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WHAT DUBOIS AIMS TO DO.

There need be no misunderstanding, and there ought to be no misrepresentation, concerning the designs of Senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho upon the "Mormon" citizens of this country wherever they reside, and just now particularly as to those who live in Idaho. It seems that they are coming to a pretty good understanding in relation to his animus and intentions, and what he aims to accomplish in the coming political campaign in that State.

We took occasion when he made his petulant speech, on his failure to inject his anti-"Mormon" virus into the Arizona and New Mexico statehood bill, to show the gist of his amendment which the conference committee threw out in disgust. His spiteful remarks on that occasion exhibited his true sentiments, and showed the effects of something more than the "ptomaine poisoning" with which he seems to be frequently afflicted.

His purpose in the provision he endeavored to insert in the bill was to shut out from the franchise every citizen of the new state, "who is living in what is known as patriarchal, plural, or celestial marriage," or "who in any manner teaches, advises, counsels, aids or encourages any person to enter into bigamy, polygamy or such patriarchal, plural or celestial marriage," or "who is a member of or contributes to the support, aid or encouragement of any order, organization, association, corporation or society" which does any of those things.

Those quotations are from his amendment to the statehood bill and are to be found in the Idaho anti-"Mormon" provisions. The words "celestial marriage" are the nub of the whole plot. The "Mormon" Church, as it is commonly called, teaches, advises, counsels and encourages its members to enter into celestial marriage, which means eternal marriage, or marriage "for time and all eternity." This without reference to plural marriage or bigamy or polygamy, which it now forbids. Any person who is a member of an organization which teaches celestial or eternal marriage, or contributes to its support would, under such a law, be barred from voting at any election and from holding any civil office or serving as a juror. Is it not plain and beyond fair dispute that this was intended to disfranchise every "Mormon" in the State?

It is no secret that this is what Fred T. Dubois wants to establish as law in Idaho. The power to do it is in the State Constitution, in so many words, and he, knowing that he has fopped from the Republican party into the Silver party, then consubstantiated with the Populist party, and floundered into the Democratic party, with evident sly glances in the direction of the Republican party again, and thus having no secure standing in either of them, hopes by stirring up the anti-"Mormon" elements of all parties and factions and churches in Idaho, and fusing them into one heterogeneous mass, to stand upon it as a candidate for re-election to the Senate and at the same time revenge himself upon the "Mormon" citizens of that State, because he cannot manipulate them according to his will, nor gain from them by Church influence that support which he once begged for and sent his agent to this city to try to obtain and utterly failed.

We take up this matter solely because the intention of Dubois, openly manifested, is to deprive of the common privileges of citizenship our co-religionists whom he finds an opportunity to assail. After making a fiasco of his anti-"Mormon" raid on them in Arizona and New Mexico, notwithstanding the falsehoods he told about alleged prosecutions there by which he expected to deceive Congress concerning them, he means to try his hand at similar work in Idaho. And we are outspoken in expressing our opinion that any "Mormon" who aids him in that shameful attempt, deserves to be disfranchised and is unworthy the power to vote or hold office in this country.

The supporters of Dubois here or elsewhere can make what they please of this avowal. Our people are on the defense. They should understand what their enemy is after. He may say he does not want to disfranchise the "Mormons" but only those who do not obey the law, but his actions in regard to the Arizona and New Mexico statehood bill prove the contrary. And his schemes in Idaho proclaim the same intent, and therefore he should be known for what he is and what he has in view. If self-protection is a leading law of nature, our friends should act upon it. And we have the right to point out to them dangers that are in sight and warn them to steer clear of the rock ahead. Whether it suits our opponents or not we shall do it all the same.

A SAD LOSS.

The announcement of the death of General John S. Witcher which appeared in Monday evening's Deseret News, doubtless occasioned deep regret among a very large number of the people of Utah, in whom he was known as a valuable and esteemed citizen soldier. He had been in poor health for some time, and when last we saw him was making preparations to go abroad and take a two-years' trip for recuperation. He then exhibited the pailor and general nervous debility that indicated the effects of the disease which carried him off, but appeared desirous of overcom-

ing his attacks and weathering the storm. Gen. Witcher was a southern gentleman, in the full sense of the term, and a genuine patriot who fought valiantly for his country and served it faithfully also in civil capacities. He was broadminded, outspoken and firm in his friendships and attachments. He was a foe to sectional animosities, and petty sectarian strife, and was ever ready to denounce oppression and wrong and to support liberty and equal rights. We regard his departure as a loss to this State where he had made his permanent home, and we sympathize with his family in their sad bereavement. May God comfort them in this hour of trial!

COUNTING THE DEAD.

A Chicago paper that for years has kept track of Fourth-of-July casualties, estimates the number of killed on that day this year, through the explosion of fire crackers, torpedoes, etc., at fifty, while the number of wounded is more than 2,500. This is not considered a bad showing when compared with the record of previous years. It is probable that the agitation for a "same" celebration has had its effects. But is not the number of killed and wounded still too large? Is it necessary to sacrifice lives and limbs on the nation's birthday, as if American patriotism were a modern Moloch, or Jugernaut, to be reconciled by the destruction of human beings?

The problem of finding congenial amusements on the day which John Adams said ought to be celebrated "with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations," forevermore, is not easy of solution, but American ingenuity ought to be equal to the task. It is absolutely certain that liberty under the Constitution does not mean license to kill friends and neighbors by the unskillful handling of deadly weapons; nor to commit suicide.

The San Francisco Chronicle suggests that we learn a lesson from the ancient states, the governments of which recognized the obligation of the state to provide suitable amusements for the people. These, as a matter of course, sometimes assumed the brutal character of the age—a feature certainly not worthy of imitation. But it is quite true that public amusements could be arranged for on both a safe and sane plan. Spectacles could be gotten up that would be both instructive and entertaining, and if fireworks were to form part of the program, as would naturally be the case, they would be set off by experts in places where they would do no harm, and all could be arranged to cost much less than is now spent for the little machines that seem to have no merit whatever except for the noise they make.

SECOND-CLASS MAIL MATTER.

We are living in the age of investigations, and the announcement that inquiry is to be commenced regarding the second-class mail matter, is therefore not startling. This inquiry was authorized by act of Congress approved June 26, and the President has appointed as commissioners, Senators Penrose, Carter and Clay, while the Speaker of the House has appointed Representatives Overstreet, Gardner and Moon. The commission has been duly organized by the election of Senator Penrose as chairman and Representative Overstreet as vice chairman. Mr. Henry H. Glasse was elected secretary. The commission will hold sessions, beginning with the first at the Holland House in New York City, Monday, October 1, this year. The object is to learn all about the operation of the present laws relating to second class matter, and to report to Congress.

This is evidently a subject that should receive immediate attention. It is proved that the cost of maintaining the entire postal service for the fiscal year 1905 was approximately \$167,000,000, and that the revenue from all sources was approximately \$153,000,000. Of all the mail matter handled during that year, second-class matter constituted approximately two-thirds, while it yielded, on the other hand, but \$4,386,647.54, or about one-twenty-fourth of the revenue derived from postage. There is something wrong somewhere, and the cause should be discovered and removed. No private business would operate a branch showing such a yearly loss.

It is all right to provide means for the distribution among the people of legitimate journals. The newspaper is a public institution without which the citizen would be both deaf and dumb, as it were. Even if its distribution costs the state a little, this is more than made up by the service it renders the public. But it is believed that the mails have become encumbered with a quantity of reading matter that is nothing but posters, in which more or less objectionable articles of merchandise are advertised. It is evident that the state should not distribute such stuff, at a loss. A thorough-going inquiry into this matter should reveal the actual facts.

PRACTICAL ZIONISM.

Many years ago the Turkish Sultan issued a firman prohibiting the Jews from settling in Palestine. They were coming into the country in large numbers, and the natives said they "spoiled it," meaning thereby that they monopolized trade and industries, and caused a rise in the price of commodities. The prohibition was repeated when the Sultan feared that Zionism might become dangerous. But now it is announced that the prohibition is withdrawn, and that the Jews are at liberty to come and dwell in the land.

This announcement was made at a congress of Zionists at Toronto, the other day, and it may be regarded as authentic. It is probable that this will stimulate immigration to Palestine. Thousands of oppressed Hebrews will find their way there, and once there they will find means of subsistence. The country is developing. Lines of communication are constructed in various directions, and the immigrants will get along somehow. With the frugal habits they are accustomed to, it does not take a great deal to live in contentment and happiness. It is not impossible that Zionism will be realized in this way, while the leaders are discussing and disagreeing on ways and means, and the millionaires of the po-

ple are indifferent. If the influx of Hebrews should continue for some years, the country would become Hebrew in fact. It would be only a short step from that condition to the recognition of the nation as such. The actual immigration of Hebrews to Palestine is practical Zionism.

JUST FOR FUN.

The Oregon girls are as sweet as Oregon strawberries.

A man can lead a double life without having two lives.

Now the proof of the pudding is in the government label.

There are times, not many, when a man should abandon hope.

The American army is to be put on a higher plane by being put in larger pants.

Rojestvensky seems to have been surrounded by poltroons as well as by Japanese.

Why is it necessary for the chauffeur and not the other people in our automobile to wear goggles?

With the thermometer up in the nineties one feels that his country is the sweat land of liberty.

And now they good-naturedly call him "Foxy Grandpa." "Him" is the German Emperor, of course.

Nearly seventy thousand blind people in the United States! There are millions who have eyes but see not.

As the season for preserving and putting up fruit approaches, family jars come more and more into evidence.

The Czar may not be weakening but he is a quitter. He quit Peterhof yesterday for a few hours, the first time in months.

"Weeding out the army" would seem to be the work of the department of agriculture rather than of the war department.

A man who introduced an anti-kissing bill in the Virginia legislature last winter has been deserted by his wife. Congratulations to both.

"Coin" Harvey's name is being mentioned again and occasionally appears in the papers. Where have we heard it before? Oh yes, in Ogden.

A bridge trust agent has been convicted in Ohio. And yet a man should speak well of a bridge that carries him over safely, even when it is a trust bridge.

Some college professor has discovered that Boston culture and Chicago culture are not alike. There are cultures and cultures as there are faggots and faggots.

The lone highwayman who held up five Yosemite stages in quick succession the other day, has been captured. The incident is unique in California history, the capture of the highwayman, not the holding up of the stages.

The Russian revolutionists have got what they call a new "Marseillaise Hymn." The refrain is something like this:

Murder, kill,
All with a will;
And never let a chance go by."

Mr. Herbert Gladstone has declared his intention, as home secretary, of introducing at an early date a bill to prohibit dangerous performances by women in places of public entertainment. This decision has been provoked by the shocking accident that recently befell a poor lady parachutist, and public opinion will feel that it has been taken too early. The only remarkable part of that bill is that it does not include men. But perhaps no real man engages in that kind of business, and the fools may not be worth considering in this connection.

The young Queen of Spain, it is said, wore a necklace of pearls on her wedding day, and now she is reminded, by an ever watchful press, of the Spanish adage that says that pearls on such a day mean tears. It is said that when the Empress Eugenie was finishing her toilet to go to Notre Dame on her wedding morning, an old Spanish servant of hers burst into tears and, reminding her of their native adage, begged her not to wear her pearl necklace. Eugenie, paying no heed to the warning, wore the necklace all the same, and her life has been one long tragedy. The Spanish Queen is, of course, not superstitious, but it cannot be pleasant to her to be reminded of such coincidences.

HANDS OFF!

Baltimore American.

The attempt to "improve" "The Star-Spangled Banner" should be resisted. That national anthem was composed in stirring times, under stirring circumstances, and no additions of a modern kind are likely to add to its capacity for exciting the patriotism of the multitude. It is a wholesome sentiment which revolts against the changing of the songs which have gone into the history of the nation.

TOO TRUE.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

We now have a pure food law, but shall we also have pure food? We have long had pure butter laws, but into how many restaurants and hotels can you go today with assurance that the butter served you will not be some form of oleomargarine?

COUNTRY GROWING BETTER.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

There have been reforms in politics and there will be more reforms, and with each reform movement America is getting better than it was the year before. We clean our house in the light of day, and make more noise about it than any people in ancient or modern times, and unfortunately for us, the whole world bases its estimate of America upon the shrillest cries of the professional defamers of their own country.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S POPULARITY.

The Spectator.

At this moment President Roosevelt is what he has been for many years—one of the most popular figures in the English speaking world. To our people he stands for whatever is honorable, high minded, courageous, wholesome and sincere in the conduct of public affairs, and we do not hesitate

to say that if he were to visit England he would have a reception which would rival that given to Garibaldi at the height of his popularity and that he would be given a reception in which every class in the community would join with equal pleasure.

JUST FOR FUN.

"Youse."

The more deeply you study it the more convinced you must become that English is a queer language. No wonder foreigners find it puzzling. A Frenchman was boasting that he had thoroughly mastered the English language, when he was asked to write from dictation the following specimen of our choice eccentric vernacular: "As Hugh Hughes was heaving a Yule log from a yew tree, a man dressed in garments of dark hue came up to Hugh and said: 'Have you seen my ewes?' To which he replied: 'If you will wait until I hew this yew I will go with you to look for your ewes.'" After an attempt the Frenchman admitted his mistake. He tried to imagine he was used to English speaking, but he would be more careful how he used the language in future.—Tit-Bits.

Hear, Hear!

"Well," asked the host, "what do you think of that wine?"

"Well," replied his guest, smacking his lips as he laid down his glass, "it reminds me of a good story."

"Go ahead. Let's have it."

"Oh, you misunderstand me. I merely wish to imply that it's worth repeating."—Catholic Standard.

For This Relief.

Some Massachusetts college should have conferred the degree of OK on Prof. East Wind. His visit yesterday certainly removed a few degrees of caloric.—Boston Globe.

Oh, George.

The Daughter (to herself)—Gracious! If father looks around now, he'll see George seated on a squalid park bench, with an evil-smelling pipe in his mouth, reading a muck-raking extra.—Brooklyn Life.

The Silly Topper.

The ridiculous custom of wearing that shining funnel, the silk hat, will appear as stupefying to our great-grandchildren as the custom of putting a bone through the lip or a ring through the nostrils appears monstrous to us.—Paris Gaulois.

Long Fight.

Col. Henry Watterson thinks that the battle between money and morals is bound to be a long one. It is already long—many centuries long.—Buffalo Courier.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Of reasonable interest is the series of papers on "The Economic Causes of Fishes of the United States," by F. L. Harding, commencing in the July number of Field and Stream. Mr. Harding is an enthusiastic salt water angler, and his papers deal with these fishes, from the smallest to the largest, not in a scientific way, but by describing the fish in a popular manner. In his "Angling in Newfoundland Waters," Oscar D. Thees tells of the Bay St. George region and the game fish to be found there. Josef Brunner's "Tracks and Tailing," for July, refers to bears. The department are filled with instructive matter. Uncle David discourses on the great institution the Missouri wood tick. The cover design is by I. Morgan and the frontispiece by Roy M. Mason.—35 West, 21st St., New York.

The July number of The Mother's Magazine keeps up the high standard set by former issues of that publication. It gives "News of Interest to Mothers," "Answers to Mothers' Questions," short stories and a number of features of special interest to mothers. The illustrations are unique, and the general appearance of the magazine is as pleasing as its contents are practical and helpful.—David G. Cook Pub. Co., Elgin, Ill.

The variety of reading afforded by Recreation Magazine is such as to bear out its claim of being "devoted to everything the name implies." In "One of the Crowd," by Enoch Brumbaugh, the reader of the July number is shown how many New Yorkers spend their Sundays on the fishing banks. Another illustrated article, far removed in theme from the foregoing is "Camping in the High Sierra," by Madeline Z. Doty. "Yachting in the North Sea," by F. M. Kelly, is an illustrated article which will appeal to all lovers of boating. Two other stories of interest to sportsmen with experience in wilderness life are "An Outing in Acadia," or Nova Scotia from a Canoe, by Allen J. Henry, and "The Wilderness Virgin," by Sid Howard, narrating the author's experiences on a trout-fishing expedition to an under-covered forest lake.—23 West, 24th St., New York.

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