part accomplished.

THIS YEAR'S GRAIN CROP.

The early promise of extraordinary grain crops throughout the country this year is not to be fully realized. Nevertheless, this year's harvest will be of enormous proportions, and considerably above that of last year.

The government crop report just issued gives an estimated promise of 4,541,140,000 bushels of all grains, of which 2,676,000,000 bushels are corn. The increase over last year's short yield is 376,407,000 bushels. The excess in this year's crop is to be found in oats, where the promise is for an increase of 222,000,000 bushels over the short yield of 1907.

The prospects for winter wheat are that the crop will amount to 414,000,000 bushels, or 28,000,000 bushels less than the June estimate, and still less than the forecast of May. Spring wheat is expected to reach a total of 890,000,000 bushels, which is 45,000,000 bushels less than the June estimate, but is a gain of 55,000,000 bushels over the crop of last year.

Corn promises an extraordinary record. The increase in average devoted to this cereal is 1,085,000 acres over the immense area devoted to corn last year. A crop of 2,676,000,000 bushels is the present estimate. The gains in the corn acreage and crop are in the South, many northern states showing a decrease in this crop.

The corn crop of last year was 2,592,000,000 bushels, and it is confidently predicted that this year's crop cannot fall below, while in all probability it will be much above that yield. It is thought that oats, under almost any kind of weather from this date, will

probably yield as much as last year—754,000,000 bushels, and the present prospect is for considerably more.

These crops, so large as to stagger the imagination in any attempts to picture them, constitute the most solid basis of our national prosperity.

Blazing a trail is not light work.

Castro must love a hot time, he gets embroiled so much.

The summer girl is a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

It is too early in the game of politics to "claim everything."

As the dyspeptic is to social life so the mugwump is to politics.

Melvin Sheppard, though no Egyptian, is still a Sheppard king.

It is the loud laugh that speaks the summer vacation as well as the vacant mind.

If many hands make light work why shouldn't many mayors make good roads?

People desiring to brush up on the Quebec celebration should read their Parkman.

There will be no big sticks in the next administration; at best only a Billy club.

They call some names in the city council at times but no one has ever called Black White.

When the candidates are not standing on the platforms they are either on the lawn or on the golf links.

Tacking the Wolfe-Montcalm episode on to the Quebec centenary celebration can hardly be called tactful.

If Old Sol were a competitor at the Olympic games he would take all the heats, to judge by what he is doing here.

The night riders already have cost Kentucky forty-five thousand dollars. They come high, and what is worse, they come in the night time.

"What has become of the large blond queen of burlesque who used always to stand in the middle of the front row?" asks a dramatic writer. She died long ago.

A Louisville judge is credited with adjourning court for fifteen minutes while a circus procession passed by. That's nothing. Parliament once adjourned to attend the Derby.

"Let us forget," remember the record of the Pseudo-American party in making a free gift of \$75,000 to an aqueduct contractor; and vote against the bond issue. Let no such party be trusted.

One gentleman who favors the bond issue says: "I want my grandchildren to pay some of these taxes." If that is all that worries him before his translation, let his mind be at rest. His grandchildren will have plenty of these taxes to pay.

THE AMERICAN MARKSMEN.

Omaha Bee.

The Olympic rifle contests have closed, leaving the Americans undisputed champions of the world, their victory over other contestants being so decisive that no room remains for argument. The English were the only entries that came within contesting distance of the American team. The Olympic victory, coming so closely after the American capture of the Palm trophy in Canada last year, clinches the title of world's champions and sets a record for marksmen of other nations.

BOOSTING GOOD ROADS.

Minneapolis Journal.

The postmaster general has ruled that rural free delivery will be discontinued on roads that are not kept in condition to be traveled with facility and safety at all seasons of the year. The habit of plowing up a section of prairie or woods and calling it a road will have to be changed.

GRACEFUL AND APPROPRIATE.

Indianapolis News.

It is a graceful and appropriate action on the part of President Roosevelt to change the name of San Jacinto reservation in southern California to the Cleveland National Forest. In his letter to Mrs. Cleveland he reminds the country that eleven years ago President Cleveland proclaimed this reservation and that it was one of the first to recognize the need of such reservations, a total of nearly 26,000,000 acres being one of the results of his foresight. The president goes on to say that the good that Mr. Cleveland, whose name will always be prominently identified with the movement to protect the forests of the country, thus the good that men do lives after them, and it is inspiring that it be recognized.

POSSIBLE DOOM OF WARSHIPS.

Philadelphia Press.

One ironclad, constructed less than half a century ago, during our civil war, made all the wooden galleys navies of the world useless in a single day. If the German kaiser attains the airship which he now hopes for, he may at a stroke put out of the business the steel men-of-war.

GOOD TIME COMING.

New York Mail.

Prosperity for the farm, big freight receipts for the railroads, more beef at a lower price, a bounteous breakfast and a "full dinner pail" are all included in the promise of the fields. Nature has done her part toward a business revival—the rest is up to us.

THE JAPANESE COMING.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The Japanese are said to be killing an average of 200 Koreans a week. Tokyo calls this pacification, but it has some resemblance to extermination.

JUST FOR FUN.

Interruptions.

"I s'pose John is still takin' life easy," said the woman in the spring wagon.

"Yes," answered the woman who was carrying an armful of wood. John has only two regrets in life. One is that he has to wake up to eat, and the

other is that he has to quit eatin' to sleep."—Washington.

Different Names.

"I understand," said the old-time friend, "that you are gettin' right exclusive."

"Well," answered Mr. Cumrox, "that's what mother an' the girls call it."

"What do you call it?"

"Plain 'lonesome.'"—Washington Star.

Days vs. Night.

"I suppose," said the literary young man, "you have read 'The Last Days of Pompeii'?"

"No, I haven't," admitted the girl from the back township, "but I've read nearly all of 'The Arabian Nights.'"—Chicago News.

His Great Act.

"Now, Johnny," said the Sunday-school teacher, "can you tell me one of the most remarkable things Moses did?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the bright youth. "He broke all the commandments at the same time."—London Opinion.

Fortunate Man.

The Hobo—Say, mister, would you mind stakin' a pore man wot ain't got no home 't a few pennies?"

Enpeck—Got no home? Say, old chap, you are playing in great luck. Why, you can stay out all night any old time you want to.—Chicago News.

No Escape Possible.

Father—I told you not to go with that boy.

Bobby—I had to, father, 'cause he had hold of my hair.—Comic Cuts.

Not Expected of Him.

Employer—So you want a job, eh? Wot what did you do at your last place?

Boy—I didn't do nothing. I was the office boy.—St. Louis Times.

Chronicle.

He—Has your husband got used to his motor car?

She—Oh, yes. He swears at it automatically now.—Illustrated Bits.

Man.

Knicker—Jones kicks about the size of his wife's summer hotel bill.

Booker—And yet he will pay \$5 a day to sleep three in a bed at a convention.—New York Sun.

Think So?

We know what Sherman said of war. I know a clerk.

Who claims that saying is by far more true of work.

—Kansas City Star.

Sorry He Spoke.

"A fool for luck!" exclaimed Jobson, on hearing that an acquaintance had come into a fortune.

"I don't know about that," replied his wife. "You don't seem to be especially fortunate."—Boston Transcript.

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