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THE "CALL" AND UTAH.

The San Francisco Call has an editorial article on "Salmon, Salt and Utah," which it modifies somewhat to be funny, but which is a concentrated mixture of stupidity and lies. It takes up the statement that in coming with the union of Idaho, the United States agreed to have the rest of a portion of the Philippine archipelago in the religion and institutions of an empire and says:

"That religion is Mohammedan, and the institutions are completely and absolutely alien. When we extend our protection over the people and territory and assume the duties of a sovereign in the place and position of the king, the Pope and Sultan, possessing the harems of Sulu, what can we do? Our Congress cannot legislate to order, avoid, into the harems of Utah. The Sulu of Mormon and the multiplying population that pledged it, for the Salem, much popularity as a religious duty, we assumed exactly as a harem had before it in the means of affording complete protection to the observance of creed and ritual."

Of course there are no harems in Utah as the term is applied; there are no Mormon individuals connected with the "Mormons," though there would be no difficulty in the Call finding the people as an institution in San Francisco. But we will not find further fault with its use of the term, since it seems to please it, and perhaps it knows no better. As for its mention of what the Book of Mormon teaches, however, that being a statement which is one with a regard for truth would make without some reasonable foundation, we suppose to the Call that an error has been made in naming the book that teaches polygamy. It should have said Bible, in its memoirs and then the doctrine is not to "offset certain conviction," the violation of which pharisaical moralists assume is necessary.

The Call also says:

"But the United States, which looks upon morality of seven in the Sulu and rule it good, looks upon the same in Utah and calls it an abomination before the Lord. When Utah was admitted as a State the United States made a contract with her which bears no resemblance to the one which made the Sulu certain. Congress bound Utah to observe the ordinance of the Declaration of Independence and to prohibit slavery (meaning polygamy or plural marriage)."

Yet the United States does not call morality of wives in the Sulu good, though it may find it necessary to permit it and does it call the same in Utah an abomination before the Lord, for the reason that the United States Congress is not the interpreter of the mind of the Lord. The United States merely says that polygamy is an offense against the law, and cannot be condoned or the law, and cannot be condoned or look at the offenders. Nor is there the remotest reference to it in "the ordinance of the Declaration of Independence." The Call's ignorance on these matters serves to its "abominations" to all intelligent people.

Here is another excerpt:

"In Utah there are twelve saints. They are called the First Presidency of the Church, and are sometimes known as the Twelve Apostles. Their leader, the editor Angus Cannon, determined to live up to his religion, and obey the spirit, rather than the letter, of the law, and instead of having one wife, he married a dozen. Do the courts look at the spirit?