

has for a long time sent the regular Associated Press dispatches from this point has been so accustomed to flooding the country with anti-"Mormon" misrepresentations, or falsehoods out of whole cloth, as we have frequently shown in these columns, that when the truth is told it sends a cold chill down the spinal columns of the conspirators, to be succeeded by reactionary symptoms of super-heat, culminating in impotent rage and a consequent outburst of half childish, half demoniacal spite. It rather pleases us to observe the hit birds flutter.

So far as the lecture delivered by Mr. Nicholson is concerned, for the present those who heard it can judge of its character. It is more than likely that the general public will have that privilege before a great while. It can testify of its own quality.

In the meantime we call the attention of Mr. Smith, the Associated Press agent at Chicago, to the villainous attacks to which gentlemen are subjected who perform service for the organization and tell the truth.

### "THE TENNESSEE MASSACRE AND ITS CAUSES."

THE LECTURE UNDER THIS TITLE TO BE REPEATED.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
September 17, 1884.

John Nicholson, Esq.:

Dear Sir—The address delivered by you on the evening of the 14th inst. in the 12th Ward Assembly Rooms on the subject of the recent massacre of Mormon Elders in Tennessee, and the causes which led to that fearful tragedy, having created a deep interest in the community and a desire on the part of very many, who were prevented from being present upon that occasion, to hear the facts you have in your possession, we, the undersigned, being of the opinion that a more widespread understanding of the circumstances which surround this tragedy and which led to its perpetration will be of public benefit, respectfully request that you repeat the lecture or deliver one of a similar nature, at as early a date as will be convenient to you.

Upon receiving an intimation from you that a compliance with our request will be agreeable to you, and the date that will be convenient to you to give the lecture, we will take the necessary steps to secure a larger building than the Twelfth Ward Assembly Rooms, and to give suitable notice to the public.

Very respectfully,  
Wm. Jennings, Theo. McKean, A. Miner, Francis Cope, George Swan, Heber M. Wells, James Dunn, H. Dinwoodey, G. M. Ottinger, S. W. Sears, David James, G. E. Bourne, John Clark, Elias Morris, Thos. G. Webber and others.

#### THE RESPONSE.

To the Hon. William Jennings and others:

GENTLEMEN—In response to your request that I should deliver, in some large hall, to be secured by you for the purpose, an address similar to that lately given in the Twelfth Ward Assembly Rooms, I have to say that, although personally reluctant to place myself so conspicuously before the public, I will endeavor to comply with your wish. I suggest Monday night (Sept. 22nd,) as suitable for the occasion, if that time is agreeable to your convenience.

Yours respectfully,  
JOHN NICHOLSON.  
Salt Lake City, Sept. 17th, 1884.

### LECTURE TO BE GIVEN IN THE THEATRE.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 18, 1884.

John Nicholson, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—Referring to your response of yesterday, wherein you express a willingness to repeat your lecture on the "Tennessee Massacre and Causes Leading Thereto," or one of a similar nature, the business of securing a suitable hall having been considered, we beg to state that we have obtained the Salt Lake Theatre for Monday evening, Sept. 22d, for that purpose.

Very respectfully,  
William Jennings, H. Dinwoodey, David James, Thos. G. Webber, A. Miner, John Clark, and others.

#### THE SUICIDE CASE.

The finding of the dead body of William B. Goodwin is a sad ending of the anxious search that has been made for him from the date he was missing. It is a terrible blow to his parents and other relatives, who have the sympathy of the entire community in their affliction. All the evidence that has come to light points to the event as a clear case of suicide, yet in view of the fact that the brother of the deceased was unable to comprehend why his brother should commit self-destruction or even to believe that he had done so, the continuance of the inquest was eminently proper. Developments since the inquest adjourned confirm the suicide theory. In the meantime the utmost diligence should be exhibited in accumulating all details connected with the case that can be reached.

#### OGDEN CITY.

HER MORAL STATUS DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1883.

THE "MORMONS" ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE AHEAD OF THEIR VILLIFIERS IN GOOD QUALITIES.

SALT LAKE CITY,

Sept. 17, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

In my last I promised you some criminal data from the municipal records of Ogden City.

In my communications I have steadfastly maintained and proved that all the police, prison and other official records of Utah, without conflict, show that the few anti-"Mormons" of Utah produce an incomparable preponderance of the criminality in Utah.

The lists heretofore submitted for the perusal of your readers with the following official exhibits of lawlessness and of sin-producing agencies from the records of Ogden City, I think invulnerably entrench my position.

I am informed that a large majority of the offenders in the list of arrests are residents proper, of Ogden, and not transients as claimed by the local anti-"Mormon" papers.

To fully appreciate the magnitude of the non-"Mormon" lawlessness over that of the "Mormons" who reside in Utah's second city, it must be borne in mind that in a total population of 7,000 souls, the "Mormon" and non-"Mormon" elements are as 7 to 2 or 71 "Mormons" to 29 non-"Mormons."

Here is the delectable repast, which no doubt will appease the local regenerator and reassure them that they are succeeding admirably in reforming the "Mormons," whom they persistently stigmatize as being "uncivilized," "anti-Christian," "semi-barbarians," "brutal," "lustful," "lawless," etc., etc.

Assault .....	6	12
Assault with deadly weapons.....	2	27
Assault with intent to kill.....	1	1
Burglary.....	1	1
Drunk.....	17	97
Drunk and disturbing the peace.....	3	37
Disturbing the peace.....	25	79
Petit Larceny.....	9	36
Grand do .....	2	6
Indecent conduct .....	2	6
Lewd do .....	5	40
Keeping brothels.....	4	3
Opium smoking, etc.....	5	5
Gambling.....	23	3
Keeping gambling houses.....	1	64
Vagrancy.....	1	4
Fast driving.....	3	4
Doing business without license.....	1	1
Resisting officers.....	3	3
Selling liquor on Sunday.....	4	6
Selling liquor after hours.....	1	1
Selling liquor without a license.....	1	1
Obscenity.....	1	3
Discharging firearms.....	1	1
Trespass.....	1	1
Cruelty to animals.....	1	1
Rape.....	1	1

The 7 "Mormons".....	74
The 2 non-"Mormons".....	463
The number of inmates of the brothels referred to.....	8
Breweries.....	1
Wholesale liquor stores.....	2
Liquor saloons and taprooms.....	3
Billiard tables.....	1
The number of gambling dens, all non-"Mormons," not given.....	17

The 7 "Mormons".....	5
The 2 non-"Mormons".....	52

Now, if the 29 per cent. non-"Mormons" of Ogden city had respected and upheld the laws of that municipality with the same fidelity as the 71 per cent "Mormons" have been doing, their arrest product would have been but 21, and not 463, as shown in the list. And again, if the 71 per cent. "Mormons" of Ogden had last year been as lawless as the 29 per cent. non-"Mormons," 1,621 arrests of their class would have been recorded instead of the comparatively small number of 74, as the same exhibit shows.

Respectfully, etc., HISTORICUS.

#### AN APOLOGIST PUT RIGHT.

In its issue of September 8th, the New York Commercial Advertiser, in conformity with the popular and disgracefully brutal method of treating the "Mormons," editorially palliated and apologized in behalf of the assassins, for the atrocious murder of Elders in Tennessee on the 10th of August. James H. Hart, emigration agent for the Church in the East, sent the following pointed reply, which the Advertiser had the fairness to publish:

To the Editor of the Commercial Advertiser:

SIR:—Your apology in last evening's editorial for the cold-blooded murderers of the Mormon Elders in Tennessee should cause the blush of shame, that in this land of boasted liberty of conscience men can be shot down like dogs for preaching the gospel of Christ.

One of these Elders was a native of the State, whose father and grandfather fought in the Revolutionary war for that liberty of conscience, guaranteed in the Constitution, which these base murderers and their sympathisers are now fighting to destroy.

These murdered Elders were well read, intelligent men, who had been on an extended tour through several counties of that State and Mississippi, visiting the leading men and lecturing in the court houses and other halls they might secure, representing the historical, social and political phases of the "Mormon" question, disabusing the public mind of erroneous impressions concerning the faith and doctrine of the Latter-day Saints, concerning which the public is so densely ignorant, through false representations from the pulpit and press. In this work their lives were taken, and they died innocent of any crime; for which God in His own time will bring the guilty ones to judgment.

You say "Mormon missionaries are persons engaged in the pernicious business of persuading women to lives of shame, and men to the systematic violation of the law." This I emphatically deny, and I know whereof I speak. Men of purer lives and motives never breathed the breath of life.

If you think you have the right to kill persons actually engaged in persuading girls and women to lives of shame, you could find thousands of them in the city of New York, concerning whom your mouths are sealed, because these methods are nearly universal among so-called Christian nations, and so popular that they cannot be suppressed.

Plural marriage, as revealed by the Almighty and practiced by the Mormons, which you call "bestial immorality," has the sanction of the greatest and best men of antiquity. Christ, himself, although he condemned whoredoms and adultery, had no word of censure for those practicing polygamy. Therefore, as regards morality, there is no comparison between it and the social evil. One is sanctioned in the Bible, the other repudiated.

Your apology for the killing of "Mormons" in Tennessee and elsewhere on the ground of human nature, being unable to endure the preaching of the Elders, is a sad comment on human nature, and shows that it should be brought under the influence of the Divine nature; but such will never be the case while the pulpit and the press justify the shedding of the blood of the latter-day saints for the gospel's sake, as done by innuendo in your editorial.

Permit me to quote a passage from the Book of Mormon, published nearly fifty-five years ago, and now about to be fulfilled:

"Oh, ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell yourselves for that which will canker, why do you build up your secret abominations to get gain, and cause that widows should mourn before the Lord; and also orphans to mourn before the Lord, and also the blood of their fathers and their husbands to cry unto the Lord from the ground for vengeance upon your heads?"

"Behold the sword of vengeance hangeth over you and the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the Saints upon you, for he will not suffer their cries any longer."

JAMES H. HART.  
Grand Central Hotel, Sept. 9, 1884.

The following brief paragraph, in the same issue, gives an intimation of relaxation from the extreme, bitter and unreasonable anti-"Mormon" position assumed in the first place:

"Some 500 more Mormons arrived here yesterday by the steamship Wagon, and promptly left for Utah in the evening. This constant increase is a very serious matter, and the accession of yesterday may well cause the letter of an earnest advocate of Mormonism, which we print without comment in another column, to be thoroughly considered."

What the Latter-day Saints want is not only that the letter should be considered, but the whole question be thoroughly scrutinized from an unbiased standpoint. The "Mormons" would have no fear of the result of such an examination.

#### UNQUALIFIED INJUSTICE.

The thoughtlessness, injustice and cruelty of some public journalists is almost beyond comprehension. This truth is forced upon us by a brutal article in the New York Telegram, in which it makes a reasonless assault upon the "Mormons." It assumes, without the production of a scintilla of evidence, that they are everything that is vile. While saying, "We do not believe in murdering these pitiable cranks," it palliates with cold blooded effrontery the horrible tragedy that was enacted in Tennessee. It characterizes the notice given to members of the Church, men, women and children, in Lewis County, "as a proper beginning." It is to be inferred from this appalling endorsement of crime that a proper result of not obeying so peremptory and unjustifiable a mandate would be to enter upon another wholesale slaughter of innocent people who have committed no offence against the laws, neither is any crime placed to their charge, the only objection raised against them being that they have, in this land of boasted toleration and freedom, embraced a religious faith that is un-

popular. Why will not people try to do some manner of justice to the "Mormons," the most abused and maltreated, and yet the best and most conscientious community on earth.

#### WHY WE NOTICE IT.

In another part of the paper will be found a communication from S. F. Atwood. He tenders us some advice which is doubtless well meant, in relation to the policy we should pursue towards the Salt Lake Tribune and, inferentially, other sources of defamation and villification against the "Mormons." He is quite right in assuming that, in the ordinary sense, that sheet is and should be beneath our notice, but when we can prevent it from injuring the innocent through its villainy by exposing its perfidy, it appears to be a duty we owe to society to exhibit its baseness.

The idea of our correspondent that the organ of slang and slander does no harm is a grave error. We know that such is not the case, as its fabrications and vile assumptions are circulated throughout the country by being copied into other journals. By that means the minds of the populace outside of Utah are inflamed against the Latter-day Saints, the consequence being that the Elders are abused, mobbed and murdered. A greater harm than that can scarcely be conceived of, besides the impression being created in the minds of people abroad by its trumped up statements that the people of Utah should be robbed of their rights.

While our correspondent may comprehend the true character of the infamous sheet and the ulterior motives and purposes by which its management is moved, people outside of this Territory have not such opportunities for correct information of the situation as he has, and are often too willing to be deceived on the subject.

It may be true that we might as well hope to stop the "braying of an ass" as to prevent those who manipulate the Salt Lake Tribune and other schemes from filling the land, so far as they have power, with falsehoods about the most loyal, honest and industrious people in the country. It is also true that those characters taint the moral atmosphere with their disgusting and unhealthy exudations. An occasional exposure in our columns of their rascality acts as a disinfectant if not as an alternative. This fact causes us to hold tenaciously to the purpose of exhibiting them in their true colors whenever we conclude that it is necessary.

While thankful to our correspondent for his friendly advice, which incorporates a severe slap for the organ of slander, we conclude to lay it on the table to come up in its order.

#### IRRECONCILABLE AS USUAL.

A correspondent submits the following conundrum:

"Can you harmonize these two statements? One is from the Tribune of August 15, 1884, and the other from the same paper, dated Sept. 18, 1884. They are both editorials."

Here is one statement:

"The massacre in Tennessee we are quite as sorry for as the *News*. Without knowing anything of the causes which led to it, it is a clear case that some murders were committed, and murder never established any principle. It is in a region where the people are given to violence. Quarrels ending in killing are frequent, and often family feuds are settled by the killing of one family or the other. The *Ogden Herald* justly calls them savages, and says, 'reading is a lost art among them;' but the *News* here is willing to publish to its people that men here directly inspired the murders. This perhaps, is excusable in a paper that has excused as many murders as the *News* has, but it would be despised in any other region of this republic, as it deserves to be. In the meantime, we once more ask why the government of the United States does not enforce its laws or acknowledge its impotency to do so?"

Here is the other:

In the notice served upon the Mormons in Tennessee to remove from that State, there is one sentence which reads as follows:

"An indignant and outraged people have said it, and go you shall."

Now we hold that a community in which for more than twenty years there has been no violence, a more peaceable and unsophisticated people than can be found anywhere in the West, are not going to serve a notice of that kind on men and women for simply serving the Lord in a new way. We believe there has been a little Utah, polygamy and all, established there, and we believe that the chiefs of the creed here and the miserable liars in the *News* office know, and of course approve, that fact.

We would if we could, but if we can't how can we? We can only state that it is a verification of the old, old saying to the effect that people who have no use for the truth ought to have good memories. The enquirer will please excuse our inability to solve the problem he has presented. "Give us an easier one" next time.

The President of the Trades Assembly in Cincinnati estimates that from 20,000 to 25,000 laboring men are now idle in that city.

#### ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION.

One bay roan Mare, four white feet, some white in face, brand resembling E O on left shoulder, about 4 years old. She has a horse collar.

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JOHN BAILEY,  
District Poundkeeper.  
Moroni, Sept. 22, 1884.

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JOS. B. ROPER,  
District Poundkeeper.  
Gunnison, Sept. 23, 1884.

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