

The barren results of the Baskin mission to the capital have rendered the conspirators desperate. They have now combined for another movement to effect their purpose. They want money to engage the services of several limbs of the law to work in their interest next winter. They have commenced early. An organization is to be effected under the name of the "Utah Loyal League." An address has been prepared, by whom does not appear, the concoctors being apparently either ashamed to append their names or afraid that their publication would be sufficient to condemn the effort at the start. It will be found in full in another column. Its objects are plain to the people of Utah, but may not be so distinct to folks at a distance. First, money is wanted to work with at Washington, next the disfranchisement of all "Mormon" citizens, that the Territory and its finances may pass into the control of the schemers.

The opening statements in the address or platform are a series of wilful falsehoods. All that follows is based upon them. The action that is urged, unrepentant and undemocratic as it undoubtedly is, can only be asked on the plea of the assertions in the first part of the document. They are unsupported by affirmations. We offer simply these direct denials:

"The 'Mormon' Church makes no such claims as therein set forth. Its members are perfectly free to conduct their political affairs.

It does not proscribe any person, whether not of the faith or 'weak in the faith.'"

It exercises no tyranny over its adherents, either in religious, social, moral or political affairs, or in any other matters.

It does not teach the violation of all laws that its priests do not approve.

It does not enforce polygamous practices or anything relating thereto.

It does not compel the payment of tithing or any other contribution for the impoverishment of the people or the enrichment of its priests.

It does not teach the absolute subordination of people to priests, nor absolute subordination of country to itself.

It is not a perfect union of Church and State.

There is nothing in it inimical to the principles of our Government nor destructive of the liberties of the people.

A very large majority of the adult population are not foreigners nor are they as a rule ignorant of the principles of our Government.

The so-called "problems," so difficult of solution, are chiefly inventions suggested, by the falsehoods which form their groundwork, and either have no actual existence or are outside of the domain of politics and of civil government.

If Utah is admitted as a State, even with all polygamists disfranchised and polygamy rendered criminal and punishable by a Constitutional Amendment, the conspirators desirous of forming a League against her statehood know that they would have no prospects for place or plunder. Hence their effort, first and foremost, to prevent the admission of Utah until the minority of its citizens obtain the control. There is no Gentile in the Territory who really believes that "confiscation of his property" or the loss of any right would ensue from Utah's statehood if effected to-day.

The "legislation by Congress to be obtained," means the passage of the Tucker-Edmonds bill or some similar measure for the disfranchisement of monogamous "Mormons," and the meaning of "good, free American citizens" is, persons who will vote for the conspirators and not for any candidate who is a member of the "Mormon" Church.

The disclaimers set forth in the address may be understood by the simplest reader who perceives the underlying purpose of the conspirators. They say they do not intend to deprive the "Mormons" of any right of person, or property under the Constitution or otherwise, "any further than may be necessary," etc. They do not wish to oppress the "Mormon" people "except for the common good," etc. They are to be the judges, of course, as to what will justify their attempts to "oppress" the "Mormons" and "deprive them of just rights and constitutional securities," and to "interfere with their persons and property." Let all who read this address of the Leaguers against Utah, examine and reflect upon the disclosure of their purposes betrayed in their disclaimers. Under given circumstances they actually announce that they will plot to interfere with the persons and property of the "Mormons," and to deprive them of just rights and constitutional securities. We knew they would before they declared it, but the general public were not aware of it. We hope the address will be widely distributed and closely examined.

All the things on which the anonymous Leaguers insist are virtual misrepresentations. The "freedom" and "sovereignty" they talk about, mean nothing more nor less than the voting of "Mormons" for men who are their enemies. They are perfectly free in every sense of the word to wield the ballot, which is strictly secret, but they pervert in voting for their friends and this constitutes, in the eyes of the Leaguers, the sole reason why they ought to be disfranchised.

And now let the country listen to the WILL of the unnamed Leaguers, the secret Executive Committee, the Great Unknown! It is their will that you

(the country) MUST destroy the "Mormon" stock, root and branch, and organize a new Territory. That is you (the country) must take away all political rights from the "Mormons" and give Utah to the Leaguers represented by the secret, mysterious cabal, for this is their "will." With this dictum to the nation they wind up their "loyal" concoction of falsehood and fustian, froth and fury. It is worthy of the creatures who are behind all the shameful plots and iniquitous schemes against the peace and welfare of a Territory that, without the influence of their kind, would soon advance to honorable statehood and the peace, prosperity and greatness which are its ultimate destiny.

They may succeed in stirring up more strife, in deceiving a few more of the people of this great nation even in securing some further legislation to retard the advancement of Utah. But we do not believe they will achieve what they work for, but that disappointment and chagrin will be the result of their intrigues, and that they will eventually reach their level and gain their just deserts among the despised and rejected of mankind. So mote it be.

THE ANTI-"MORMON" THUMB-SCREWS.

It is evident that U. S. District Attorney Dickson has resolved to give the legal thumbscrews fastened upon all "Mormon" victims an additional twist. He has declared his intention to force those who are brought to trial for unlawful cohabitation to accept one of two alternatives. He will not permit those who plead not guilty to go upon the stand and supply the testimony needed by the prosecution to secure conviction. They must either plead guilty to all counts of indictments or their families will be dragged into court and compelled to testify against them.

The prosecution knows that many men would rather suffer any amount of indignity and punishment than have their families, around whom their most cherished affections are entwined, subjected to mental torture and gross insult in the shape of indecent and vulgar questions relating to their domestic concerns. But Mr. Dickson cries, "no quarter," and proceeds to cut down innocent and helpless women and children in the plenitude of his wrath. The spirit that animates him is similar to that ferocious genius which governs the hate-inspired savage whose cruelty is not satisfied with the simple slaughter of his victims, but must resort to mutilation and the drinking of their life's blood. The latter are but the extreme manifestations of the same disposition.

The alternative of having wives and children dragged into court includes passive submission to the perfidious and unwarrantable segregating process, which is a stretch of the law never intended by the Legislative body that enacted it.

Mr. Dickson evidently proposes, so far as he is concerned, to push the crusade to its most radical possible extremes. No one believes he is happy in his inhuman work, for that is impossible. "Every dog has its day," he is having his now.

This afternoon's proceedings show that Chief Justice Zane follows strictly in Mr. Dickson's line of tactics.

ATTORNEY DICKSON ON THE RAMPAGE.

The new turn taken in the Third District Court on Monday in regard to cases under the third section of the Edmunds act, warrants our giving to the public, in full, the remarks made by counsel and the court in the case of Jonas Lindberg, which will be found on another page. It will be seen that the Prosecuting Attorney is determined to stop at no extreme in order to force defendants convicted of living with their families, to promise not to have anything to do with them in the future.

First they are not to be allowed to testify against themselves, and thus spare their wives and children the indignities which many have suffered from the cruel and insulting examination of the Prosecuting Attorney into their most private family relations. Second, they are not, on pleading guilty to the charge of unlawful cohabitation, to be shown any mercy, but, in addition to the full penalty prescribed by the act of Congress, their alleged offense is to be multiplied by the segregating process as often as a malignant prosecutor chooses, and the aggregated penalties, not contemplated in the law, are to be piled upon the helpless victim until the prospects of lengthy imprisonment and financial ruin, in which those who are dearest to him on earth will be involved, shall force him to make promises which his heart and his conscience utterly forbid.

It has been repeatedly shown in these columns what the promise consists of, the failure to make which is virtually deemed by the Prosecutor and the Court a greater crime than the offence charged in

the indictment. Technically, it is to "obey the law in future as construed by the courts." It has been explained that the constructions of the courts have been so numerous and varied, changing with each term and sometimes repeatedly at the same term of court, that both the bar and the public have been at a loss to know what was considered the settled meaning. But, as now understood it signifies that, to keep the law, a man who has two or more families must entirely repudiate all but one. He must not treat them with as much courtesy as he would a perfect stranger. To be in the same house, for ever so short a time, with a plural wife, or to go with her to the same place of worship or amusement, or even to attend the funeral of his child and hers, is unlawful cohabitation.

The promise sought to be extorted by the Prosecutor and the Court is such that no honorable man with any compunctions of conscience can make it. Yet the failure to give this promise is made the gist of the offense. Lindberg is punished with a triple sentence, not because he has thrice broken the law, but because his conscience will not permit him to agree to act as the court directs for the future. And the Prosecuting Attorney, filled with rage at his failure to extort this promise from other defendants, insists upon the multiplied penalties upon a man against whose character nothing can be alleged, an inoffensive, hardworking, peaceable citizen, and announces his intention to compel future defendants to bow to his dictum by the terrors of multiplied sentences.

We are happy in the assurance that his malice will not minister to his desire. We do not believe that he will succeed any better in the future than in the past. Most of the people who have come here from religious motives are of the wrong stuff to yield against their convictions. A life's imprisonment, or death staring them in the face, will not be sufficient to terrorize them into cringing submission to his decree. That which they resist is not the law, but the wilful perversion of law, embodied in the merciless, unjust and vindictive rulings dictated by an overbearing official.

Mr. Dickson has been proven guilty of deliberate falsification in public utterances in this city. His conviction upon indisputable evidence in these columns makes him extremely wrathful against this paper. Hence his tirade in the court room on Monday. It is not true that the DESERET NEWS has denounced those who have promised obedience to the laws as "apostates and traitors." We challenge Mr. Dickson to produce the language he has attributed to us. His assertion in court is of a similar character to his falsehoods on the skating rink. And his attack on the "Mormon" Church is to be placed in the same category. Mr. Richards, whose earnest and reasonable appeal to the Court will be read with pleasure by all fair-minded people, rightly denied that the Church had denounced persons who promised obedience to the law. He also took the right position simply as counsel for his client, and thus gave Mr. Dickson a lesson in legal courtesy and consistency which that puffed-up functionary would do well to profit by.

Mr. Dickson too often betrays his animus against the Church. It is none of his business to attack a religious body while acting as Public Prosecutor. The Church is not arraigned before the Courts. It is above and beyond their jurisdiction. Mr. Dickson, high and mighty as he deems himself to be, because he can pervert the law so as to send better men than himself to prison on multiplied sentences, cannot reach up to within touching distance of the Church. He may proceed against its members, but the institution is exalted, immaculate and inviolable.

The DESERET NEWS is truly the organ of the Church. But it does not follow that the Church is responsible for the utterances of the DESERET NEWS. Mr. Dickson is a sort of organ for the Government. But we would be sorry to make the Government responsible for his shameless tirades in the skating rink or elsewhere. A paper may be the organ of a city or a county. But neither the city nor the county is held responsible for anything that is published therein except by official authority. Official utterances of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are given to the people through these columns. The Church is responsible for them, but not for the views we present to the public. The DESERET NEWS Company is not the "Mormon" Church, and this paper does not claim that its editorial remarks are the voice of the Church spoken with authority. When Mr. Dickson wants to attack the Church he should cite its authorized doctrines or counsels, and choose some other place than a court of law in which to launch his fulminations. A court that respected itself would close the lips of an attorney who, in its presence, prostituted his office to assault a religious institution.

That a Church, a religion, a creed is the object of the crusade which has been instituted in this Territory under color of law, is made more and more apparent at each successive step and at each term of court. That morality, social order, sexual purity or any other kindred object is not sought to be promoted, has been demonstrated beyond doubt. A Church is to be broken up. A religion is to be extirpated. A creed is to be suppressed.

It cannot be done. It will never be accomplished. The greater the sever-

ity, the deeper the injustice, the more outrageously the law is stretched and perverted in the persecution of the Latter-day Saints, the deeper down in the hearts will the roots of their convictions be pushed, and the stronger will their determinations become to be true to their God and their faith, their families and their cause, and the sooner will that deliverance be wrought out which the Lord will bring as surely as the sun brings the dawn after the darkness of night.

The new step in the direction of malicious vengeance which Mr. Dickson has taken, more than ever justifies the caution of those who have been able to keep out of the clutches of the minions of the law. The wise will see and be admonished.

A SENSIBLE ARIZONA EDITOR.

THE editor of the Salt River Valley (Arizona) News is, judging from his bold and truthful utterances regarding the "Mormons" and their rights and those who seek to deprive them of the same, one of the truly independent stamp. It is seldom that those even who are friendly in their views and feelings have the courage to face the terrific onslaught that generally accrues to the man who says a good word for the abused "Mormons." Mr. John B. Fitch, editor of the Arizona newspaper named is evidently ready to assume all risks in that line.

Recently the Republican Party in Arizona issued a platform which contained the following "plank":

"We arraign and accuse the Democratic party of Maricopa county with upholding crime, in that it places polygamists and criminals in party offices, as the records of courts and its party nominations abundantly prove."

The News splits the "plank" into kindling wood in this fashion:

"The above is not only an ignorant and foolish 'plank,' but one that carries with it a dirty and contemptible lie upon its face. Should the Democratic party be accused of 'upholding crime' because, in its good sense, it does not believe the law passed by the 13th Legislative Assembly, constitutional, by which the Mormon people, (if they desire to vote) are required to take one of the most damnable oaths ever exacted in any country and thus compel them to deny their religion, and permit themselves to be adjudged criminals without a due process of law? The Democratic party believes the law unconstitutional, and our opinion is, that, if a test case is ever made and taken before the Supreme Court of the land, it will be so declared. No legislative body has a legal right, nor a precedent, to disfranchise, by enactment, and virtually declare a number of American citizens criminals and take away the right of suffrage from them because they, perchance, happen to believe in a certain mode of worship not in accord with other religious denominations."

The same Republican platform also contained the following recoil with horror clause:

"That the Republican party views with alarm the spread of polygamy within the Territory, and demands the enactment and enforcement of laws that shall effectually suppress the same."

This also brought the manly editor of the News to his feet. He lowered his journalistic lance and delivered this well directed thrust:

"There is no ground for the second 'plank.' It is a lie that polygamy is on the increase within the Territory. There are grounds for the probability that polygamy is on the decline rather than upon the increase. The leaders of the Republican party know this, and when they put such a 'plank' upon their platform, they proclaim that which has no facts to sustain it. We are no Mormon, nor have we any pretensions that way. We are a non-believer in Christianity. Our sympathies are with the doctrines of infidelity and materialism. Our reason teaches us that religion, whether it comes in the shape of Presbyterianism, Methodism, Mormonism, or what not, is all alike a fabrication. To our mind the Christian virtues of the Mormon people are just as pure as those of any other denomination and we class all religions alike, and what we have said, so far as the Mormon people is concerned, is from an impartial standpoint, and because we like to see fair play all around. Polygamy is not on the increase. This is an emphatic truth that can be demonstrated, and we need have no fears in that direction. In conclusion, we must admit, that the Mormons as a class, are a good people, and that they deserve all the consideration and attention that any people should have, and when we pass laws disfranchising them, or declare upon our platforms that they are criminals because they differ religiously from us, then we are doing that which is unjust and cruel to a portion of our fellow citizens, who by nature, have the same privileges, the same standing, the same rights as any other people under the government of the United States."

"AN 'ORRIBLE TALE.'"

FROM information received from Beaver, it appears that a fearful crime has been committed in that part of Utah.

It will doubtless be a great satisfaction to the fifty-five million inhabitants of this Republic when the news is flashed from Maine to Texas that the criminal was arrested, indicted by the grand jury and placed under bonds to appear for trial. This intelligence will relieve the nation and enable it to breathe with more freedom. It appears that one or more U. S. deputies approached the dwelling of Mr. R. Sudwick, a Latter-day Saint, and arrested him on the prevalent charge—unlawful cohabitation. A deputy, immediately after, unceremoniously entered the apartment where Mrs. Maria Sudwick was dressing, in order to secure her as a witness against her husband. This terrible woman did not seem to relish the presence of the aforesaid official while she was in dishabille, and forthwith placed her hands upon his sacred shoulders and pushed him out. All this was against "the peace and dignity of the People of the United States," etc. An ordinary man would have covered up the enormous iniquity, in consideration of the perpetrator being a woman, and in view of the further facts that she was probably not in an amiable mood over the arrest of her husband, and had a distaste to receiving official or other male company before she was dressed. Not so with deputy Sergeant, who—as a "manly man" and a vindicator of the law against females whose tempers are disturbed—is entitled to a leather medal. An appropriate badge should also be awarded to the grand jurors who indicted Maria. Now, why shouldn't this great government, through its agents, crush Mrs. Sudwick. The deputy might have done it on the spot, with a shotgun, but he is evidently one of those prodigies who had been raised on "spoon victuals," so he thought he would bring down on Maria the mammoth foot of this great Republic.

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SUMMONS.

In the Probate Court in and for the County of Summit and Territory of Utah.

Third Judicial District,
Elizabeth Jones, Plaintiff,
vs.
Owen Jones, Defendant.

To Owen Jones, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO appear in an action brought against you by the above-named plaintiff, in the Probate Court, in and for the County of Summit and Territory of Utah, and to answer to a complaint filed against you in said Court by said plaintiff; within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after service on you of this summons, if served within the County of Summit, Utah Territory; otherwise, if served outside of said county but within the Territory of Utah within twenty days, and within forty days if served elsewhere.

This action is brought against you by plaintiff to dissolve the bonds of matrimony alleged to exist between you and the plaintiff; and for the care and custody of three minor children, the issue of said marriage, on the grounds of habitual drunkenness and a failure by you to provide for defendant.

And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer as above required, the plaintiff will apply to this Court for the relief therein demanded.

Witness the Hon. Alma Eldredge, Judge, and the seal of said Court, affixed at my office in Coalville, said County, this 13th day of August, A. D. 1896.

THOMAS ALSTON,
Probate Clerk.

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