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THE TWISTING OF FACTS.

The New York Journalist of October 7 has a very strong editorial on "The Distortion of News" and "The Twisting of Facts to Make a Sensation." We have room for only a few paragraphs, and a portion of the article makes some very pointed allusions to the Associated Press, which we do not care to reproduce or endorse. But the strictures passed upon "yellow journalism" are so appropriate to local conditions that we quote, as follows:

"Thoughtful and conservative news-
paper readers cannot have failed to be
impressed by the attitude assumed by
—not a minority—but a vast and
disgusting majority of the American
press upon matters of vital importance
to every prudent and honest citizen.
We have been accustomed to accept
with such equanimity as we could must-
er, the belief that there are certain
newspapers which are published solely
to enter to the tobacco sauce laded
palates of the ignorant and sensation-
loving reader. We have noticed with
some grief, that when a really impor-
tant happening is before the public, the
dreadful, with remarkable unanimity
commendable discrimination, the
yellow journalist, outside the side line of
discredit, and looks for its information
to the more reliable and respectable
publications which have dealt more
in FACTS and less in AD-LIB. But the
deadly microbe of saffron-hued
journalism seems to have spread to
some of the papers which have been
considered wise and reliable."

The Journalist goes on to dilate up-
on the evil effects of that kind of
newspaper work, and makes the fol-
lowing explanation of the reason why
the worst side of an occurrence, or of
the act of some public official, is usu-
ally set forth in the saffron-hued papers,
which is that:

"It is so much more NEWS to show
an honest and respected citizen as a
son-of-a-gun than to admit that he
may have made a mistake in judg-
ment, or possibly have overstepped his
limit of discretion. It is more sensa-
tional, and what we want is more sen-
sational."

But that the kind of journalism that
has become so popular will not endure
the test of time and the improvement
of the public taste, is shown in the
annexed paragraph, which we com-
mend to the consideration of the stand-
arders and traducers of personal char-
acter, who just now appear to think
that their evil cause will triumph. The
Journalist says:

A MUSICAL TREAT.

Salt Lake City is to be favored with
the presence and performance of
Madame Emma Eames on Friday, Oct.
19. She will be supported by Emilio
de Gogorza, baritone, Joseph Holman,
cellist, and Amherst Webber, pianist.
These artists are eminent in the music
world. Emma Eames has achieved a
world-wide reputation as a prima dona.
Mr. Holman is ranked as the
greatest living cello performer. Mr.
Webber is a noted pianist and compos-
er. M. de Gogorza is a French bar-
itone of first class reputation, and when
he says that our own Prof. J. J. McEl-
lison will furnish the organ music, open-
ing with the prelude from Lohengrin,
we think we have said enough to at-
tract the attention of the music-loving
people of this city, whose numbers run
into the thousands. They will surely
fall not to gather in the Tabernacle on
Friday night to listen to this queen of
song. The greatest critics of the coun-
try place her on the topmost round of
musical eminence, and it is certain that
he has a place all her own among the
celebrities of the age. A treat is in
store for the Salt Lake public and the
Tabernacle choir, led by Prof. Stephens,
will crown the performance with its
splendid choral accompaniments. We
praise our musical friends to be sure
and partake of this rare feast of first-
class music.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Many persons coming from other
States into Utah to get married, are put
to needless expense through a lack of
understanding of the marriage laws.
They obtain a license at the place
where they reside or somewhere near
by, and when they arrive here they
discover that it will not answer the
purpose, and so they have to obtain
another in order to be legally united.

The Utah statutes require the return
of the license after the ceremony to the
county clerk who issued it. This is
not required in some of the States and
Territories, but it must be complied
with to make the marriage legal here.
Persons desiring to contract marriage
in this city, but who live in one of the
points of this State outside of Salt
Lake county, may obtain the license
from the county clerk of the county in

which they reside, if they choose to do
so, and when the ceremony is per-
formed, the license can be returned
there, properly signed and certified to,
as the law requires.

We mention this simply to save un-
necessary expense. It is of no use for
parties intending to be united in wed-
lock in Utah to obtain a license any-
where outside of the State. The fee
for the issuing of the license is fixed
by law, and therefore the county clerk
who issues it must not be charged with
requiring more than some people may
think a proper sum for the document.
This perhaps is sufficient by way of
explanation.

KEEP IT UP!

The hand-organ of the un-"Ameri-
can" faction still grinds out its dis-
cordant sounds, to distract public at-
tention from its self-exposure of false-
hood and folly. By arguing that the
preponderance of "Gentiles" in busi-
ness concerns in this city, proves their
"higher civilization" and great "au-
thority" over the "Mormons," it
gives the lie to its oft-repeated charge
that "the Gentiles do not have a
square deal in business because of the
domination of a 'Hierarchy.'" It is of
no use for it to twist and turn and
distort language and perform its usual
antics, to divert the minds of its read-
ers from its stupid blunder. The fact
remains that as the bulk of the busi-
ness firms in this city are in the hands
of "Gentiles," the howl about the domi-
nation of a "Hierarchy" in business af-
fairs is as absurd as it is untrue. But
let the hand-organ keep it up; the pub-
lic will the sooner understand its illi-
ness and mendacity.

ANTI-"MORMON" SPIRIT.

Scribes are foraging to find reasons
for the un-American creation of an anti-
"Mormon" party. Evidently they
feel the necessity of excuses and ex-
planations, before the bar of public
opinion. Workers of iniquity always
have a supply of excuses to draw upon,
when needed. But among all the
reasons given, the chief, and really the
only one, is not stated. It is the reason
of the wolf for attacking the lamb.
In the well known fable.

A wolf meeting with a lamb resolved
to find some plea which should justify
to the lamb himself his right to eat
him. He then addressed him: "Sirrah,
last year you grossly insulted me." "In-
deed," bleated the lamb in a mournful
tone of voice, "I was not then born."
Then said the wolf: "You feed in my
pasture." "No, good sir," replied the
lamb, "I have not yet tasted grass." Again
said the wolf: "You drink of my well."
"No," exclaimed the lamb, "I never
yet drank water, for as yet
my mother's milk is both food and
drink to me." On which the wolf seized
him and ate him up, saying: "Well!
I won't remain supperless, even though
you refute every one of my imputa-
tions."

That is, and has always been, the
great reason for anti-"Mormon" ac-
tivity. The Saints have always prospered.
Their prosperity has been the
envy of office-hunters. The prejudice of
the religious people against the tenets
of the Saints is taken advantage of for
the furtherance of the purposes of self
and pet.

This was frankly admitted by "Gen-
eral" Wilson during the Jackson county
raids in 1838. This "General" had
some "Mormon" captives, cruelly torn
away from their families. During the
march he became communicative, and
said, in part: "We know perfectly that
from the beginning the Mormons have
not been the aggressors at all. As it
began in '33 in Jackson county, so it
has been ever since. You Mormons
were crowded to the last extreme, and
compelled to self-defense; and this has
been construed into treason, murder,
and plunder. We mob you without
law; the authorities refuse to protect
you according to law; you then are
compelled to protect yourselves, and we
act upon the prejudices of the public,
who join our forces, and the whole is
legalized, for your destruction and ou-
gion. Is not this a cunning policy on
our part, gentlemen?" (Autobiography
of Parley P. Pratt, p. 268.)

Circumstances are greatly changed,
but the anti-"Mormon" spirit is the
same, and if the anti-"Mormon" lead-
ers were to honestly express their sen-
timents they could, with a few altera-
tions, make Gen. Wilson's words their
own. "Your destruction and ougion" is
their motto. And that is the platform
on which they invite even respectable non-
"Mormons" to take a stand!

ONE CAUSE OF DECLINE.

In France they have appointed a
commission to inquire into the causes
of the much-talked-of decline of the
birth-rate of the French nation. M.
Guyot is of the opinion that the heavy
taxes under which the masses of the
people are suffering are responsible,
very largely, for that evil. He espe-
cially denounces the so-called "unseen"
taxes. On bread and meat alone he
estimates this tax in France to be as
much as \$40,000,000 a year. Similarly
with most of the other necessities of
life. In a country the fiscal policy of
which compels the people to pay a
heavy toll on their daily bread, it is
not strange, it is thought, that there
should be reluctance to increase the
number of mouths to be fed.

This deduction is, no doubt, correct,
and it points to a precedent cause—the
chief cause of the heavy taxation, viz.,
the necessity of maintaining an army
and navy out of all proportions to the
financial resources of the nation. Mili-
tarism has been the curse of the Old
World, and not until its burdens are
reduced to a minimum, will that curse
be removed. It is like the monster on
the shoulders of Sisyphus—exercising its
tyranny by night and by day, every-
where and under all circumstances. An
international court with the necessary
power and authority to enforce its de-
crees would be a financial saving to the
world, which means to the laboring
classes who carry the heaviest burdens;
it would be a moral force tending to re-
pair the moral injury to the human
race caused by the brutality of war; it
would increase human happiness and
thereby prevent "race suicide." Japan
has, during the last few

years, had a yearly increase of popula-
tion of somewhat over half a million.
But hitherto its military burdens have
been light. The needs of the people
have been few and easily satisfied.
Whether these conditions will continue,
with the immense indebtedness incur-
red by the late war, remains to be
seen. However, Corea and parts of
Manchuria are now open to the Jap-
anese, and they will there find room
for expansion—room for the growth of
the nation, and the burden of taxation
may not be felt immediately.

The municipal campaign seems to be
suffering from "that tired feeling."

Kansas City has a "Warner-for-Pres-
ident" club. Let the members take
warning in time.

"Is it Greater New York or Greater
New York?" asks the Washington Post.
It's Greater Grafter.

The Chicago city council has voted, 31
to 27, against municipal ownership. It
is a blow to Mayor Dunne's pet scheme.
But he is not the kind of a man to
surrender at a first defeat.

President McCurdy of the Mutual Life
lost his temper on the witness stand
and appeared to disadvantage in the
hands of Mr. Hughes. As an insurance
man he should have known that this
was a poor policy.

Mr. McCurdy says that the salaries of
the executive officers of the Mutual Life
are none too fat. And yet they are
fairly swimming in fat. And when their
life story is told it will end as so many
children's tales end, "They lived in
peace, died in peace and were buried
in a chunk of tallox."

Of the ten awards made from the Car-
negie hero fund, nine were for saving
persons from drowning. No doubt there
are more drowning accidents than any
other, but it seems rather remarkable
the percentage of awards in such cases
is so great. It is certain, though, that
they were not made without full in-
vestigation of all claims. Wearers of
Carnegie hero medals will yet consti-
tute a legion of honor.

In his inaugural address as rector of
the University of St. Andrews, Mr. Car-
nagie said: "We exclaim, 'O Liberty,
what crimes are committed in thy
name,' but they are trifling compared
with those committed in the name of
'honor.' The most dishonored word in
our language." And the remark is
true. Nations often do dishonorable
things and their sense of honor compels
them to stand by them. Standing by a
dishonorable thing can never make it
honorable.

No man in the country hits the nail
squarer on the head or harder than
Governor Folk of Missouri. Listen to
this, said to a large audience in Phila-
delphia: "The most conspicuous fact of
municipal governments in the United
States today is that they are governed
by the few and not by the people. There
is more aggressive rottenness and less
aggressive patriotism in our large cit-
ies than anywhere else. If the patriot-
ism can be made as aggressive as the
rottenness the problem of good govern-
ment would be solved by the people
taking the government into their own
hands." Hear! Hear!

It seems that in the case of Miss
Alice Roosevelt's baggage and the col-
lecting duty on whatever in it might
be dutiable and what course to pursue,
Secretary Shaw's burden was greater
than he could bear. And he took his
troubles to the President, and he like
a man and an American President said,
"There is only one thing to do. That
is to treat my daughter's baggage as
you would the baggage of any other
private person. She will pay duty on
everything that is dutiable." He could
have said nothing else, and it is really
astonishing that a secretary of the
treasury should for a moment have any
doubt as to his clear duty in the pre-
mises. There were some sycophants in
the customs service who took the posi-
tion that Miss Roosevelt being who she
is and having been treated as a
princess should be granted royal favors
and the revenue laws suspended for her
benefit. Such public servants should
be dismissed. This reply to Secretary
Shaw is a lesson that should be learned
by all in government employ.

"DYING" PEARLS.

London Truth.
The late Mme. Thiers bequeathed a
pearl necklace valued at the date of
the bequest at \$100,000. It is under-
a glass case, which is let down every
evening into a cellar. The pearls are
found to be "dying"—that is to say,
losing their orient—for want of con-
tact with the human skin.

EXPLOSIVE DIAMONDS.

London Chronicle.
It is not uncommon for a diamond to
explode soon after it reaches the sur-
face; some have been known to burst
in the pockets of the miners or when
held in the warm hand, and the loss is
the greater because large stones are
more liable to explode or fly in pieces
than small ones. Valuable stones have
been destroyed in this way, and it is
whispered that cunning dealers are not
averse to allowing responsible clients to
handle or carry in their warm pockets
large crystals fresh from the mine. By
way of safeguard against explosion
some dealers induce large diamonds in
raw potatoes to insure safe transit to
England.

GREAT AMERICANS.

New York Mail.
It is well that the Hall of Fame fills
up slowly. All the great Americans
are not dead yet; some of the greatest
are doubtless not born yet. This year's
deferred elections have now added, be-
sides the names of Sherman, Lowell
and Whittier, those of Alexander Ham-
ilton, John Quincy Adams, James Man-
gum, John Paul Jones, Louis Agassiz,
Mary Lyon and Emma Willard. Three
or four of these names suggest the
question whether the Hall will have
room, by and by, for really great Amer-
icans who either have not been 19 years
dead or whose true greatness has not
been recognized by their contemporaries.

WHY NOT?

New Haven Register.
There is a good chance in these days
for some political party to insert a
plank in its platform to this effect:
"Thou shalt not steal." It might re-

vive a sort of interest in the eighth
commandment. To be sure, it is a bit
of ancient Hebrew legislation, and old-
fashioned, but what a topic it might
furnish for spellbinders in these days.
There would be undoubtedly a great
deal of interest in learning how a few
of our most prominent politicians un-
derstand and interpret such a plank.
It might give added zest to a campaign.
Of course the ancient Hebrews were a
blunt and matter-of-fact people, and
resolved a law at its face value. They
did not know how to take a law and
other things at considerably more than
the face value. They knew nothing
about the more refined modern methods
of getting things which Fraud Designe
law, or the subtle distinction between
an act that the law would call stealing
and another act that requires the wis-
dom of a whole legislature to decide
precisely what it is. In Missouri,
Philadelphia, New York, and, it is
darkly hinted, in some other states, too,
there is a state of affairs that might
be met by the blunt prohibition of a
Moses.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

"Secret of Vitality," "Drug Delu-
sions," "The Art of Sleeping," "How
Not to Worry," and "Musical Thera-
peutics," are among the features of
Health Culture for October. Many other
subjects of interest receive attention
in this number.—151 West 23rd St., New
York.

The National Geographic Magazine
for October has, as supplement, a map
of the Panama canal region, and a pa-
per on "The Panama Canal," by Rear
Admiral Cobby M. Chester. These are
precisely what you need in this Missouri.
Other articles are on "Progress on the
Panama Canal" and "The Great Canals
of the World."—Hubbard Memorial
Hall, Washington, D. C.

Out West for October has the follow-
ing list of contents: "Beautiful Hava-
su, the Great Arm of the Great Cali-
fornia," illustrated by Shariot M. Hall;
"Cayanan Mountain," by S. Leland;
"A Humming Bird's Nest," illustrated
by M. G. Jensen; "The Madrono,"
poem, by Genella Fitzgerald Nye;
"Marlin's Untraveled Road," illustrated
by J. Donahue, Jr.; "The Great Fish of
the Sun," poem, by Kathryn A. Turney;
"The Blue Fish of Bedale," illustrat-
ed, by Margaret Troll; "The Stream,"
poem, by Robinson Jeffers;
"The Godfather of Little Breaches,"
"Angelica, the Dragon," story, by Ma-
bel Rundell Abbott; "Some California
Possibilities," by A. J. Wells; "Hope,"
poem, by S. Raymond Jocelyn; "Poley's
Vandalism," by P. S. Leland; "The
Constant Ones," poem, by Nora May
French; "The First California News-
paper," III, by W. J. Handy; "In the
Lion's Den," (by the editor); "The
Southwest Society," Archaeological In-
stitute of America; "A Man and His
Hair," "The Landmarks Club," "The
Sequoia League," "To Make Better In-
dians," "That Which is Written"
(reviewed by G. A. Moody), and "San
Jose and the Santa Clara Valley."—Los
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