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### THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.

The "News" joins the many friends of President Francis M. Lyman and his estimable wife in congratulations today. November 18, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Brother Lyman has accomplished a great work as a servant of the Almighty, and wielded a power for good as a citizen. He is still young in heart and mind, and full of vigor, and will undoubtedly have many more years of usefulness as a guide of his faithful and talented family, an instructor and father of the saints, a friend of humanity, and a witness for the Master. President Lyman is one of the great men of this age to whom history alone, as in the case of the first Apostles, can do full justice. We cordially join in the following sentiments so beautifully expressed by Elder Orson F. Whitney, of the Council of Apostles:

TO PRESIDENT FRANCIS M. LYMAN AND HIS WIFE RHODA.

On Their Golden Wedding Day,

An endless union, that which maketh  
one,  
The Holy Ghost, the Father and the  
Son,  
And by that heavenly power, whose  
high decree,

Hath married time unto eternity,  
And joined the living and the deathless dead.

Your own fond souls eternally are wed.

A golden wedding—and a glittering  
store

Of gifts and gratulations. How they  
pour!

A golden harvest springing evermore  
What can compare—can all earth's  
glistening gold.

Vie with the vision your blent eyes behold—

More precious far than jewels rich and rare—

Your wealth of sons and daughters  
worthy pair!

Children and children's children, born  
of God,

And leadeth fast unto the Iron Rod

That leadeth to the Fountain and the  
Tree,

Which many gaze on, but which few  
can see.

I give you greeting, brother, leader,  
friend!

And you, loved sister! Blessings without end

Crown you and yours, till one day you shall gain

The sun-like glory; there to rule and reign

As King and Queen, and in that royal state

A million golden weddings celebrate.

ORSON F. WHITNEY,  
Salt Lake City, Nov. 18, 1907.

### THE CHURCH NOT INVOLVED.

The Troy Press characterizes Mr. Bradford as an anti-Mormon and considers his election as a "bright spot" in the returns. To quote:

"One bright spot in the election returns deserved more than a passing mention, for it had great significance in Salt Lake City, the anti-Mormon candidate, Mr. Bradford, was elected by nearly 5,000 majority over the Republican nominee. Plummer, who was backed by Senator Smoot and the Mormon Church. Indeed, the popular feeling is shown by the fact that Bradford's vote was nearly as large as that of the Republican and Democratic candidates combined."

We beg to call attention to the fact that in many places outside of Utah it is accepted as an axiom that the warfare that has been waged here under the pretense of "Americanism" is but antagonism to the predominant Church. The election is, therefore, regarded as a victory over the Church. The successful candidates are characterized as anti-Mormons, and there is rejoicing because of the supposed defeat of the "Mormons." The anti-Mormon organs have strenuously decried the mixture of religion with their politics, but their denials are generally ignored.

Accepting for a moment this interpretation as correct, for the sake of the argument let us ask the Troy Press as an American newspaper whether there is any cause for rejoice in the triumph of religious intolerance in any American community? Is it cause for congratulation if unscrupulous politicians succeed in kindling the fires of hatred between neighbors in order to take advantage of the confusion and ruin the people of their property? Would the success of an anti-Church or anti-Semitic organization have a bright spot in the election returns from any American city, where such organizations are supposed not to exist? The Troy Press, we fear, has not given the matter full consideration.

It is perfectly clear that if anti-Mormon groups are permitted to drag Church membership into their political plots, there is no reason why other religious considerations should not also be utilized for political purposes. The time may come when religious considerations will be considered in the selection of public servants. And especially where parsons and ministers hold sway, officials may expect to be instrumentalized, though there is no warrant in law for it. The triumph of a political conspiracy under the guise of anti-Mormonism is a very dark cloud. It means a successful attack upon American institutions.

To those who are in the late election here a defeat of the Church, we beg to say in all earnestness that they are mistaken, owing to the persistent religious passions of a few

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bent to misrepresent. The Church was not involved, and is not affected, except as its individual members living in this City are affected by the kind of City government that obtains control. The Church and no candidate. It is safe to say that individual members of the Church voted all three tickets. If there was any particular desire on the part of responsible voters it was this, that honest and capable men be elected to extricate the City from the financial tangle in which an incompetent (we use no harsher expression) administration has plunged it, and to set the country away from morally irreponsible individuals who are inspired mainly by hatred. This, is the general hope was accomplished to some extent at least. Time will tell.

But, as we have already said, the Church is not affected. Most of the leading anti-Mormons know very well, first that their allegations about the Church and its leaders are utterly false; secondly that their efforts to stay the work of the Lord through His Church are in vain. Many of them have been taught this by long experience. They know that they may as well try to remove the mountain ranges that stand guard around these beautiful valleys, as the sun from its course in the heavens. An active leader in the battle was upon the Church some years ago told a friend in confidence that he would gladly pay \$1,000 to anyone who could convince him that the Prophet Joseph was not a prophet of the Lord. That is how many of these bold "warriors" feel in their hearts, especially those who have once had membership in the Church. They are in the war because they hope to derive political or financial benefits. But they know, as old Gamaliel, that their cause is hopeless. And that is the knowledge every faithful Church member has. They know that the work is ever onward, and that the final victory of truth and righteousness is not a matter of doubt or uncertainty.

TO PRESIDENT FRANCIS M. LYMAN AND HIS WIFE RHODA.

On Their Golden Wedding Day,

The man who in these times withdraws his money from circulation and hides it away, whether in an old stocking, in a hole in the ground, or in a safety deposit box, commits an act of foolishness little short of crime.

He may argue, the money is mine, and, may I not do as I choose with my own?

A most selfish and one-sided view. Leaving out of the question the undeniable truth, that our possessions are only loaned to us trustees and that we are accountable for the use to which we put them—is the other matter of fact, plain, every day, hard sense fact that in yielding to the impulse of panic, we aid in swelling the volume of distrust, in unsettling confidence and bringing about a demoralization in business, which will injure ourselves, our friends and the community in which we live.

Consider this fact. A hundred men

who have on deposit a total of \$100,000

and are drawing their interest on their savings, are not only benefiting themselves, but in a sense they are benefactors of the public. Why? That total

\$100,000 in the bank forms the basis for four times that much credit. In other words the banker lends to the community three-fourths of his deposits and only keeps the other fourth in reserve for the hundred depositors give notice that they want their money, what happens? The banker calls in his loans credit is restricted, collaterals are sold stock fall, people are sold out and general distress follows.

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