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ALLEGATIONS BUT NO PROOF.

The daily exponent of anti-Americanism, and anti-Mormonism, for revenue, has been more than usually vicious lately in its mentality. As is common with that organ, it contradicts itself, however, thereby facilitating considerably the refutation of its falsehoods.

A recent illustration of this peculiar habit—common, we believe, to all wholesale dealers in deception—is the following editorial statement: "The truth is, there has been no election since the division on party lines that the church has refrained from exercising its influence." This, it will be observed, is a direct contradiction of some of its previous representations. It has always sought to create the impression that the position of the Church was correct during the administrations of Presidents Woodruff and Snow, and that the alleged party-breaking belongs to a later date. Now it tells us that its former story is all wrong, and that there has never been a time of non-interference in politics by the Church. Both these propositions cannot be true. One destroys the other. The majority has again applied its notorious sting to its own back.

But there is an attempt at proving Church interference in politics that calls for a moment's consideration. The organ says: "The Mormon church organ—The 'News'—waged a fierce campaign against the American party."

The "News" did not wage war against any party, but we did protest against the lies and falsehoods of the Tribune and other henchmen of unscrupulous politicians, who were constantly disseminated for the purpose of gaining votes. We protested against the dragging of religious issues into the political campaign, because we believe such tactics to be unjust, un-American, and dangerous to our free institutions. We protested against the hypocrisy and graft of dishonest party manipulators. But we plea for decency in politics is not, we hope, Church interference in party politics.

Another "proof" is offered as follows: "President William McLochlan, of the Pioneer Stake in this city, instructed a meeting of Seektors on the Saturday before election, stated flatly that, 'It is the will of the Lord that the brethren support the Republicans.' This, the Tribune argues, is Church interference in politics.

We have no reason to believe that President McLochlan ever uttered the sentence attributed to him by the anti-American organ, either "hasty" or otherwise. The fact that it appears in that paper is rather against it. But, that is immaterial. President McLochlan, in common with every other American citizen, has a perfect right to his personal opinions, and to free speech as well. There is no law as we know, no law abridging these rights. And the personal exercise of such prerogatives cannot be stamped as "Church interference in politics."

The question is: Did President McLochlan, or anybody else, tell Church members that they had no right to vote as they pleased? Did they threaten Church discipline if any one failed to vote this ticket or that? Was any coercion attempted? If not what cause for objection is there?

Other ministers preached rather startling sermons before the election. Rev. C. C. McIntyre on the Sunday preceding, delivered a political address and urged his hearers to "do their duty" to the polls. In this connection he said: "God who is the head of the church, is the head of the state, likewise, that which vitally concerns the state, has its effects upon the church. It is therefore not only for the highest civic and industrial good of Salt Lake City, but also for her best religious welfare that every Christian vote, and vote wisely, in the hour of crisis in our municipal history."

Another minister, in his pre-election sermon, said: "I have a right, as a minister, to deal with matters in so far as it affects the welfare of the people." Then he went on to urge the election of Christians to the various offices. He even suggested the elimination of the national party lines from local politics.

These sermons are construed by the composer of Tribune headings to mean: "The only way to stamp out such conditions has alighted to my Rev. McIntyre is to vote the American ticket;" and "Rev. F. B. Shurtliff believes the present official should be further supported." From all of which it is perfectly clear that President McLochlan, even if he publicly stated his views of the day, did no more than Rev. McIntyre, Rev. Shurtliff, and others did in their pulpits. How can it be Church interference in our case and not in the others?

We perfectly well realize that it is useless to argue the point with the leaders of the Church who bear false witness against their neighbors for the revenues there is in it. It is the task of any one arguing with the world for us to rely on the power of education. But it seems necessary at times to state the truth that those who desire to know the facts may not be led astray for want of correct information.

THE DOWMA.

The third Dowma is now in session in the Russian capital, and, naturally, the world in general is anxious to

know to serve the cause of the people better than its predecessor. If the government policy prevails, it will be merely a tool of the bureaucracy. Mr. Stoykin recently said: "It is a mistake to suppose that the government would be content with a merely working Dowma. It requires that, and more. It demands that the Dowma shall be entirely representative, and shall fulfill all its requirements." But the future will show whether the Dowma is prepared to surrender unconditionally. If it is, it might as well be non-existent.

Quaker methods have been resorted to in its composition. A correspondent of the New York Evening Post tells the story. The law, it seems, gives the government the right to divide the voters and the electors according to property holdings, to religion or race, or territoriality, at any stage of the proceedings, as best suits its purpose. In one of the election districts, the Russian landowners have a trifle more land than the Polish; therefore, there is a division according to nationality and of the six seats in the electoral college four were assigned to the Russians and two to the Poles. The owners of large estates control 400,000 acres, the party proprietors 130,000, the clergy 12,000. For some reason only six landlords and four deputies from the party properties appeared, while all the eleven clergymen entitled to attend the electoral college came. The result was that 6,000,000 acres of estates and farms were required in the provincial electoral college by twenty-five electors and 180,000 acres of glebe land by twenty-eight clergymen.

All sorts of schemes were resorted to. In one town the exigencies of the case required a coalition of all against the Jewish emigres, and the Polish Catholic clergy were enrolled among the "Russian" voters for the purpose of giving them an artificial majority. The Poles refused, of course, to vote, but their attitude did not affect the result.

Russian politicians are, evidently, as devout in their ways as some with more experience. But the cause of freedom will go forward notwithstanding all obstacles.

NEW DESIGN OF T. P. CARS.

A new elegant design in passenger cars, made for the Union Pacific railroad, is described in The Railway and Engineering Review. The car is of steel, and its construction is a radical departure from the general type of passenger coaches. We quote the following:

"In practically every particular there is a wide departure from conventionality. As the roof contains an upper deck, the channel-posts rising from the side-slats are continuous across the inverted U roof. This enables a most substantial yet light system of bracing. . . . The abandonment of the end entrances in favor of a center entrance enables a very deep form of side-truss, while the spaces usually taken up by the vestibule platforms are used to much better advantage. The coach weighs no more than the ordinary wooden coach of the same total length but of eight persons less capacity. The resulting 145 pounds weight per passenger is claimed to be about 200 pounds per passenger less than is true of any other all-steel coach yet built."

The 24-inch circular windows . . . have aluminum sash and in their rubber casings are weather-and-dust-proof. The supply of fresh air is taken in at the ends and around the round dust-boxes before being let into the car, a system of ventilating system which has been patented. The efflux of air is through the roof ventilators. By reducing the thickness of the walls an increase of 7 inches in the width of the aisle has been made possible and the general appearance of the interior has been made most inviting. . . . The lavatories have been located on either side of the center entrances, thus dividing the car into compartments which may easily be made separable or descript. The car is lighted electrically and heated with a gas burner. It is not only a most interesting departure from the usual designs, but one which offers many excellent suggestions at a time when great attention is being given to the possibilities of steel in passenger-coach design."

LACK OF CONFIDENCE.

A correspondent asks for information concerning the cause of the present crisis.

We have already commented on that subject in these columns, but will say again that the best authorities agree that confidence has been shaken, and as a result a great portion of the circulating medium has been withdrawn and hoisted up. Bank depositors have become alarmed, fearing that the contraction of values would shatter the institutions and leave their money buried in the ruins. For that reason many of them withdraw their money.

How severe such a sudden, unexpected attack on the banks, may become, can best be understood when a few facts are considered. As the New York Times says, if each savings bank account were reduced by a single dollar, the total would be between two and three times the total amount of money in circulation, including gold, silver, greenback, banknotes, and everything. There are about thirteen billions of bank deposits and the total money circulation is less than three billions of dollars. Don't tell the story. Even a partial attack upon the deposits may cripple business by retarding the circulating medium to too narrow limits and rendering it inadequate as a means of exchange.

But this explanation does not account for the origin of the panic that caused the withdrawal of the money from circulation. On that question the opinions are divided. We have had a number of exposures of the rotten business methods of some corporations, and some are inclined to believe that the country is only seeking the effects of this "warfare" upon extensive business interests. Others hold that a weak recession has reached the point of reaction. But all agree that the trouble cannot be of very long duration. Mr. Hartman, for instance, is quoted as follows:

"I think the storm has cleared. I have seen many of them. However, it is a matter of conjecture, so far as time is concerned, but it always works out eventually. I think the time will be distant when we shall look back on the present stormy session, consider-

JUST FOR FUN.

The Police Man.

Her (giggling) — "Oh, I met such a lovely polite man today."

Him — "Where was that?"

Her — "On the parade. I must have been carrying my umbrella carelessly, for he bumped my eye into it. And I said, 'Pardon me,' and he said, 'Don't mention it—I have another eye left.' — Pick-Me-Up.

Explained.

Our little boy ate salt macaroni for the first time the other morning.

"Where does this fish come from the lake?" he asked after the first bite.

"No, from the ocean," answered his father.

"Great!" said Henry. "I don't wonder the ocean's salty!" — Cleveland Leader.

More Important.

I suppose young Mr. Shorty is staying by this time in your boarding-place, Mrs. Chapman?"

"Yes, he is, but he hasn't—Brownings Magazine.

Various Methods.

Hewitt — I have been pinched for money lately.

Jewett — Well, women have different ways of getting it. My wife kisses me when she wants any. — Pick-Me-Up.

On the Contrary.

"I understand that theatrical company you sent out has been stranded?" said the comedian.

"Not at all," replied the manager: "They are walking home on the main line!" — Yonkers Statesman.

To be Sure.

Meeker — Why is the telephone like matrimony, my dear?"

Mrs. Meeker — Oh, I suppose it's because one doesn't always get the party one wants — Chicago News.

Both Bunting.

"Sir, my wife is starving!" said the shivering one.

"So's mine," responded the genial millionaire. "It's this straight line crane. Foolish lad, eh?" — Puck.

The Bore.

"I would I were a star!" he chirped. "The fair maid you loved and signed, 'I would you were a comet, sir!'"

She candidly replied:

"Oh, tell me why, my pretty miss."

The answer burned his ears:

"Because, you know, a comet comes just once in thirty years!"

— Chicago News.

Not Interested.

"When I was your age," said the reverent parent, "I was compelled to earn my own living."

"I guess you earned the complacent youth, to attempt to defend my grandfather," Washington Star.

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London Graphic.

At Worley these are two clocks on Lord Ellesmere's estate so arranged as to strike thirteen at the hour of one.

This is over the new entrance to Worley Hall, in the center of Worley village.

It originally gave time to the employees of the Duke of Bridgewater's coal and iron works.

It is said that the duke had the clock made to strike thirteen because his workmen sometimes pleaded excuse for being late after the dinner hour owing to the want of correct information.

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