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**"REORGANITES" IN CANADA.**

The Winnipeg, Canada, Tribune recently published an interview with one "Rev. Alvin Kinsley," a missionary of the Reorganites, consisting chiefly of a tirade against the Utah "Mormons" and the members of the Church residing in Alberta. In addition to the usual attacks made by that class of persistent deceivers, Kinsley expressed the suspicion that polygamy is being practised in Canada and more particularly in southern Alberta. He also declared that the succession in the presidency of the Church is in "the son of Joseph Smith the martyr," and that "he was ordained and appointed to this incumbency, by virtue of the fact that he was designated by his father prior to his martyrdom in Illinois in 1844."

As to the falsehood about the practice of polygamy by the "Mormons" in Alberta, a vigorous reply and refutation is made in the same paper of a later date by F. D. Hammond, Jr., who goes into the subject specifically, and turns the tables very deftly and forcibly and "Kinsley" upon the Reorganite defamer. The Winnipeg Tribune gives equal space and as fine a position to Mr. Hammond's response as it did to Mr. Kinsley's assault, and it makes good and interesting matter for the general reader. We do not care to copy Mr. Hammond's caustic remarks, lest we might be accused of setting forth an argument in defense of plural marriage.

In reference to the assertion of Mr. Kinsley that "the son of the Prophet" was ordained and appointed to succeed as father in the presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we have to say that the Reorganite in Canada is sadly behind the times in his own organization. His story was very commonly told by preachers of that sect several years ago, but it has been abandoned by most of them since "the son of the Prophet" himself has denied the statement that he was "ordained and appointed" by his father. According to later claims he was simply blessed by his father, as children are ordinarily blessed in this Church. Therefore as a matter of fact, this claim of "succession" falls flat to the ground, and those Reorganite preachers who still depend upon it are either very ignorant of their own tenets or, as in some other matters, they endeavor willfully to deceive the inquiring mind.

That Joseph Smith, the Prophet of the nineteenth century, did not attempt to ordain or appoint or nominate one of his children to succeed him in the presidency of the Church, is very clear and beyond the slightest doubt with members of the Church who have become acquainted with the order of the Priesthood as revealed through Joseph Smith, on March 25, 1835, contained in section 107, Doctrine and Covenants. This order, establishing the First Presidency as consisting of "three Presiding High Priests, chosen by the body, appointed and ordained to that office and upheld by the confidence, faith and prayer of the Church," settled forever the question of hereditary succession to presidency.

It is further provided in the same revelation that the Twelve Apostles, a traveling presiding high council, "form a quorum equal in authority and power to the three Presidents previously mentioned," and it is their duty "to build up the Church and regulate all the affairs of the same in all nations." Consequently, when the First Presidency becomes dissolved by any means, the Twelve come next in order as the presiding quorum of the Church, until the First Presidency is reorganized.

This same order was given again by revelation at Nauvoo, January 19, 1841, as contained in section 124, Doctrine and Covenants. It is under those direct modern revelations that the Church has been conducted ever since the quorums of the Melchisedek and Aaronic Priesthoods were fully organized, and there has been no break in the succession down to the present day. The one-man-power which the Reorganites affect to believe in, and which they must depend upon for their pretended claim of ordination or appointment in any form of their presiding officer by the martyred Seer, is contrary to the genius and spirit of the Church set up by divine commandment in the latter days, and is in hostility to the order that we have referred to.

Is it not about time that the leaders of the Reorganite movement, for their own sakes, should correct the erroneous assertions of their missionaries concerning the "succession," and instruct them to tell the truth and let it stand on its own merits? That is, that after a period of sixteen years or more, during which, according to their theory, God let the Church which He had declared should not be left to another people and which He had organized for perpetuity, remain without a leader and without authority to administer in the things of the kingdom which He had promised should "stand for ever," (although it contained the fulness of the Priesthood, with the Apostleship, and thousands of devoted men qualified to officiate in all the ordinances of the Church) until a number of apostates from the faith, some excommunicated persons and others who had followed after strange delusions and bogus prophecies, set up an organization of their own and induced "the son of the Prophet" to become their leader.

These are the simple facts, to which may be added, that they have become simply and solely one more of the nu-

merous sects that compose modern Christendom, and are filled with contention and strife, and with wrath against the Church that was founded by the great Seer of the latter days, and that they endeavor at every opportunity to bring trouble upon its ministers and misrepresent its teachings and its authority.

It is only once in a while that we pay any attention to that poor counterfeit of the genuine coin, and do so now merely because its vain pretensions are again set forth for the purpose of doing injury to our people. If the Reorganites desire to preach their notions in Canada or elsewhere, we have not the slightest objection, neither will we attempt to put a straw in their way. But when they openly assail our people, our Elders who are preaching the Gospel, and the foundations of our Church authority, we shall take occasion, if we deem it necessary, to show up their folly and their falsehood. What good will it do the Reorganites to go outside of the legitimate line of their own field of promulgation of their tenets, and invade the domain of another church and endeavor to bring the latter into reproach? For their own sakes, we advise the influential members of the Reorganite church to practice the "Mormon" creed, which is "Mind your own business, and leave other people's alone."

**TO PROTECT LABOR.**

Switzerland is enjoying more liberty than any other European country. It is therefore significant, that the Swiss have commenced to feel the necessity of framing laws curtailing certain "liberties" which not even a free country can tolerate.

In the Canton of Zurich agitators from all countries have met, and from there they have promulgated their doctrines. It is therefore proposed to stop some of that agitation, and also to afford laborers needed protection, as far as this can be done by law.

The proposed statute makes it a punishable offense to teach disrespect to the laws, whether verbally or in print. If laborers employed by the state, or commune, violate their contracts and thus jeopardize life, or cause property loss, they can be called to account. If several persons combine and commit violence against persons or property, or enter places of business or manufactories belonging to others, public buildings or private homes, each party to the conspiracy can be punished, and the leaders and those who may have committed violence upon any person or property are liable to more severe punishment than the others. To stir up mobs by inflammatory addresses, or pamphlets, is made a punishable offense; also to endeavor to induce a laborer to violate a contract, or to belong to any organization that endeavors to prevent a laborer from fulfilling his obligations.

The proposed law is, as will be seen, chiefly aimed at the agitators who direct strikes and encourage measures of coercion of free laborers. If it is an attempt at the limitation of the prerogatives of citizens, it is called forth by the abuses that have occurred. When privileges are used improperly, they will be withdrawn eventually. That is a law inexorable as that of the Medians and Persians. The abuse of liberty is the beginning of the loss of that privilege. Switzerland has experienced this.

**MORE LAND FOR SETTLERS.**

What is thought to be the last great land-opening in the Southwest will take place some time before Dec. 6, when 505,000 acres are to be thrown open to settlers under the homestead law. The land is in Oklahoma. It is to be disposed of at public auction on sealed bids to the highest bidder, a minimum price of \$5 an acre having been fixed by act of Congress. The lands are largely in use by big cattlemen, but the soil is said to be exceedingly rich and fertile, so that the farmer will succeed the cowboy. The landoffice in Lawton, Okla., has received hundreds of letters relative to this land from Canada, Alaska, Mexico, the Philippines and even some of the South American countries. Under a special act of Congress five government townships are to be selected. These sites are to be surveyed and plotted and sold by public auction to the highest bidder.

**A VICTORY OF LIBERTY.**

Particulars concerning the popular assembly of the Persians indicate that the Shah, in his decree granting the demands of the people for a share in the government, has taken a long stride forward on the road of progress. The assembly is not to be the shadowy type the Russian Emperor constructed. It will have competence in all matters of state, and the ministers are to be dismissed if not in harmony with the majority of the parliament. Popular government is thus introduced from the beginning. Even the freedom of the press is granted, "in order that the Shah may learn nothing but the truth." The regulations providing for the election of the members testify to the desire of the people to conform to the most advanced order of popular government. All Persians of the male sex able to read and write and between the ages of thirty and seventy are entitled to vote. "No person in the service of the state will be admitted to citizenship." The administration will therefore not be able to crowd the official places with friends and supporters and organize and perpetuate a government machine. No person who has ever been convicted of a criminal offense will be granted the rights of citizenship. This is a provision that other countries might profitably adopt.

The Persians have seen liberty lightening the world, and have refused to remain in the dark shade any longer. Speaking to a large audience a Persian preacher recently declared: "We would be blind if we failed to recognize that it is by means of European science that Japan has vanquished Russia. It is by means of this and this alone that we also shall be able some day to defend our nationality and independence. Let us work." And the people want to work. The Shah could read the signs of the times. He bowed to the inevitable and orders were issued for the convocation in the near future of the national house of consultation, the first legislative body recruited from the

**ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES.**

Francis Wayland Glen in Canadian Horticulturist.

My mother said to me when a lad working in the garden: "You cannot cheat a cow, hen, hill of corn or a fruit tree." She said that there was a law common to animals and plants. The roots of a tree are its stomach, where it takes in food and digests it. The leaves are its lungs, where it takes in that which gives life to its sap or blood. The tree must have healthy leaves just as a man must have healthy lungs. The trees in our streets are gradually dying because insects destroy their leaves by midsummer. They have less and less vitality each year, and finally die as a person, with consumption, or as winter killed because too feeble to resist the cold. The doctors will organize a new profession and can render most beneficial service to the lovers of trees, fruits and vegetables. We must learn to treat young trees and plants like children, study their habits, likes and dislikes, temperament, needs, appetites and ailments, and find remedies for their illnesses. They are more human than many of us realize.

**THE CEMENT AGE.**

Birmingham Leader.  
A man has invented a cement shingle. It is a new shingle covered with cement, and is really a tile as lasting as stone. As cement becomes more known, and it is learned that every man can make his own cement, there will be a boom in cement building. The price of cement is high now, but there are vast supplies and no possible monopoly. Cheap machines for making the blocks and pliers for the cement and a little knowledge is the foundation, and the price outside the cities will be cheaper. We are beginning the cement age, and concrete houses will be the houses of the future.

**GRASSHOPPER GLACIER.**

Country Life in America.  
One of the small glaciers in Montana is of especial interest on account of the fact that in the mass of ice there are imbedded two strata of grasshoppers, each about a foot thick. There are literally tons of grasshoppers in the ice, and the question naturally arises as to where they came from. The most obvious explanation is that centuries ago two enormous swarms in course of migration were caught in a snow storm, chilled and buried in the snow, where they have remained till now in a perfect state of preservation.

**TO KEEP YOUNG.**

Success.  
Never retire from active life if you can possibly avoid it; keep "in the swim," keep the mind active; never retire to your advancing years or say "at my age." To preserve youth you must have a variety of experience. Nothing else ages one more rapidly than monotony—a dead level existence without change of scene or experience. The mind must be kept fresh or it will age, and the body cannot be younger than the mind. People who laugh much retain their youth longer.

**ATLANTA'S SHAME.**

New York Mail.  
The horrible outbreak of racial hatred and violence in Atlanta is a direct answer to the long and virulent political campaign in which the negro and his terribly degraded domination were made the bone of contention in a struggle for the governorship of the state.

**ABOUT HAPPINESS.**

Success Magazine.  
Things are so arranged in this world that happiness as a profession must ever be a failure. It can not be found by seeking it. It is a reflex action. It is incidental, a product which comes from doing noble things. It is impossible for a person to be really happy by making pleasure a profession.

**JUST FOR FUN.**

French Idea of Heaven.

"We shall live there on roasted apples only; the music will be composed of Scotch airs; all parties will be given over to chess, so that no one will be disappointed; every one will speak the same language; the English will be neither unjust nor wicked there; the women will not be coquettes, the men will let neither jealousy nor too much 'king John' will be left to eat his apples in peace; perhaps he will be decent enough to offer some to his neighbors—who know? since we all want for nothing in paradise! We shall never suffer from gout there nor from our nerves; Mr. Messmer will content himself with playing on the harmonium, without bothering us about electric fluids; ambition, envy, pretensions, jealousy, prejudices, all these will vanish at the sound of the trumpet. A loving, sweet and peaceful friendship will animate every society."—Mme. Brillon to Dr. Franklin, quoted in Putnam's Magazine.

Little Claud Brownback—Gimme some 'lasses!  
Papa Brownback (reprovingly)—Yo' oriah be mo' grammatic, mah son! Don't say 'lasses; say molasses.  
Little Claud Brownback—How's I gwine to say mo'lasses, poppy, when I isn't had no a-tall yit?—Puck.

Mr. Kulcher—Your Literary Circle is making a study of Shakespeare now, I believe.  
Miss Giddy—Yes, indeed.  
Kulcher—And what have you learned about the great bard so far?  
Miss Giddy—Well, we've discovered that he's just too cute for anything.—Catholic Standard Times.

Some greet the autumn bird with glee And some with joy the oyster view, And some of us content must be With his breakfast food the whole year through.  
—Washington Star.

The Mountain Welcomes Its Mahomets.

Fike's Peak is covered with snow. Evidently the mountain wishes to treat its visitors "white."—Denver Post.

**Music of the Sole.**

"I never saw anybody as crazy as Elsie over a mechanical piano."  
"Nor I. Why, she's played hers until she has become flat-footed."—Cleveland Press.

**Good Picture Frame.**

Two young women were gazing together upon the tranquil beauty of an English landscape.  
"Oh, how you love nature!" asked one, turning with clasped hands to her friend.  
"Yes indeed," was the response, in a tone of gratifying intensity. "It adds so much!"—Youth's Companion.

Queen Gives Sir Walter Raleigh a Hint  
Ferdie—Your father said if I ever asked him for your hand again he would wince up the street with me.  
Fidel—Well, I'll tell you what, Ferdie, the next time you ask him do it at the cross-roads!—Puck.

**Divine Fire.**

"Scribbles!" asked his friend, "has any of your poetry come to light lately?"  
"I regret to say," answered the gifted bard, "that one or two samples of it have come back—to light the kitchen fire. They were not 'stuffed,' too," he added, gloomily.—Chicago Times.

**Canned Stars.**

Patience—Doesn't the Milky Way look small, tonight?  
Patricia—Yes, it looks like a condensed Milky Way.—Yonkers Statesman.

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