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THE BETTER POLICY.

The daily slanderer of the people of Utah is very indignant because we have given the public proof of the fact that its efforts are not quite so disastrous as represented by the arch-slanders, since the falsehoods told by itself and its helpers are not universally accepted as true by the American people. And so we are told:

"There is not the slightest foundation for any claim that the people of Utah have been slandered, or, in fact, that anything whatever has been said against the people of Utah by anybody."

That is a pretty broad denial. In 1905, when the National Editorial association visited Salt Lake, the daily slanderer told the visitors:

"There are more young men and women in polygamy in the Mormon Church today than ever before in the history of that organization."

"In three hundred schoolhouses in Utah the Mormon religion was taught by public school teachers."

"The Church dominates in all political life."

"At the last April conference the church officially restored polygamy as a practice of the community."

"The masses are impoverished and in their old age the members of the Church are compelled to go to the poorhouses, where they are sustained from the public taxes, paid largely by Gentiles."

"Its [the Church's] teachings are treason and its teachers are traitors."

This is only a sample of the slander that has been disseminated among the people of this country. Everyone of the quoted sentences is aimed at the character of the people of Utah, the majority of whom are members of the Church. And everyone is the creation of an unbridled imagination. Just fancy, "there are more young men and women in polygamy" today than ever before. In face of the official statistics according to which polygamous families decreased from 2,461 in 1880 to about 500 in 1905. Also fancy the "masses" in Utah "impoverished and spending their old age in poorhouses." How many poorhouses are there in Utah, anyhow, to accommodate "the masses?"

It would be impossible in a brief article to repeat even half the story of slander that has been told by hired character assassins. One Rev. gentleman not long ago told an audience that "there were 40 cities and towns in Utah where religious teaching was unknown." He also said that "the dance was a prominent part of the religion of the Mormons, and dancing was frequently held at the meetings." And this is not all. That Annias actually added for the information of his hearers that at those dances "immoralities were practiced that he could not mention." Drinking, however, he did mention. And he alleged that at one dance where there were only eighteen couples \$60 worth of beer had been consumed. And this was given as an illustration of social conditions in Utah. No, nobody has ever slandered the people of Utah. Dear not!

The daily slanderer is trying its utmost to consolidate the vote of non-Church members for the purpose of continuing its tools in important and profitable positions. But to gain its object it resorts to slander and abuse. It has no legitimate excuse for its position. It is the wolf in the fold of the wolf and the lamb. It hopes to fool enough voters to carry an election. It should be clear, however, to all people of common sense that those who depend on falsehood, misrepresentation, exaggeration, and vilification for the furtherance of a cause are unworthy of a following.

We have no interest in view but that of all the people of Utah when we say that this State will never advance in prosperity to the full extent of its wonderful resources, until the sober-minded citizens take the matter in hand and silence the contemptible cures that make night and day hideous by their backs and howls about the people of Utah. Whatever has been the case in the years that are passed long ago, there is now absolutely no reason why all respectable citizens of this State should not work together in unity and harmony for the furtherance of common interests, both material and spiritual. Why should not the motto from now on be: "Unity in essentials, toleration in non-essentials and charity in all?" Why would not the embodiment of that principle be the best policy?

BLAME THE "HIERARCH"

An Associated Press dispatch in the Deseret News last evening, under a Washington date line, conveyed the information that Justice Holmes of the Supreme court of the United States, had granted the injunction asked by the state of Georgia against the Tennessee Copper company and the Duckworth Sulphur and Copper company, restraining those corporations from operating their smelters at Duckworth Tennessee.

The smelters are situated very close to the Georgia line and the commonwealth, responding to the appeals of farmers, orchardists and all classes of citizens, asked that the plants be condemned as public and private nuisances, alleging that they constituted a menace to health and that they were also a source of great injury to all forms of vegetation for a radius of forty miles. The case was fought with marked ability and vigor on either side and commanded a vast amount of attention all through the

Southern states as well as in all the smelting centers of the country. The Supreme court, the highest tribunal in the land, heeded the appeal and decided in favor of the plaintiffs. The opinion is of very vital importance to the people of Utah, particularly to those who reside in the Salt Lake Valley. Many of them have been making a similar fight against the smoke nuisance in the hope of saving their homes, the products of their farms and orchards. For doing so they have been abused and berated as thieves and pickpockets by the organ of the Knockers and accused of obeying the behest of the Church or the "Deseret News," both of whom were maliciously and purposely misrepresented as wanting the smelters "wiped off the map of Utah." Just as logically might it blame the "Hierarchy" that its imagination has conjured up, or the Deseret News, for the decision of the Supreme court in the Georgia case. It wanted to do that very thing when Judge Marshall of the Federal court rendered his findings in the local controversy some months ago, but was afraid it might be committed for contempt so it skulked as closely over the danger line as it dared and contented itself with a general misstatement of the facts, which policy it continues to indulge in from time to time as a fancied opening suggests itself. The fact that the "News" was right, in its contention more than a year ago; that Judge Marshall was right on the proposition some months later, and that the Supreme court is right at this date with the same specific principle involved, will make no difference to the hapless journal which is never so happy as when distorting the truth and sowing the seeds of dissension. But all the same it will be interesting to note how it will account for the decision in the Georgia case. If it does not attribute it to the "Hierarchy" it will be sorry that it cannot do so.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

There is genuine cause for congratulation on the part of all concerned in the settlement of the smelter strike at Murray. And a very great proportion of the community felt itself concerned. The cooling of the furnaces and the shutting down of the plant with the inevitable shipment of company ores to another state for treatment was a direct blow to Salt Lake city and county. The effects of two thousand men being out of employment and the cutting off of a monthly pay roll of \$35,000 were sure to have extended beyond Murray into this city. Fortunately the cessation from work did not cover a very protracted period; and fortunately, too, the violence that promised to characterize the walkout was promptly nipped in the bud by law and order authority. The acts of the county officials in this respect are in strong contrast with those of the police in the troubles of two or three weeks ago. The latter looked on, winked at and encouraged shameful assaults on person and property and without attempting in the least to stay the hands of the mob. But not so with the sheriff's office in the difficulty at Murray. Armed and earnest deputies were promptly sent to the scene of disturbance and all disposition to riot was quelled at the outset. There was no sympathy shown those who were inclined to commit overt acts. Behind the officers who were on the ground were the county commissioners and Mayor Brown of Murray, who co-operated together for a speedy and effectual adjudication of the differences. The concessions that the company, under Manager Whitney offered, were finally accepted with a whoop and hurrah, and the men who laid down their tools, with the exception of those who went into other fields of labor, and their numbers were greatly exaggerated, were decidedly glad to get back to work. They had received all the strike experience they wanted, and it is not likely they will walk out again in the near future.

All is well that ends well; and the troubles referred to, have terminated in that way. As a result there is unbounded joy at Murray, a joy in which Salt Lake is more than pleased to participate.

WHAT IS THE REMEDY?

The frightful frequency of train wrecks and the consequent disastrous loss of human life and property continue to supply a very considerable proportion of the news of the day. Standing out prominently among the recent appalling mishaps of this kind is the catastrophe which overtook the Shiner's special on the coast line of the Southern Pacific on Saturday afternoon. Going at a tremendously high rate of speed, while eating, drinking and making merry over their journey, which up to that time had been so full of pleasurable anticipations fully realized, nearly two score of passengers were hurled into eternity without a moment's warning, while many others were seriously hurt. The suddenness with which suffering, death and disaster were precipitated, and the agony that came to those whose lives were not instantly snuffed out, as they lay pitched beneath the wreckage, was such as to sicken the souls of the strongest men. And yet that awful picture has been duplicated many times in the United States of late. Small wonder that one of the kings of finance said the other day that he never left home any more to make a journey by rail without feeling that it was the part of good business judgment for him to make a new will each time he took his departure. But the great and vital question is, what is the remedy? A satisfactory answer to that query is of a thousand times more value than the knowledge whether a wreck is caused by a broken wheel, an open switch, a defective rail, a sunken track, an obstacle in the path of the engine, or a violation of speed regulations, all of which have been claimed as being responsible for the awful harvest of death that was reaped at Surf, California, on Saturday.

Travel statistics have long ago demonstrated the fact that railroad accidents are much more common in this country than in Europe, and yet in some parts of the old world speed schedules are quite as high as in our own land. Nevertheless it is the belief of thinking men that railroad fatalities would be immensely reduced in America by a reduction of the run-

ning rate. And this can only be guaranteed by legislation, state and federal. The utmost care should be exercised not only in the running of trains but in the inspection of all their vital parts, by intelligent and trustworthy employees. It is a well known fact that many an engine and car is sent out with its precious human freight, under hurry orders, when there has not been time to properly overhaul or sound this or that section of its make up. Whenever this is done a chance is taken, and sometimes there are fatal results. In the transportation of men, women and children, there should be as few chances taken as possible, or better still, none at all.

The proper precautions might have prevented the Shiner disaster. We cannot say definitely as to that; but there can be no division of opinion as to the main fact that there was a defect somewhere, either in mechanism or in regulation, and that the price of that weakness was a startling loss of life with the entailment of keen sorrow to many suddenly stricken homes.

LOST THROUGH RIOTS.

The San Francisco strike is an illustration of the futility of attempts to adjust labor disputes by the aid of violence. The strikers of that city, or their sympathizers, have gone too far, and now public sentiment is against them. This was in evidence the other day, when the cars were taken out of the car barn at Oak and Broderick and the hoots and hisses of the strikers were drowned in the volley of cheers of the crowd representing the public. All along the route, especially in the residence district, the enthusiasm of the women over the running of the cars was something almost unanimous. It was in evidence again when women, girls, and children waved their handkerchiefs at the men manning the cars all along the line, and became so enthusiastic that they presented them with flowers.

The police department of San Francisco, it seems, have given no protection to the property of the company, or the men employed to break the strike. California papers state that the police virtually have sided with the rioters and thugs. It is charged that under the orders of the chief of police, they deliberately released men whom they caught in the act of stoning the cars and the men thereon. At the corner of Devisadero and Hayes, Milton Henry, a union striker and a union picket, it is claimed, threw a brick at the men in the car. He was arrested by an officer. Chief of Police Dinan, standing by and witnessing the act, under the threats of the crowd, ordered his release.

But this is not gaining any friends for the men. On the contrary. We have often pointed out that the element that depends on violence and the officers who stand by that element are the worst enemies of the laboring men. By alienating public sentiment they deprive them of the best possible support and chance to win. That is just what has happened in San Francisco, it seems.

The danger of strikes always is this, that they so easily bring about, instead of the original controversy whatever that may be, a conflict between organized society and the lawless element that is found everywhere and particularly in the larger cities. The laborers themselves may counsel against violence. They have done so in San Francisco. But they have not been able to control the spirit conjured up by the strike.

That is the danger of such movements. It will soon be apparent that a strike, like a war, involves too great responsibilities for any one side of a labor controversy to shoulder, and then some better way will be found.

Even a juggler cannot fool all the people all the time.

This year April showers have brought May storms.

The king of starch makers is dead. He was bound sooner or later to become a "stiff."

The smoke of the Murray smelter shows that the fires of discontent have been banked if not extinguished.

If that truant wife is sent back to the Colorado reform school it will be a clear case of love's labor lost.

Putting the U upon the side of the mountain north of the University is not vandalism. It is enthusiasm.

Was the terrible Shiner wreck at Handa but an introduction to a season of great excursion disasters?

A school for aeronauts has been established at Chemnitz. When out sky-larking the boys will have a high old time.

George Gould says the loss in revenue to the railroads by reason of a two-cent fare will fall, in the end, upon the people at large. Everything seems to fall upon the people.

Energetic action on the part of Governor Gillett put an end to the strike in San Francisco. In times of strikes, which are, too often, but short preludes to rioting, prompt and decisive action on the part of public officials will generally end them.

The decision of the United States supreme court that laborers and mechanics employed on dredges in river and harbor improvements are not laborers but seamen, is a startling. The decision did not go the length of saying that they are able seamen.

"Returning Portlanders are unanimous in the opinion that this city is superior to Los Angeles. No observant man ever doubted it. Los Angeles surpasses Portland in only one particular—hot air," says the Oregonian. Both are splendid cities and justly proud of their advantages and attractions, but truth compels the sentiment that Salt Lake is superior to either.

so much to retard the progress and development of these countries." It is a grand idea, too grand to be seized and accepted by the little men of the various republics. It adopted and successfully carried out, it would bring to Central America peace, prosperity, and power.

INDIAN REVOLT.

New York World.
Fifty years ago today [May 10] the King of Delhi was proclaimed Emperor of India by the Sepoy mutineers. It took many weeks for the news to reach England and still longer to suppress the revolt. In 1857 the first cable between India and Europe was opened. Yesterday it brought the publication on the fiftieth anniversary of the famous mutiny news of an incipient mutiny in the Punjab. The trouble in 1857 was religious—the compelling of Mahomedans to bite the ends of greased cartridges for use in the Enfield rifle—while that of 1907 is largely political—a question of home rule.

AN OLD-FASHIONED SENATOR.

Cleveland Leader.
Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama, occasionally writes magazine articles which involve a great deal of research, but he uniformly refuses to accept pay for them. In the course of his public career he has been offered numerous railroad passes, but never accepted any other for himself or any member of his family. Though over eighty years old, he thinks nothing of working half the night. The Senator never haunts the departments looking for jobs for constituents. Of moderate means when he entered the Senate, he is now a poor man, having little or nothing but his salary.

A SERIOUS OUTLOOK.

Springfield Republican.
The continued cold weather is becoming a serious matter in the crop and business outlook. Another cold wave is sweeping over the west before this part of the country has recovered from the last one, and experts had already begun to mark down the winter wheat crop some 90,000,000 bushels under that of last year. It is an extraordinarily backward spring.

JUST FOR FUN.

Hubby's Tales From Home.

The fond husband was seeing his wife off with the children for their Easter in the country. As she got into the train he said: "But, my dear, won't you take some fiction to read?" "Oh, no," she responded, sweetly, "I shall do and on your letters from home."—London Tatler.

Good Reason.

"Does your wife always talk back to you?" "Never." "How do you manage to control her?" "I don't. She always talks first."—Baltimore American.

Too Late.

Lady—And it was impossible for you to rescue your friend from the cannibals? African Traveler—Unfortunately! When I arrived he had already been eaten off the menu card.—Transatlantic Tales.

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