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FOR MINISTERS TO CONSIDER.

Christian ministers of Utah and others interested in religious work might find it profitable at times to look over their accounts with a view of ascertaining just what the benefit of their alliance with anti-Mormons is.

When the political plotters sounded the bugle in every direction as a signal for anti-Mormon hosts to rally, many of the professed Christians hastened to take their places in the ranks. They were not ignorant of the fact that those ranks were largely filled up by an element that ought to be abhorrent to those who heed the Scriptural injunction against forming unholy alliances. But they rallied under the same banner, and so the strange spectacle was presented to the world of Christians and the enemies of the Cross, ministers and give-keepers, standing shoulder to shoulder in a crusade against the Latter-day Saints. What have the religious people gained? The other wing have secured control of city offices and been in a position to squander public money for the benefit of their faithful slaves. They have been in a position to protect gamblers and deserters of the Sabbath, and divide with them the profits. But what have the Christian element gained by their unnatural alliance?

This was, of course, formed for the purpose of breaking up the Church. The ministers and their friends have but that one end in view. They do not admit that openly. They declare against the immorality of the "Mormons," as if anyone in political alliance with the keepers of dens of iniquity had the right to pose as the guardians of morals. They inveigh against the alleged mixture of church and state, while they themselves would invoke the entire power of the United States and every other country to help them in their unholy war. They would not even spare military assistance, could they have it. They prove them, that neither morals nor the sanctity of the American principles of government that separate church and state, are of any concern to them. They want the overthrow of a religious denomination which they consider as odious as the Romans did the Nazarenes. They assisted in the vicious attack upon Senator Reed Smoot, because they hoped it would lead to the disfranchisement of every "Mormon" citizen, and that, they thought, would cause many to apostatize. They applauded when apostates emptied their polluted vials of wrath against the leaders of the Church who are far above them as was Stephen, the martyr, above his assassins, because they hoped that such vile tactics, which ought to have been condemned by every honorable man and woman, would help to make apostates. They witnessed with glee the idiotic efforts to throw doubt upon the honesty of the men who keep the accounts of the Church, because they expected it would cause apostasy. They even encouraged Reorganize preachers to come and try their skill at making apostates. What have they gained? Have they succeeded in moving the Church out of its place? Have they disintegrated the organization? Has their alliance with vendors of liquor and keepers of dens of iniquity been the means of saving souls from sin and damnation?

The Church is as strong as ever. The members, generally speaking, are loyal and true. They love and have implicit confidence in their leaders, because they know they are worthy to stand in the various stations in which they have been placed by divine inspiration. The Church has been vindicated. The charges of immorality and disloyalty have been proved false. The accusers, ministers and all, stand as falsifiers before the country. That is the net result of their unholy alliance. They have sowed lies and reaped contempt. They have turned honest souls away from them in disgust, because they have betrayed their Master for selfish gain. This is the solemn truth, and trying to hide it is useless.

Let them now break away from their unholy alliance. There are so many other things to which they could turn their attention with profit. The Church they cannot harm. God takes care of His Church, and to fight it is to wage war against His divine Founder. But there are other things that should receive the attention of the ministers. We notice, for instance, the fearful conditions revealed by the divorce statistics. For purposes of comparison, divorce statistics are divided into two periods, 29 years each, the first running from 1877 to 1886, and the second from 1887 to 1906, inclusive. In every community of any size investigated the second period shows a large increase in the number of divorces. During that period 3,400,000 applications have been made throughout the country and about 1,000,000 of them granted. But the rates vary in different sections and cities. The increase in Chicago from the first to the second period has been from 78 to 107 in the 100,000 of population; in Philadelphia from 22 to 33; in Boston from 40 to 43; in Brooklyn from 15 to 25, while in Cincinnati they have increased 35-fold and for the whole country from 33 to 76, or a little more than double.

This indicates that there is work to do for those who profess to be anxious for the purity of the American home.

But the necessary reform work will only be done by those who scorn to use falsehoods, and who are content to rely on the power of truth for the furtherance of righteousness.

STAMP IT OUT!

Only a few weeks ago the Deseret News contained an editorial warning to the peace loving citizens of Nevada, regarding the growth and aggression of a certain anarchistic organization which had taken upon itself the right to rule rough shod over everybody and everything in several of the mining camps of the state, notably Goldfield. The happenings of the past few days prove that the warning was none too soon.

To all intents and purposes there has been a transfer from Colorado and Idaho to Nevada, of a campaign of those atrocities which destroyed property, shed blood and struck terror to the hearts of thousands. For some time conditions in Goldfield have been of an alarming character, and now a crisis has been reached. On Sunday night a restaurant proprietor who refused to serve food to those who were unidentified by a unionized branch of misapplied labor was, according to the dispatches, deliberately assassinated by a walking delegate of the Industrial Workers of the World. After the commission of the deed the murderer found refuge in the Miners' hall. It was feared he would make his escape altogether, but the Citizens' Alliance representing the business men and mine owners of the district, realizing the danger of the situation while the people were in a frenzy of excitement, took a bold stand in the matter and soon the refugee was under arrest. Meanwhile conditions are at high tension strain. A fortunate circumstance in connection with the tragic affair, however, is that many of the miners have revolted and are reported as breaking away from the I.W.W., with the evident and announced purpose of organizing a federation less radical in its method of operations. To this there can be no possible objection. On the contrary, it deserves every encouragement at the hands of the best elements of the community. Laboring men have a right to associate together for their own betterment. It would be a sorry day for them if they were denied this privilege. But the majesty of the law must be obeyed. There should be no room for anarchy in Nevada. A repetition of the Coeur d'Alene and Cripple Creek atrocities must be made impossible in Nevada. They should be made impossible now. Tomorrow it may be too late. The good time of a sister state is threatened. Its welfare is endangered. It is high time for her chief officials to take notice. It is time for them to act. It is their duty to stamp out this latest outbreak of lawlessness while the situation can be coped with. Let them eradicate it, root and branch.

THE RAILROAD BILL.

If there is any measure before the Legislature, that demands the exercise of the best statesmanship of the members, it is the so-called railroad bill, and the louder demagogues clamor, the less heed should be given to them. The probability is that thorough search would reveal a "colored gentleman" hidden somewhere under their piles of clap-net. It is important to guard against the selling out of the interests of the State to any corporation, but it is equally important to remove all obstacles to the rapid development of the resources of the country. Surely there is some middle ground upon which the interests of the state and railroads can stand side by side to the mutual advantage of each. Clearly it is the duty of all concerned to reach such a position. Individual and corporate rights should alike be safeguarded. Therein lies the greatest good to the greatest number. That is what Utah wants, and that is what it has a right to expect at this time. Let there be a square deal all round.

THE SEATTLE EXPOSITION.

If the Legislature can find time to consider the proposition to make some provision for Utah to take part in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition to be held in Seattle in 1907, it should do so. An act providing for a fair commission with enough means at its disposal to commence preliminary work would be all that would be needed at this time. The exposition is still two years off, and the next legislature will have time to further consider the matter. The question whether the exposition business is not altogether overdone is pertinent, in view of the many fairs that are held, and planned. Do they pay as an advertising proposition? It is for the legislators to consider the matter from the most practical point of view. It can be said, however, here, that if appropriations are to be made for fairs, those held in the West ought to have preference over those in the East, when the question of appropriation comes up, since the former always draw many travelers west, and by that means help advertising this vast region. San Francisco is talking of a great exposition to be held there in the not distant future. That fact should not be lost sight of.

WHO WIELDED THIS STICK?

In the Saturday issue of the "News" attention was directed to the Tribune's latest cartoon attack on the President of the United States. It represented him as casting a "Big Stick" shadow over all the land in withdrawing seventeen millions of the public domain from entry, so that the same would escape being gobbled up by the great wealth barons and syndicates. At the same time the "News" pointed out that the brutality of the attack had been under consideration in the Tribune office, where one wing of the disjointed and mismanaged institution questioned the propriety of publishing the vicious portrayal and kept it out of the paper's columns for twenty-four hours only to be vigorously and emphatically turned down on the following day at the regular council meeting. One of the editors was under the impression that he had some managerial authority, but soon discovered, as he has on other occasions hitherto, that it amounts to little more than that possessed by the office boy. The Big Stick of Tom was threateningly held over his offending

head, and as he saw the shadow fall across his job he dropped into line, and the next day the slender stick caricatured President Roosevelt as an enemy to the public welfare, justifying itself on the ground that he was the friend of the "Mormons," and an enemy to the so-called Americanism, which is a blight upon all Utah. His whole tenor is that Roosevelt need look for no favors "from us. We are done with him for good and all." And so they are. But what a difference it makes with the Organ, who wields the Big Stick! For years it has used it literally as a bludgeon and has mercilessly clubbed men, women, business, politics and religion of a kind into doing its bidding. Then it holds it over the head of one of its editors who dares for even a moment to question the wisdom of its policy in belittling and beating the Chief Executive of the United States. And knowing how heavily it falls, that same editor succumbs to the inevitable and also does its bidding. But if the President uses the Big Stick merely as a forceful figure of speech, he is promptly made the victim of Tribune abuse and misrepresentation. It makes a mighty difference with the Organ as to who swings the club.

A SILLY CHAIN LETTER.

An illustration of the difficulty of conveying correct information to the public, notwithstanding the fact that there is hardly a hut in the land without its daily, or weekly, paper, is furnished by the fact that a certain "chain" letter is still winding its way among the people. This letter purports to have been written originally by one Bishop Lawrence. It pretends to contain a copy of a prayer communicated from heaven, and the writer threatens that those who will not read the prayer, or send it to nine of his friends, will come to grief. It promises that he who will write it for nine days, and send it to nine persons, will receive some great joy.

Time and again the press of the country has exposed this fraud. It has warned the public that Bishop Lawrence never wrote it. But the letter is still sent out to people who continue to copy it for the alleged benefit of their friends. Only the other day a reader of the "News" in Mackay, Idaho, received the prayer in the mail. Some persons are therefore evidently still sending it around. Ignorant of its spurious character. We presume the missive was first sent out by some practical joker who thought he would test the credulity of the public. However, he does not seem to have had graft in view, as the only one that can derive any financial benefit from the letter is the postoffice department. Persons receiving the letter should throw it in the waste basket, and let it go at that.

It was a weather "brain storm."

Princeton is to have a crew. Won't that crew crew?

The twelve million dollar beer trust will make things hop-along.

It is harder to control a Kentucky feud than the Colorado river.

To make government envelopes stick, use any kind of standard paste.

Ruef is out on fifty thousand dollar bonds. But that is all he is out so far.

People who haven't purchased their spring suits are chuckling to think that as yet there is no spring.

Plymouth church, Brooklyn, is to have a revival. Anything reminiscent of the Bucher-Tilton time?

There is to be considerable ostentation at Dowle's funeral. "Man is a noble animal, splendid in ashes and pompous in the grave."

An Oregon man murdered another because he snored and disturbed his rest. Snoring deserves severe punishment but not the death penalty.

They are having a strike in Teheran. When Persia adopted constitutional government she accepted, perhaps unwittingly, the concomitant of strikes.

Delmas continually and repeatedly told Jerome but notwithstanding Jerome refused to be denied. The contest of the legal giants is intensely interesting.

The interstate commerce commission seems to be more at sea as to what to do with Mr. Harriman than Mr. Harriman was as to what to do with the commission.

Twenty-five Yale graduates have applied to Secretary Taft for positions on the Panama canal. Are they ambitious to achieve a fame like unto that of the Rough Riders?

The head of a Haverhill, Mass., research society has been experimenting to determine the weight of a human soul. He has found, he claims, that it weighs from a half ounce to an ounce. The man who undertakes to say that a human soul weighs an ounce or that it can be weighed at all, proves that his medium of brains is not an ounce.

In a diplomatic but direct way the President has asked Governor Giffet to request the California legislature not to "butt" into the Japanese question, as it will embarrass the administration in its negotiations with Japan and may defeat the recent legislation of Congress for exclusion. It is hard, so hard, for the California legislature and the people of that state not to "butt" in whenever the word Japanese or Chinese is mentioned.

"The ninth anniversary of the blowing up of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor was fittingly observed yesterday (February 15) when a committee representing the American Club visited the wreck with fresh flowers and lowered the American flag at half-mast on the ship's turret," says the Havana Post. That event will never be forgotten, but the wreck of the gallant warship should be cleared from Havana harbor.

THE BRITISH SOCIALISTS.

San Francisco Chronicle. Municipal trading in Great Britain is a socialist measure, but has been

supported by a large body of citizens who were not Socialists on the mistaken notion that it involves profit to the municipality. British cities have the reputation of being much better governed than American cities, and a few of them doubtless have made and are making a profit from municipal trading, which has reduced the burden of taxation. Other municipalities have shown a profit on the books which others claim could not possibly materialize in cash. Others still have shown a loss. In still other cases, and especially in London, the extension of municipal activity into new fields has resulted in heavy losses for enterprises which might or might not pay in the end, but which unquestionably make a heavy increase of taxation to begin with. These experiments have been going on on a constantly extending scale in Great Britain for a decade, or two, and with very few exceptions the result seems to have been a steady increase of taxation. When that has once been demonstrated to be the normal condition of municipal ownership and trading, the policy will be abandoned, for the great majority of mankind happily have something to lose.

SEVERING CUBA'S STRINGS.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. The original hope that a new native Cuban government could be installed early in the coming summer might have been disappointed if the Cubans had been willing or able to contribute to that result by manifesting requisite popular government. They would not harmonize their differences, they would not concede a selfish individual or party point in the interest of national unity, they would insist upon making the abolition of cock fighting apparently their chief grievance as a people. Americans who realize that the longer their forces remain in Cuba the longer they are liable to stay, and who deplore the idea of becoming responsible for another subject and more or less overtly rebellious people, may find hope in the report from Washington that it is now expected the government can be turned over to the natives by the first of next January.

LEADER OF "MOLLYCODDLES."

Springfield Republican. President Eliot's views on the reformed football make him the logical leader of the "mollycoddles," and with President Eliot at their head the "mollycoddle" brigade can never say defeat in a month after the president of the United States had told the Harvard students that he had no patience with those who would abolish a game because it is rough, or because practices grow up which prove that the game ought to be reformed, "the president of Harvard comes forward and denounces us as he has denounced before, the game of football as unfit for gentlemen to play or for multitudes of spectators to watch."

JUST FOR FUN.

The Diplomat. "Oh, Miss Tuttleston," said little Bobbie, who had been kept after school, "when I grow up you I can't help thinking of experience." "What do you mean?" the lady demanded with a good deal of asperity. "Experience is a dear teacher, you know." Then she gave him a pat on the cheek and said that he might go if he would promise not to make faces at any of the little girls again.—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Change of Mind.

Editor (to stranger).—We have all the manuscript we can find room for during the month of March, and of which is furnished by the leading thinkers, essayists, historians, philosophers, Journalists.—But this is a page advertisement of mother-of-pearl soft soap. Editor.—Ah, I see. Take a seat on the sofa, sir. We will try and find room for your copy by killing an essay or two.—Tit-Bits.

No Deception.

Church Warden's Wife (irritably, after service).—It's no use your wearing those blue glasses, John, if you will stoop.—Punch.

Meeting the Situation.

"I wonder if there's anything serious between that tall girl and the little captain?" "I think there is. She has had the heels of her shoes lowered."—Pilegunde Blaetter.

When Something Comes of It. Nell—These men who are always trying to kiss you make me tired. Belle—Me, too. There's nothing I admire so much as a successful man.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Extreme Penalty.

She (at the recital).—What do you think of this execution? He—I'm in favor of it.—Punch.

He Knew.

Waitress (handing stodgy-looking steak).—And what will you have to follow, sir? American Customer.—Indigestion, I guess!—Punch.

It Might Be.

Little Margie (reading).—What is the "tale of civilization," Tommy? Small Tommy.—Oh, a new brand of face powder, I suppose.—Exchange.

Icy.

She—I saw you in the street car the other evening, Mr. Saxby. He—Did you? Why, I didn't see you. She—I suppose not. I was standing up.—Somerville Journal.

A Bitter Day.

Philanthropic Old Gentleman.—No wonder you cry, poor little man. This bitter cold day and no overcoat. Dear, dear! I must see if I can't—The Little Man.—Ooo—woo—woo—woo. Kattie's going down to do dago's at six strawberry ice cream soda, and she says she won't give me none—ooo—ooo—ooo.—Puck.

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