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### A CLEVER WOMAN'S VIEWS OF UTAH.

Mrs. E. L. SAXON, who recently spent some time in Utah for the purpose of studying the "Mormon problem" on the spot, has written up some of her impressions for the New Orleans Times-Democrat. We have seen two of her letters, which appeared in that paper on December 8th and December 15th, respectively.

Mrs. Saxon writes without malice and without fear. Some minor error occur, but they are chiefly chargeable, we suppose, to the type-setters instead of the correspondent. The lady gives graphic and pleasant descriptions of various buildings and points of interest in Salt Lake City, and mentions favorably several of our leading citizens. An interview with President Taylor is briefly reported, and accounts are given of social visits with ladies and gentlemen at their homes, where she had the opportunity of learning something of "Mormon" domestic affairs. After studying the situation in this way, she says:

"I assure you that this people is not one of the perishing peoples of this world. Never have I met such a 'zeal for the Lord,' such devout, earnest, prayerful religion. I can think of nothing else in the world, except the Jews, who have been so faithful to the covenants, as I hear these men, who made the trip over the Rocky Mountains with Young, recall the evidences of God's power shown in their behalf in the exodus from happy homes to the desert and the rocky fastnesses of the mountains, hunted by fire and sword."

"The 'Mormon' method of settling difficulties without recourse to legislation is explained and it is shown how this displeases 'Gentile' judges and lawyers and excites their opposition. Here is a paragraph in relation to the tithing system:

"This afternoon a prominent man and woman called to see me about lecturing here, and one of them said they 'never had seen a collection taken up in any meeting among their people.' This turned our conversation on 'tithing,' and the whole character of the church government passed under review. I must say I think almost any way of keeping up religious worship better than the existing Sunday collections, and I have always thought the tithing system of the Moslems the best for sustaining a church. I know that this is in contradiction to our ideas, but a 'Mormon' 'hierarchy' show you its benefits, and they show up like tricks in a row, in contrast with our fair, and shows and tabernacles, and raising funds for the same purpose."

Mrs. Saxon attended one of the meetings of the ladies' Relief Society and thus describes it: "A hymn was first sung by an audience of some three hundred women, of all ages and stations in life; then a fervent, soul-stirring prayer of thanksgiving and praise for all God's goodness and mercies. The women came from various precincts of juvenile work, read by the secretary of each one—girls from 11 to 15 years of age. These girls were very pretty and lady-like, and displayed splendid training in a practical manner."

In regard to educational matters in Utah, Mrs. Saxon learned that common rumors are densely incorrect. Her remarks on this subject: "The charge has been brought that they do not educate the young among the Mormons. The refutation of this in the fact that I have been unexpectedly in their seminary schools in the wards, and the teachers seemed glad of my coming, and displayed their classes in every way with commendable pride. Truth compels it too—the children are very pretty, have lovely developed forms, and are very quick and bright."

A full description is given of the Assembly Hall and the services therein, and the subject of plural marriage is contrasted with the views of social life in the world is handled delicately but pointedly, and the writer's conclusions are thus related: "My own theory has been that cordial relations established between the people of the Territory and the better class of the Gentile world would go far toward the breaking down of the plural marriage. I can well understand now why they themselves shrink from the contact. It is not fear, nor is it hesitation to have their relations to each other known, but it is the full certainty of the cruel manner in which their religious views have been misunderstood."

Every question that I have asked has been answered as fearlessly as it could be, and every position defended in the ablest way."

Mrs. Saxon wishes it to be understood that she does not attempt to defend the institutions of the "Mormons" but to report them fairly, and adds:

"My experience in reform work tells me that too many evils are in our own society, and even if called sinners, or advocates them anywhere, or advocate them to break down any institution that only the slow process of light, law and reason can destroy."

In her second letter written after further opportunities for acquiring information, which she sought from persons of every shade of opinion on the main questions, she says:

"Twelve days in Salt Lake, with an absolute determination to see for one's self, will satisfy anybody that the 'leaves and fishes,' for radical office-holders, is of more importance in this Utah trouble than anything else. A radical Gentile said the other day, 'A Southern person could not understand Mormon politics.' First, but and always, it looks so entirely like a chapter of politics among Southern people were familiar with, we feel as if we had some faint idea of its similarity. If plural marriage did not, and never had existed in the Mormon Church, the same trouble that they are having over that, as an excuse, would still exist in the solid democracy of Utah."

Reference is made to the hospitality of the Saints, the general belief in Biblical prophecy and the genuine sincerity observable, and the result of visits and observations is stated as follows:

"I have been admitted to the hospitality of Mormon homes, both high and low, and placed on such

footings that I can go at any moment, unexpectedly into their homes at pleasure. I have been invited into the homes of those who respect the Mormonism and in a way sympathize with them; have sought conversation with the most rabid 'Mormon-haters,' and after a week's observation feel inclined to retract a statement made."

In regard to the reports about the subject of the women, circulated with a view to prejudice the cause of woman suffrage in Utah, Mrs. Saxon says:

"I find that Mormon women have pretty good ideas of their own, and express themselves with as much readiness as any women do. That they voted for the men of the Territory who are candidates instead of men who are against them, I think any sensible man will admit is about the right thing to do on their part. My firm conviction is, that if their religion didn't suit them, and if they were not honest and zealous in it, they would soon make things lively for the men who are engaged in it."

The writer descends upon the kind feeling exhibited towards domestic life in "Mormon" families, the brotherhood and sisterhood existing among all classes, the industry of the people, the co-operative system and the property rights of women. On the last subject she falls into a few errors, stating that "the property laws are less favorable than in most States." This is probably due to incorrect information derived from some of those "Mormon-haters" whom she visited, for the very reverse of her remark is the truth of the matter, as reference to Utah Statutes will demonstrate. A very pleasing account is given of a "Mormon" surprise party which the writer attended in honor of a "Mother in Israel," showing the affection which unites the members of families, so different to that which is generally supposed in the world. The annexed paragraph is so just and true, though contrary to popular ideas, that we must find space for it:

"To the thousands of Americans to whom the word Mormon conveys only one meaning, and that 'polygamy,' my letter may seem a very queer one, that it does not tell out upon them for that and all else. The Mormons were persecuted and driven from Kirtland before the revelation concerning polygamy was given to them, and to-day they are surrounded by circumstances that should, if truly known, touch the heart of every generous man with sympathy. Loyal to the government, they have from the very outset been held as aliens, and to read of that marvelous journey of over a thousand miles fleeing for safety to the mountains, and of the efforts of Brigham Young and his co-workers in making this land what it is—enough to arouse sympathy and respect for the efforts of any honest people, and will eventually, when men and women dare to be honest enough to tell the truth, lead to a re-consideration of the 'Mormon' question. I am not a 'Mormon,' but I am a Christian, and I say it now, fearless of contradiction, that the whole thing lies in a row, in contrast with our fair, and shows and tabernacles, and raising funds for the same purpose."

Mrs. Saxon quotes the inquiry of one of the Commissioners: "Where are your paupers or people in want? I see none of them. Have you hidden them away?" and endorses the statement that the "Mormons" take care of their own poor and "there is neither an orphan asylum or a poor house in the Territory." The second letter concludes as follows:

"There are thousands of the Mormons, devoted religionists, who do not believe in polygamy, but hold their religion dear as life. And as it is explained to me, the whole thing is a very plain, practical, sensible sort of belief, and seems to give some very intelligent people a 'mighty slight of comfort.' If the Times-Democrat does not soon so much truth in regard to 'Mormonism,' or is not blameworthy till it is scared for publishing letters on the other side of this question, we may expect to see other communications on this subject from the pen of a lady who, having had the courage to go down into the haunts of sin and misery to search for possible victims to man's inhumanity and lust from shame and degradation, was not afraid to look at Utah as it is, without the glasses which have been framed by popular opinion and colored by prejudice, nor to speak that which she experienced and testify of that which she beheld. Her letters have the merit of originality, in that they are not repetitions of common allegations or pictures painted to correspond with popular fallacies. They are written with a desire for accuracy, and Mrs. Saxon deserves credit for her consistency and ability."

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#### AMERICAN.

##### LATEST BY LIGHTNING.

NEW YORK, 25.—A Wall Street paper says: Some people seem to think that the Central Pacific people have got control of Pacific mail, and that would cause the rail on the Denver & Rio Grande yesterday.

##### Sister's suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, 27.—A Tucson dispatch says: Sergeant Rufus Somerville, of the Sixth Cavalry, committed suicide at Fort Lowell, Arizona, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He was a graduate of West Point, formerly Lieut. of the Sixth Cavalry, and was sent to Tucson on account of drunkenness and misconduct. His suicide was attributed to drink.

##### Killed in a Quarrel.

LOUISVILLE, 26.—Col. Crawford, in Lewis County, killed Pent Lyons. Both were drunk and quarreled over a girl.

##### Fatal Fire.

FAIRFIELD, Maine, 27.—The main building of the Somerset Fibre Company was burned this morning. The huge digester becoming heated by the flames, exploded, throwing the machine in all directions. People were killed by a falling iron pipe. The loss is \$55,000; insured.

##### A Big Blaze.

MAISON, 27.—English & Huesman's warehouse, containing 2,250 bales of cotton and large amount of gunpowder, was burned early this morning. The grocery of Henry & Shawwood was also consumed. Loss, \$110,000; insurance \$55,000.

##### Bomb on Mount Vernon.

WASHINGTON, 27.—The Japanese Prince and suite, in company with the Secretary of State, war, navy, treasury, Gen. Sherman, members of the diplomatic corps and others

attended on foreign affairs and foreign relations, have gone to Mount Vernon on the Dispatch.

#### WAYS THAT ARE DARK.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., 27.—Chief Justice Park has decided that the black ballots used by the democrats in the city election are illegal and void. This decision gives the entire municipal government to the republicans.

#### SHOT DEAD.

PRINCETON, 27.—This morning at one o'clock James Clark shot and killed his wife in a Sixth Avenue Baglio. Clark is a member of a well known family and his wife has for years borne a reputation.

#### Eleventh Railway.

CHICAGO, 27.—The elevated railroad scheme comes before the Council this evening, and the projectors hope to get to work at once and have it completed in two years. They are to begin on the south side of the city, and the cars are to run 14 feet high. It is claimed that if money had not been used freely in the New York project, the plan, instead of the present one, would have been adopted. It is a faster and less costly method.

#### The Next President.

It is stated that a few evenings since a conference was held here attended by a number of leading republican politicians to discuss the coming presidential campaign. It was believed that McDonald of Ind., would be nominated by the democrats, but it was not believed that either Conkling, Blaine, Arthur, Windom, Grant or Logan would fill the republican bill and head party differences. Col. Tilden found many warm supporters, but it was said he was too young yet. Ben Harrison was favored by others, but after a careful analysis of the strong and weak points of each man, it was finally decided that Senator Edmunds of Vermont and Senator James Wilson of Iowa, would be the best names for the presidential ticket that the republicans could nominate. The more the ticket, Edmunds and Wilson, was discussed the more it grew in favor, and a sentimentality in the reports of the understanding that an organized effort would be made to secure the nomination of this ticket.

#### FOREIGN.

LATEST TRANS-ATLANTIC DISPATCHES.

##### Representative as Home.

ROME, 27.—England proposes to accredit a diplomatic resident in the Vatican on the same footing as the representative of Prussia. The Pope acquiesced.

##### The House of Hapsburg.

VIENNA, 27.—The entire population is preparing to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the house of Hapsburg. The Emperor, Empress and Crown Prince arrived this morning. They will receive numerous deputations and addresses from prominent Austrian corporations.

##### Impending Famine.

LONDON, 27.—Acting Governor of Iceland, the Bishop and other persons of note, in a communication to the Times, say that notwithstanding the large donations received there must be great distress from want of food in Iceland during the winter.

#### BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Emperor William has regained his usual health.

The French Government introduced into the Chambers a credit of 1,275,000 francs for Debraza's expedition.

The Roman Central Bureau of the Senate reported unanimously in favor of the parliamentary oath bill.

At Cedar Rapids, Ia., three rail mills of Douglas, Stuart and Forest have shut down because oats are so high.

The socialists of Chicago, in meeting last night heard a long address of E. J. Moser, who spoke in a moderate vein, about the same as in New York.

A Vienna dispatch says: Reports received from all parts of the Empire show the 60th anniversary of the founding of the house of Hapsburg being celebrated with the greatest enthusiasm.

Oscar Wilde called to-day. Few friends said goodbye.

At Syracuse, N.Y., Annie O'Brien drawing water, fell into the stream. The mother, trying to rescue her, both were drowned.

Funeral services of Sister Artemesia Beaman Snow.

Meeting convened in St. George Tabernacle at 10 a.m. Friday, 23d December, 1892, to attend the funeral service over the remains of Sister Artemesia Beaman Snow, wife of Apostle Erastus Snow, who departed this life at thirty minutes past midnight, 21st December, 1892.

President J. D. T. McAllister, presiding.

With the casket containing the remains of the deceased was being brought in, a requiem was played upon the organ by Sister Mary A. G. Baker.

The hymn commencing, "Creation Speaks with Aweful Voice," was sung by the choir.

Prayer was offered by Elder A. R. Whitcomb. Singing by the choir of hymns commencing, "This Morning Flowers Dispersed." The morning flowers were then read.

Some notes on the life of the deceased were handed in by the family and read by Elder James G. Bleak. From these it appeared that Sister Artemesia was the daughter of Alva Beaman and Sarah Burdette, and was born on the 12th of December, 1832, at Livonia, Livingston County, New York. She was baptized into the Church in an early day and moved, with her parents, to Kirtland, Ohio, where her father died in 1842. Her mother and two sisters, Mary and Louisa, moved with the family to Missouri, and she was married, at Far West, to Elder Erastus Snow on the 12th of December, 1849.

When the Temple at Nauvoo was ready for ordination, Sister Artemesia was one of those who officiated in administering the holy ordinances. She was the mother of eleven children—eight sons and three daughters.

She early gave her consent for her husband to enter into the patriarchal order of marriage, which he did in 1844. Decidedly, Sister Artemesia was the first woman who left in February, 1846, and in traveling to Utah drove a team across the plains.

President McAllister made some remarks on the virtues of the deceased as a Saint, wife and mother. He read from the Book of Mormon, and Book of Revelation, chap. 6, beginning at the 5th verse.

Sister Mary Snow Gates desired to say a few words. Said she and Artemesia had known each other from girlhood, had been intimate with her since and had never known her to give expression to an angry feeling.

Sister Margaret Small bore testimony to the virtues of the deceased.

President Henry Ryding made a few remarks.

Elder Charles Smith referred to the deceased as pre-eminent in her saint-like course and conversation. He referred to the self-sacrificing nature of Sister Artemesia in early days in Nauvoo in acting as a Sarah in giving a wife and companion to her beloved husband.

President McArthur said he took pleasure in stating that he had been acquainted with the deceased from the days of Kirtland till the present and had never heard anything derogatory to her character as a Saint, wife or mother, but had heard many testimonies in her praise.

Bishop David H. Cannon bore testimony to the good words which he had spoken of the deceased. He had heard Brother Snow's other wives say that she had been to them and their children a mother in Israel in word and in deed; and was evinced in what was before us this day, here are children now on hearing of the expected demise of Sister Artemesia, hastened from the Northern parts of the Territory to see her before her death.

Sister Minerva W. Snow bore testimony to the truth of what had been averred in this meeting. She said: Sister Artemesia has been to me a Mother in Israel and a Companion for forty years. She has been a wise counselor to me and to my children. I do not bear this testimony now because she has departed, I have always borne it. I have borne it for forty years. Her precepts and example have been noble and self-sacrificing. I do not know how to testify, but I have been more so. I feel exhorted, and believed every member of our family feel to emulate the life and virtues of my departed sister and companion.

Singing Page 184 "Sister thou wast mild and lovely."

Benediction by Elder James G. Bleak.

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