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## THE TRIUMPH FOR THE RIGHT.

Despite the array of ministerial presence and antagonism at the seat of government, notwithstanding the false oath of the Lellie, in face of the fact that Hon. Reed Smoot is a prominent "Mormon," that gentleman was sworn in to take his seat in the Senate of the United States at the opening of the special session. This will be gratifying news to all lovers of right and the institutions of our common country.

Senator Smoot was chosen for the high office that he now holds, by Republican members of the Utah Legislature in their respective districts. His credentials were perfect. No taint of improper proceedings attached to any step towards his election, and nothing could be truthfully alleged against his personal character. His opponents relied upon the prejudice against the religion of which the Senator is a strong supporter and the future they expected to arouse because of it, first to prevent his election by scaring the legislators who, representing their constituents, favored his selection; next to brew a storm in the religious world strong enough to sway the United States Senate against him; and third to prevent his taking his seat until they could pour in enough anti-Mormon bitterness to sour the committee that would have to investigate the charges against him.

The scheme up to this crucial point has utterly failed. The Senate has acted on constitutional and precedential grounds. Its action is right. The Senator-elect having credentials without a flaw from a sovereign State of the Union, was entitled to take his seat with other gentlemen having similar certificates. It is true the Senate is made the sole judge of the election and qualification of its members and that it may appear to be clothed with arbitrary and untrammelled authority in this respect. But there are rules and principles by which all judges, courts and tribunals are governed, and these do not admit of the exercise of power incited merely by prejudice or unconstitutional objections. Reason, precedent, usage and consistency have something to do with the matter, and have strong influence in an august body like the Senate of the United States.

The next movement of the conspirators will be to obtain a hearing before a committee, when they will present the old musty, dilapidated and irrelevant stories, quotations, fables and sophistries that have done pulp duty and figured in anti-Mormon fiction for so many years, coupled with allegations and insinuations about the present, which they will have to support with much more potent evidence than that which they have yet been able to produce, to have any convincing effect on men of the caliber of those who will investigate the matter. And both sides of the question will be heard, which will be a very different thing to getting up a one-sided story for a popular lecture or to regale a coterie of religious ladies.

The Lellie story will not help the anti-Mormon cause. Neither will the presence of such defamers as Wishard, Schroeder and Nutting, now in Washington on the same mission as Lellie's though perhaps not with the same lurid tale. But think of such a combination as they make for any purpose! Two revered senatorial lights linked in with "The Devil's Lantern!" Oh what a "trinity in unity!" Presbytery, Unitarian, Atheism and Methodism joined in one, to abuse and berate "Mormonism" and the "Mormons!" The incongruity of the jointure is complete, except the well-known universality of each part. This has been so often exposed that here it needs no further disclosure. They will have full opportunity to exhibit themselves, if they succeed in obtaining an investigation, and wherein they fail, the light which will be shed upon them will complete the show.

The entire West will hail with pleasure the triumph of Americanism over religious intolerance, involved in the preliminary controversy over Senator Smoot's eligibility. The enthusiasm at the announcement of his success so far, exhibited in the Legislature of Utah, shared in by men of all faiths and parties, will echo throughout this and the adjoining States, and Idaho especially will add to the loud acclaim.

This is not a mere "Mormon" controversy. It is a question that affects all citizens of every creed and status. It is of universal moment in this republic. If a duly elected Senator can be kept from taking his seat by the force of sectarian clamor, or arbitrary action based on unconstitutional objections, the way will be opened for the denial of rights and privileges now deemed sacred and inviolable, and a step will be taken toward the wreck of our national institutions.

It is because the attempts made to effect this wrong have failed, that truly patriotic people rejoice, and the gladness expressed comes from many other than "Mormon" sources. A victory

## CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The moral status of the country is receiving a great deal of attention in the press at present. The San Francisco Chronicle takes up the question whether crime is on the increase in this country. Recently Dr. Arthur McDonald, in a report to Congress, pointed out that statistics prove that for the last 20 years crime has been on the increase in the world. In spite of the progress of education and the labors of philanthropy, "mental and nervous diseases, suicide, insanity, juvenile crime and pauperism are at present increasing faster than the population," he said.

The Chronicle, which not directly denying the correctness of this statement, takes the view that it cannot be proved by statistics. The laws vary and the methods of collecting statistics vary, and consequently one year's figures cannot safely be compared to those of another year. As new laws are added to the statute books every year, persons are arrested for new crimes, and it is therefore unfair to compare the arrests or sentences of one year with those of a previous year. Nor can the movement of crime in a community be determined by the movement of the prison population. A decrease in prison population does not necessarily mean a decrease of crime, since the daily average prison population depends upon the duration of sentences, not upon the amount of crime.

This reasoning is plausible enough, but the fact remains that murders and other gross crimes are becoming a great deal too numerous. We have noticed the alleged condition in Chicago where the authorities find themselves unable to handle them as speedily as public safety would demand, and the worst of it is that the conscience of the people is becoming paralyzed. It is beginning to fail to realize the enormity of the crime. The criminal element is being catered to by politicians, as well as the moral element, and when that is the case, how long will it be before the former shall exercise absolute power in public affairs?

But Chicago is no exception to the rule. We notice that a pastor in the employ of a Connecticut Bible society charges, that "polygamy" is practiced in the eastern part of that State, while the northwestern section contains a class of ignorant whites whose condition is deplorable. He says that the church in Connecticut is not doing its duty and that existing conditions present a serious problem.

The Worcester Gazette, in commenting on this report, says that Massachusetts has nothing to feel proud about in this regard. The conditions are practically the same, and as for "polygamy," that paper adds, we think the inhabitants of our Connecticut and Massachusetts cities cannot hold their heads very high in the presence of their brethren of the rural districts.

Comparative statistics may not be relied on as proofs of the increase of crime, but from all reports it appears clear that moral standards are being lowered by an ever increasing number of people. A great moral force is needed to lift up the nations of the earth to a higher standard of morality than that commonly followed. That is the lesson of criminal statistics.

## THE SENATE.

When it is said that the 57th Congress expired on the 4th of this month, it should be remembered that it is really only the House the existence of which is terminated. The Senate is practically perpetual. It is made so by a process similar to that by which a certain knife was made to exist forever. When the blade was worn out, a new one was substituted, and when the handle was unusable, that part was renewed, and so the knife always remained. It is so with the Senate. At least two-thirds of that body are always old members, while the house is wholly renewed every two years, except as far as old members are retained by re-election.

At present all the vacancies in the Senate are filled. The political complexion of the body is somewhat changed. Democrats replace Republicans in Kentucky, Nevada, North Carolina and Maryland, while Republicans succeed Democrats in Kansas, Idaho, Utah and Washington. Senators Spooner, Foraker, Platt of Connecticut, and Allison of Iowa are retained, while Senators Vest, of Missouri, and Turner, of Washington are retired.

## THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE GIFTS.

King Edward, it is said, has consented to send to the St. Louis fair, the Jubilee gifts presented to Queen Victoria. This is really a graceful compliment to the American people—a delicately expressed appreciation on the part of the king, of the sentiments of respect and love entertained in this country for the late Queen. In the collection will be included a wonderful display of Indian art, jewelry, rugs and lace, the enshrouded from the great cities of the United Kingdom and the gem gifts of members of the royal family. That the collection will form one of the great attractions of the fair is self-evident. The fair management might try to secure the Jubilee gifts to the pope, and those presented to King Oscar in 1877, and other monarchs who have had Jubilees. Why not? There is every probability that the St. Louis fair will surpass all predecessors in magnitude. Soon the buildings will be dedicated in the presence of thousands of soldiers and other spectators. From Germany and Great Britain significant exhibits are assured. The exposition has also been able to secure the consent of Chicago to the transfer of the Olympic games from that city to St. Louis.

The closed season for Congress is now on.

A thing of the past—the Fifty-seventh Congress.

Come, gentle spring, ethereal mildness, please come!

How high will the Macedonian up-

rising get before the Sultan will hit it on the head?

The anti-Smoot men are now lying under the Lellie bush.

The national Capitol is the greatest power house in the country.

Since the election in Delaware "Gas" Addicks' gas has gone up.

The thaw of the past few days has been a great drain on the city.

To make the penalty fit the crime in Knapp's case he would have to have as many lives as a cat.

Congresses may come and Congresses may go but the Senate, like the little brook, goes on forever.

The Senate's action on the liquor bill indicates that it is in favor of every man being his own saloon.

After fifty years of prohibition Vermont takes to high license and liquor like a duck to water.

The Edison storage battery has not been put upon the market because the cell has not yet been perfected. Is the battery a sell?

President Jordan has put forth a fiat that firing at Stanford must cease. Then co-education at Stanford must cease.

It is to the honor and enduring fame of ex-Speaker John B. Henderson that when he said "No" he meant "No" and stuck to it.

In the case of South Carolina, according to Representative Cannon, the Senate made thirty-four cents look like forty-seven thousand dollars.

Senator Morgan will now have an opportunity to offer a few remarks on the Panama canal treaty. And he will doubtless take advantage of the opportunity.

"Apostle Reed Smoot has arrived in Washington, and he rather thinks there are no tacks in his seat," says the Boston Herald. And there were none.

Representative Cannon by his speech on Senate methods of legislation and the right of the majority to rule, has made it plain that as Speaker of the next House he intends to be the big gun.

Mr. Rockefeller has proven himself a benefactor of mankind in one respect, and that is the founding of the Rockefeller Institute of medical research. From it comes the announcement of an anti-toxin which will destroy the germ of cholera infantum. No more important medical announcement was probably ever made.

The Congress just expired appropriated over a billion and a half dollars. It is an immense sum, in reality beyond the comprehension of man. When Congress first appropriated a billion dollars realization of the fact almost took the people's breath away. But they have got their second wind and it will have to be something tremendous to take their breath away now.

The following advice is freely offered by a contemporary, as appropriate to the present season:

"Don't change heavy clothing - for lighter garments."

"Don't go in for Easter headgear before Easter."

"Don't reject the goloshes that have stood by you during the winter."

"Don't devote yourself to spring medicines for six weeks yet."

"Don't write spring poetry."

## THE SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

Boston Herald.

The shipping subsidy bill is dead for another session. How long ago was it that Hanna said he would make its passage a personal matter?

Detroit Free Press.

Mr. Hanna has done enough towards delivering the goods to justify his asking the shipping trust for another contribution to the campaign fund.

Philadelphia Record.

There will be no ship subsidy this year and every year that passes without one diminishes the chances of this most inexcusable of all grabs at the public funds.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

But it was useless to expect that the house would pass the bill after the formation of a steamship combination under American control. That "trust" may become a great benefit to shippers and to the traveling public, but it is too early yet to look for results.

Chicago Tribune.

The subsidy fever, when it once seizes on an individual or a corporation, never lets go. Subsidy legislation will be introduced in the next Congress. Its prospects for success will not be so good as they were a year ago. The critical moment may be said to have gone by.

Toledo Blade.

Senator Hanna met his Waterloo when he attempted to push his ship subsidy scheme through Congress with representatives of his own party divided and the Republican press, for the most part, opposed to the measure. And there is little doubt that Mr. Hanna's disappointment is almost as keen as was that of Napoleon after his meeting with Wellington on that bloody field in Belgium.

## NOT YET DEFEATED.

Springfield Republican.

The Republican supporters of the statehood bill have not met an utter defeat, it seems. Their filibustering colleagues, who have succeeded in preventing the original bill from reaching a vote, are understood to have promised to introduce a straight Republican measure in the next Congress permitting the admission of Oklahoma and of New Mexico and Arizona as one commonwealth. Such a bill, while not satisfactory to the Democrats or to the inhabitants of the two southwestern territories, would at least serve to fill the ranks of the Republican party in its platform of 1900, and the earlier pledge of the nation contained in the treaty by which Mexico ceded the territory west of Texas to the United States 20 years ago.

## WHY AN EXTRA SESSION?

Portland Oregonian.

The simple trouble is that the men who sit in Congress are too narrow-minded and short-sighted to feel concern for the people brought by the logic of events under their care. Millions for testifiers, but not a cent for Cuba; pension acts by the score at breakneck speed, but no act admitting the Philippines to our customs union, no act ratifying the Colorado agreement for Alaska, no response to the ap-

peal of China and Mexico for aid to the gold standard. The noble sentiments of McKinley, the urgent message of Roosevelt, fall upon heedless ears. Just so they will continue to fall until the men who are sent to Congress measure up to higher standards of civic life.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the March number of the Woman's Home Companion, commencing in the March number of Leslie's Monthly, it is by E. W. Hornung. This number also contains the first account of the U. S. Expedition to explore the depths of the Pacific ocean, clearly told in photograph and story. There is a story of settlement by Roy Rolfe Gilson, with drawings by Jessie Wilcox Smith, and an animal sketch by C. G. D. Roberts, drawings by Charles I. Bull. Two other stories of sentiment and humor: a bitting tale by Maarten Maartens, and an article on "The Literary Graveyard," and an article on "Limericks," enliven the end of the magazine.—New York.

The World's Work for March contains several articles of unusual interest. Lawrence Perry describes his own personal experience in the March station at Cape Cod when Marconi was sending messages to England. Charles M. Harvey has written a stirring article about Ohio after 100 years, Frederick C. Howe has characterized Chicago as a municipal and social organization. "Teaching as a Profession," by William McAndrew, gives a really national view of the attitude of teachers toward their life work; Dr. A. T. Bristow, the president of the New York Medical society, describes recent advances in medicine and surgery; the John Callan O'Laughlin writes of some of the international questions the Venezuelan dispute has raised. There are two illustrated stories, one on the "Mormon Hotel" by Albert Bigelow Paine, and the other by Overton W. Price about "Savaging the Southern Forests." In a particularly long and varied "March of Events" a series of editorials on the Negro problem deserves special mention.—Doubleday, Page & Co., New York.

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