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## AN OVER-RIPE CHERRY.

Just now, when such a strenuous effort is being put forth by a certain class of people here to put Utah affairs in a false light before the country, with a view to deepen the prejudice against the "Mormons" in Congressional circles, it is interesting to know who have the courage to tell the plain truth, and who align themselves on the side of falsehood concerning the situation here. For that reason we pay some attention to a letter written from this city to the Warsaw, Illinois, Bulletin, and published in that paper.

It is signed A. N. Cherry, which is the name of a little Judge here, who was placed on the bench by the votes of the Democratic party, among which were those of a large number of "Mormon" citizens, without whose aid he could not have been placed in that important position. When he needed the support of those citizens he courted their favor and had nothing but good to say concerning them. But it appears that now, when he is out of office and has no prospects of securing any position in public affairs, he has ranged himself on the side of the so-called "American" party, and joins in the slanders which some persons who have taken a prominent part in its organization and conduct have indulged in ad libitum.

There are members of that party who united with it for reasons of their own, but who do not endorse the vile attacks made by others upon the majority of the people of Utah. They excoriated their political rights, and in consequence of the existence of the two regular political parties, were able to slip in between them and by a small plurality gain the victory in the city election. We have nothing to say in regard to them except that they are entitled to recognition because of the result, and those in office to public support in every good measure and movement.

But when a man who has received honors from the people, not only separates himself from the party to which he owed his elevation, but takes up the cause of the slanderers and libelers of the "Mormons" and echoes their hue-and-cry, we think it proper that the Democrats here, both "Mormon" and non-"Mormon," should know where he stands and what he says. In his letter to the Bulletin he starts out with the assertion that:

"The Priesthood of the Mormon Church have controlled and dictated the policies and nominations of both the Republican and Democratic parties ever since Utah was admitted into the Union."

"The course pursued by the Mormon leaders has ever been a stretch and a reproach, not only to the loyal and decent men and women of Utah but to all the patriotic people of the nation."

Then follows a tirade against Senator Smoot and the "Mormon" Church, which he falsely alleges brought about his election by its "dictatorial course," and expresses the wish that he will be "kicked out without ceremony." He expresses great joy over the fact that "the American flag once more floats over our city," and urges that there "be no let up until the State of Utah is redeemed from the withering grasp of the Mormon hierarchy."

According to this little cherry there has been a wonderful transformation already in consequence of that "victory," which he proceeds to exaggerate and laud with much rejoicing. One of its effects he claims is that "our city is lifting its head above the mountain ranges." That is rather astonishing, taken either literally or figuratively. Nobody here, that we have heard of, has witnessed any such remarkable elevation, but the general appearance is that affairs are moving forward at present about the same way as usual. He goes on to claim as one of the "magical" effects of what he calls the "newborn spirit," that:

"Three new trunk railroad lines are to be built into Salt Lake City at once. One of the largest smelting and refining works in the world is under process of erection, real estate has advanced at least ten per cent, and all classes of business has brightened up, as though there was some new impetus."

We are afraid the little Judge has been using some very powerful mental magnifying glasses, or has seen strange visions that nobody else has beheld. As to the new railroads and the great smelting and refining works, they were projected and under way long before the November election, which had positively nothing whatever to do with those enterprises. The worst of it is that he knows that as well as anybody else, and we are sorry to see his name attached to such delusive and deceptive sentences as those we have quoted from his letter to the Bulletin.

We say the same in regard to his reference to the little bit of ancient fiction about the flag having been "trailed in the dust and half-masted on the Fourth of July." The stories told about those matters have become musty with age and lack of vitality, but the following is very much worse and so palpably untrue, that it should

bring a blush upon the face of any kind of a Cherry:

"Americanism and Mormonism will not mix. The flag of our country raises no feelings of pride in the breast of a Mormon priest. Its presence is like a red rag in the face of a mad bull. However, Uncle Sam has never yet been compelled to pull down the starchy emblem from any of his domains, and it will never be lowered in Utah again."

Everybody who reads the last quoted paragraph from Judge Cherry's letter knows that it is a positive, unfounded, inexcusable and intentional falsehood. The stars and stripes floated to the breeze in these mountains, raised by "Mormon" hands, many years before those same hands made it possible for persons like A. N. Cherry to come here and make a living out of the people who blazed the way across the country and reared the flag upon this land, when it was Mexican soil and when the "Mormon" Battalion was carrying that starchy banner in their historic march as part of the army engaged in the conquest of Mexico.

Our country's flag has been prominent in all our feasts and festivals and public celebrations of every kind, whether in church or state, ever since the "Mormon" pioneers brought it into these valleys. Judge Cherry knows that as well as he knows that he breathes the free air of the State of Utah. He can find no justification for any of the statements which we have reproduced from his infamous letter to the Warsaw Bulletin.

On party grounds he may object to the election of Senator Reed Smoot. He has the right of his opinion in regard to the Senator's retention of the seat in which he was placed by the honest votes of his party. But he has no right to state that the Church dominated in that gentleman's election or in other political affairs in Utah. Does he mean to affirm that he was elected to a judgeship by the "dominating Priesthood" of the "Mormon" Church?

Does he want the people of Illinois to understand that he was nominated and his election was controlled by "the Priesthood of the Mormon Church?" He declares that they have controlled and dictated the policies and nominations of both the Republican and Democratic parties ever since Utah was admitted into the Union. If that is true he owes his office to that Priesthood. But his statement is absolutely false, and beyond his power to demonstrate. And if he really believed it himself, why did he again seek for nomination and election under the Democratic party, which he alleges was dominated and controlled by the Priesthood of the "Mormon" Church?

In his endeavors to misrepresent and abuse a Church and a people who never did him any harm, he is only besmirching himself with the mire that he is trying to hurl at them. But we need say no more. He has exposed himself in his desire to malign others, and it is not worth while to take any more than one bite at that kind of a Cherry.

## OUR DUTY TO MOROCCO.

Anti-administration agitators seem to have regular paroxysms of fear for the outcome of the Morocco conference, as far as this country is interested. They condemn our participation in the deliberations and predict disaster to this country as a result. But, in order to make a case they are under the necessity of misrepresenting the facts, and that proves the utter weakness of their position. Their argument runs:

"We are sending, and the administration defies the expediency and wisdom of sending, representatives to European conferences in which European policies are the main staple of deliberation, to protect our commercial interests and prevent our friends from going to war. Yet no European or Asiatic power is permitted by the United States to exercise the same privilege in the international concerns of this hemisphere. There is to be a pan-American conference in Rio Janeiro next summer. Will Germany, or France, or England be represented there? The mere question is calculated to raise a laugh."

The reply to this is obvious. In the first place, it is not true that we are sending representatives to a conference on European affairs. It is not true that the Moroccan question is a European concern, mainly. Africa is not fenced round with a "Monroe doctrine," and we have as much interest in that country as some of the European nations. It is as proper for this country to be represented at a general congress on an African country as it is for us to take part in a conference on Chinese affairs. To represent the Moroccan question as chiefly a European concern, is to misrepresent the matter, in order to obtain a point of vantage from which to attack the government. But that is both unfair and disloyal.

In the second place, to compare a congress on Morocco to a pan-American congress is absurd. If the American republics, through their representatives, meet in order to discuss trade and other matters pertaining to their interests exclusively, neither European, nor Asiatic countries can expect representation in such conventions. This country does not meddle in European alliances, Zollverleins, or other exclusively European concerns. On questions in which the entire civilized world is interested, it is different. Uncle Sam's opinion is eagerly sought for on all such matters, and it is certainly the duty of our government to speak for justice, for liberty, and for peace, wherever its influence can be exerted in favor of these principles.

## TOWN TOPICS LIBEL SUIT.

As was expected, the jury in the libel case against Mr. Hapgood, editor of Collier's Weekly, returned a verdict of not guilty, after a few minutes' deliberations. The trial could have had no other outcome. Even the prosecuting attorney, Mr. Jerome, apologized for appearing against the defendant, and explained that he himself would have taken the matter up with more heat than Mr. Hapgood had done. There was absolutely no chance for the plaintiff.

Town Topics is the well known name of a New York weekly published, it seems, for the purpose of letting the public know some of the secrets of "high society." These secrets are perhaps bought from ser-

vants, or obtained by other means, and unless the distributors of scandal are liberally paid for silence, they preach from the housetops what has been spoken, or done, in the private chambers.

It seems that the editor of Town Topics succeeded in obtaining in the neighborhood of \$200,000 from various parties. The enterprise was so successful that the idea of printing a special pamphlet of "Fads and Fancies," at \$1,500 a copy, was conceived and carried out.

Collier's Weekly called this blackmail, and the editor of that magazine was sued for libel, having dared to apply that epithet to the somewhat peculiar financial methods employed. It is gratifying to learn that the jury acquitted Mr. Hapgood of the charge. The trial with the revelations it has brought forth, should be for the interest of public morals.

The searchlight of publicity has for some time been turned upon certain financial concerns, and startling facts have thereby become known. No less startling are the views obtained when the light is focused on social conditions. When careful financiers, as proved during this trial, lend thousands of dollars without good security, and without ever asking for interest; or when they buy at \$1,000 a share stock that is worth \$10, comments are unnecessary.

The Portland Oregonian of Jan. 24 took occasion to say of high society in general:

"They feel no abhorrence of cruelty, for cruelty is the foundation of their existence. They live upon incomes from land whose value has been created by others, from loans of money which they never earned, from profits gained by bounding workmen with their wives and children to inexorable and dehumanizing toil. Their diamonds are the crystallized tears of starving women. Their carriages are bought with the ruined lives and twisted bones of children driven by hunger to precarious labor. Their beauty is like the bloom of a rose, whose roots descend into a grave. 'Desperately cruel and wicked, fashionable society regards neither the rights of men nor the laws of God. The wreckers of the great insurance companies were high-toned clubmen, the perfumed darlings of artistic drawing-rooms, the pillars of esthetic churches. The corporation magnates who tempt with their largesse the civic virtue of the starving workman, wringing from him under duress of the pangs of wretched hunger the sale of his manhood for gold, they, too, are masters of the delicate art of lolling on emerald cushions and lapsing ineffably into the pearly care of the dolls of fashion. Marriage in high society is too often like the coupling of brutes, who part when passion is gratified and go their ways to new enclosures."

Were it not for the necessity of keeping the curtain down upon such performances, silence would not be paid for. It would not have been "golden" to Town Topics.

Not how much, but when will the fog lift?

Some who try to be "safe and sane" are but silly.  
The King of Denmark is dead. Long live the King!

A great objection to Town Topics is its Mann-erisms.

The demand just now is not so much for fair play as for fair weather.

Attorney-General Hadley proposes to paint Mr. Henry H. Rogers' portrait in oil.

Next time Poulton Bigelow visits the Isthmus, probably he will see more and say less.

Peace has been restored in San Domingo. Probably it will again be stored before long.

Playful, good-natured hazing is not wholly unlike the fun the boys had with the frogs.

The people refuse to shed tears over the sorrows of the beef packers, even crocodile tears.

According to Governor Magoon, the canal zone is probably the most moral place in the world.

Senator Martin of Virginia has the whooping cough. Let him beware lest he catch the measles.

Not a hen that will lay the year round but one that will lay the eggs around, is the poultryman's great desideratum.

It was wrong on many grounds for the Beef trust's attorney to bribe a Chicago reporter, but the chief one was that he should put coloring matter into his reports, thus adulterating pure intellectual food.

Young Mr. Westinghouse has been set to work by his immensely wealthy father in one of the latter's shops, and it is claimed he has no privileges that are not accorded to the other employees. But he has much better prospects than the other employees.

The country got over the Wall street gamblers' speculation scare without any elastic currency, and is the better for getting over it in the way it did. The stock gamblers will be less inclined to rush in than they were. Conservative business methods are a much better safeguard against panics than any system of elastic currency.

What was the necessity for Miss Eva Booth to appear dressed in rags, the toes of her stocking feet protruding through a pair of slippers which were tied with strings and a yellow handkerchief about her throat, and the sleeves of her dress so worn that both elbows were plainly seen every time she made a gesture, before an audience in Carnegie Hall when lecturing on the poor of London? Was the lady doing a character sketch? In any case her attire was in very bad taste.

## THE CHINESE EXPEDITION.

New York Evening Post.  
The absurd Chinese expedition is rapidly becoming a joke. No sane officer who was in China in 1906 believes that the expedition to Peking could be repeated today with 250,000 men, much less 25,000, so great has been the

empire's progress in six years. Moreover, the provincial viceroys are of a different calibre from those who held office in the Boxer troubles. The Boxers themselves, it must be remembered, were a rabble driven to desperation by two years of famine, and there was not then, as today, a modernized Chinese army. The boycotters of Shanghai and Canton are men of property, with business interests to conserve. That they must prefer peaceful methods of retaliation is shown by their posting placards in Shanghai the day after the riot, calling upon the populace to preserve order.

## HOW IT LOOKS TO THE COUNTRY

Kansas City Star.  
Those members of Congress who are organizing against the administration, who are taking exceptions to the Statehood bill, who are opposing the Philippines tariff bill, who are criticizing the Canal commission, who are quibbling about the Santo Domingo affair, and who are otherwise manifesting a disposition to create trouble, may think they are playing a wise political game. They may think that they will impress the people with their courageous independence. Perhaps the monster of "Korism," which they conjured up and tried to give form and substance, looks like something to them. But to the country at large, where the President is trusted, and where his policies are earnestly indorsed, the situation at Washington has a different aspect.

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