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## A BITTER WEED.

The Deseret News a day or two ago made brief reference to the lecturing tour of two women, Mrs. Weed in the East and Mrs. White in the West. The last named person is engaged in political work associated with her dissertations on "Mormonism," about which she knows nothing except the burlesques of its adversaries, and we can leave her in the hands of the newspapers of Idaho which are touching upon her endeavors in a fashion that may not be satisfactory to her, but is so to a large number of the people of that State. As to Mrs. Weed, we have something further to say, and if it does not please the "Mormon"-eaters of Utah and elsewhere, that is a matter of indifference to us. Following are a few extracts from the lectures delivered by her as reported in eastern papers:

"Mrs. Weed held her audience spell-bound as she told of blood atonement, whereby a person is murdered as the only means of saving his soul.

"Blood atonement is not repeated in Utah," was her positive statement. "I was told on very good authority of a husband who deliberately cut the throat of his wife because she disappointed of his marrying a second time. Her opposition proved she was falling away from the true faith, so he cut her throat to save her soul."

"Every victim of the Mountain Meadow massacre was murdered in blood atonement, to save his or her soul."

"Another tenet of the Church obliges the wife to put her husband's hand in that of a second wife. I once heard an elder declare at the funeral of his first wife, after recounting her many virtues as a wife and mother: 'This woman gave me 44 wives!' That, apparently was the crowning virtue."

"The women are the most fanatical polygamists of them all," she went on. "I knew a little Gentile woman physician there who was summoned to a bedside of a sick woman in the country. On the way the stage driver expressed great interest in her case."

"You're unmarried!" he said. "What do you think will be come of your husband?" "To save your soul I will marry you!"

"The doctor reached the sick woman and comforted her. In an access of gratitude the patient exclaimed: 'And to think you're a Gentile and unmarried! What will become of you?' 'You must marry my husband to go to heaven.'"

"The little doctor went from that house to another in the neighborhood. 'What do you think,' she exclaimed in agitation to the women in the other household, 'Mrs. ——— wanted me to marry her husband. Did you ever hear of anything so monstrous?'"

"No, I never did," acquiesced the other. "It's perfectly absurd. Why, he's a brute—he'll use her dreadfully. Now, my husband is a dear. Don't you think of marrying that other woman's husband, but marry mine."

"I heard Brigham Young, Jr., preach from the Book of Mormon. The text pertained to the overthrow of the United States government. 'Do you realize that this means the country may be covered in blood?' he asked. Then turning to Old Glory (they are unrivalled in their devotion to Old Glory), he continued, 'What will become of this blood stained flag? The day will come when it will float from the pinnacle of our Temple. Do you fear that we shall not be admitted to the Union. We will pull the wool over the eyes of the American people, and when we are strong enough to hold the balance of power we will side with the biggest party and carry the day.'"

"Treason, every word of it!"

The foregoing excerpts are from the New York Tribune; the annexed is from the Sunday Journal:

"I am here to charge the Mormon Church with three crimes—polygamy, murder and treason.

"It is their boast that they will soon obtain political domination in thirteen States, this being sufficient to prevent the constitutional amendment which would be a deathblow to their aspirations."

The treasonable oath in the Endowment house ceremony is: 'And I furthermore swear that I will hold eternal enmity against the government of the United States and will avenge the death of Joseph Smith.'

It is the intent of this treasonable hierarchy to build a kingdom upon the ruins of this government.—Statement by Mrs. Maria Weed.

In another issue of the New York Tribune is an account of Mrs. Weed's adventures with an alleged "Mormon" Elder who had two wives and wanted to marry her, and she describes him thus:

"He was so sneaky, so sneaky, so devious I call him Beelzebub. Yet he was never anything but the courtly, earnest high-minded gentleman."

There are but samples of the whole cloth falsehoods which the woman is telling to congregations in the East. It should be observed that though these stories are old, oft-repeated and vile canards, she deals them out at first hand, and says she heard this statement, and saw that act, and met this or that person herself. Everybody acquainted with the nonsense that has been told by anti-"Mormon" preachers and writers for many years, will recognize these threadbare fables which Mrs. Weed thus rehabilitates as items of her own experience. If it is proper to denounce male liars and scandal-mongers and expose their falsehoods, why is it not right to draw attention to female liablers and slanderers, who are hired to do their shameful work in order to influence the public mind against the Latter-day Saints?

It is evident that the woman simply

dishes up stale fragments of anti-"Mormon" pabulum and claims them as her own. How much respect is such a person entitled to? How much credence should sensible and respectable people give to that kind of "lady lecturer?" Yet it is just such stuff as we have clipped from New York papers, that help to form in many minds an estimate of our people and our faith. We need not say to readers here that everything the woman stated, as reported above, is an abominable falsehood. The bloody story about throat-cutting to save souls; the alleged tenets of the Church; the bit of fiction about the "little woman physician;" the assertion about her hearing Brigham Young preach from the Book of Mormon with the statement that that book predicts the overthrow of the United States government; the alleged boast about "political domination;" the fabricated "treasonable oath;" and all the rest of her talk is absolutely false and absurd, and withal is only a repetition of refuted stories mouldy with age.

It is a pity that such persons are received into religious circles, festered, encouraged, given pecuniary aid and at the same time are salaried by a respectable society, and all under the impression that such vicious work aids the cause of purity and Christianity, when it is sheer diabolism and is shameful stuff for decent folks to gloat over and receive with glee. It does not argue well for the intellectual or spiritual status of the social or religious associations, that support and give aid and comfort to such bitter weeds as that which scattered the seeds of evil contained in the sentences we have copied from New York papers.

## IMMIGRATION AND LAW.

Professor S. A. Steiner of Grinnell college, Iowa, in a recent address, spoke of the immigration problem. He reminded his hearers of the fact that people are coming from southern Europe, from Italy and Sicily, and that the Russian and Polish Jews are coming by thousands, and threaten to come by the hundreds of thousands. But, unlike some timid labor agitators, he did not see in this "a danger." On the contrary, he warned this country against the spirit of exclusiveness. "Don't close the door in their faces," he exclaimed. "Don't shut out their only ray of hope, don't do it until we have dug dry all the wealth from our mines, until our fields can no longer produce enough for the mouths at home, until America can no longer offer any hope for the amelioration of their hopeless condition."

Nobody denies that this is in full harmony with the spirit in which this republic was founded. But it must not be forgotten, that we accept grave responsibilities, with the opening of our doors wide to European refugees from destitution and oppression. Our duty is to demonstrate to them the superiority of a democratic form of government, by proving that authority is all the more sacred, because founded in the will of the people; that law is all the more binding, because given by the people; that justice is all the more desirably administered, because its servants are responsible to the people. If we fail in this, we may as well close the doors to Europe's outcasts. For if they find indifference to law and authority, they are almost sure to go one step further, and land in anarchy.

The American people are too busy, or too indifferent, to look after the proper administration of law. They spend time and money at regular intervals on the election of officers to whom they entrust that business, and then they generally forget all about it, supposing that no more is to be done on their part. But the officers too often permit laws and ordinances to be violated, until this goes so far that a number of citizens feel alarmed, and goad them into some action. Then there is spasmodic activity for some time, until the watchfulness of the citizens is relaxed. This has a tendency to bring our laws and ordinances into contempt. Strangers who come here are quick to catch the spirit of lawlessness. And the growing generation is no less exposed to the danger of becoming indifferent to all law and authority.

When a tobacco-using boy knows that it is against the law for anybody to sell him a cigarette or to allow him to enter a saloon, yet he sees the police looking on without interfering, he will, in time, break other statutes. He knows that the saloons should be closed on Sunday and on legal holidays, and he knows too that the police know they are not closed. He knows that gambling is illegal, and he also knows that the police wink at it so long as they are not specially told to suppress it. What is the effect? Let the daily records of hoodlums among the American youth, and the growth of criminal anarchism among a certain class of our foreign-born population, furnish the answer to that question.

This country certainly should be open to the oppressed of all the earth, but they should find here a school in which to be taught to obey law and serve their Creator. They should be taught, by example, to become good citizens in every respect.

## RUSSIANS AND VICTORY.

A St. Petersburg dispatch very significantly states that the news of some Russian success in the long continued duel south of Mukden was received with "considerable reserve" by the masses in the Russian capital. This "reserve" may have been due to the fact that earlier news of a similar kind often had turned out to have no solid foundation. But the reason for it may also have to be sought deeper than that.

Students of Russian conditions tell us that the liberal element in the Czar's domain pray for Japanese victory. They believe that the defeat of the Russian forces in Manchuria would mean the defeat to some extent of autocracy at home. They remember the fact that the defeat of Nicholas I. in the Crimean war brought to Russia some degree of relaxation from the iron rule in matters of the public press and of the provincial assemblies, and that serfdom of the peasantry had to be

abolished in consequence of that war, and they hope that a Japanese victory would bring further blessings of liberty to the Russian population. If this is a correct estimate of the situation, no wonder that news of Russian success is received with "reserve" at home.

An international gathering was held recently, at Amsterdam, attended by delegates from many countries. One of the Russian representatives maintained that if his government were to be victorious "it would not be Japan, but the Russian people, which would really be the vanquished." He argued that the Czar, by their acts of oppression, had enslaved a mass of nations all around the boundaries of the empire, thereby earning universal hatred. These nations, he said, were sorely suffering from the same chains which bound the Russian people, what had been done in Finland, he continued, was on a par with what had long been done in Russia. "Now, however," he declared, "the time has come at last for the end of the Czar's tyranny. Blow after blow, defeat after defeat, administered to his forces in this war evoke in Russia no sympathy with government. That sorely driven autocracy is a colossus with feet of clay, and Japan is fortunately on the point of smashing one of these feet. The other will have to be crushed at home."

The reverses of Russia in the field are in the first instance due to the bravery, the perseverance, and the skill of the enemy; but much of it must be charged to the dissatisfaction of the people with the conditions prevailing at home. What might not a general of Kuropatkin's ability have done with an army inspired by patriotism and acting intelligently? Let the Russian government institute reforms at home in a modern, liberal spirit and then consider what it can do to establish its honor in the field, if it must have that kind of honor. Japan, with forty-five million inhabitants, has more children at school than Russia with, say, one hundred and forty million inhabitants. That tells the whole story.

## A BEE CURE.

Will bee stings cure rheumatism? Some have maintained that they will. Others have denied it. A correspondent of the New York Herald, from Eldora, Iowa, tells about a case in which it seems that the little insects acted the part of successful doctors. He says that one Tillman Mowry had been seriously crippled with rheumatism for many years—in fact, since he was discharged from the army, nearly 40 years ago, but that he now enjoys immunity from the disease. When Mowry's father-in-law died last summer he left Mrs. Mowry an immense apiculture. Knowing very little about bee culture, Mr. Mowry naturally blundered a great deal and got stung quite often. Of his experience among the bees, Mr. Mowry says:

"I finally set about to try to get rid of my pesky little charges, but one day, after I had avoided the stings long enough to get over the pain the stings had occasioned, I noticed that I was singularly comfortable in another respect, in that my joints were working more freely than was ever before their wont. Then I commenced to be free of all my aches and pains. I threw away my cane, have no longer use for it. I keep getting stung, and now feel that I could give a pretty good account of myself in a foot race, a baseball or football game or a wrestling match."

Both armies admit that they are weakened but not worsted.

There are October days as rare as any in June, one of whom today is which.

A whirlwind campaign in Iowa, the cyclone state, should be a great success.

The new senator from Massachusetts is a paper maker. But he is no man of straw.

Train a boy up in the way he should go and when he becomes a youth he will not be a burglar.

It is to be hoped that the negotiations between the smelters and the farmers will not go up in smoke.

Chancellor Day of Syracuse university has issued an edict that there must be no more dancing at that institution. Alack a Day! the students say.

Conan Doyle has determined to kill off Sherlock Holmes so that he will stay killed. If he doesn't quit resurrecting him he is liable to kill Dr. Doyle.

The Council Bluffs library has refused to place on its shelves Jacob Ritten's "Life of Roosevelt." Now if it could only be excluded from the mails, the book's fortune would be made.

If the row in a sporting house at Monterey, Cal., in which one soldier was killed and another wounded, is not laid to the abolishment of the army canteen, we miss our guess.

Ex-Governor Crane will be Massachusetts' first millionaire senator. The Old Bay State is in line at last and henceforth may be depended on to keep up with the procession.

Secretary Root declares that the Philippines "stand upon their own bottom." And here the geographies all the time have been teaching that they rested upon the bottom of the Pacific ocean.

"The patriotism I believe in is to fight corruption at the primaries and the polls. There is no better way of emulating the founders of the republic," says General Funston. A most excellent definition that, worthy to stand along side Corporal Trim's interpretation of the injunction to "honor thy father and mother."

## SENATOR HOAR'S SUCCESSOR.

Boston Globe.

The appointment of ex-Gov. Crane to the vacant seat in the United States Senate met the wishes of the Republicans of Massachusetts and the expectations of all. No one else had been seriously considered. Mr. Crane will

enter the Senate with the good will of the people of the state behind him, regardless of party lines, and with universal confidence that he will find in that larger field the opportunity for the employment of his undoubted capacity to deal effectively with problems involving the commercial interests of the commonwealth, and for the exhibition of that high spirit with which he always has approached the consideration of public policies.

Boston Advertiser.

He is, moreover, a great politician. We need something of the sort to keep peace and good will within the party at home, and to see that Massachusetts is not injured in our national legislation by personal enmities and jealousies. He is expected to look out for the state's interests at Washington in a special way, and our business men believe that he can and will do it. That he will work pleasantly and harmoniously with Mr. Lodge, who is sure to be senator so long as he wishes, is no slight consideration in the matter.

New York Sun.

Winthrop Murray Crane, the new United States senator from Massachusetts, is not an orator or a statesman with a record. He is a business man, a manufacturer holding large government contracts, a financier of wide interests. In his home town of Dalton he is beloved by every inhabitant old enough to know him. Throughout Berkshire county he is held in affection, and in the state he won the respect of the people generally during his service as governor. He comes from the western end of the state, which always looked upon his predecessor as a resident within its bound, and thus his appointment is justified upon geographical grounds.

New York World.

W. Murray Crane, whom Gov. Bates has appointed United States senator to succeed Mr. Hoar, is a paper manufacturer, who has served one term as governor of his native state and is generally recognized as one of its strongest figures. It cannot be said that Mr. Crane belongs to the Hoar school. He is neither a great scholar nor a great statesman. He belongs to the business men's school of politics, but his appointment is likely to be satisfactory to a great majority of Massachusetts Republicans.

Boston Herald.

Gov. Bates has ended all doubt concerning his possible action in the appointment of a successor to Senator Hoar in the way that those conversant with political conditions have all along expected. Ex-Gov. Crane is a business man who in private affairs and public office has exhibited extraordinary administrative talent. In party councils, also, he has been active and useful. He has no legislative experience, and in the Senate he will be a silent member; but he will be an efficient one in the business of the committee room and the influence that is exerted by personal conference with associates. This appointment leaves Mr. Lodge the sole voice of Massachusetts in the public debates of the Senate, a condition that the state has not before been subject to since the Republican party arose, for the very brief service of William B. Washburn hardly constitutes an exception.

Worcester Telegram.

W. Murray Crane will be a worthy representative of Massachusetts in the Senate, and will contribute much toward sustaining the state's reputation of sending able men to the highest legislative body in the land. It is fitting that the western or the central portion of the state should have a man in the Senate. At present the eastern portion has a senator and has also a member of the cabinet. Gov. Bates comes from Boston, as does Lieut.-Gov. Guild. Senator Crane is a man of wide business experience, and as lieutenant-governor and governor of this state, as well as through his membership in the Republican national committee, has received admirable training for the new post which he assumes.

Boston Post.

In addition to the reasons already mentioned for the appointment of Mr. Crane, his excellent record in the Senate, and will contribute much toward sustaining the state's reputation of sending able men to the highest legislative body in the land. It is fitting that the western or the central portion of the state should have a man in the Senate. At present the eastern portion has a senator and has also a member of the cabinet. Gov. Bates comes from Boston, as does Lieut.-Gov. Guild. Senator Crane is a man of wide business experience, and as lieutenant-governor and governor of this state, as well as through his membership in the Republican national committee, has received admirable training for the new post which he assumes.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The November number of The Burr-Mitchell Monthly contains the usual assortment of first class specimens of art. Among the portraits are those of Florence Rockwell, color inset; Hon. Paul Morton, General and Mrs. Corbin, John Philip Sousa, and others. There are several panoramic views, of which the Massachusetts Museum is a special interest. The November calendar panel is a very pretty feature. The editorial deal with Thanksgiving time, the Manoeuvres in Virginia, and football.—The Burr Publishing Co., No. 4 West, 22nd St., New York.

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