

RELIGIOUS MARRIAGE AND THE CIVIL LAW.

Some comments of the DESERET NEWS on that part of President Arthur's message relating to Utah, have been telegraphed east and west, and have been peddled in many papers, with remarks calculated to establish the public as to their true meaning. Given without the context and interpreted or construed according to the desire of the dispatcher or editor adding the comments, the paragraph from this paper has done service for those who wish to convey the impression that the "Mormons" are defiant and ready to resist the laws and the Government.

We find in the Chicago Times, however, a truthful presentation of the much quoted remarks of the NEWS with a common sense fair and able dissertation on their plain meaning and intent. We clip the following from a leading editorial of the Times reviewing the failure of the various attempts made to solve what is called "the Mormon problem."

Polygamous Mormons do not seem to regard the presidential plan of solving the polygamy problem as an "incomplete remedy" of that appalling efficacy which some persons who are not saints impudently claim. A Mormon paper says very rationally: "It is not shown in what way the destruction of our local government would affect the question of polygamy. The plural marriages of the Mormons are not sustained or recognized by the territorial laws or could not be dissolved by commissioners, by courts, by military or any other earthly power."

"Because they are ecclesiastical, perpetual, eternal, unless Mormons become 'accident to the faith with heaven.'" In other words (more appropriate to the expression of ideas that pertain to this world) they are a state of religion and not of politics, a political and not of civil polity; of a self-reliant faith and not of a national understanding.

Nearly all systems of religion comprehend notions, practices, and rites of some sort respecting the marital relation. This is especially the case with all the religions that rest on or accept the inspiration of the Hebrew and Greek scriptures. The Roman and Greek churches regard civil marriages as no less than an essential part of matrimony, and the Anglican church is hardly different to them in that respect. All of them, and most of the non-spiritual sects, too, treat marriage as a religious act, and valid only in the sight of heaven when celebrated by the Lord's anointed. While the civil power may legally separate those who have been joined together, the Christian notion is that God only can dissolve whom they say God hath joined.

The Mormon religious notion is not different to the most generally accepted Christian notion on the subject. The "ecclesiastical marriage" asserts the sanction and authority of Jehovah in the ministry of an ecclesiastical agency of Jehovah, precisely as the Christian marriage system asserts the same sanction and authority through a like ministry, whose spiritual accountability is not to any establishment of civil government. The civil laws may declare that such religious marriages may not be legally dissolved, but they do not legally sanction severe punishment upon any who practice them, and the ministers of the law are not to inflict such punishments if they can convict the offenders by "due course of law." But all that would not dissolve the ecclesiastical marriages, nor change the relations of the ecclesiastically married in any way. How, then, on a particular form of civil government, a particular code of civil laws, or a particular establishment of civil government, solve the polygamy problem or "dig up polygamy by the roots?"

Evidently, there is no potency in any form of civil government, or any establishment of civil government, that can perform such miracle. Because the roots of the thing it is proposed to dig up are not within the jurisdiction or the reach of any civil power, any more than are the roots of any other mode of separation or isolation.

How, then, shall the "polygamy problem" be solved? There is only one way, and that is, to eradicate the religious separation in which polygamy exists. The civil power cannot do that. It can do only by spiritual power, acting upon the moral nature of men and women, dissolving them of an absurd religious separation, of a tyrannical and pestilential faith. Those who can most effectively exert that spiritual power are not preachers at some distant different faith resting on the same foundation, like Parson Newman, but preachers of no faith at all in theories of the supernatural, like Mr. Rogers. For Rogers, like Mr. Rogers, is in Utah a grand mission and a great work in the proclamation of unbelief. It is the solution of the "polygamy problem."

Putting aside the questions suggested of the Times in regard to the eloquent apostle of modern infidelity, it presents the views of this paper enounced in the paragraph that has been misinterpreted by our enemies, and shows their bearing upon the subject which seems to agitate so many minds throughout the country. The vigorous and sensible utterances of the Times are in marked contrast to the twistings and perversions of those persons and papers that have tried to evolve from our remarks an avowal of hostility to the Government of the United States.

their covenants void by iniquity. Bonds, imprisonments, penalties of any kind, even death itself, would not change or destroy them, because we have said, they are divine, perpetual, eternal.

As the Times clearly shows, the civil government has, properly, no jurisdiction over that which is ecclesiastical. Marriage, as a religious ordinance, is outside of the domain of the civil law. That matrimony is a matter of religion has been recognized in all ages, and that it is so considered to-day by many millions of people in Europe and America cannot be denied.

This whole "Mormon question" has been exaggerated, misrepresented and worked up into a political issue, as a cry for demagogues and a text for professional preachers, while in and of itself it is a matter that ought to be left to the sphere of politics, and if it had not been a threat to the front, advertised throughout the world and made prominent by its adversaries, would have formed no occasion for excitement and no national issue to puzzle statesmen and perplex the politicians.

THE NEW CULLION BILL.

In the Senate of the United States, December 5th, 1893, Mr. Cullion introduced by unanimous consent, obtained leave to bring in the following bill, which was read twice and ordered to lie on the table.

SECTION 401.—A BILL TO REORGANIZE THE LEGISLATIVE POWER OF THE TERRITORY OF UTAH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legislative power of the Territory of Utah shall be vested in the governor and a legislative council. The council shall be composed of nine members, who shall be citizens of the United States and qualified voters in said Territory; and a majority of said council shall constitute a quorum.

All the powers heretofore granted to the Legislative Assembly of said Territory shall be vested in said legislative council, subject to all the limitations and restrictions imposed by existing law. And the provisions of section eighteen hundred and fifty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall be applicable to the members of said council.

SECTION 402.—That the legislative council aforesaid shall be organized by the choice of a president from one of the members, by a majority vote of the council, and such necessary additional subordinate officers as are provided for in section eighteen hundred and sixty-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and no other subordinate officers shall be allowed to said council or paid by the United States of said Territory. All the provisions of existing laws of the United States heretofore applying to the legislative assembly of said Territory shall be in force in reference to the said council and proceedings of said council shall be public.

SECTION 403.—That the members of said council shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate of the United States; and the terms of their commission shall be three years respectively, except the members first appointed, one-third of whom shall be commissioned for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years; and thereafter each shall be commissioned, when appointed, for the full term of three years; and the compensation of each member shall be as heretofore provided by law for members of the Legislative Assembly of said Territory, and paid in like manner.

existence of a triple alliance between the Union Pacific, Rock Island and St. Paul roads, but the terms of the compact which had been signed had not been outlined in the informal notice, there had also been notice given the North-western that it could enter the new association, but on what terms was not stated.

The policy of the North-western was, as it had been from the outset, for peaceful adjustment of any differences on Union Pacific business. His deliberate view was that the Union Pacific could not afford to depend upon any serious discrimination against it in any event the North-western expected to be able to protect its interests and would certainly do so.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 15.—The republicans in the Senate were in caucus from ten until twelve, discussing the re-organization of the Senate. Mahone was present at the beginning. A motion was carried to proceed to re-nomination of candidates for Secretary of the Senate. Jones of Nevada nominated Geo. C. Gorham, of California; Miller, of New York, General Amos G. McKook, of N. Y., and Harrison, of Ill. McKook was declared the nominee of the caucus. Adjourned to reassemble after the adjournment of the Senate.

FORBIGN.

LONDON, 13.—Abbott Page & Co., stock brokers, have failed. Liabilities £165,000.

Madrid, 13.—An African in the province of Alicante has stolen and ruined four hundred olive trees. At Dima an immense sea demolished the quay, inundated the town and wrecked 14 vessels.

Paris, 13.—It is reported that a revolution has taken place at Rome and that the King of Spain has been killed. Another report says he was poisoned by the anti-French party. There is a rumor in Hong Kong that a fresh declaration of war against France, Halphong is strongly fortified by a French garrison and block house is erected.

London, 13.—The Times says there was never a more unimpaired mind than that of the late Earl of Salisbury, and that when Parnell in his speech in the House of Commons on Tuesday evening, declared war upon constitutional principles and that connection between England and Ireland was impossible. Public men in England regard this renewal of Irish warfare with indifference or contempt. The situation is serious and will tax the ability of English statesmen to the utmost.

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