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the Prophet Joseph Smith did not authorize or practice polygamy. I do know that he did teach plural marriage and that he did give to me a plural wife who is still living with me, and that I saw one of my sisters married to him and know that with her occupied my house on May 16 and 17, 1843, which he had occupied with Eliza Partridge, another plural wife, on the 2nd of the previous month.

"And I do know that at his mansion home was living Maria and Sarah Lawrence and one of Cornelius P. Lott's daughters as his plural wives with the full knowledge of his wife, Emma, of their married relation to him.

"At that time I was his legal business agent and his business partner at Macedonia or Rummus, and was familiar with his family or domestic affairs; and, occupying as I did, the family mansion after his death, I had much to do in a business way with Emma, the Prophet's first wife, who at no time did ever in my hearing deny the plural character of her husband's family.

"Loyal to the truth, I am always your brother,

"B. F. JOHNSON."

"Aiton, Uinta Co., Wyo. April 1st, 1904.

"I having been born in 1836 and lived in Nauvoo from 1841 to 1846 and having been acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith, do know that polygamy was taught by him, to the Saints there at that time.

"And do also know that Brother William Clayton married as a third living wife Alice Hardman, who is my aunt. I also do know that Susanna Lightfoot was a plural wife of Willard Richards.

"I have also heard much said by my father and mother as well as others, of the meeting referred to in the Deseret News.

"Yours truly, "MRS. ALICE E. STEPHENS."

AN ORIENTAL IDEA.

A superficial observer of conditions in Oriental lands naturally concludes, that the people there are far behind the western nations, in civilization.

But the Orientals often consider themselves far in advance. They hold that they, in many things, have passed our stage of advancement, and that we are coming slowly after.

The condition of women in Japan is an illustration of this proposition. There the women have no voice in the affairs of the state, and they have but little liberty. The Japanese claim that in olden times this was not so. Then the women had more liberty and more responsibility for public affairs.

The result, they say, was deplorable, morally, as recorded in their history. Under the present status the Japanese women, we are told, are freer from crime than most of their sisters in the world.

They are happy, too, and it must not be assumed that they do not exercise great influence upon the affairs of their country. On the contrary, they have their own way in nearly everything. By gentle sweetness they obtain more consideration than the western champions of "rights."

This seems to be the view that obtains in Japan concerning one of the great questions of the day. Emancipation must necessarily be slow there, with this experience on record. Still, if "Christianity" continues to gain ground among the Japanese, its influence will be for the equality of woman and man, as far as intellectual and other qualities permit. Under the banner of true Christianity inferiority on account of sex is not recognized.

PRIEST ATTACKS BIBLE.

A London dispatch says that one of the chief dignitaries of Westminster Abbey, Canon Henson, has raised a storm of criticism, by a furious attack upon the Bible, and especially upon the Old Testament. Some of the narratives of these venerable books he characterizes as "incredible, puerile and demoralizing," he says they are a "pack of lies too gross for toleration."

With the New Testament he finds less fault, but there is, nevertheless, much that falls under his criticism. He does not hesitate to say that the "indiscriminate" reading of the Bible in public is "an extremely perilous proceeding," and he suggests the reading of other "Christian compositions," as a substitute.

To the Latter-day Saints this onslaught upon the Bible has a special interest, because the Book of Mormon is generally assailed in the same way, at least as far as "incredible and puerile" cover the ground. Good-sized books have been written to prove that it is just that. The thought naturally suggests itself that if skepticism can find the Bible both incredible, puerile, and immoral, it is no wonder if it finds the Book of Mormon the same. If the two have the same origin, there must be some resemblance between them. But if the Bible can withstand the criticism of blind critics, the Book of Mormon can. Neither is likely to suffer from such attacks.

The fact is that the impressions received from outward sources, whether literature, paintings, music, poetry or nature, closely correspond to what is within. A blind man cannot enjoy the beauties of color and form, and the one who is deaf is dead to harmony. It takes a poetic nature to appreciate poetry, and in the same way, it takes a religious spirit to understand and enjoy the beauties of religion. Two travelers may pass together through a museum. One may be bored and tired, while the other may be in ecstasy at what he sees and learns. The former would, perhaps, feel more at home in a concert hall, or a dime-show. It all depends on inclination, and training. One may see the hand of God in the least flower; another may not see any beauty outside of a bank account.

Is it any wonder then that some find the Bible and the Book of Mormon "incredible and puerile," while others regard them as the most sublime specimens of literature, full of life and light? "The word is a lamp unto my feet," was the criticism of the royal poet of ancient Israel. He did not have the New Testament, and only a portion of the Old. His criticism was not of the "higher" kind, but it was true.

CLAIM TO BE OF ISRAEL.

According to Mr. William E. Curtis, the well known correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, the descendants of one of the so-called lost tribes of Israel are found in the camel drivers that conduct the great caravans from Central Asia to the coast, in the interest of trade. That, at least, is the claim of these sons of the desert, and the claim is supported by the fact that although

STAKE CONFERENCES.

APPOINTMENTS FROM APRIL 1, 1904, TO OCT. 1, 1904.

Table listing stake conferences for various areas including Utah, Beaver, Emery, Blackfoot, Weber and San Luis, Liberty, Juab, Alpine and Fremont, Pioneer, Wasatch, Cassia, San Juan, South Sanpete, and Bingham, Jordan, Woodruff and Summit, Wayne, Oneida and Benson, Snowflake, Star Valley and Nebo, Teton and Taylor, St. Johns and Grants, Union, Bear Lake, Paragatch, Tooele, Box Elder, Uintah, Park, Teton, and various other locations with their respective dates.

that phrase was born long after the fall of Granada.

Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army is to speak in the Theater on Sunday night. This will prove a great attraction for the local army organization. The gentleman is a fine and vigorous speaker and proved one of the most brilliant orators at the Irrigation Congress in Ogden. He has a practical mind, an easy, but forcible delivery and a magnetic manner, and varies his remarks with telling anecdotes. He will no doubt draw a full house on Sunday evening.

THE ATTACK ON ALFONSO.

Worcester Gazette. The news from Barcelona that an attempt has been made on the life of King Alfonso, adds one more argument to the long list against anarchistic teachings. Happily the king escaped without other injury than a scar. But two unsuspecting peasants happened in the way of the bomb and were badly injured by the explosion.

The King of Spain has the reputation of being a weakling and up to this time has shown no marked ability in any line. He would not be greatly missed in the world of affairs, in case he should die.

Just now race feeling and the rivers are very high in Texas.

This is the kind of weather that is meant when we refer to Utah's glorious climate.

The political outlook may or may not be bright, but the skies are, and what more could be asked?

Russia is still maturing her plans. If she is not careful, the war will be over and Japan a victor before she is ready.

Russia feels very proud that within her domains there were no massacres of Jews at Easter. Other nations feel very thankful.

There is a demand for a national divorce law. Do not the States have enough divorce without the nation going into the business?

Yale has cut down her elective courses from 263 to 249. Still there are enough left for the ordinarily ambitious student to grapple with.

Andrew Carnegie has ordered four automobiles. Is he going to take the pace that Mr. Schwab set and which cost that gentleman so dear?

General Sherman M. Bell's attitude towards Judge Theron Stevens and his order of contempt seems to be, "I defy the allegation and defy the alligator."

No doubt Demoll wished he had been surrounded by Utah militia when an attempt was made to kidnap him. He had then a taste of defying the law that was not to his taste.

When all preventive measures to stop hoodlumism have been taken it will still be necessary to arrest some of the hoodlums and let the police justice deal with them. A few such examples will have a strong deterrent effect.

The Japs having landed their first army in Korea, are preparing to send over another. And Russia is preparing to give them the best possible reception. When they meet they will have a killing time.

Attend the concert in the Thirteenth ward meetinghouse Wednesday evening. It will be for the benefit of the ward choir and will be a fine musical entertainment; Prof. C. J. Thomas will be conductor.

Practical investigations to determine the exact composition of the loco weed are to be undertaken by the Colorado bureau of agriculture. It is high time this was done, for many of the officials of the state seem to have eaten thereof.

Judge Theron Stevens of Ouray, Colorado, has declared some of the officers of the state militia in contempt. Members of the Western Federation of Miners think there was no need for a judicial declaration on the subject, it being patent.

Asked where his army is, General Jimenez, leader of the San Domingan revolutionists, replied, "That is a very difficult question to answer." Truer answer was never made. So far as history tells, it has been scattered like chaff before the wind.

Spain is greatly irritated because France has firmly fixed her grip upon Morocco. It is too bad, for ever since the Moors were driven out of Spain that country has looked upon Morocco as within her "sphere of influence," though

Advertisement for Z. C. M. I. featuring a woman in a long dress and the text: GREATER BEAUTY: GREATER VARIETY Spring Costumes AT SALT LAKE'S GREATEST STORE. More of them, more perfect styles, more perfectly made. Not one that we could improve further on. But it's the range of styles that's important. It's the secret of the great success we have been having in this department, how they are made to suit the requirements of different women. Every woman has been thought of. Every suit practical, every suit made with regard to the way that it will wear as well as the way it will look. Great variety altogether: great variety at every price. The Carpet and Rug Department never before contained such beautiful goods. Carpets and rugs in every conceivable design and coloring; the very latest patterns in curtains, draperies and wall-papers. Utah's Greatest Department Store.

Advertisement for Cluett Shirts: Cluett THE MARK OF THE BEST SHIRT. CLUETT, PEABODY & CO. MAKERS OF CLUETT AND ARROW COLLARS.

Advertisement for Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry: Diamonds Watches Jewelry. "Upon her finger - dainty thing - She wears a lovely diamond ring, Which to her lips each hour does bring The smile that won't come off." N.B. We sold it to him. LYON & CO., 143 Main St.

Advertisement for Special Bargains: SPECIAL BARGAINS! MEN'S WOOL PANTS \$2.50. Men's All Wool Suits, made to order, from Provo Woolen Mills Cloths - \$15.00. CUTLER BROS. CO., 36 MAIN STREET, SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.

Advertisement for Henderson Chair Cars: 'TIS THE "COMFORT LINE" FREE RECLINING CHAIR CARS ON THE POPULAR HENDERSON ROUTE BETWEEN ST. LOUIS LOUISVILLE THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST.

Advertisement for Thatcher Music Co.: OUR REPUTATION Is dearer to us than any amount of money. And Your Confidence Is what we most desire, and are striving to gain. HENCE, we sell: Henry F. Miller, Julius Bauer, Schiller, Needham, and Bailey Pianos. Hundreds of the prominent families throughout our fair state are using them. We sell on the installment plan. We deliver pianos at any R.R. station in Utah or Idaho. The Thatcher Music Co., LOGAN, UTAH.

Advertisement for Grand Theatre: GRAND THEATRE JONES & HAMMER, MGRS. PRICES: Night-25c, 50c, 75c, Matinee-25c. ELLEFORD STOCK CO. Tonight! And Tomorrow Night. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 3 P. M. "The Ensign." Next Attraction-"BACHELOR'S HONEY MOON."

Advertisement for Psycho: SEE PSYCHO. Playing the Pianola attached to the Everett Grand Piano. MAN or ? WAX? In our window all of this week beginning Monday, 3:30 to 5 p. m.; 7:30 to 9 p. m. Carstensen & Anson Co., Temple of Music, 74 Main Street. Formerly Daynes Music Co.

Advertisement for Edward L. Burton: EDWARD L. BURTON 11 N. First South St. Phone 871. BANK STOCKS, SUGAR STOCKS And Other High Grade Investments Bought and Sold.

A COMING STRUGGLE.

The invasion of Utah by paid workers for eastern labor organizations, and their endeavors to inveigle working people into the bondage of those societies, has incited a movement to meet this attempt to obstruct capital and fetter labor. It is useless to deny that the purpose in view is to effect both objects. The establishment of such organizations means, when they obtain sufficient strength, the dictation to employers of whom they shall engage, what hours the men shall work and what wages shall be paid to them. It means also that the members of the society shall be subject to the orders of its bosses, must refuse to work with non-members when so required and go on strike when ordered. All the sophistry and wordy pretenses to fact around these plain statements of fact are in vain in face of the history of the existing Unions in this country.

We have pointed out the wrong, the tyranny, the cowardly force exercised against non-Union workers, and the loss of liberty that follow the extension of those organizations. We now wish to utter a word of warning to them. There is a growing determination among business men, contractors, employers of labor in various industries and influential persons in government and in society, to make a stand against those evils and form a counter agency to check or suppress them as circumstances may require. It will be a formidable power in the land. It will hold the "sinecra of war"-the capital which is needed in all great enterprises. It will receive the support of millions of working men and women who despise the oppression of the organizations that dominate labor and seek to bind capital.

The chiefs of those societies will sit back and laugh at such propositions, feeling secure in their power. But when the time comes that their own tactics are turned upon them, and great combines refuse to employ any member of a labor union that seeks to describe non-union workmen of the right to earn a living, there will come a revolution of feeling and the laugh will be on "the other side of the mouth."

We do not wish to see such a revolution in the domain of industry. It need not come if the unions abolish their diabolical rules that destroy the liberty of labor and seek to crush those who will not bow to their dicta. But unless a halt is called, and the barriers against industrial freedom are broken down and cast aside, the movement we have foreseen will rise and spread with such momentum that unionism, as at present existing, yielding its vengeful force against those who do not bend to its behests, will be broken and shattered and driven to retirement or radical reform.

GONE TO HIS REST.

The death of Ira N. Hinkley removes from active earthly life one of Utah's stalwart citizens and a faithful, earnest worker in the "Mormon" Church. His name is enrolled among the most prominent in Church history, and also of those who have figured in the building up of this State. Physically strong and enduring, his mind was of similar calibre. Ready to perform any duty imposed upon him, he responded to every call, and no matter in what capacity his energies were required, he did his best and was faithful in all things. He was in the front rank for many years in Millard county, where he presided over the Stake with signal ability and success. He was a friend of education as well as of all progressive industries and was universally respected for his personal integrity and his fidelity to the public interest. He was well known to non-"Mormons" who traveled through the south, and they regard him as a first-class man worthy of the utmost confidence. A sketch of his career has been given in the "News," and we can only add our regrets at his departure, our admiration of his character and our sympathies with his bereaved family. His reward has been earned, his glory is assured.

MORE TESTIMONY.

The numerous witnesses to the fact that the Prophet Joseph Smith did teach and practice plural marriage in Nauvoo should put to silence the denials, evasions and sophistical arguments presented by persons who "prefer to believe" the contrary and some of whom at least are fighting against their convictions and consciences. The following letters are published in corroboration of those already placed on record:

Mesa City, 9th March, 1904. "President Joseph F. Smith, Washington City, D. C. My Dear Brother: In reading reports from the Senate committee on the Reed Smoot case, I see that witnesses are offered to prove that