

THE "LOYAL LEAGUE."

Agreements and Pass Words.

Constitution and By-Laws.

A Scheme to Bag Half Dollars.—
Send Them all to "O. J. H."

The exposure of the mushroom secret order which has been made through the Utah press is very mortifying to its promoters, but it will be continued, as opportunity offers, for the information of the public. The Provo Enquirer, in its issue of December 10th, gives the following as furnished in a "confidential" communication. It will be interesting to all who pay any attention to the schemes and plots, which adventurers are engaged in, against the peace and liberties of the majority of our population:

OFFICE OF THE
UTAH LOYAL LEAGUE,
SALT LAKE CITY,
October 9, 1886.

Dear Sir—Enclosed please find copy of Constitution of Utah Loyal League, and form of Constitution for Branch Leagues. The latter may have additional officers, an Executive Committee, etc., if they desire, but the aim has been to furnish a perfect, consistent, yet simple, working scheme. To organize you have only to name your Branch League, adopt the Constitution and elect your officers. Everything depends, you will observe, on the President and Secretary. Care should be taken to choose good men for these offices. The Vice-Presidents of the League are expected to aid in the organization of the Branch Leagues, and to take an active and unceasing interest in them.

Enrollment of all sound Gentiles in your vicinity is the first work to be done. One or two or a few men can accomplish little. All must take hold. If all interest themselves in filling up the enrollment, it will be very easily and quickly done.

In time of peace prepare for war. Only by a constant fight these twenty years have we defended ourselves and our interests in Utah; in no other way can we defend them in the future, and the contest constantly becomes more critical because involving wider and wider considerations and interests.

It is desired that you effect a speedy organization and full enrollment. If this is done, everywhere, the Utah Loyal League will soon boast of five thousand live paying members.

Fraternally,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
By O. J. HOLLISTER,
Chief Secretary.

Preamble and Constitution of the
Central Branch.

PREAMBLE.

Recognizing the necessity of organizing for self-defense that element in Utah whose existence is threatened by the pretensions and practices of the so-called Mormon Church, it is proposed by the subscribers to form an association, open as to its general object and purpose, but secret as to its membership and proceedings, to be known as the Utah Loyal League, comprising a Central League at Salt Lake City, and Branch Leagues at all available places in the Territory or elsewhere. In pursuance of this purpose, the following Constitution is hereby agreed to.

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All the members of the Central and Branch Leagues shall stand upon an equal footing; membership in one, inclusive of all its rights and privileges, shall be membership in all, but the Central League shall have power to use the resources of the entire organization to forward its legitimate objects. The Central League shall report to the Branch Leagues and the Branch Leagues to the Central League, as hereinafter provided.

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ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

The officers of the Central League shall be a President, as many Vice Presidents as may be deemed advisable, Chief Secretary, Doorkeeper, and an Executive Committee of five members.

The Central League may from time to time appoint such standing or special committees as may be found needful.

All officers of the Central League shall be elected in open session, and the term of office shall be one year.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES OF THE
PRESIDENT.

The President, immediately upon his election, and semi-annually, or quarterly, if needful, shall give to the League a password, which shall never be spoken outside of the League meeting except in a whisper.

The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Central League, and take care that none but members of the League are admitted.

In his absence, any Vice-President may be called upon to perform the duties of President.

The President shall be ex-officio a member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLES V.—DUTIES OF THE
VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Vice-Presidents, residing outside of Salt Lake City, shall look with diligence after the establishment and maintenance of Branch Leagues in their respective localities; and after the adoption of this Constitution, each Branch League shall be entitled to select a member to represent it as Vice-President of the League. Every Branch League shall be entitled to one Vice-President of the League, and in large districts there may be two or more, according to the work to be done.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall under the instructions of the Central League, lay out and carry on the practical work of the organization.

Its proceedings shall be read at the successive meetings of the Central League, and if not disapproved, shall stand as the acts of the League itself.

In all matters of grave importance, the Executive Committee shall cause meetings of the Central League to be called for consultation and advice before taking action.

The Executive Committee shall have power to use the funds of the League in promoting its legitimate objects, in the following manner, to wit: When money is to be used or paid, the Chairman of the Committee shall address a written order to the Chief Secretary to that effect; whereupon the Chief Secretary shall draw a check in the name of the Executive Committee, for the amount stated, and deliver the same, taking a voucher therefor.

ARTICLE VII.—DUTIES OF THE CHIEF
SECRETARY.

The Chief Secretary shall be the Clerk of the Executive Committee. He shall safely keep the records and papers of the Committee and of the Central League.

He shall record the proceedings of the Central League and of the Executive Committee in a book kept for the purpose, which book shall be open at all proper times to the inspection of members of the League.

He shall record the proceedings, papers, reports, etc., of all other standing or special committees of the Central League, in the same book, if deemed of sufficient importance by the Central League, or the President. But he shall not be required to act as clerk of such committees.

He shall keep an alphabetical list of the members of the Central League and of the Branch Leagues, showing the address and occupation and the dues paid by each member.

He shall receive all dues from the members of the Central League, and credit them on the alphabetical list; he shall receive all dues from the proper officers of the Branch Leagues, and give receipts therefor; and he shall deposit all such moneys in bank to the credit of the League, as may be convenient, but in any event, at the close of each month.

He shall draw all checks for the disbursement of the funds of the League, in the name of the Executive Committee, but only on the written order of the Chairman of said Committee.

He shall take vouchers for all payments, and no other officer or committee of the Central League shall draw checks for the disbursement of the funds of the League.

He shall submit a statement of the accounts of the League to the President, at the end of each quarter, or as often as may be required, showing what and from what sources moneys have been received, and for what purposes disbursed, with the vouchers for all disbursements.

These reports the President shall submit to the Central League. If approved they shall be placed on file by the Chief Secretary and he shall furnish copies to each Branch League for their information.

The Chief Secretary shall execute a bond, as may be required by the Executive Committee, and to the satisfaction of the President, for the faithful performance of his duties.

All funds, raised by solicitation or otherwise, by any standing or special committee, or other agency of the Central League for the uses of the organization, shall be paid to the Chief Secretary, who shall deposit them in bank to the credit of the League, the same as though they were enrollment or monthly dues, and they shall be subject to the same restrictions as to their disbursement.

ARTICLE VIII.—DUTIES OF THE
DOORKEEPER.

The Doorkeeper shall attend all meetings of the Central League, and perform his duties under the direction of the President.

He shall admit no one whom he does not know to be a member unless such person be in possession of the password.

While the League is in session he shall guard the door from intruders or listeners.

In case the Doorkeeper is absent, the President shall appoint a doorkeeper for the occasion.

ARTICLE IX.—OFFICERS FOR THE FIRST
YEAR.

The officers of the Central League for the first year shall be as follows:

PRESIDENT.

J. R. Walker, Salt Lake City.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

R. C. Chambers, Salt Lake City.

H. W. Lawrence, Salt Lake City.

J. L. Hawkins, Salt Lake City.

Harry Hayes, Franklin.

Hugh M. Donald, Springville.

David Evans, Provo.

T. W. Lincoln, Provo.

F. J. Kiesel, Ogden.

C. L. Peebles, Ogden.

Wm. M. Ferry, Park City.

F. W. Hay, Park City.

J. A. Turill, Silver Reef.

H. W. Haight, Farmington.

J. W. Guthrie, Corinne.

John W. Kerr, Corinne.

O. E. Mitchener, Stockton.

D. H. Stover, Stockton.

John France, Ogden.

John Branton, Bingham.

J. J. O'Toole, Bingham.

A. J. F. Beauman, Mt. Pleasant.

A. G. Campbell, Milford.

Patrick Ryan, Frisco.

John W. Christian, Benet.

Wm. Goodwin, Logan.

James Tucker, Clear Creek.

John Kelly, Fillmore.

Patrick Cusick, Eureka.

John Q. Packard, Eureka.

C. R. Blanchard, Silver City.

J. C. Morrill, Alta.

Marion Harkness, Alta.

John Winterbeck, Nephi.

S. H. Cave, Terrace.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

H. W. Lawrence, W. F. James.

Thomas Marshall, M. B. Sowles.

R. Mackintosh.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

O. J. Hollister.

DOORKEEPER.

Oscar Vandercook.

ARTICLE X.—MEETINGS.

The President, or, in case of his absence or disability, any Vice-President, or the Executive Committee, may cause meetings of the Central League to be called by the Chief Secretary.

ARTICLE XI.—REPORTS OF BRANCH
LEAGUES.

Each Branch League shall have a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, who may be the same person, and a Doorkeeper.

The Secretaries of all Branch Leagues shall keep an alphabetical list of members, showing their address and occupation and the dues paid by each.

These Secretaries shall report to the Chief Secretary on or before the 15th of each month, the names of members enrolled during the preceding month, their residence and occupation, with the amount of dues paid in by each member, and remit the same, less the amount expended in the work of the respective Branch League, to the Chief Secretary, so that the total enrollment of the Central League, and the state of the account of each member, shall be in the office of the Chief Secretary, and so that the Central League may have all the available funds of the entire League to use as may be necessary.

And in case funds are raised by any Branch League outside of the regular dues, by solicitation or otherwise, they shall also be remitted, less the expense, if any, to the Chief Secretary as aforesaid, on or before the 15th of each month. The Chief Secretary shall deposit such funds as prescribed in Article VII of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XII.—AMENDMENTS, ETC.

The Executive Committee shall cause the Central League to be furnished with a printed copy of this Preamble and Constitution, and with written or printed copies of any essential amendments thereof, and with the result of the annual election of officers of the Central League, and the password for the time being. The Constitution shall not be changed in its main provisions except by the concurrence of a majority of the Branch Leagues, (but minor changes having reference to the facilitation of the business of the League may be made by the Central League.

Preamble and Constitution of
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[This instrument is prepared for the convenience of Branch Leagues, and to secure uniformity in the work.

Branch Leagues may modify it, if they desire to, but only in the details, not in the essentials.—CHIEF SECRETARY.]

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Such standing or special committees as are deemed desirable and necessary may from time to time be appointed.

All officers shall be elected in open session, and the term of office shall be one year, and until successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES OF THE PRESI-
DENT.

The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Branch League.

Its funds shall not be expended without his authorization.

He shall preside at all meetings, and shall take care that none but members of the League are admitted.

In his absence any Vice-President, or other member, may be called upon to perform his duties.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY
AND TREASURER.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall safely keep the funds, and the records and papers of the Branch League, and shall turn the same over to the successor when his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

He shall record all of its acts and proceedings in a book kept for that purpose. He shall keep a book for the enrollment of members, headed as prescribed in Article II of this Constitution, which book shall show the names, residence, and occupation of persons becoming members.

He shall keep an alphabetical list of members, showing their names, address and occupation, and the dues paid by each.

He shall receive all dues from members of the Branch League, and all funds raised by solicitation or otherwise, and shall forward the same, less the expense of the work of said Branch League, to the Chief Secretary of the Central League, on or before the 15th of each month, together with the names, residence and occupation of persons who have become members during the preceding month, and the dues paid by each member of the said Branch League. The receipt of the Chief Secretary shall be his voucher for the money so forwarded.

He shall pay the necessary expense of carrying out the purpose of the organization of the Branch League, but only upon consultation with and the order of the President.

He shall make a statement of his account to the President, quarterly, or oftener if required, showing what and from what sources funds have

been received, and how the same have been disbursed or remitted, with the vouchers therefor. These accounts shall be submitted by the President to the said Branch League for consideration and such action as may seem best.

The Secretary shall execute a bond to the satisfaction of the President for the faithful performance of his duties.

He shall receive such compensation for his work as the Branch League may from time to time deem just and appropriate.

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EXILE IS HEARD FROM.

BIGAMY IN ENGLAND—ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE FROM PLURAL MARRIAGE—THE UTAH METHOD—"FOUL PLAY"—HANGED AFTER EIGHT RE-SPITES—SEIZING A CORPSE FOR RENT—THE HIGH RIPS—UPSIDE DOWN—MAGNANIMOUS NOBLES—SALE WITHOUT A BUYER—ITEMS FROM LONDON—PROSPECTS OF THE POOR, ETC.

42 Islington, Liverpool,

England,

November 20, 1886.

Editor Deseret News:

There seems to be no cessation of the special proceedings against the Latter-day Saints in Utah, but

THE CRUEL WAR.

is waged without truce or parley. Pious men and women who are not concerned about the mortal sins and deadly vices for which there is no excuse, and which stare them in the face whenever they walk abroad, are awfully enraged over the doings of a few "Mormons" away off in the Rocky Mountains, that are sanctioned by the very Bible which those sanctified souls are sending to the heathen by ship-loads, and which they affirm to contain the only standard of faith and rule of Christian conduct. Statesmen vie with each other in the invention of new methods to suppress a social practice that only affects those who engage in it, and in their subtlety and ingenuity, betray their indifference to the constitutional restrictions and recognized principles of law in the very attempts they make to appear within those sacred limits. Unprejudiced people on this side of the Atlantic marvel at the

BARBARITY

and ferocious zeal with which the persecutions against the "Mormons" are conducted, and while they cannot understand why any man should wish to burden himself with plural families, are just as much at a loss to account for the pitiless manner in which penalties are enforced, duplicated and triplicated, and endeavors are made to destroy families and to sunder relations which, apart from actual sexual intimacy, can be of no danger to society.

THE DIFFERENCE

between the crime commonly known as bigamy and the practice of plural marriage seems to be appreciated by the courts of this country although it is ignored by the courts of the United States. The fact is recognized that the real essence of the wrong of bigamy lies in the injury brought about through the deception of the offender, who betrays both the wife he forsakes and the woman whom he makes believe is a lawful wife, and harms society by casting off either one or other of his dupes, who may, with her offspring, become a public charge, and who is rendered less fit for a sphere she might have occupied and adorned. Both victims are wronged, both feel the wrong, and society is wronged as a necessary consequence. But when all the parties are agreed to a plural alliance, the case is widely different, and this is virtually admitted in British courts of justice, as the following recent cases testify:

Christopher Viggor was indicted for

BIGAMY

by marrying Elizabeth T. Kay, his former wife being alive. It was shown in defence that the former wife had been guilty of thieving and had been sent to jail. He claimed that he heard she was dead before he went through the ceremony of a second marriage. Neither wife appeared against him. His Lordship before whom he was tried and convicted, sentenced him to three days' imprisonment, and as the court had sat three days it was equivalent to a discharge.

Agnes McHeath pleaded guilty to an indictment charging her with bigamy by marrying Joseph McGarry, her former husband being then alive.