

CORRESPONDENCE

THE IDAHO INFAMY.

The Law Wrested to Debar "Mormons" From Even Teaching School.

BINGHAM Co., Idaho, March 21, 1886.

Editor Deseret News:

I presume there is no part of the United States where the rights of the people have been more trampled upon by corrupt legislative bodies...

Now if this rendition of the school law by this celebrated Boise "Blackstone" is a fair sample of the intelligence of the Territorial Supt. of Pub. Instruction...

Now on the strength of the decision of his chief, County Supt. J. C. House has revoked the certificate of Mrs. Sarah A. Baker, without cause.

THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER. OXFORD, Idaho, March 13, 1886.

Sarah A. Parker, Teton, Idaho:

The Territorial Superintendent of public instruction has rendered a decision regarding the school law...

I do therefore hereby revoke your certificate No. 7, issued November 4, 1885, the same being cancelled on the records of the Superintendent's office of Bingham County, Idaho.

EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PEOPLE.

THE FINAL JUDGMENT.

Anti-Polygamy Judgments Reversed.

Man's agency implies accountability; obligation and duty are imperative in their demands as influencing his acts and conduct...

fed. Duty implies law and a law-giver, and man's justification must be not only in his own eyes, but in the eyes of the law to which he is obligated...

"DAY OF JUDGMENT." Now this judgment does not come to man during his probation, but after the period of his agency has ceased...

The Apostle John informs us that the Father gave authority to the Son to execute this judgment, and the hour would come when all who were in their graves should hear his voice...

His former mission to earth was not one of judgment and condemnation, but a Savior's mission—one of mercy and truth—and in this He was supreme, exceeding all understanding...

This same Jesus, however, who ascended into heaven, it is written, will come in like manner as He went; but in a very different character...

Now, for this appointed time of judgment, which in the economy of God is fixed to be after and not in the period of man's probation, all must wait...

THE GREAT, IMPORTANT QUESTION

to be answered by all living, and while living, is: Am I prepared for that awful sentence—for the eternal justice which the law demands?

Every man may ask and answer this question for himself, but I propose to ask it in behalf of some other parties, who are prominently active, and find, it possible, a satisfactory conclusion.

This tribunal is one of last resort; from it there is no appeal, and in taking our case there it is important that we understand something of the rules of the court in order to determine the probability of a successful hearing.

Consequently, we read as a rule of action—"Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you;" and again, "As ye have done unto others, even unto the least of these who are mine, ye have done it unto me."

We have the written statement of one very wise man brought up at the feet of Gamaliel and learned in the law, that he once verily thought he was doing God service when he went about halting men, women and children and committing them to prison...

When their work, of which there are many witnesses, is testified before the great Judge,

THE SENTENCE

will be heard as already uttered, "as ye have done it unto one of these my disciples ye have done it unto me! Depart ye cursed!"

The only defense that can be offered in that day is: "We did it to destroy what was to us an obnoxious system of marriage, though claimed to be of divine origin. But this defense will be of no avail when the Judge shall answer, 'know ye not the law which I gave unto my people Israel, wherein I commanded this thing, and justified the fathers in that wherein you condemn others?'"

or of children, or wealth, of which they have been despoiled by bonds, by fines, and by imprisonment, which they have endured for my name's sake.

Courts here are run by those who have no sympathy with polygamy. There the Judge and his twelve associates who are to sit upon twelve thrones, also to judge the twelve tribes of Israel, are all descendants of a polygamous race...

Polygamous sons will be heard in that court, and judgments of to-day will be reversed, while those who have inflicted them will listen to a more awful sentence than they can give, and will serve a much longer term of imprisonment in order to pay the uttermost farthing demanded as recompense.

But when we look in that day for the Pharos and Judges who have afflicted polygamous Israel in this world, and find them where Abraham can neither go nor send, because of that great gulf that lies between, their cry for one drop of water with which to cool their parched tongue will not avail.

THE MISERY OF THE DAMNED.

This is no fancied picture, never to be realized. In the justice of God all wrongs must be righted; the oppressor will be punished; the wicked must suffer the just penalty of sin; rewards and punishments must follow a knowledge of the divine law.

The servants of God are being judged without the least mercy or discretion. The law is not sufficiently rigid and severe to satisfy the hate of those who execute it most injudiciously, and to the shame of a great nation, to the disgrace of civilization, and the reproach of all honorable men.

"WHO ARE THE COWARDS?"

No. 11. Editor Deseret News:

I would like, if you please, to ask a few more questions upon this subject, as we have been accused of cowardice, because forsooth we do not wish to fight against the flag of our country...

MESSENGERS OF GOOD NEWS

to the Israel of God and the pure-hearted in all nations. We harm no men, have no disposition to do any wrong, but are anxious to keep ourselves "pure and unspotted from the world," knowing that the pure in heart alone can see God.

A FEW QUESTIONS:

Is it an act of noble bravery to pass laws expressly to prevent them in the free exercise of their religion?

Is it an act of courage to be bought for such a purpose, knowing that they have nothing to fear from a people who are a patient law-abiding people...

Is it an act of courage, is it bravery, to be engaged in any such unholy crusade, to make a legal—heaven save the mark—war against defenseless men, women and children...

Is it an act of noble bravery to supply means for the hire of corrupt men, for no others could be bought for such a purpose, to inform against, prosecute and condemn a class of citizens who fear God and keep His commandments?

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WHAT A RECORD to be written on the history of the great American Republic. Is this the result of education? Is this the result of the progress in intellect and civilization...

Where are the statesmen? Where are the men whose burning words in the defense of liberty and religious freedom echoed the world around?

O TEMPORA! O MORES! Surely there is "Mene Tekel" on the walls. "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again..."

DEATHS. FOWLER.—At Pleasant Grove, Utah, on Sunday, March 7, 1886, Elder John Fowler, born December 26, 1803...

GAY.—At her son's residence in Spanish Fork, Utah County, March 6, 1886, of pneumonia, Lucetta Davis Gay...

DIAMOND.—In Springville, Utah County, U. T., March 14, 1886, John M., son of James and Mary Ann Diamond...

PRICE.—At West Jordan March 26, 1886, Mary Jane, daughter of Edmund and Emma Price, aged 11 months and 11 days.

HARRIS.—In this city March 29, 1886, of tumor, Hannah, wife of W. T. Harris, born Oct. 29, 1825, in England.

PARRAMORE.—At Parowan, Iron County, Utah, March 10, 1886, Joseph King Parramore. He came to Utah in the year 1843...

NEELEY.—At Franklin, Idaho, March 21, 1886, of pneumonia, Amos Lionel, son of Orson D. and Mary Neeley; born Dec. 13, 1834.

COOLEY.—In Brighton Ward, Salt Lake County, March 31st, 1886, of pleuro-pneumonia, Marcia Elizabeth, daughter of Rachel C. and Andrew W. Cooley; aged 13 years, 5 months and 7 days.

MANSELL.—At Thober, Plate County, Utah, Mary Eliza, daughter of M. W. and O. A. Mansell, on March 8th, 1886; born February 11th, 1855.

RICHY.—At St. Johns, Apache County, Arizona Territory, March 21st, 1886, of scarlet fever, Margaret Wilson, daughter of Joe Benjamin and Eugenia Ruth Pace Richy; born at St. Johns, June 30th, 1869.

Also at the same place, March 22d, 1886, of pneumonia, Eugene Ruth Pace, wife of Joseph Benjamin Richy and mother of the child whose death occurred two days before.

She was the daughter of James and Margaret Pace, and was born at Payson, Utah, July 7th, 1861; she was the mother of six children, the two youngest surviving her, one about two years old, and the youngest ten days old, at the time of her death.

ROBISON.—Of old age, at Mill Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah, March 29, 1886, Eli Robison, formerly of St. Helens, Lancashire, England. Born April 1, 1807, at Woolshill, near Bury, Lancashire, England.

Thomas Lowe, who died at Franklin, Oneida County, Idaho, March 17, 1886, of pneumonia, was the son of Thomas and Janet Sharp Lowe, and was born in Fife-shire, Scotland, July 25th, 1821.

He was foreman of the co-operative boot and shoe shop of this place, where he worked till within one week of his death; was a very ambitious man, was worn out, and died in his 70th year.

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