

DIGNIFIED (?) SENTIMENTS OF "AMERICAN GENTLEMEN."

Editor Deseret News:

This morning's *Tribune*, commenting on your remarks regarding the influence of its teachings, thus speaks of the News:

"It charges this paper with circulating slanders against innocent men and pure women. It charges this paper with being in part responsible for the late tragedies in Tennessee. Both, we have over and over denounced as utterly false, and challenged the cringing slave who controls the NEWS to supply his proof."

As the "cringing slave" maybe busy, I will extract from my scrap-book a few out of the thousands of similar things constantly appearing in the Salt Lake *Tribune*. No comments are necessary:

"Except for the presence of Gentiles, women would now be sold here by auction. That, we believe, is what was intended by Young, Taylor and the rest when they came here—"

"The creed of Mohammed is quite as strict as that of Joe Smith."

"The unspeakably villainous teachings of the Mormon Church."

"The Mormons do not compare with the Chinese—they are more like Chinese than whites in their ways."

"What does a Mormon know about Scripture anyway?"

"Some things can be done as well as others, in the kingdom of John Taylor, and it would be well for the robbers of this peculiar people to remember it."

"It is time for John Taylor, George Q. Cannon, and the other old sinners to brace up, and become Christians. Their thick necks might stand off an ordinary rope, but a forty foot scantling would send them to the sulphurous region so quick that they wouldn't have time to bid their forty wives farewell."

"The Mormon cargo will arrive in Salt Lake on Monday, and the polygamous lechers who have been tardy in obeying the commands of King John will be on hand bright and early to make selections for their harems."

"If the dirty polyg had mauled his cow as unmercifully as he did his fifth conk, he would have been jerked to jail. Moral: Cow's better than conk."

"It exercises the same old Mountain Meadows spirit of concealing crime, and shielding the criminal."

"Too much sentiment is manifested for dirty-law-defying polygs in this community."

"Women have one right in Utah—the right to be beaten to death by thick-necked polygs."

"They say it is Christ-like for a Mormon polygamist to thrash his women."

"An American would no more be caught associating with an Asiatic lecher like George Q. Cannon, than he would with the worst strumpet who parades her shame to the gaze of the public. Strangers visiting Salt Lake will do well to remember this."

"Mormonism dictated that the young man should go on a mission, and through tyranny and threats, exerted an influence which the young man could not, or dare not resist, and the officials of the Church would be glad for him to be murdered that they might claim him as a martyr to their faith."

"O! young Utah, how long will you continue to be imposed upon by these knaves?"

"A great many better men than Geo. Q. Cannon have in times past been hanged."

"We know that the Mormon organization is thoroughly disloyal to the United States."

"There will come a time in Utah when a band of characterless aliens cannot with impunity publish their hates and their lies about American gentlemen."

"Granny denies the story about the bare baptism of women in Georgia by the Mormon tramps. This old woman can tell a multitude of lies in denying the truth."

"How much credit is due to a Mormon policeman's report prepared in the interest and by order of the chief liars?"

"Mormonism was the crudest and wickedest device ever coined in depraved brains."

"This fungus in Utah will by and by pass away, but it will be strange if it does not pass off as such things generally do, in fire, and from under a battle canopy."

"The acts of the young Elders of the Church are only the outcroppings of their lecherous fathers."

"Victims of the Mormon Church who arrived on Sunday are being sent to the ranches and harems of their new masters."

"They prostitute the ballot, and teach perjury as a fine art, and as a divine grace."

"A number of people excavated their way into the tithing yard and discovered the slaves imported by the Mormon Church. The next time the visitors go to that place, they will straddle their noses with clothespins, and saturate their handkerchiefs with cologne."

"The knife, force, terror, is the Mormon means of grace as truly as it ever was the Mahomedan."

"For the News to class Mormonism with any other religious system or sect in this country, is an outrage, the act of a knave or a fool, in either case of a bullying coward."

"More radical measures should be adopted, say the press and the people, to squelch the traitorous institution."

"Apostle C. C. Rich, father of the

bank robber is slowly dying of paralysis at Bear Lake."

"Look well to their necks," say the revelators to their missionaries, when they give them their parting instructions. We're dead against the Edmunds law, and we want thick-necked recruits to stand the racket with Uncle Sam."

"So many scoundrels in the Mormon Church have usurped Satan's place, that he is not worth scalping."

"To make sure work of the destruction of this monstrous evil, all the territorial and municipal arrangements, under which the Mormons of Utah now shelter themselves, should be made to give place to a Territorial Government administered by Gentiles selected for the purpose, and appointed by the President of the United States."

As the last extract gives explanation to all the others, I will halt for the present leaving the intelligent reader to judge for himself the effect of a daily outpouring of such stuff from a paper which thousands of people regard as a reliable authority on the Mormon question.

Among my scraps I came across a whole column of local items, and I wondered why it had been preserved. I afterwards remembered that it had been saved as a curiosity—there was nothing in the whole column abusive of the Mormons.

NON-MORMON.

SOME MORE EXPRESSIONS OF "AMERICAN GENTLEMEN."

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 18, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

It would appear from the remarks made by the *Tribune* of yesterday that the "hash" which I prepared from its larder, did not digest well. I am sure I am in no wise to blame, for I did not even season it with salt. It was pure and unadulterated *Tribune* fare. I notice that the editor called me a "wretch," but of a certainty he means nothing, being as he is, a "refined gentleman."

I enclose a few more scraps which may serve to show your Mormon readers what their enemies feed on, so that they may the better account for the peculiar mental manifestations. Hundreds of good men and women have eaten this poisonous food daily, and have been affected with all kinds of diseases, without once thinking of the cause. Let us hope that their noses may be used a little oftener, for the foul scent too plainly shows its character. Smell these samples:

"A Mormon can commit any crime in the calendar and be defended by the assassin organ of the Church."

"The chief assassin organ of the Mormon Church says it was the proper thing for the Mormon tramps to entice a young girl from her home to join the polygamous church and become a concubine in the harem of a lecher."

"Mose Thatcher and Bishop Preston have been on a mission among the Idaho and Wyoming battle-axes. More Mountain Meadows business."

"The assassin organ of the Church tells us 'Indians and whisky form a dangerous combination.' So do Indians and Mormons. Mountain Meadows, for instance."

"The sneak of the assassin organ of the Mormon Church wants to know why the mob business is not investigated. He had better ask Jennings and the police."

"The Church paper calls the meeting at the Tabernacle 'religious service.' We are glad strangers are notified of this, for they might have mistaken it for a bear show."

"The Church paper, after driving the Mormon women to the polls like so many dumb animals, refused last evening to give the count. A polygamist hasn't any more respect for women than he has for cattle on his ranch."

"The Church is getting full credit all over the country for its advocacy of mob law. Taylor had better spank his craven scribes, and put respectable white men in their places."

"Last night the police made a raid on the girls of the town—Taylor and Cannon are probably going to start on a junketing tour soon."

"The son of the Apostle and the adopted son of an Elder after robbing a bank, still 'live up to their religion' by seeking the society of their girls. True to their instincts they seek to spend their money in their own families."

"Joe Smith, one of the Apostles, is trying to butt the cable road off the track. Joe is one of the fellows who would blot out the nineteenth century and turn the hand of time back four thousand years. He would compel the people to wear gunny-sacks and feed on bugs rather than advance one inch towards civilization and enlightenment."

"It is one of the most monstrous plans a church could adopt to compel its members under severe pain and penalties, not to assist the poor, sick and distressed, unless in fellowship with the church. If there ever was occasion for the Mormon Church to demand such obedience from its members, it would seem as though there was no necessity now."

"Where was Jennings when the mob broke out? He was floundering around like a hen with its head cut off, and couldn't do his duty because he hadn't received instructions from his master, John Taylor."

"Granny's leader last night was headed 'A Strong Voice for the Right.' Alluding to the rotten eggs the Mormon tramps are gathering up perhaps, or maybe the whisky voice of the Chi-

cago *Times* editor, who is standing in with the law-breaking polygs against the nation."

"The Mormon organ last night reiterates the determination of the Mormons to defy the government."

"The odor of assassination suffices to trail the Mormon church in all the lands through which it has dragged its slimy length."

"The assassin organs of the Mormon church are still after the judges of election at Spring City, and are endeavoring to cover them with Billingsgate and Mormon slime. The facts of the bull-dozing remain the same, and all the lying of the Elders and intimidations of the church and its cowardly assassins will not convince anyone to the contrary."

"With the glee of a hyena on the scent of a graveyard, the *News* caught up the words of a donkey, etc."

"A fresh lot of girls, direct from Europe, with all the savory odors of a long emigrant ride, will be at the tithing yard to-morrow, to be parcelled out among the old lechers. Those imported on contract will be received by their owners at the depots in this city and Ogden, and taken direct to the harems."

And so it goes *ad infinitum*; everything mean, and filthy, that that these "pure minded," "Christian gentlemen" can think of to bring odium upon the Mormon people, is sent broadcast over the world, to poison the minds of the readers, who are too apt ready to prefer falsehood.

But strange to say, no effort is spared to flatter other religious organizations, and it always seems as if the *Tribune* were afraid it might not do enough, to foster any of the schemes of the several mission churches. When a grab-bag lottery, or any other gambling game is instituted in the interest of raising money, the same paper is always ready with words of approval, no matter how low and contemptible the undertaking may be. "Go and see the pretty young girls at the lotto to-night." "Everybody should attend the strawberry sociable for the benefit of the Church; all the prettiest young ladies of the congregation will be there to welcome you." This sort of thing is dished up for all similar occasions, while nothing but slurs and insults are ever extended toward any Mormon enterprise, no matter how generous or magnanimous may be the spirit of the movement.

Interlarded with abuse of Mormon schools, such items as this will often be found:—"It was a pleasant sight yesterday to see the little folks wending their way to the Christian schools, with happy faces, lunch-baskets, and well filled satchels,"—using the word "Christian" as distinctively "Gentile" of course.

To what extent the paper should be held responsible for the persecutions endured by the missionaries of the Mormon Church, is more than I care to attempt to define, but it seems clear that its responsibility is limited only by its capacity.

NON-MORMON.

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AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, 21.—Some time since the Commissioner of the Land Office ordered a survey of certain public lands in Colorado and Nebraska, with a view of bringing suits at the next term of court against companies that have illegally fenced in large tracts of land in those States. The special agent who has been superintending the survey in Colorado in his report to the Commissioner says eight cases have been found against the Prairie Cattle company, composed of Scotchmen. An examination has been made of the tracts containing respectively one hundred square miles, twenty-five square miles, sixteen square miles, and agents are at present examining a tract containing over one hundred square miles. All of these are under the control of the Prairie Cattle Company, and the agent says are illegally fenced in. Officials in the land office say the practice of illegally fencing large tracts of land and making fraudulent entries, has been greater than ever before. They claim that between five and six millions of acres are now illegally fenced, and that several millions of acres are fraudulently entered. Complaints from settlers are being received daily by the agents and the land office here. Settlers claim that the cattlemen are driving them away and taking from them land which they have settled upon. One of the land office officials said that if the practice is continued the cattle men will have entire control of the best public lands in the United States within twenty years. Relative to fraudulent entries, the land agent in New Mexico informs the General Land Commissioner that of the entries in that Territory 90 per cent are fraudulent, and another agent in Dakota, writing upon the same subject, says that 75 per cent of the entries are fraudulent in that Territory. The table completed yesterday for the coming annual report of the Land Commissioner, shows the number of fraudulent entries that have been investigated during the past year, and approximately the number of illegally fenced acres in the various States and Territories, to be as follows: Arkansas, 70 fraudulent entries; Dakota, 460; Colorado, 880, and 280,000 acres illegally fenced; California, 39; New Mexico, 827; and 1,500,000

acres illegally fenced; Minnesota, 311; Washington Territory, 109; Idaho, 92; Nebraska, 170, and 300,000 acres illegally fenced; Montana, 24; Wyoming, 24, and 250,000 acres illegally fenced; Oregon, 83; Kansas, 82, and 600,000 acres illegally fenced; Nevada, 6,000 acres. Besides the cases embraced in the foregoing there are about 3,000 entries on which action has been suspended until an examination can be made by special agents. These entries will average about 150 acres of land each. Acting Commissioner Harrison says that no doubt there are thousands of other fraudulent entries, but that the office can only investigate those which are brought to its attention by settlers and others. In Wyoming more than 1,000 large cattle companies are reported as having fenced in public lands. Referring to the practice of large companies making fraudulent entries on lands illegally fenced, Major McKenzie of the land office said: "These entries are made along the streams that run through the land. Cattle men will employ men to herd their stock and then will give \$50 or \$100 to each one to make an entry for 160 acres. When he has secured his patent, it is understood that he must transfer it to the party who advanced the money. Many of the cattle dealers will not employ men unless they will agree to make entries. A common fraud in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Utah and Nevada is practiced by means of the desert and acres of desert land, 25 cents per acre shall be paid down, and that the person entering the land shall be allowed three years in which to pay the balance. Instead of taking the land the person is to take the money back. The parties hold the land for three years for a comparatively nothing, and for as much longer as the title is in their hands. Some of the settlers come from really well-to-do States and Territories, and some of the women's accounts of the government land agents of Colorado will be a good guide."

The secretary of the Treasury called a loan of \$3,000,000 to-day. The original amount and interest will be repaid by Nov. 30, Nos. 1,172,477, and Nov. 1,312,101, both inclusive; Nos. 1,000,256 to 1,000,256, both inclusive; and Nos. 9,514 to 9,514, both inclusive; Nos. 1,115 to 1,115, both inclusive; and Nos. 4,000 to 4,000, both inclusive; \$1,000, Nos. 10,620 to 10,620, both inclusive; and 22,868 to 22,868, both inclusive; \$10,000, Nos. 19,338 to 20,301, both inclusive; total, \$10,000,000.

PITTSBURGH, 25.—A Dispatch Coal Centre, Pa., special: The miners camp was reinforced to-day by the wives, mothers and children of the miners arrested last week. This afternoon about 50 of them, headed by an old gray-headed woman 75 years of age, marched to the office of Squire Dawson and applied for admission to the poor house, claiming they had no means of support. The application was refused and the party took up their march to Operator Neel's house, but special officers would not permit them to enter the grounds, and they returned to camp.

CHICAGO, 25.—The *News* Vienna, Illinois special: David Avery who a week ago shot and killed a fellow farmer, Daniel George, and afterwards excited the population for miles around by other atrocities, especially acts of arson utterly wanton, was captured to-day near Shawneetown, by Sheriff Whittaker and posse. There is an intense feeling here and lynching is predicted.

GALVESTON, 25.—The *News* Waco special: It is reported here to-day that a terrible tragedy occurred yesterday in Coryell County, over the grave of a young man named Graham, who was recently stabbed and killed by a companion. The elder Graham met his son's assassin accompanied by the latter's father at young Graham's grave. Angry words ensued which led to a desperate battle resulting in the death of both fathers and the young assassin.

BUFFALO, 25.—A special from Blandford says that at Fall Creek, Clearfield County, Pa., Friday night last, an unknown person entered a boarding house where four people were asleep, the proprietor and wife and another married couple. The first attack was made on the proprietor and wife, and the latter was killed. The assailant found \$400 concealed in the bed and bedding, but missed \$800 sewed in a bed quilt. Passing into the next room, the skulls of the other couple were crushed but no money found. The first woman struck died almost instantly; the other three persons at last accounts were still living with no hopes of recovery.

BAR HARBOR, Me., 26.—Blaine's indisposition will render his departure for several days very doubtful. He is suffering from a bilious attack and a heavy cold. At present he is kept confined to his room.

GREENFIELD, Mass., 26.—It will cost \$60,000 to repair the damage by the storm to the New London & Northern R. R., and several thousand to repair highways. Acres of crops were destroyed and mountain roads are impassable.

Three young English students at the Moody school were drowned while bathing last evening.

NEW YORK, 26.—The speed trials by Phyllis and Jay-Eye-See to-day at Prospect Park, will not take place. The track is heavy by rain.

GALVESTON, 26.—The Galveston *News* Austin special says: United States Marshal Tracey arrived in this city to-day and entered the Governor's

office this afternoon bent on the errand of arresting Governor Ireland under a warrant issued in the Francis miscegenation case. Tracey introduced the subject, saying: "Governor, I suppose you know what I am here for?" The Governor made a suitable reply. Tracey said he regretted the necessity that he should have to perform such an official duty as to arrest the Governor of Texas, and produced his warrant. Governor Ireland at this juncture relieved Col. Tracey of some trepidation apparent, by saying he would always cheerfully submit to a process legal on its face, and would answer at the court as required, but he considered the marshal of the Eastern District of Texas had no authority to serve a process here outside his district; that the proceedings at Galveston were without the shadow of fact upon which to base the case. This being so, while he made no resistance to the writ and would answer as any citizen should, he would hold Tracey and others who had interested themselves in the matter, responsible for their conduct. Tracey referred the Governor to the U. S. statute on the subject, which the Governor declared he had already examined, and he so explained the tenor that Tracey, without making the arrest, left the Executive office to consult United States District Attorney Evans, taking the warrant with him. In a couple of hours Tracey returned and informed the Governor he would not execute the writ, stating he had consulted with Judge Evans, who verbally condemned the proceedings in strong language. In answer to a written question having a bearing on the case submitted to Evans by Tracey, the former furnished Tracey with a written opinion, declaring that Tracey, as United States Marshal of the Eastern district of Texas, had no authority to arrest a citizen, resident and found in the Western district, under a writ issued by a U. S. Commissioner for the Eastern district, except in special cases. Evans declares that the charge of a violation of Section 5510 of the Revised statutes of the United States is not a special case. Evans enters into details, citing authority to sustain his opinion, that Tracey could not lawfully serve the warrant. Tracey informed the Governor that he would return to Galveston. In the meanwhile the Governor awaits the next move in the celebrated case. It is understood Judge Evans advises the proceedings by Francis be dismissed.

CHICAGO, 26.—A special from Guaymas, Mexico, Aug. 25th, says: The captain of the port of Guaymas has received official notice from the Minister of War that a vessel has arrived at Salinas Cruise with Asiatic cholera on board. He instructs the captain of the port to allow no one to land from vessels arriving from Salinas Cruise, or from other ports lower on the coast. The official notice bears the date, "City of Mexico, Aug. 18th." Similar notices have been received at Mazatan, San Blas, Altate, Manzanilla and other Pacific ports.

Salinas Cruise is the chief port for the State of Tehautepec and lies 2,000 miles south of Guaymas on the Pacific. It is considered unaccountable that any person could arrive there from the infected districts of Europe. It is generally believed that the vessel in question is from China, and brings the original cholera germs. The news causes great uneasiness along the coast cities, it being the first information of the arrival of the Asiatic cholera on this continent.

WASHINGTON, 26.—The State Department has received from Mason, United States Consul at Marseilles, a report upon the situation at that place and Toulon since the abatement of the cholera epidemic. He says the finances of Toulon and Marseilles have been strained to the utmost in clearing streets and tenements, and caring for the sick and burying the dead. The presence of impending financial ruin weighs heavily upon the business community, and even the ordinary resources of charity are seriously and seriously curtailed. The tide of returning fugitives has just set in, and no description can picture the wretchedness and destitution that hourly exists.

COAL CENTRE, Penn., 26.—Thirty-four more camping coal miners were arrested this morning by special officers McClure and McBurny, for trespassing on railroad company property. They were left at Odd Fellow's Hall, and will be taken to Washington jail in wagons this afternoon. The wives of 15 or 20 prisoners came to California with babes in their arms this morning, and begged to be sent to jail with their husbands. They have nothing to live on but a little corn meal. Their request was not granted. There is great indignation at the wholesale arrests which have been made without warrants, and it is probable the public will be soon denouncing the officers. Four hundred new recruits are expected to arrive in camp this afternoon. Reports from Staib's mines in the third pool indicate a serious break in the strike; 150 men have gone to work this morning, and others are weakening, and expected to go in before the end of the week.

NEW ORLEANS, 26.—The *Times-Democrat* New Iberia special: A fire broke out at 6:30 this evening in the rear of Lehman & Taylor's dry goods house, totally destroying the building and contents; also H. Coghansheim's residence and furniture store, and half a dozen other buildings. The fire was past control at 9:30 p.m., and there is no telling where it will be extinguished. The loss will be heavy. The fire is near the telegraph office, and the operators have had to leave the office. The origin was accidental. Joseph