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## DECEPTIVE "DEMONSTRATION."

Merely for the sake of pointing out the particular kind of logic the anti-Mormon" article is making use of for the purpose of keeping its dupes in line, we again refer to its so-called demonstration of church domination in politics.

Its "demonstration" amounts to this: The Utah vote has sometimes been Republican and sometimes Democratic; therefore, the Church has swayed the vote. In 1891 Ezra Thomsen was elected, and in 1893 Mr. Morris, and so on. Therefore, the Church influenced the citizens. That is the "demonstration."

Has there been no change of vote in other states? According to figures at hand, Wisconsin in 1899 elected a Republican governor by 1,726 majority. In 1892 the vote for governor was Democratic by practically the same majority. In 1896 Wisconsin was Democratic in the choice of President, and in 1900 overwhelmingly Republican. Think of the Church influence exercised to bring about these results!

Minnesota in 1902 elected a Republican governor and in 1906 a Democrat. The Presidential election in Indiana went Republican in 1872; Democratic in 1876; Republican in 1880; Democratic in 1884; Republican in 1888; Democratic in 1892; Republican in 1896 and following elections. Here is another "demonstration" of "Mormon" Church influence that seems to have escaped the observation of anti-Mormon" logicians. Are the readers and patrons of the daily falsifier so dense that they accept a clumsy fallacy that would be a disgrace to a tyro, for demonstration?

The anti-Mormon" sheet has everything at stake on a continuation of the government from the maladministration of which the City now is suffering. In order to hold its forces in line, and catch others, it resorts to the falsehood that the "Mormon" Church is planning to take control of City affairs. By repeating this lie it hopes to keep on the warpath, first the crowd that exists on gambling, drinking, robbery and all kinds of vices; secondly, the bigoted element that hates a "Mormon" for no other reason than his belief in the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph. By misstatements it hopes to keep its two wings of the anti-Mormon" army—the patrons of dens of sin and the worshippers in churches—loyal to its cause of graft. That is the entire secret of its daily repeated falsehood concerning political plots by the Church.

Salmon-fishers used to stretch their nets across the rivers and then make a noisy splash with their oars some distance from the net. The salmon fled from the noise only to be caught in the net. They fled from an imaginary danger, only to perish in the real, deadly trap.

The anti-Mormon" organ employs similar methods. It has set its trap. Its noise about the "Mormon" menace is but for the purpose of driving the voters into that trap. But, will the citizens of this city act like the denizens of the deep and flee from an imaginary danger, only to be caught in the net? The real menace to this community is the prevalence of that for which the anti-Mormon" sheet fights in vain. The city has already been run into debt to the limit, and over; graft and incompetency are visible everywhere. Higher taxation is the price the citizens pay for the maladministration of its affairs. It will take years before the wrongs already done can be rectified. The problems that confront the citizens now are not those related to Church domination in politics, but the domination of pirates who are fighting both Democrats and Republicans in order to retain their hold upon the offices and the money belonging to the people. That is the real problem.

## RIGHT ABOUT FACE!

For a good many months we have been hearing about, and demonstrating the value of the so-called "get acquainted" excursions. We hope to hear more of them and witness additional evidences of their worth from time to time. They have gone on of this city in all directions, now and then crossing the border lines into other states and trade connections made where they did not exist before, all of which is commendable and advantageous. But there is another very important side to the "get acquainted" campaign, and that is being shamefully neglected. Our merchants do not hesitate to spend money freely or to give generously of their time for excursions as they are now run. But it does not seem to have occurred to them, or to others, for the matter of that, that it is about time that some big "get acquainted" excursions should be run into Salt Lake. All outgo and no income is no more round in the advertising of a town than it is in any other line of business. It is time for a right about face on this policy. But how? That is a question for the Commercial club, the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, the Real Estate association and railroad companies through their passenger agents to answer. If a few gentlemen, representing these organizations will get together in an earnest and determined manner it will not be long before we will witness beneficial results. And there is no one who would profit so much by a series of excursions as would these interests. Of course, the whole city

would come in for a share of the accruing benefits but the railroads would get the first money, with the merchants and real estate men following immediately after.

We submit that these thoughts are worthy of serious attention and respectfully, but none the less earnestly, urge the interests named to favorably consider and act upon them. It is not necessary to enumerate at this time what we have to offer strangers who come into our midst. Our resources, attractions and opportunities for profitable investment speak for themselves. Let us have some incoming excursions and witness the results.

## TO INVADE UTAH FIELDS.

It will be seen from an article in another column of this issue of the "News" that within the next thirty days one hundred or more of the most prominent business men of Omaha will pay a brief visit to Salt Lake on a whirl over the western country into which they are extending their trade relations as rapidly as possible. They announce that they are not coming on a selling expedition but that they are merely looking over the field, and that their mission is simply to promote good-fellowship and friendly feeling, all of which Salt Lake merchants will be very glad to reciprocate. We trust that they will be given a hearty welcome by our own commercial club and that every possible manifestation of hospitality and kindness will be extended them on their brief sojourn among us. According to the Omaha newspapers the pilgrimage is for the purpose of finding a market west of the Rocky mountains for the products of Nebraska manufacturers and business men. Their trip will be an extensive one and will cover about five thousand miles and will include visits to Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Utah, with possible side committee trips into Nevada, where Utah business men are now competing with Los Angeles merchants for trade in that state.

Already the competition is very keen there though Salt Lake and Ogden jobbers have established many new connections in a trade way and at present have rather the advantage over other solicitors in that section. That is also true in each of the other states into which the Omaha expedition will go, with one or two exceptions in certain lines of business. It looks very much as though the men from the Missouri river have an eye to the main chance and that they propose to secure a stronger foothold all over the west. That should be a sufficient notice to all of our own merchants though it should in no wise diminish the warmth of the greeting or the cordiality of the reception and entertainment to the visitors when they arrive. Their stay should in every way be made pleasant and of such character as will cause them to say, "Salt Lake is a good town to live in and do business with."

## FALLING METEORS.

According to the Topeka Herald a huge meteor fell recently on Roy Farrell Greene's farm in Bolton township, a few days ago. The account goes on to say that Mr. Greene was awakened from his sleep by a shriek as of a dozen locomotives whistling. An instant later there was a flash, brighter than any lightning flash, followed by a report as loud as that of a cannon. As soon as daylight came he began a further investigation, and found his neighbors were doing the same thing. They had all been awakened by the flash and the report and were busy looking for an explanation of it. Greene found the huge piece of rock lying about sixty rods south of his house and partially buried in the ground. He broke off several pieces of the rock and was exhibiting them in the city. All of those to whom these pieces were shown claim they never saw any rock of a like formation.

It is curious to reflect on the fact that this rock has, perhaps, at one time been part of a world with living beings, circling about some sun somewhere in space; and that the fate of our own globe, ultimately, after the consummation of the divine plans and purposes, may be to be broken up in fragments and strewn about the universe, in the shape of glowing meteors.

According to Flammarion the planets will, in time, lose all heat, as well as water, air, liquid, gases, and life will have disappeared. The cause of this transformation is the loss of heat of the sun. The spots of the sun, Flammarion says, will have increased in number, and this great luminary will have been exhausted of its heat by its long radiation into space. When millions of centuries shall have passed, this loss of heat will have become so great that all organisms on the planets will perish to give place to new beings constituted to live in the cold. But an age will come when the sun, first growing dark red, then obscure, will cease to be the source of heat to the family of planets. The days shall be turned into nights, and there will be no longer either spring or summer. The worlds, dark and heavy, will revolve like black balls around another black ball. The heavens will have become unrecognizable, the earth decrepit, dried up, disintegrated, will have fallen into fragments which, spreading themselves along her orbit, will continue to revolve around the dead sun. Diminutive skeletons revolving around a giant skeleton, aerolites carrying into darkness the last fragments of a formerly inhabited earth, they will, perhaps, be enveloped in its passage by some hyperbolic comet which, carrying some of them with it in its course, will scatter them in another system on some unknown planet, whose inhabitants, gathering them up to preserve them under glass in a museum, will analyze them, without finding in them any clue to the history of the globe whence they came.

Whether this prognostication is correct in all its details, may be doubted. "The heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word (that brought about the deluge) are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. . . . But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also, and the works that are therein, shall be burned up." This inspired fore-

cast seems to indicate that some sudden catastrophe, due to fire, is to be expected, rather than a gradual cooling off of the sun and consequent death and destruction. But it is no doubt, true, that the material of old worlds is used by the almighty Architect in the construction of new planets and systems of planets. For matter is eternal and indestructible.

## THE FUTURE OF EUROPE.

The future of Europe is just now a matter of serious concern to Dr. Max Nordau, who declares that that continent will not be able very much longer to escape a great and violent rending asunder of its nationalities. He sees a tremendous "inevitable catastrophe," above which is hanging by a very slender thread, the sword of Damocles destined to destroy the lives of millions, after which there will be but four or five nations, each one mistress of her own house. But before that great and dreadful day there will be certain signs which he thinks may be clearly read by the student of history. These he finds to be in ample evidence at the present time.

According to his view it will simply be another application of the law of the survival of the fittest. Only the most powerful nations will endure, and such of the smaller ones as will be in a position to secure an independent, national, political constitution, if necessary expelling or suppressing the foreign elements that are settled among them. Before people now living there is to be much distress and bloodshed, many acts of violence and crime. Nations are to be ragged against and whole races pitilessly crushed. Side by side with tragedies of human baseness will be played roles of lofty heroism. Hordes of cowards will suffer themselves to be slain without resistance, and entire armies will perish bravely in the sanguinary conflicts.

Such is the gloomy picture that is painted for the twentieth century by the pessimistic Nordau as a culmination of the dramatic events that are now shaping. It may be that he is right, and as he avers that universal peace will not come until after all this has transpired.

In San Francisco neither the walking nor the riding is good.

Some keep early hours, some late hours, and some keep watches.

The Murray smelter having opened again now will the strikers be good?

Some politicians build fences, others hedge, while a few stand like a stone wall.

What more natural than that Steel King Corey should be charmed with a corypheus?

Having defeated Harvard on the Charles, Columbia thinks it is the gem of the ocean.

Spring would seem but gloomy weather if we had nothing else but windy spring.

Mexico can well afford to ignore Guatemala's offense, but Guatemala cannot afford to repeat it.

Of course all the people can't be fooled all the time but enough can generally be fooled to carry an election.

A Panama canal digger says the men are arrested if they ask for a second helping at mealtime. Simply a case of arrested development.

A Paris student asserts that most great men are smooth shaven. If that were so how could they be heard in their den as they sometimes are?

The official program for the entertainment of General Kuroki contains no announcement of any function to be given in his honor by Baron Rosen.

And now comes a scientist and says the moon is green. Nothing new in that. It is a tradition in all well conducted nurseries for children that the moon is made of green cheese.

And now it is reported Mr. Schwab wants to sell his \$3,500,000 residence on Riverside drive, New York. He has made the discovery for himself that one can have too much of a good thing.

One of the meanest men that ever lived is a Pole named Strobowski who had an old sweetheart of his, now married to a Chicago man, arrested in Silesia for lese majeste for attacks she had made in her love letters, on the emperor's Polish policy. Strobowski is a polecat.

In these piping times of peace and prosperity, even railroad accidents show a great increase. For the quarter ending with last December, as reported by the Interstate commerce commission, 474 persons were killed on the railroads of the United States in train accidents. There were 3,965 collisions and derailments, 501 of which affected passenger trains. In 21 out of 40 notable wrecks carelessness was the primary cause. The total of casualties to passengers and employees for the quarter was 20,944, an increase of 1,904 over the preceding quarter.

The Pall Mall Gazette, commenting on the agitation to establish in London a special court for the trial of juvenile offenders, says: "A magistrate who specialized in juvenile offenders would unquestionably be more severe to them than a magistrate who has before him in the ordinary course of his business murderers, blackmailers and every sort of mature criminal. He would say to himself: 'You are a bad child.' You are worse than most children. Such and such an evil must befall you.' Whereas, the ordinary magistrate regards a child—any child, however bad—as a pleasing change from the murderer and blackmailer. To him it is simply a child and he deals with it tenderly." There is something in the view expressed. If not constantly on the guard, a judge having to do constantly and exclusively with children might be inclined to consider all children as prone to evil. Only the wisest and best of men should be made judges of juvenile courts.

## GREAT BRITAIN IN INDIA.

New York Evening Post.  
The situation that now confronts Great Britain in India calls for skillful handling. The disorders in the Punjab have an element of seriousness which is lacking in the anti-British agitation in Bengal, since the inhabitants of the Punjab have by no means the unfavorable reputation of the Bengalees. The province is the home of the Sikh, and is not unacquainted with Kipling's Pathan. In Bengal, demonstrations have been confined to speech-making and boycotting. In Lahore, there has been ominous rioting. Now, the Punjab is not far from the north-west frontier, that tenderly sensitive nerve in the line of the British defense. What will be the effect of sedition on the restless tribes of the frontier? What on Habibullah Khan of Afghanistan, who has just returned from a visit to his good friend, Lord Minto? What will be the effect further still across the Pamir in Russia's Transcaspian territories? The London Times calls the events at Lahore an "unpleasant reminder of certain disquieting features in the condition of India," and calls for strong measures.

## GEN KUROKI IN AMERICA.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.  
The Emperor of Japan has sent as his country's representative to the Jamestown exposition Gen. Kuroki, the Japanese general best known in this country, and probably the ablest of that brilliant galaxy of leaders who have made Japan a power in the world. Kuroki came into the world's view early in the struggle and increased his fame at every step of the war, from the passage of the Yalu and the Yodo, through the fighting for the possession of Lion-Yang and the final struggle in front of and around Mukden. More recent than any other of the several army commanders, with perhaps the exception of Nodzu, the taking of Port Arthur, Kuroki established his fame. Nor is this to overlook the general-in-chief Oyama for it is coming to be understood that the directing mind of the whole war on Japan's side was the chief-of-staff, Kodama, by whose recent death Japan lost her Moltke.

## JUST FOR FUN.

Dentist (prodding a patient's gum in search of a fragment of root)—"Funny, I don't seem to feel it."  
Patient (dronical in spite of the pain)—"You're in luck!"—Ex.

## Grateful for Refusal.

"I would like to get off early this afternoon," said the clerk, "as my wife wants me to beat some carpets."  
"Can't possibly do that," said the employer. "We're too busy."  
"Thank you, sir," Milwaukee Sentinel.

## Some Youthful Definitions.

Among the answers to questions at a recent school examination were the following interesting examples of youthful misinformation: "Gross ignorance is 144 times as bad as just ordinary ignorance." "An anchorite is an old-fashioned hermit sort of fellow who has anchored himself to one place." "The liver is an infernal organ." "Vacuum is nothing but the air sucked out of it put up in a pickle bottle—it is very hard to get."—Harper's Bazar.

## Two Hearts; Two Wives.

A remarkable court decision in a bigamy case has been handed down at Perugia, Italy, where Charles Balliori, a tailor, was acquitted of a charge of having two wives on the ground that he has two hearts. Four physicians testified that Balliori had two hearts, and the court at once decided that this was ample reason for him to marry two women.—London Daily Mail.

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