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## DEFAMATION OF THE DEAD.

It appears that the attorneys for Mrs. Emily P. Raleigh have made an application in her behalf for a rehearing of her case in the Supreme court of the State. We do not intend to touch upon the alleged legal points put forward in the application, although some of them are so peculiar as to be in the eyes of a layman, positively absurd, but the court no doubt will deal with them, if the case should be reopened, which we regard as very doubtful. It is in reference to some pretended facts that are presented that we desire to say something.

The document contains some of the same inaccuracies and false accusations that have been published concerning the late Alonzo P. Raleigh and his last will and testament. For instance, it denies that "the court should enforce the power of a polygamous husband to kick out his polygamous wives and deprive his polygamous young ones of support." That is the idea that is conveyed throughout the document filed with the Supreme court. That is the charge that has been preferred against the deceased testator. And yet in the same application it is alleged in regard to the house the plaintiff claims:

"He did not give this home to another wife. He had provided for them enough. But he attempts to give this to his Church, which does not need it and is bursting with its wealth." This admission is a virtual refutation of the covert charge made against Mr. Raleigh, that he had "kicked out his polygamous wives and deprived his polygamous young ones of support." We have already published the facts in this case, but we will here mention them briefly that they may be fully understood by the public:

Alonzo P. Raleigh at his decease had two plural wives and several children, to all of whom he left some property or provision, or had already done so by previous deed. To his plural wife Elizabeth Raleigh he left real estate on Center street. To his plural wife Emily P. Raleigh, who is the plaintiff in the case decided by the court, he left real estate on First West street, opposite the house which she is endeavoring to gain possession of. On the land decided to her are three houses, either of which she might occupy, but which are rented at a total of \$42 a month. In addition to that property she has, under his will, a cash allowance of \$25 per month and a further amount of \$10 a month for the care of her incompetent son. This aggregates the sum of \$82 per month. If that is to be considered "kicking her out of a home," there are a good many widows in the country who would be very glad of such kind of "kicking."

The house which she now endeavors to claim as hers was left under the will to a son and daughter of the deceased during their life time. After their death the property was to go to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The interest of the Church in this property, which of course is remote, was purchased by the Mutual Investment company, Mrs. Emily P. Raleigh accepted the terms of the will and is receiving the income provided for her under that instrument.

It will be seen that the Church has had nothing to do in the matter except that which we have explained. It has not turned out the widow of Alonzo P. Raleigh nor interfered with the possession of the property by any one. Nor did the deceased attempt to deprive either of his plural wives of a home or of such support as he was able to furnish them. Emily P. Raleigh wants to obtain possession of property which he bequeathed to a son and daughter. That is the gist of the contention.

What verbal promises he may have made to Emily P. we do not know. We have her word for them, that is all. But the will, which has been probated, distributes the property of the testator among the members of his family, and it is a crime to charge him with kicking them out and leaving them unprotected.

We are not sitting in judgment on the equities in this matter, nor are the executors of the will to be the judges of the motives of the testator in the disposition of his estate. But when the entire testament is examined it will appear, we think, to every unbiased investigator, that Alonzo P. Raleigh endeavored to act fairly towards the members of his family, and it is certain that he made provision for them, and that the epithets that have been hurled against him as a "brute," "cannibal," "lawless polygamist," etc., etc., are not only undeserved, but are slanderous and shameful and should not prejudice the public against a prominent, industrious and public-spirited citizen, who now

sleeps in his grave and is not able to defend himself against his calumniations.

Our desire in taking up this matter at all is chiefly to show that the plaintiff in the case which is sought to be reopened has not been turned out, as stated, like Hagar in the wilderness, without means of support, and that Alonzo P. Raleigh did not leave any members of his family unprotected for, as has been published to the world and as intimated in the application to the Supreme court for a rehearing. Such defamations of the dead ought not to help in any cause before any court in the world.

## UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual entertainment given by the Pacific Islands association will occur next Wednesday, August 9, at the Lagoon. Everybody who has attended one of these reunions knows how attractive they are, how unique are the exercises and what a pleasant and joyful time is had on such occasions. The manners and customs of the people on the Hawaiian, Samoan, Friendly, Society and other islands, New Zealand, Australia and Tasmania, are portrayed in vivid style and native costumes, and in the respective languages of the people. Committees will be in charge of the amusements from a great many States of Zion, composed of Polyannian missionaries. They, with their families and friends, will be sure to be present, and the invitation to join them is made general. Not only that, but anybody who thinks he can climb a coconut tree, or paddle a canoe, dive or swim, engage in an obstruction or barrel race, a tug of war or a toboggan slide, will have a chance to do so on making application to the general committee or to any one having such sport in charge. There will be Hawaiian dances and songs by Sandwich Islanders; coin diving by Samoan girls; Japanese selections in costumes by Horace S. Ensign and company, in addition to the usual ceremonies and attractions on such occasions. Excursion trains will be run from different points in the State, and no doubt there will be a big attendance from Salt Lake, Ogden, Provo and other points. This is expected to be the banner day in the history of the Pacific Islands' association. All who want to see exhibitions of Pacific islands peculiarities, in language, costume, customs, music, etc., will have their curiosity gratified, and at the same time enjoy a pleasant outing by going to the Lagoon on Wednesday, August 9. Times of trains will be seen by reference to the time table.

## A DESERVED DEFENSE.

In reference to the shameful and libelous attacks on Mr. E. A. Hartenstein member of the City Council from the Fourth Municipal ward, the Salt Lake Herald of this date has an editorial, from which we take the following and believe it will be endorsed not only by his immediate constituents, but by the majority of the citizens of Salt Lake:

"At the outset we beg leave to express an opinion that there is no more honest, no more courageous, no more upright citizen in Salt Lake than E. A. Hartenstein, councilman from the Fourth municipal ward. Not even among the seven imbeciles that voted against the amended franchise for the Utah Light & Railway company can be found a councilman with a cleaner record of public service, or one who has looked more zealously after the welfare of his immediate constituents and of the entire citizenship. Because Mr. Hartenstein had the moral courage to vote for a measure he believed to be right, the organ of the Adulterantes and its noisy little sister have showered upon him all the abuse that could be extracted from vocabularies rich in invective. Mr. Hartenstein has been charged with a betrayal of his trust, he has been accused of entering into a combination, presumably for personal or political profit, with the Utah Light & Railway company and the people who are backing it. The time has come to call a halt on the lying about and misrepresentation of Councilman Hartenstein."

Every citizen of Salt Lake who uses water or rides on a street car or pays for electric light, owes Councilman Hartenstein a debt of gratitude; and within less than a year the very men who are abusing him because he will not play the obstructionist and help them for their efforts to injure the city, will be pointing to Salt Lake's splendid water supply and praising the men who made its completion possible. The Herald believes that Mr. Hartenstein has rendered a great public service and done it when it required more courage to vote his convictions than when he would have taken to join the obstructionists. It has the highest opinion of him as a man and a citizen, and by that same token it has mighty little use for the men who are trying to ruin him.

## ALLIANCE WITH RUSSIA.

The Novoye Vremya's delicate suggestion that Russia endeavor to get into closer relations with the United States, may be dictated by a desire to enlist the friendly aid of our government in the coming peace negotiations. But, whatever the object of it is, it deserves consideration. It is true that this country cannot enter into any entangling alliances, as long as it is true to the traditions received from the fathers, but Russia could open its doors wide to American influences and ideas of government, and receive immense benefits.

Russian autocracy is now bankrupt. On its ruins are heard the cry of millions for liberty to think, to act, and to live. Something must be done to satisfy these just demands. If Russian rulers adopt the methods of blood and iron of the Old World, her doom is sealed. But if she accepts the ideals of the New World, the people will rise to prominence. Russia has the elements of greatness. Her people are God-fearing, law-abiding, intelligent. With modern opportunities of progress, the advance will be rapid.

It is comparatively few years ago since Japan was an unknown country. But the Japanese soon discovered that if they would maintain national existence, they must learn the ways of the rest of the world. They were awakened and went to work with energy and unity of purpose. They sent students to all parts of the civilized world, but especially to the United States. And

they selected for imitation all that was best suited to their conditions.

The experience of Japan should be a hint to Russia. What the little island empire has done so successfully, Russia should be able to do with still greater success, her resources being so much greater.

And in this work of regeneration, the United States could render Russia the greatest service. We could give her a pattern of government, the most perfect devised by man, and if this pattern could not be applied in all its details, its general principles might be adopted, as in Japan. Let the two countries join hands, not in a political alliance, but in the work of establishing real liberty among 135,000,000 souls who are now, virtually, serfs.

## ZIONISTS DIVIDED.

The Zionists have divided in two factions, as a result of the action by the Basle congress, refusing Great Britain's offer of land in Africa. One party, it seems, will accept the offer, while the other will remain true to the original ideal of Palestine for the Jews. The seceders seem to be led by Socialists, who favor colonization outside of the Holy Land.

The schism is to be regretted. It would, perhaps, not have taken place, had Dr. Herzl still been the leading spirit of the movement. But it is not necessary to see in it a sign of weakening in the ranks, or a forerunner of failure of the cause. It is quite possible that the two branches of Zionists can work out their plans on separate lines that will finally meet in one goal. Colonization outside Palestine may be a good preliminary to entrance into the land of promise. And if the orthodox Zionists remain faithful to their ideal, Zionism proper will in the end unite the two factions.

Why not arrest those New Orleans mosquitoes for carrying concealed deadly weapons?

What a chance for a garbage contract in New Orleans now the housecleaning season has set in!

The cause of the Bennington disaster is said to be "Boller B. Dead." Result, a number of A. B.'s dead.

Those Mongolians who shot up the Chinese theater in Dwyer street, New York, probably had provocation.

After reading the life insurance scandals the prospective policyholder is puzzled to determine which is the best risk.

To raise money for a new hospital Pocatello will give a grand fireworks exhibition. Is not this crowding things a little?

Naturally M. Witte preferred to go to Portsmouth by train. It is not meet that he take to water so early in the game.

If M. Witte had been traveling on a scalped ticket the chances are that he would not have kissed Conductor A. B. Thierien.

President Roosevelt preached a sermon on Sunday at Oyster Bay. It is now up to Kaiser William to make the next move.

The Stormstarters need have no fear. They will never be reported for wasting water. They take theirs with a little lemon, thank you.

If a mere secretary of state gets such an ovation in the Philippines what will happen to Railroad King Harriman when he gets there?

The canyons are cool, these days, and nights, and hundreds are rusticated along the pure streams that form one of their attractions.

Now State Senator Bamberger is in disgrace with the West Temple street gang. That is a Simon pure endorsement of good citizenship.

Russia in the near future may be privileged to quote Shakespeare: "I shall never be wate of my own Wit (till I break my shins against it)."

The well-known Russian Liberal leader, M. Shipoff, who was recently offered the post of minister of the interior, is due to launch out in a new direction.

"Frisco Kid," the itinerant shoeblack with ambitions to go to England and shine the shoes of King Edward, ought to grow up into a real live diplomat.

China, the interested party, will not be present at the peace conference. Japan and Russia can be trusted to divide territory on an equitable basis—for themselves.

An Idaho chief of police notified the editor of the Grangeville Free Press to clean up his back yard last week. Chief Lynch, do your duty—there are other newspaper backyards and garbage piles.

A swimming cure for obesity is advocated editorially in Modern Medicine. In the absence of a plunge tank, however, the family washing machine, with a gentle course of hoing in the domestic potato patch will reduce surplus tissues.

Rev. Dr. Eaton, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, Cleveland, Ohio, frequently called Rockefeller's church, is advocating the building of a "skyscraper house of worship." Modesty does not permit him to name the sky pilot.

Those who believe that they can advance what they hold to be the cause of truth by entering into alliance with the enemies of truth, will, some time, find out their mistake. It would be stupid to give people milk in filthy vessels, but not more so to offer them truth through villainous channels. Does it is true, may lay it up, even in the gutter, but decent people will decline to accept it in such places.

Former Governor H. M. Wells has received the important appointment of manager of the Utah Savings and

Trust company. He succeeds Mr. Stephen E. Lynch, who resigned a short time ago. Gov. Wells is specially adapted to the duties and responsibilities of this position by his long experience as cashier of the State Bank of Utah, which has been greatly added to by his splendid career as the Executive of this State. We congratulate the company that has secured his services and wish for the incumbent full success in his new position.

## AN ILLINOIS JUDGE ITS AUTHOR.

Champaign (Ill.) Gazette.  
Several newspapers have given credit recently to Daniel S. Lamont for originating the expression, "Public office is a public trust." It was formerly private secretary to Grover Cleveland, and as the language quoted was widely used during Mr. Cleveland's first presidential campaign, it was popularly credited to him. But in fact it was not original with either of them. Some years ago the late Colonel John S. Wolfe of Champaign wrote a communication to the Gazette, in which he showed that, in a decision written by Justice Samuel D. Lockwood of the Illinois supreme court, prior to the year 1840, that very expression is used, and there it seems to have all the appearance of originality. Justice Lockwood served on the supreme bench of Illinois from January 15, 1828, to December 4, 1848.

## M. WITTE DENIES.

Kansas City Times.  
M. Witte's denial of an interview attributed to him in recent dispatches would be taken with more allowance but for the fact that the interview itself was such a surprise because of its extreme frankness. It is possible that the comments were made without knowledge that they were to be given publicity. In which case a diplomat carrying M. Witte's heavy, and at the same time delicate, responsibilities might be justified in entering denial. It is especially inconceivable that an envoy, entrusted with a great peace mission, should, in advance, express such pessimism as to the outcome of the conference. Yet the statement attributed to the distinguished Russian is so consistent with the real facts in the case that it may easily reflect his state of mind, even if its publication should prove to be contrary to his purpose in giving it utterance.

## A THEORY ABOUT DYSPEPSIA.

New York Sun.  
"I have a theory about dyspepsia and indigestion," said the head waiter in a French restaurant, "that I think ought to be considered by sufferers from stomach complaints. I believe that much of this class of trouble is due to peoples persistency in eating the same kind of food for weeks, months and sometimes years without a change. Now, nobody does that with any other kind of food; meat, for instance, or vegetables, or fruit, or other dessert. Yet the average man will eat the same kind of bread twice or even three times a day and think himself well. The stomach, unless it is of extraordinary constitution, will naturally get tired of this monotonous and refuse properly to digest this eternal self-same bread. The bread eater knows he has dyspepsia, and starts on a course of dieting (generally sticking religiously to the same old bread) that most often leaves him in worse plight than ever."

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