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THE ORIGINAL CHARGES.

To the Editor.

Green River, Utah, Dec. 9, 1903.-To settle a controversy please answer the following in your columns:

1. What were the first charges against Senator Smoot and where 2. Was he charged with polygamy in the first charges?

Please explain what constitutes

Yours truly, D. S. G. 1. The first charges were started in Salt Lake City, and were to the effect that he was an Apostle of the "Mormon" Church, and therefore should not be permitted to occupy the seat in the United States Senate to which he had been elected. The reasons advanced were, that his alleged "oath as an Apostle" was held by him as higher in importance than his oath of office would be. That in sending a high official of the "Mormon" Church to Congress, being associated with a body of men who, "self-appointed," assumed to direct their followers in everything, church and state would be virtually united. That in this association were men who were polygamists, and that therefore he condoned and advocated

2. He was not at first charged with practising poliygamy. A reckless preacher supplemented the first attempt with an affidavit that the senator-elect had a plural wife, but this was repudiated even by the objectors, and had no effect against the accused who was permitted to take his seat and was duly sworn in.

3. A charge against a Senator or Representative in Congress means an allegation, of some kind, that he is not eligible to serve in that capacity. This must be supported by sufficient facts and reasons in order to prevail or have weight with the body which has to determine the question. It will doubtless be fairly heard, and mere assertions will not stand without evidence or without reply.

ANOTHER REMINDER.

All the presiding authorities of the several Stakes and Wards of Zion, presidents of quorums and of auxiliary societies, and of all organizations that are required to impart instruction or give encouragement to young or old connected with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, have now been furnished with the latest instructions of the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric, on the duties of the Priesthood and the members of the Church in relation to tithing, its annual settlement, the proper keeping of records, the auditing of accounts and the returns and reports to be made to Stake clerks and the Presiding Bishop's office.

The new edition of the pamphlet containing these important reminders and requirements is in good shape and compact form, and no one need be in the dark or in doubt concerning that which is expected of every faithful and dill gent officer and member. We repeat our advice that they who receive the brochure will carefully study it, and then without delay proceed to do their duty as marked out therein. There is no time left for dallying if the necessary work is performed within the allotted time.

If by any mishap or error an officer who should have received a copy has failed to obtain it, let him write at once to the Presiding Bishop in this city and the omission will be immedi-

ately rectified. Now let every Latter-day Saint call upon the Bishop of his ward at the date designated, and make settlement for 1903, and let every item of instruction promulgated be carried into effeet, so that the Church may obtain that which is earnestly desired-a complete account of all the tithes paid in the current year, and a full report of the returns as provided for in the blanks and books sent to the Bishops everywhere!

There seems to have been some troubie at Alexandretta, in Asia Minor, between our consul and the police. Such troubles often arise in Turkish cities when the local officials erroneously uppose that they are at liberty to do whatever they please. Very often they take it into their heads to exercise autocratic powers, without regard to reaty rights, or established custom beween nations. Then they have to be eminded from Constantinonie that they must be cautious. Turkish officials are exasperating, but it must be admitted, too, that foreign representatives n Turkey are in the habit of treatug them with exasperating contempt. in the present case, it is alleged that a naturalized American, a former citizen of Turkey, was under arrest be ause he had traveled on a wrong passport, and because he had a considerble sum of money. The latter circumstance would render any traveler in Turkey under suspicion, for the simlive with comfort. He reason that the officials would naturally hope for a large backshish when the person was placed under arrest. The weather. illegation that the passport was wrong might be true, or not. It is easy to and a flaw in a passport, or Turkish the earth to the air. 'teskere." But the most faulty passport generally goes when accompanied by some money, a Turkish lira, or a medjidee, as the case may be. In this nstance, however, the consul seems to have given the officious police officer of the best examples of high finance. a beating instead of a backshish. At least, that is the complaint. Order has been given for an investigation of the occurrence. And that is well. Western

ever they are traveling in those re gions. POLITICS IN A CHURCH.

powers must, once in a while, remind

the Turks of their existence. If they

do not do so, their citizens will be sub

ject to all kinds of annoyances, when-

The New York Evening Sun notes, with expressions of astonishment, that the Methodist Episcopal brethren are at present engaged in a rather heated discussion concerning the filling of vacancies in several high ecclestastical positions. A number of bishops, it seems, are to be elected at the conference next spring, and that fact has started the excitement. The Zion's Herald, Boston, commenced by telling its readers what kind of men are need ed, and hinted at the possibility of the success of inferior candidates. This drew forth letters from clergymen, generally endorsing the remarks of the Herald. One wrote: "So much politics prevails, that I have no hope that the best men will be chosen." "Has not the general conference taught the ominous lesson," asked another, "that it is possible for any man who is able to poll a considerable vote to compel the body to elect him?" "Already," said another, "men are asserting that they have a right or some peculiar claim to be elected." "The general conference is a mob," was the startling assertion of another, "manipulated by a few men, and goes like a flock of sheep where the leader indicates. The few men who control a general conference are themselves 'officials' anxious for re-election, and therefore never dare act independently.

The writers of these epistles did not announce themselves as the candidates for the vacant offices. With noticeable tact they left something to the imagination of the readers.

The Zion's Herald saw in the agitation it had started a chance for popu-

larity, and made this novel proposition; "That the church at large may know what men are likely to be presented to the General Conference for the office of bishop, we will accept from any minister or layman in the connection nominations of candidates, with statement of qualifications, not to exceed in all 200 words. The favorable presenta-tion of ministers for this position by friends can do no harm to the mer mentioned, and will give those who de sire so to do plenty of time to inquire concerning their abilities, character and record. The names of those who make the nominations will not be published, but will be held as evidence of good faith by the editor. If a sufficient number of nominations are received,

they will be grouped in an early issue We do not know the inside workings of the denomination in question, but the proposition looks on the face of it as impudent interference with the work assigned to the conference, and not to the press. Some individuals, because they happen to be connected with a more or less popular periodical, fancy that their calling is to regulate public and private affairs, to save state and church from perdition, and to guide the universe itself. They talk, perhaps, of the proper sphere for this or that institution, but they forget that they themselves, too, have a proper sphere, to

leave which may be arrogance. The discussion is a striking illustration of the one great lack of modern churches. We cannot imagine a simflar agitation among the first Christians for places in the ministry, if not among those who thought the gift of God could be purchased for money, and who were severely rebuked. They had the infaltible guidance in such matters and could not err. There was no room for agitation except in prayer for that guldance. The modern churches are lacking in this respect. They do not even believe in direct divine guidance. No wonder that they substitute "polties" for revelation,

THE TIBET EXPEDITION.

Whether the Eritish expedition into Tibet results in a little war, or not, it a certain to open that terra incognita to the world. Many travelers have tried in vain to penetrate to the capital of that country? they have siways been turned back by the vigilant government officials. Sven Hedin is one of the explorers who in later years have made the altempt. He crossed the mountains on the north and plunged into ferritory as desolate as the moon. Having brought out his little caravan, he struck south in a desperate attempt to reach Lhassa. By that marvellous system of espionage which embraces in its service even the half-savage nomads of the great Chang wilderness, his design was reported to Lhassa, and by order of the Dalai lama he was turned back, and conducted to the frontier. Others

MORE TROUBLE IN TURKEY. have come within 100 miles of that mysterious city, but they have always failed so far to enter. It is therefore probable that Younghusband will have to fight his way through, if he will reach the goal. And the question arises whether the trade of the country is worth a war. Stories of the ferocity and cruelty of the Tibetans have been circulated, but, as it appears, without ground. Authentic accounts say that the Tibetans are rather good natured and gentle. They will show the tip of their tongues to strangers, and bring them sour milk and rancid butter, but otherwise they will treat them well. Many a traveler would have perished during the forced retreat from the country, but for the hospitality of the people there. Younghusband's expedition may therefore not be very dangerous, as far as the people there are conterned. Other dangers, however, are to be encountered. The climate is said to be very hard on strangers, the country being a high plateau where none, except those used to high altitudes can

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As yet it is not time for General Wood to sing, "Aint I glad to get out of the wilderness."

When it is said that Speaker Cannon is a dark horse they are merely trying to nag him.

Colombia does not seem to realize that Uncle Sam proposes to be cham pion on the Isthmus.

Mayor McNamee of Cambridge does

not approve of Harvard college. And vice versa, he doubt. That silver service was admitted into Cuba free of duty solely for the good

"The principle of the airship is cor rect, ' says Professor Langley. But O the practice of the airship!

of the military service.

The aerodrome cannot be called .. houseboat on the Styx, but it cannot be denied that it sticks on the houseboat.

New York and some other cities pro pose to give the death blow to the Mafia. A case of similar similibus cu-

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for Demalli to go through the guard lines at Scofield.

"Should widows be aided by the state?" asks the San Francisco Bulletin. Have ye not heard it said of old Beware of the "widders?"

The Massachusetts supreme court has decided that selling one's vote is no crime. Still it is a practice to be dis couraged rather than encouraged. The new Rockefeller baby has been

named Abby. It is not very stylish or aristocratic, but it will be found to be very "fetching" when the little lady grows up. The Brooklyn Eagle since it received Mr. Cleveland's declination of its nom-

ination has been screaming for another candidate. It is beginning to regard itself as the only genuine American eagle. Soft coal sells in Boston for four and a half dollars a ton. In Salt Lake it

sells for five. But then just think how

much nearer to Boston are the coal fields of Massachusetts than those of Utah are to Salt Lake, The new declaration on isthmian polcy-that the protected zone shall inslude not only the conceded strip but the whole Isthmus, is the adoption of

the policy of the candidate in Pickwick of "kissing them all." "Things strongly condemned must have merit, for why should the pack bay so loudly if there be no quarry, says Elbert Hubbard in the New York American. He must have been reading about the Congress of Mothers et id

genus and Senator Smoot,

Chicago and St. Louis are each after the national conventions. The Louisi ana Purchase exposition should give the city by the Father of Waters an advantage in the race. And she will need all the advantage she can get in running against Chicago.

LOTTERY FOR CUBA.

New York Mail and Express,

So a lottery there is to be; and it interesting to observe the at tempt of the Cubang to annex Amer an money in connection with it. New York agencies will be maintained this Cuban lottery there is no room to doubt. Steamships cannot be pre-vented from carrying lottery tickets of the money to pay the prizes—if there are any—though both of these may be kept out of the mail. Fortunately the work of preventing this traffic, so far as the law is able to prevent it, will fall upon the national authorities.

Philadelphia Record.

The Cuban senate has passed a bill to establish a national lottery, and the ouse will doubtless agree to it Newlands, of Nevada, may se this such evidence of incompatibility with certain social views of the people of the United States as to make annexation neither probable nor desira-

RETURNING TO EUROPE.

Chicago News. In the late autumn many foreigners, tive lands with the savings of one of more years, which they deem sufficien them in business in their cla homes. The period of construction which has been at its height for several years brought to the United States enormous numbers of foreign laborers. Most of the great works on which they have Demand for unskilled labor has

Foreigners who American wages during the time when available man was engerly every sought are now returning across the Atlantic with their savings. Some will return next spring, but most of them will invest their money in their native towns and will remain there perma-

San Francisco Chroniele.

The Italian peasantry are also accurrenced to enter France, Austria and Hungary to labor in the vineyards through the vintage season, and return to their homes after it has closed. It the present migration of European workers are a sign that the United States has been discovered to be a prouctive field of temporary industry i will prove to be something new in our experience, and may not be desirable to ncourage. Immigration has hither ing up our industries and settling our nent is a temporary invasion for the ourpose of merely earning money here and then carry it abroad, it introdifficult to satisfactorily solve.

Magdehurger Zeitung. Let us think more frequently than we to of the yawning abysa that would been before us if we were bereft of this ife, so filled with ideality, so all-emlife, so filled with ideality, so all-embracing in the comprehensiveness of its aniltheses, Ever on the alert, ever ready to proclaim and strive for peace as well as for those adorning arts which grace existence, immediately thereafter betaking himself to the armed camp or to the battle-ship's deck, ebedient to the stern summons of his dury the life of the flary monarch his duty, the life of this flery monarch goes on, more to the admiration of for-

taken from us.

The North American Review closes the year with a number of notable ex-cellence. Wayne MacVeagh, one of the counsel for the United States before the Hague tribunal, writes on of the Venezuelan Arbitration to the Hague Tribunal." Goldwin Smith contributes the first part of a review of "Mr. Morley's Life of Gladstone." De metrius C. Boulger offers a defence against the recent "Attack on the Congo Free State." W. L. Scruggs considers the relation between "Citizenship and Suffrage." Col. W. C. Church, edi-tor of the Army and Navy Journal, traces a connection between "Increasing Desertions and the Abolition of the Army Canteen." Ernest Crosby indi-cates what, in his judgment, would have happened "If the South had been Allowed to Go." P. T. McGrath suggests that there may be "A New Anglo-American Dispute" in the question whether Hudson Bay is or is not a closed sea, "Defensor" replies to "An-glo-American's" recent "Indictment of the British Monarchy." A group of three articles deals with "The Revoluttor on the Isthmus" from three dif-ferent points of view. Mr. Henry James' novel, "The Ambassadors," is concluded in this number,—New York.

Poem," by Kate Thomas, (frontisplece; "Judgment," Annie Pike; "Build for the Future" (with portrait of Apostle Matthias F. Cowley), Matthias F. Cowley; "Some Christmas Customs in Norway,"
Anna C. Gaarden Widtsoe; "Before the
Dawn," Edyth Ellerbeck; "The Spirit
of Christmas," Ruth Hamilton; "The
Reconciliation of Dick and Dorothy,"
Kate Thomas; "A Prayer," Jean; "Suggestions for Christmas" (illustrated), Aunt Christine Aunt Christine; "Sheaves; A Sequel to Love that Avails," Josephine Spencer; The Element of Law in Jewish Life, Rabbi Louis G. Reynolds; "Under the Mistletoe," Leslie; "Slumber Song," words by Ruth Eldredge, music by John J. McClellan; "The Beauty Brigade," Emma Maude Petterson; "accidents and Sudden Illness"—XII—"Poisons and Their Antidotes," Leah D. Widtsoe; "The Gift External," Emily Notes: "Guide Department: Book of Doctrine and Covenants. Lessons XIX

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eign lands, it would seem, than of his own people. Yes, let us think of all that is involved in this life to ourselves. All devils would rejoice were this life

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