

A COWARDLY ATTACK.

The Salt Lake Tribune, notorious for its libelous verbal assaults upon both living and dead, presents its readers, as suitable Sunday reading matter, a cowardly editorial, the purpose of which is to besmirch the characters of the Prophet Joseph and his brother Hyrum. To the hyena that has its lair amid the unsavory surroundings of commercial street, not even the dead are sacred.

The burden of the article referred to is that the Prophet Joseph was a profligate who invented the "revelation" commanding the practice of polygamy, to cover up his wrong-doings, and that the Patriarch was a weakling who justified himself for the sake of his brother, Thane, by the way, no revelation commanding the practice of polygamy. There is a revelation on "the eternity of the marriage covenant, including plurality of wives." It was given in answer to a prayer by the Prophet for divine enlightenment on the principles upon which the Lord justified some of the ancient men of God in their family relations. Some people have been content with ascribing those relations to the errors of the age in which they lived, or to their own weaknesses, but the Prophet Joseph saw further than that and sought wisdom from the Source whence he so often had drawn it. The revelation, however, has not generally been understood as "commanding the practice of polygamy," but as permitting it under certain conditions. But a little thing like that is, of course, of no consequence to a sheet that depends on misrepresentations and the ignorance of its supporters, for success.

The entire story told by the Tribune is based upon the sickly fancy of the author of it. He does not produce any historic evidence for the assertions he makes. He cannot refer to a single authentic document to prove that the two men the sheet so viciously maligns, were guilty of any indiscretions of the kind. The Prophet Joseph, when he went to his death, said to his friends: "I am going like a lamb to the slaughter; but I am calm as a summer's morning; I have a conscience void of offense toward God, and towards all men. I shall die innocent, and it shall yet be said of me—he was murdered in cold blood." Those are not the sentiments of an impostor. In the face of death, most men speak the truth. Besides, the Prophet was repeatedly accused by apostates and other enemies, of immoral conduct, but he was always acquitted when accorded an impartial hearing. Historic facts count against the false statements of persons who ignore the testimony of history. If history is to be disregarded, it is as easy to fasten the charge of immorality upon Martin Luther as upon Joseph Smith, for Luther was unconventional enough in his relations to the nun he made his wife. And what about Augustine? And others?

Since the history of the revelation on the eternity and plurality of marriage covenants is deemed important enough, so long after the issuance of the Manifesto of President Woodruff, to be made the subject of malicious perversion, it is certainly important enough to be set forth in accordance with the facts. The late President George Q. Cannon is authority on questions pertaining to the Church—its history and doctrines. In his "Life of Joseph the Prophet" he says that "the decree of the Lord making known to the Prophet the eternity and plurality of marriage, was a part of this sublime plan—the social redemption and purification of the world." "It came to him little by little, as he was enabled to bear the dazzling light of celestial glory."

President Cannon goes on to say that, "even after that portion of the revelation now recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants was made known to him, Joseph did not write it for a time." "The revelation therefore remained the unwritten law of God, established in the hearts and obeyed in the lives of some of His faithful servants, until the 12th day of July, 1843, when it was recorded, that it might remain a comfort and guide to the people after Joseph and Hyrum should pass away." "Some of the Prophet's brethren caused him great sorrow by teaching impurity of life under the guise of this holy principle; but their wickedness was uncovered and the Church was purged of their presence. The teaching of the revelation," President Cannon says, "has been a test of personal holiness. The men who have seen in this commandment a holy and exalted duty, and who obeyed in meekness and purity, have lived by their faith and have come off triumphant; while those who have sought to minister to evil passions have sunk and been cast out. There is not one word in the revelation, nor was there one word in the Prophet's teaching other than purity and self-sacrifice."

It is not to be expected that those who see everything from a carnal point of view can understand the assertions here quoted, but they are, nevertheless, true. And the history of the revelation is given in accordance with the facts and the authentic records. If that history is worth while giving at all, it is worth while giving correctly, and not distorted.

That the Prophet Joseph and his saintly brother were good men, sincere and moral, is proved by the fact that

their nearest friends and relatives loved them most devotedly. No man will receive the support of those who know his daily life, unless it stands the test of morality. That is an experiment the accusers of the Prophet might try to some advantage. Let any of them with a shady record try to found a church and see what success he will have among his own people. Now, Emma Smith was the most devoted wife. When the news of the martyrdom reached her, she would not be consoled. One of the brethren called her attention to the fact that her affliction would be her crown. She answered: "My husband was my crown; for him and my children I have suffered the loss of all things, and why, O God, am I thus despoiled, and my bosom torn with this tenfold anguish?" Does that sound as if the wife of the Prophet considered that she had been deceived by her husband? Would any wife refer to an unfaithful man as her "crown" of glory?

The attack of the Tribune upon the character of the martyrs, unsupported as it is by historical testimony, is only another evidence of the beastly fury of that sheet which, a short time ago, offered an apology for the assassination at Carthage. It is the voice of bigotry, of fanaticism, of diabolical intolerance, and it stamps those responsible for it as lower than savages. Are they worthy of evidence in anything they may happen to say?

WHO HAS THE MONEY?

That the organ of the so-called American party is going to depend on the virtue of falsehood and deception for success in the next campaign, as it has done hitherto, is already amply proved. Only the other day it published a \$5,000 sidewalk story, to the effect that certain citizens whom the City owes money collected for uncompleted sidewalks were to have this money refunded.

The fake story was promptly exposed in the "News" on Friday and in the Herald on Saturday. It was shown that no refund of sidewalk money is contemplated, but that the money referred to is a forfeiture by a paving company for failing to complete a street paving contract in the stipulated time. It was shown that the contract was made long before Mr. Morris became Mayor, and that it had no connection whatever with any sidewalk money. It was shown that the story was a Tribune fake, and nothing else. But, notwithstanding this, the sheet repeats its idiotic drivel for no other purpose than to deceive its dupes.

The sheet has a choice lot of lies in stock, and they are evidently to be distributed again with lavish hand in the near future. The supply includes falsehoods about Church influence in politics, polygamy, Church hostility to labor and unions, and misrepresentations concerning the achievements of the party that has the misfortune of its support.

It is this campaign of deceit that is so distasteful to decent citizens of all parties. But, there is no excuse for the existence of the party, or the sheet, except such as can be turned out from the laboratories where its counterfeiters of truth are busy. And so falsehoods must serve the purpose. The only consolation is that some day the eyes of the people will be opened, and the schemes and machinations will be laid bare. "You cannot fool all the people all the time." There is one little item, though, in that sidewalk story, which possibly ought to receive attention. According to those posted in the matter, the money the paving company owes the City, is \$7,000, and not \$5,000, as the Tribune fake story had it. There is a discrepancy here of \$2,000. How is that to be accounted for? Has \$2,000 vanished by some hocus pocus of the manipulators of public affairs? Two thousand dollars is not a considerable sum where \$75,000 is spent on whitewashing a conduit, but the tax-payers would, nevertheless, like to know how the discrepancy is to be accounted for.

CROP ESTIMATES.

According to official crop statistics, the outlook is much more favorable than the late spring seemed to justify anyone in expecting. The corn crop is estimated at 2,540,000 bushels. These figures have been exceeded only in the years 1896 and 1905. Only an early frost apparently now stands in the way of a corn harvest well above the average of the last half-dozen years.

A great deal of winter wheat has already been harvested. The indicated total wheat crop, winter and spring, is some 600,000,000 bushels, which compares with the final yield of 725,000,000 last year, a record wheat harvest. It was also exceeded in the years 1895, 1903 (slightly), 1902, 1901 and 1898, but would be with those exceptions the largest of our wheat crops.

The cotton yield is larger than had been expected—approximately 12,000,000 bales.

Everything considered, there is abundant cause for gratitude because of the yield of the earth in this country. There is plenty for the needs of the people, and some for export, because the surpluses from previous years more than make up for the shortage of this year—shortage if compared with the record-breaking figures of previous years, but in reality an abundance.

STRENGTH IN UNION.

The San Francisco Chronicle sees in a union of citizens on nonpartisan lines, the only way out of the slough of despond into which the city has been cast. Our contemporary says:

"As the time for the meeting of the political convention approaches, the determination of the great mass of citizens whose votes must be relied on to elect anybody is more and more emphatically expressed that there must be one ticket and one only which decent citizens are asked to support. We want honest government. We want a peaceful city. We want confidence in our political capacity restored to the minds of the thinking world. Before this feeling all the petty intrigues of trifling or important politicians must give way. The trades, if any have been given, must be called off. The pledges, if any have been given must be cancelled. There must be a clean slate and clean men put

on it. As for the hoodlums, and the rioters, they may be neglected. Combined with the Tenderloin, as they always are, they can control the votes of a good many undesirable citizens, but they cannot come anywhere near reaching a majority. Their only hope is in dividing the honest vote, and it is demanded and determined that neither political intrigue nor personal ambitions shall accomplish this."

The situation in San Francisco is more complicated than usually. The party that captured the offices at the last election is divided. One part of it is against anyone who endorses Schmitz. The other wants to see the Schmitz rule perpetuated. Other parties are also divided. Some laboring men under the leadership of Walter McArthur, are said to refuse to have anything to do with "labor" tickets, arguing that the efforts of the unions should be limited to the purely industrial side of life. McArthur is said to be a man of strong influence. Many union men, it is thought, may be influenced by his example to go back to the old parties.

It is this division and subdivision that makes it possible for a numerically weak party to procure the offices.

GAS PRICES IN BRITAIN.

The price of coal gas for illuminating and heating purposes in Plymouth and Storehouse, England, with a combined population of 10,000, is 42 cents per thousand cubic feet to private consumers and 36 cents to gas engines.

The record of prices there for the past 27 years may be condensed into the following form:

1880—Price of gas 1d 3d 5d cents
1881—Price of gas 2s 48 cents
1882—Price of gas 1s 11d 46 cents
1883 to 1887—Price of gas 1s 10d 44 cents
1887 to 1907—Price of gas 1s 3d cents

Users of gas engines are supplied at one and six—55 cents a thousand feet—at which price it is cheaper in gas engines than coal in ordinary boilers.

On the other hand the price of coal there is about \$3.30 per ton though in 1901 it rose to \$4.15 per ton; but the wholesale price is only about \$2.50 delivered.

Mr. Heath, one of the stockholders of the gas company, is quoted as follows: "Here," he continued, "are our reports to stockholders of June, 1906, and June 1907. You see there is a plain statement of everything, including our profit, which was as follows:

1907—£25,642 2s 5d \$143,210.60
1907—£28,921 15s 5d 144,809.85

"This is the net profit, you see, after charging in every possible cost of the business made on gas sold at 36 and 42 cents a thousand feet, figured in your money."

The Lusitania still follows the German flag.

Elections tell two tales—delegated and relegated.

Seekers after the north pole should hitch their wagon to the polar star.

Probably Wellman feels that he is all right, that it is the pole that is lost.

Instead of teaching the young idea in Cuba how to shoot, it is to be taught English.

Every time those Moors have an engagement with the French they take French leave.

Paul O. Stensland wants a pardon. His ad will remain in the want column a long while.

"Chorus girls getting shy," says a New York paper. The true chorus girl shies at nothing.

"Obey" is Muldoon's watchword. Make your body obey. Otherwise you may make it obese.

General Drude has given the Moors more time. If he hadn't they might have taken it anyway.

They are finding diamonds in Arkansas. Strange that the Arkansas Traveler never stumbled across any.

The navy department has purchased a hundred thousand tons of Welsh coal. Is Uncle Sam going to turn "welcher?"

Every time an automobile claims a victim the cry is raised, "The automobile must go." It is too much going that is the trouble.

The Japanese press seems almost anxious to have the good people of Vancouver slap the Japanese immigrants on the other cheek.

Eighty persons killed and twenty-two injured in ninety ascents in the Alps this year. Mountain climbing in the playground of Europe comes high but people must have it.

"Hips must go" is the edict of the Dressmakers' Protective association, composed of judges of feminine fashions from many cities of the United States. Hip, hip, hurrah!

It is estimated that one-tenth of the work on the Panama canal has been completed. The expenditures to date, including the purchase of the old French company and rights of way, have been something over eighty million dollars. The job will hardly be completed for two hundred million dollars.

According to the report of Consul H. A. Chant of Windsor, Canada, the average annual salary for male teachers in the Dominion is \$480, while the female teachers receive \$245. The highest salaries are paid in British Columbia, the men receiving \$577 and the women \$352. The lowest salaries are paid to the male teachers in the province of Prince Edward Island, where they receive \$246, while in the province of Quebec the female teachers receive the least pay, \$125.

A GOOD MEXICAN IDEA.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. In a world weary of expositions, Mexico has sprung the thing new and admirable. It is the finest substitute for the state and overworked "world's fair" that has yet appeared, and one that several proud and self-assertive cities of the United States would do well to adopt. The Mexican Republic will be a hundred years old on Sept. 16, 1910, on

that date the country will inaugurate the most comprehensive and impressive group of public improvements that the world has seen. Some 500 cities and towns will start simultaneously to construct works of whatever kind is most needed in the particular locality. These improvements will cost on an average \$100,000 each, making a grand total of \$50,000,000 to be expended in sensible and appropriate commemoration of the nation's centennial. The cost of the various works will be roughly proportional to the size and wealth of the cities, but in every case the centennial monument will be something dignified and useful. There will be no money wasted. The entire country is now raising funds and making the necessary arrangements for the celebration, and it is expected that when the signal is given three years hence, the money will be provided, and the 500 towns will start on public works which will continue to benefit them for another hundred years.

WHAT THE LUSITANIA MEANS.

When the Cunard steamship Lusitania was launched in June last year it was written that "there was never a more audacious experiment in marine architecture." Audacity is expected to reap its reward this morning, when the ship is scheduled to reach its New York pier with a transatlantic record and a load of delightfully comfortable passengers. If all expectations are realized, the Lusitania's maiden voyage will mark the point of a new departure in ocean navigation. The turbine experiment will be justified, other steamship lines will be forced to follow the Cunard lead. Already the White Star has planned a ship bigger than the Lusitania, with machinery of both the old and the new type. But the challenge of today's event will be directed with particular force at the German lines, whose dispute with the English steamship companies for the supremacy of the Atlantic has become acute. Germany's rise into its present position as a mercantile marine power is practically a development of the last twenty years. In the first rank sixteen years of that period the German steam fleet increased fourfold. Of steamships of over 10,000 tons launched between 1892 and 1896 and of those over 12,500 tons launched between 1896 and 1898, five British and ten were German. Since the opening of 1900, when the Deutschland was launched, German champions have multiplied rapidly and British enterprise has been fairly driven to find more effective methods of competition.

BIGGER THAN THE LUSITANIA.

Boston Transcript. A Belfast dispatch this morning reports that shipbuilders in that city are preparing to lay the keel of a ship of forty thousand tons. This announcement arouses some curiosity once more as to when the limit in shipbuilding will be reached and at what figure it will stand. Few subjects admit of more ready analysis than it is the harbor depths, here and abroad, which control the size of ocean steamers. The structural strength of a ship of course depends upon her girth, or cross-section, and that in turn is closely related to her draught, or to the depth of the harbors which she must use. But for this limitation larger ships would long ago have been constructed. Until recently depths both here and abroad, have been about thirty feet.

JUST FOR FUN.

His Responsibility. Minister's Wife (to her husband). Will you help me to put the drawing room carpet down today, dear? The room is beautifully clean. Minister (exasperatedly). Ah, well, I suppose I will have to. Wife. And don't forget, John, dear, while you are doing it, that you are a minister of the gospel.—Tit-Bits. gagement.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Modern Way. "Will you have this here woman to be your lawful wedded wife?" "That's what I loved I would."

"Will you love, honor and obey her?" "Ain't you got that switched 'round, parson?" said the bridegroom. "John!" said the bride-elect; "don't you reckon the parson knows his business? Answer the question?" "Yes, sir," said the bridegroom, meekly. "I reckon I'll have to"—Atlanta Constitution.

The Usual Spill. She (before the auto upset)—Isn't that a nice turnout? He (as it upset)—Marvelous! Beats the circus.—Harper's.

Walter—By the way, sir, that steak you ordered—how would you like to have it? Patient Customer—Very much, indeed.—London Opinion.

Wigg—D'Auber says this picture of his is taken from life. Wagg—It's too bad D'Auber couldn't be.—Philadelphia Record.

"An old friend bumped into me today." "Didn't you bump into him as well?" "No; he had the auto."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Towns—He's out of a job now. He had a good opportunity, but he didn't take the trouble to improve it. Browne—Yes, it's a funny thing about trouble, isn't it? If you don't take it you'll have it.—Philadelphia Press.

"As you see by my collection of the poets," said Mr. Parvins, proudly, as he showed the glories of this newly fitted-up library, "I make it a point to secure all the gems of literature." "Yes," murmured the critic, dryly, as he picked up a volume, "and I notice you prefer those gems uncut."—Baltimore American.

Mr. Johnston (over a tub)—Dear Ah mek you a good Hyli' Henry Clay Johnston? Mr. Johnston—Tolble, chile—tolble. But you shud have seen de way much moiber suppled mah father!—Puck.

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