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SECTARIAN MALICIOUS
 BIGOTRY.

We have received the June number of the Utah Christian Advocate. This periodical is published under the auspices of the Methodist persuasion, but receives the endorsement of many of the substantial, support of most of the other sects, because of its senseless and unscrupulous opposition to the "Mormon" people and their religion. It is issued under the supervision of the following committee: T. C. Hill, M. Nelson, G. M. Jeffrey, and W. W. Lincoln. Aside from its anti-Christian spirit it is chiefly notable for being probably the most clumsily edited paper in the West.

An article in the number at hand leads off with a statement to the effect that "Polygamy is still boldly preached by the Saints." This assertion is followed up by this:

"It is becoming a serious question here whether this rigid enforcement of the Mormon law is sufficient to meet the case. So long as the priesthood are allowed publicly to teach the people that it is their duty to obey the law and to perform their duty in order to escape its penalties, and that to suffer the penalty of the law is praiseworthy martyrdom, so long will its effects be lost upon this people. It is becoming clearer to the loyal citizens here that far more stringent measures must be resorted to in order to suppress the lawless acts of the Mormons, and nothing short of their complete suppression and the appointment of a legislative commission, together with the continued enforcement of the law, will avail."

Without caring to discuss the alleged fact of the continuous preaching of the doctrine of plural marriage, it may be pardonable to direct attention to the true nature of these sectarian values as indicated by the foregoing expression. Their appetite, which feeds upon the distress inflicted upon a people who differ from them in religious views, is not appeased. To see families disrupted and plunged into sorrow and their heads incarcerated in prison, for conscience sake, would be sufficient to glut the desires of natures impregnated with even an unusual degree of religious fanaticism. Not so with these malignant Christians. These, to them, trifling incidents, of persecution, only tend to whet their hunger and cause them to call for more. Consequently, in addition to the suppression of action they call, in the fervency of their Christian zeal, for the blotting out of "Mormon" right to free speech.

But those unreasoning zealots can never produce an anti-"Mormon" piece of apologetic literature without showing up their own ignorant, contradictory, and self-contradictory nature. While asserting that the people are taught to obey the law and "perform their duty in order to escape its penalties"—a pernicious fabrication—their, with the most silly inconsistency, follow this up with "and that to suffer the penalty of the law is praiseworthy martyrdom." Behold the brainless incongruity! What logic! The Saints, according to this mode of reasoning, are taught to commit perjury in order to escape suffering something that is praiseworthy martyrdom to endure.

The amount of meanness which characterizes these pious persons is beautifully illustrated by the sneaking manner in which they assert that the "Christianized" are allowed publicly to teach the people that it is their duty before God to obey the law. If they had possessed a spark of honesty they would have properly and justly defined the position of the Saints on this and every other question—that it is their duty and that of all other honest people to obey God. But it serves the purpose of infamously sordid sectarianism to throw up with malignant conspiracy the absurd falsehood that the chief aim of "Mormons" is to commit breaches of the law, when the true position is that in following their conscientious duty to God they come in conflict with laws enacted purposely to entrap them.

The publishers of the Advocate belong to the religious wing of the anti-"Mormon" crusade. They assert that the present cruelty heaped upon the objects toward whom their sectarian hatred is directed are not sufficient. They are too tame, and therefore failure and not success will be the result of the "Christianized" crusade. Consequently they howl for more stringent measures. Among these is the obliteration of "Mormon" free speech, total disfranchisement, the wresting from them of all power in the government, and that their own government, and that they be benefitted of the power of having anything whatever to do with their own affairs. Men who hold such views are little if any better than theoretical murderers.

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Republican Appointment. WASHINGTON, 21.—It having been charged that Gen. A. Krzyzanski, who was recently reappointed as Inspector of Customs at New York in an active republican, a reporter asked the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. W. W. Lincoln, "Did not require the man's politics at all. His reappointment was asked for by a large number of good citizens, on account of his excellent war record. Another reason was that he was in a very necessary condition. Although he is rather old, he is able to do the work of a younger man, and I have appointed him at a salary of \$4 a day."

Trailing Big Bear. WINNIPEG, 21.—Fort Pitt, N. W. T., 20, via St. Paul, N. W. T., 21, S. M. A. courier just in from the Camp Stoney Lake, reports Big Bear making for Hen Lake; all his braves have recently howl for more stringent measures. Among these is the obliteration of "Mormon" free speech, total disfranchisement, the wresting from them of all power in the government, and that their own government, and that they be benefitted of the power of having anything whatever to do with their own affairs.

Denial Kearney's Aspirations. SAN FRANCISCO, 21.—Dennis Kearney announces to-day his intention to run for governor of the State next year on the workmanlike ticket. The chief reason he gives for his intention is that municipalities have the right to regulate the workmanlike hours of labor. He says he will make a six months' campaign, and add that he is the most magnificent campaigner ever elected in California, and I will be elected, too.

He Regretted the Necessity of Firing at Judge Brown. DETROIT, 21.—At an early hour this morning a mob of about 500 persons, led by a police officer, proceeded to the residence of the family which he secured to the value of \$700. He then visited the residence of the Commissioner of the State, from whom he secured jewelry and silverware valued at \$800. In his conversation he referred to his visit to Judge Brown, of the United States District Court, expressing regret that it was necessary for him to fire at the Judge, and rejoicing that he did not wound him.

St. Louis, 21.—Advices from Northern Texas are to the effect that serious trouble is looked for in the Pan Handle over the arriving of Southern Texas cattle through Kansas. The thousands of cattle are going up the Fort Worth and Denver R.R. to be unloaded at Harbison and then driven through the Pan Handle. It is claimed that the cattle are diseased, and that the people of the Pan Handle are determined to resist with all the means at their power any effort to drive Southern Texas cattle through the Pan Handle, or "No Man's Land," as it is called.

It is said that the promise of the Secretary of the Interior to the people of the Pan Handle that the Government would not interfere with their right to regulate the hours of labor, with a strong police, armed with government authority, will, by Monday, meet the first hard bound for Kansas, and that they will turn the cattle back, or prevent their entrance into the Pan Handle.

TOO EVENLY BALANCED. MEASURED by ordinary political methods, the request of the Conservative party of Great Britain for an assurance of Liberal support for a coalition of assuming the functions of government, appears somewhat "cheeky." Be that as it may, it is absolutely needful under the circumstances. Unless it is given it will be impossible for Lord Salisbury to conduct public affairs, because in the House of Commons the Liberal majority is so small that it is impossible for him to carry out his policy.