

UNBIASED VIEW OF THE "MORMONS"

Niagara Woman Discusses the
Question from a Common-Sense
Standpoint.

SEE MAKES SOME COMPARISONS

Studied the People and Learned That
They Were Maliciously Mis-
represented.

The following common-sense view of
the "Mormons" and "Mormonism" is
taken from a recent issue of the Min-
neapolis Progress:

"Once upon a time" there was said to
be a haunted house. It was away
off-but awful rumors came home from
it. Why the most dreadful things
happened there, in and about this
house, that the imagination could pic-
ture.

There were not so very many people
sawed that place who came back,
without their story to tell. Some said
they did not stay long enough to find
out about it and some said they were
not interested enough to try and find
out so just

LISTENED TO THE REPORTS

of a few who did say things—which re-
ports often began with a hat flying out
of a broken window—but by the time it
had been repeated over and over for
an amusement of all the village, that
bit had become a huge vilified Devil
having the most awful horns which
pierced the heart of every one with
whom it came in contact. It also had
seven tails, which, as it flew screaming
and roaring through the air, would
themselves around the necks of any
victim it met. And awful things
which crashed every living thing.

How these people—being human be-
ings—loved to believe these tales and
find joy in ridiculing any who dared
say that they did not believe the stories
of the haunted house—for surely how easy
it is to believe wild and awful things if
they are dished up in a pleasing man-
ner and can give a little amusement.
But once a man who was not content
with only hearing things—resolved to
go to this place and

FIND OUT FOR HIMSELF.

So he went, but he was not contented
with staying only one night and asked
questions of someone who had seen a
lot and thought it was a son-of-a-bitch
to stay—and he saw things for him-
self—and he stayed long enough to
know what were the things which he
saw, and then he came home—and hav-
ing heard and seen with his own eyes
he was satisfied that this is what he
told the village—that there was no
haunted house at all and that the only
thing he saw was beauty, and that if
he did not believe it to go there them-
selves.

Now I have taken a long and a
round-about path to my subject and I
will begin over again. Once upon a
time.

I HEARD OF THE "MORMONS."

I heard that they were the vilest
people to be found, and I came to be-
lieve that "Utah was a hole of in-
iquity." To be sure, there were some
bad but "Mormonism—polygamy!"
"Polygamy—Mormonism!" How every-
one could have as many wives as he
liked, and they must support him while
he lived in luxury. When my friend
told me about it, I was about to start for
Utah, but he warned me against the dangers
of the half-civilized people out
there. They were indeed opposed to
my going, having heard about me much
of the "Mormons" as I had, but I was
determined to find out for myself all I
could about them and I have.

I HAVE LIVED WITH AND AMONG THEM.

And have constantly associated with
them for nearly a year. I have seen
and known them individually and col-
lectively—in their family—in the home
—in their business, in their church
—in their social life, in their misdeeds.
I have diligently searched out all that
could be learned of them from all sides,
for and against them, and I have come
to one conclusion, and that is that they
are the best people I have ever had the
honor to be associated with.

This way all of the awful things we
read about them? I do not know unless
it is a few of the things which I will
mention.

First—I believe the people—generally,
as I have lived with the same trouble that
I had.

IGNORANCE CONCERNING THEM.

For I have asked—I can truthfully say
dozens of people—why they were pre-
judiced against the Mormon people, and
not one has ever given me a reason
except that they had heard things. I
am sure that not one person in—can I
say 1,000?—can tell you anything of the
Mormon creed or what they believe.
I am putting the estimate low
when I say this.

There is not time or space to tell you all
that they believe or give you their creed,
but I will tell you this, that the out-
come of what their creed teaches them
is, that they are all of one faith or
religion, whether of their faith or
the laws of the land, and to the laws
of the land, and to the laws of the
land, and to the laws of the land.

And just as surely will the world come
in time to recognize what the "Mormon"
people are and then it will wonder why
it slept so long.

THERE IS SO MUCH THAT I COULD SAY.

that I might not know where to stop.
But I have said nothing from mere
hearsay—but only that which I know
to be true, from personal knowledge or
contact, and I want to say in conclu-
sion that unless any one wishes to know
the truth about the "Mormon" people,
and know it as I do who know them,
let them keep away from them, for, in
spite of ourselves, if we live with and
among them, we must come to but one
conclusion and that is that they are
just about the best people on earth and
any of us might be proud to be num-
bered among them. I shall be glad al-
ways to say the very best of them—
because I cannot conscientiously say
differently of them.

To those who are not acquainted
with these people, I will be glad to an-
swer any questions addressed to me
either at the Progress office, or at 149
S. Paulina st., Chicago, Ill.

LAURA VINE SMITH.

FROM ANTI-"MORMONS" ONLY.

I have ransacked the literature of
the "Mormons" and "Mormonism" and
found that the "Mormon" people are
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the safe was literally blown to pieces
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burglars made off with several bottles
of liquor, to quench their thirst.

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ture from Washington occurred yester-
day afternoon, his destination being
Grand Junction, Colo. At this point
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office to be established outside of Utah,
and from there he will come on to
Provo, where he will establish head-
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The weather seems to have been kept
told in the vicinity of Mr. Richards
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very glow to all that spelt Utah, he
is heart and soul combined with some
mythical "Mormon" scheme to grab
everything in sight on the reservation.

The crocodile tears split on West Tem-
ple street because Mr. Richards has not
been made a point of entry, have since
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tion of the commissioner. His particu-
lar offense in that he stated the bald,
but perfectly apparent truth, that there
was an entry office established in a big
city like Salt Lake the main portion of
double house and cross head line at-
tacks ever since.

However the assurance comes from
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in esteem by President Roosevelt, who
understands what he is doing to pre-
vent people rushing to Utah under
false representations, and to steer the
Utah lands into the hands of honest
homesteaders instead of speculators and
barbarians. It is conceded that protest
arising in Salt Lake against the com-
missioner will receive definite and final
action when they arrive at
Crested Peak. This appears to be one
case in which the effort to inflame the
pass against "Mormonism" has failed
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PIONEER DAY CELEBRATIONS.

How the Twenty-Fourth Was Observed in Various Country
Towns.

AT CENTERVILLE.

Centerville, Davis Co., July 28.—Center-
ville observed Pioneer day in grand
style. It is a small village, but had a
big celebration.

A parade was formed at 9:30 a. m.,
and traversed the principal streets un-
til nearly 11 a. m. In the parade was
"Brigman Young's wagon," with the
rest of the parade, the parade was
represented by one of his grandsons,
and following this were other pioneers
in wagons, handcarts, floats, etc. One
pioneer was driving a team made up of
old horses and cows, and another was
guided by the owner with an old mule
loading rifle for fear of the Indians
who followed. One poor family had a
sheep with them, and when a wheel was
smashed up and was left by the way-
side.

The overflowed stage had room enough
to have picked up the handicraft, but
lacked interest and time; nobody could
tell what became of the losers. The
only express was also represented.
Floats representing agriculture, the
market gardeners, an old-time hand
saw mill, weaving carpets and
spinning yarn (all wool), education,
with a school in session and also in va-
riety of other things, were also in the
large parade. The parade was closed
by a band of young ladies, all dressed
in white, with Utah occupying the
throne of grace.

An interesting program was carried out
in the ward meetinghouse, and in the af-
ternoon various sports were engaged in,
concluding with a baseball game be-
tween the Layton and Centerville teams,
the score being 10 to 4 in favor of Centerville.

AT CEDAR CITY.

Cedar City, Iron Co., July 28.—Pioneer
day was observed here in an appropri-
ate manner. The Normal band, led
by Prof. Tolstrup, discoursed soul
melting music during the morning.
The national emblem was hung out to
the breeze from public buildings.

A parade was one of the conspicuous
features of the day. It was headed by
pioneers of 1847 in carriages; hand-
cart company; survivors of handcart
company; residents of Cedar City; ox
team; and a band of young ladies.
A beautifully arranged float, drawn by
four of the best horses of town, car-
ried about 40 children, dressed in white,
representing the "Latter-day Saints."
At 10:30 a. m. citizens convened in
the tabernacle, where appropriate ex-
ercises were held for two hours. Pio-
neers of 1847 and their descendants, in
ages of early life in the settlement of
Iron county, the singing by the Cedar
choir was, as usual, a notable feature
of the exercises, as well as the num-
bers rendered by the baby orchestra,
a company of young musicians, rang-
ing in age from 12 to 15 years, and
directed by Prof. Tolstrup of the
Branch normal.

At 2:30 p. m. the veterans, 60 years
and over, met in the tabernacle and
exchanged experiences of the long ago,
while sports were provided for the
young people.

AT MILLVILLE.

Millville, Cache Co., July 28.—The peo-
ple in general took great interest in
the celebration, and to show to the ris-
ing generation the great difference be-
tween today and the time their fore-
fathers came to these valleys in
1847. To this end a fine parade
was the leading feature, and a fitting
program followed, with amusements
for all in the afternoon.

Among the many features of the pa-
rade was a train of emigrants with
pioneers carrying all their belongings
in a handcart outfit was included.
The emigrants camped for noon and
the Indians attacked them the third
time and stole a horse and child, the
child was recovered by the scouts and
emigrants. Two of the Indian braves
fell in battle.

AT KAMAS.

Kamas, Summit Co., July 28.—The
24th of July was most fittingly cele-
brated in Kamas yesterday by the Wood-
land, Francis and Kamas wards united.
The various committees have been
hard at work the last three weeks and
a most creditable showing was the re-
sult.

The leading features of Utah's festal
day were a mimic attack by Indians
on an emigrant train, a display of
floats in a parade, showing typical pi-
oneer scenes, incidents of travel, in-
cluding a handcart company. An in-
teresting program was followed by a
meetinghouse was followed by a matinee
for the children and sports for the
adults. Fireworks and a ball in the
evening wound up the eventful day.

A slight accident occurred to mar
the day's pleasures. When the fire-
works show was in progress a rocket
declined to soar, and whizzed and
whirled about the crowd, bringing
up suddenly against the face of a spec-
tator, the unfortunate man was rendered
insensible, while blood flowed freely
from his nose and mouth. Dr. Dam-
merg was summoned and every resour-
ce rendered. Though suffering con-
siderable distress last night the victim
is able to be around today.

AT RICHFIELD.

Richfield, Sevier Co., July 28.—Rich-
field today witnessed the greatest cele-
bration of Pioneer day in her history.
From the booming of cannon at day
break till the last signal of the day
there has not been a dull moment. The
procession was particularly pleasing.
First in order came a representation of
the "Mormon" battalion. Then fol-
lowed a wagon train, and a handcart
company showing how the pioneers
crossed the plains. Next followed a
number of floats representing Utah as
the pioneers found it. The balance of
the procession we might say, repre-
sented Utah as it is today. A great
many of the floats were very beautiful
and indicated considerable artistic ab-
ility in their conception and execution.