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VERY "CHRISTIAN" IS IT NOT?

The North Western Christian Advoetc. of November 8, attempts to take . new tack in its devious course of action against Senator Reed Smoot. The article it contains is entitled "Mormon Nullification of Law," and consists of a labored effort to show why the Senator should be expelled from the seat he holds in the upper house of Congress.

This is a theme which, particularly on the lines pursued in the article under consideration, is more suited to a secular than a religious public journal. But the Advocate, which calls itself Christian, seems determined to mix up church and state in reference to this question, while it pretends that such a procedure on the part of the "Mormons" is so highly reprehensible that it ought to be stamped under foot by the people of this Republic.

The Advocate claims that heretofore it has presented this case "in its sentimental and moral aspects." but now essays to give the legal side of the opposition to the Senator and show why he should not occupy his seat. But after wading through a great mass of reading matter, it is found that there is nothing in it but the same old tirade against the leaders of the Church, their alleged "deflance" of the government and the laws of the country, and the legislation and decision of courts against the practice of polygamy. Quotations are given from decisions of the United States Supreme Court, concerning the line between religious liberty under the Constitution and the infraction of law enacted to govern the acts. not the belief, of individuals.

their expulsion "on both moral and That is all stale argument, on that legal grounds?" Such logic as is found which long ago ceased to be a point of in the North Western Christian Advocontention. The Latter-day Saints cate is on a par with similar stuff to stood for many years upon the theory be found in the average religious weakthat the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States was intended | ly. "fre to protect religious acts, or the exercise" of religious duties and practices, and therefore covered the ground of the plural marriages into which they had entered from religious motives and under religious ceremonies, for which they did not claim the sanction or recognition of secular law. After the final decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States on these questions, they yielde' compliance and ceased to contract such relations as were forbldden by the laws pronounced constitutional. To bring up now those decisions and argue upon them is a waste of time, energy and print, So with n decision rendered in a Utah court, which the Advocate copies at length, and which was notoriously rendered for a political purpose, was in direct opposition to the evidence adduced, and after its immediate purpose was served, was treated as a nullity in the very court in which it was rendered, and was repudiated or ignored in Temple B'nai Israel, on the 24th of the other courts of the Territory. The Advocate shows in many parts of the article to which it has given space, its ignorance of the facts in the history of Utah and the "Mormons," which we do not care to allude to except in one or two instances. For example, it says: "In 1862 the House passed what is known as the Morrill bill, which punhouse of Judah in the advance made ished not only polygamous marriages but cohabitation - without marriage." Reference to the statute mentioned will show that neither "polygamy" nor polygamous cohabitation is mentioned therein. It is an act against blgamy for committing which it provides a penalty of fine and imprisonment. Nothing is said about it further. The offense of "polygamy" was not established and defined by Congress until the act of March 22, 1882, in which the different offense of polygamous cohabftation was also prohibited and defined. When religious journals attempt to expound secular law they ought to endeavor to be right before they proceed to go ahead. In commenting upon [the Advocate says: "The law, however was practically a dead tetter, as is today the provision of the Constitution of the State of Utah prohibiting polygamy." It is true that the bigamy act of 1862 remained a dead letter on the statute books of the United States, but It is not true that the provision of the Constitution of the State of Utah probibiting polygamy is a dead letter, 1st ds made active and practical by state legislation, and is found fully alive and of force whenever a case of polygamy can be substantlated by evidence. From what the Advocate sets forth occasionally, it seems that that paper would like to have suspected persons punished without evidence. If their alleged offense is related in any way to "polygamy." What the Advocate really knows about Utah affairs and the "Mormon" question, would occupy a very small bit of space in a corner of that un-Christian journal. That paper repeats the falsehood which the Deseret News has pointed out more than once, that certain "representatives of the Mormon Church gave a solemn nledge to the nation that they would abandon the teachings

gamy." All that is necessary to refute charge that they were traitors who the Advocate's falsehood is to read the plotted against the state in their secret petition for amnesty, in which that meetings in the catacombs, and else-"pledge" is alleged to be given.

where; all, because they refused to The Advocate speaks of President worship men, or pay homage to images. Joseph F. Smith's "declared con-The followers of the Nazarene in all tempt for the law of the State ages have been subjected to similar of Utah;" also states that "Brigtreatment. There never was a perseham H. Roberts has entered into cution but what was apparently justia polygamous marriage since the Manified before the contemporary world by festo.' Both its assertions are false, charges of disloyalty to the state, or but quite worthy of the columns of immorality. We are apt to forget that that un-Christian magazine. President it has been the work of history, not Smith declared no "contempt" for the contemporary panegyrists, to giorify law, but expressed his willingness to the martyrs of all ages-the witnesses abide the, consequences of any act he who before their own contemporaries had committed; and there is not a appeared in the character of malefacscintilla of evidence that Elder Roberts tors. The glorious host of martyrs is entered into that relation since the composed very largely of the "offmanifesto of 1890. scourings" of their own age.

One more statement of the Advocate If preachers of righteousness are to we will notice, and leave that part of he judged by the interpretation their the subject. It says: "The State of enemies may put on their teachings. Utah and the Mormon Church, which they all are "traitors," as the Master so far as the election of officials is conhimself was, from the point of view of erned is practically the State of Utah. the opponents. We have, for instance, have acted in bad faith." This is but a before us the report of a sermon repetition of the rubbish that has been preached some time ago by Rev. J. J. gathered up here and sent out to de-Head, at the Annunciation church, St. ceive the people of the East. The State Louis. The speaker-a Catholic-said of Utah has complied fully with the in part requirements of the Enabling Act, and "The same power and authority which the aposties received on Fentegone still further in carrying into effect

the demands of the government as excost Sunday, when the Holy Ghost depressed in that act. The "Mormon" scended on them and enlightened their minds that they might fulfill the Di-Church is not the State of Utah, has vine Mission previously conferred on them by Christ, 'Go and preach the nothing to do with its control, is as separate and distinct from it as any Gospel to every creature,' is the very identical power and authority which every Catholic priest of this twentieth century enjoys. The Apostolate was other Church in any other State and does not direct or effect the election of officials in the State. No matter how not given for a fixed period of time, but for all time and for all ages. 'I many times the "Caristlan" Advocate will send the Spirit of Truth to teach repeats the libel, the proofs are all to you all truth and to abide with you the contrary. It is simply a convenforever. ient slander for anti-"Mormon" papers

It has been actually urged against the "Mormons" that, because they believe in the continuation of the Holy Priesthood, they owe allegiance to a higher power than the government of the country. How foolish this conof the case against Senator Smoot? The tention appears in view of the fact that millions of Catholics in this country firmly believe the same doctrine, without being condemned as aliens, or traitors.

But, let us quote further. The speak-But Reed Smoot is not accused of any er said: of these offenses. He is admitted to be free from them personally, but he is

"Our hope and our desire is to restore this fair land to the kingdom of Christ, but as the Roman empire was not totally converted for 600 years after the arrival of St. Peter, as in the year 610, the Pantheon, pride of Rome, the temple of all the pagan gods, was dedicated as a Christlan Church and has remained as such to this day, so what may we not expect of this land 600 years after the Cross was planted here! When the six hundredth mile-stone in our existence is reached, let us hope, as in the case of the Roman empire of old, the Cross and the Stars Stripes may be inseparably entwined. As the Cross antedates the Stars and Stripes by nearly three centuries in this land, and as the Stars and Stripes have become the beacon light for the down-trodden and oppressed of every land, is not the Catholic church the mustard seed, so tiny in its incipiency 2,000 years ago, but to-day the massive tree that encircles the globe and shelters the birds repre-senting the tribes of every nation, of every tongue beneath its mantling pro-This indeed is our sanguine tection? hope-that the Cross and the Stars and Stripes may be inseparably en-twined and like the conquest of the





the Unitarians of America. ne plus ultra of learning.

> Secretary Bonaparte has turned down the big navy plan of Admiral Dewey. This is the first time the great admiral has ever met defeat.

Senator Depew never told a more uninteresting story than he told the Armstrong committee. It cannot fail to injure his reputation as a raconteur.

Having had his salary cut in half at his own request, the president of the Mutual Life might continue the good work by himself and relations contributing to the conscience fund.

The Indians of the Six Nations want to revise the pagan religion, mak sacred the marriage relation and stamp out intemperance. Leaving out the paganism, it is a noble ambition. But what a comment on our modern civilization!

At the American Federation of Labor congress this resolution, among others, was introduced: "That the Congress and of the United States pass a bill which will secure to every wage-worker in the United States who has earned no more than \$1,000 average wages per year, a pension of not less than twelve dollars per month at the age of sixty."

Labor Delegate Johannsen's resolution refusing Mr. Frick's donation because his money was tainted, was just a little bit previous. Mr. Frick had not tendered the money, and seeing how heartly the resolution was cheered, it is quite certain that he will not Cross in the Roman empire, the same offer it. Here is a case where resolumay also occur in this western hemis-

will it be before Paris and Vienna fall into line? The Interchurch Conference on Federation has great sympathy for the Unitarian Jews of Russia, but no use for Bacon never once mentions football in his "Advancement of Learning." Yet some educators seem to think it the

It is pretty evident, however, that th article which the Advocate approves and has admitted to its pages, originated in Salt Lake City, and is simply a rehash of old materials that have become mouldy and almost obsolete, and that have been shattered to shreds and relegated to the manure heap where they belong. If the readers of that un-Christian paper can find any comfort, consolation or religious food in such unsavory diet, they are welcome to it, and the paper which delights in it should have full credit for dishing it up in the style in which it is offered to the public,

and preachers to circulate.

Now, what have all the pretended ar-

gument, incorrect data, and virulent

attacks on the "Mormon" Church lead-

ers to do with the legal aspect

logic of it is this: Certain prominent

'Mormons" are charged by public ru-

mor, not by any legal complaint, with

having broken a pledge to the nation

and with practices contrary to law.

associated with those persons, and

therefore it is to be concluded that he

connives" at their wrong-doing. If it

were admitted that the charges pre-

ferred are true, why should Reed Smoot

Suppose this rule were applied to

other United States Senators who as-

sociate with, and do not attempt to in-

form upon or repudiate the society of.

men who have a reputation for doing

many things which ought not to be

mentioned in polite society. Would the

'Christian Advocate" have them con-

demned and expelled for such associa-

tion or condonation? Would it charge

them with "conniving" at the acts of

others because they do not take action

against them? Would it clamor for

be punished for their offenses?

THE HEBREW JUBILEE.

We take pleasure in acknowledging he receipt of an invitation to the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the first settlement of Jews in this country. which is to be held in this city, in the this month. The committee consists of Messrs, Henry Cohn, William Graupe and Rabbi Charles J. Freund. An extended notice of the event, with the local program and explanation of its meaning will be found in another part of today's imprint of the "News." righteousness among the children of We rejoice with our brethren of the men.

during the last 250 years in the cause of human rights and freedom, to which they have materially contributed. We ongratulate them on the prosperity they have attained to, and the influence they have been able to exercise for good in every direction of human achievement. With them, we look forward to the day of general redemption of the human race, through the priniples of truth of which they so long were the chosen messengers. We hope the coming celebration, all over the ountry, will be one of Jubilee rejolcing, and that the blessings enjoyed in this sountry will ere long be extended to the entire race throughout the world.

TRUE LOYALTY.

For purposes of agitation it is sometimes asserted that the Church aims at the political control of as much of the world as it may be possible for it to "conquer." This charge is as old as gether by a leader so that it could be the Church itself. For its divine counted on as the deciding factor in Founder was declared a traitor to Rome, on the plea that He aspired to

royal dignity and power-a charge that He admitted to be true, though not in the sense it was understood by the judges, and the mob. His forerunner, John the Baptist, had proclaimed the coming of the new "kingdom," and Jesus had accepted royal honors, though His "kingdom," as He explained, was not of this world, but no explanation of the true nature of His work and mission availed when the storm of prejudices had been raised by His enemies who had sworn His destruction.

The same accusation was launched later against the followers of the Nazarene throughout the Roman empire. Though the Caesars had no more loyal subjects than the Christians, these and practices of the doctrine of poly- were hunted as wild beasts, on the

He closed his oration as follows: 'Again from the Old Rome by the Tiber we sincerely welcome you to the New Rome by the Mississippi."

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Anyone will perceive how easy h would be for malice to place upon these utterances an interpretation that would represent the speaker as an allen with the aims and aspirations of a traitor, But to construe them that way, would be wrong. And yet, only by malicious interpretation can anything ever uttered by Latter-day Saints, speaking authoritatively, be made to serve as evidence of disloyalty, Christ is a "King" and His domain is a "kingiom," but His conquests are those of truth and righteousness over falsehood and sin-the victories of light over darkness, and when this victory is complete. He will be acknowledged as the King of kings and Lord of lords, and the world will perfectly free then, because there is no real fr edom except as far as truth and virtue control private and public human affairs. Loyalty to the cause of the Master is therefore loyalty to the governments and government institutions that exist for the purpose of establishing truth and

MARK TWAIN'S SUGGESTION.

Mark Twaln does not always joke. Sometimes he talks politics. Recently his active mind has been occupied with the solution of the problem how to have politics without "poly-tricks," if that term may be used. He suggests that all the independents organize a party in which no man must have any political aspirations, and no friends to push into an office. The sole aim of this party should be to support the best men for office, be they Republicans or Democrats or non-partisans, In this independent party, there should, acording to Mark Twain, be no "boss," no one to "deliver" the vote of the votors. And yet, they are to act in concert. "Just think." he exclaims, "what it would mean if, instead of a spontaneous uprising of voters who are tired of the conditions existing at present, these same voters were members of an organized third party held to-

our municipal elections." We are afraid the realization of this vision is yet far distant. People, as a rule, no longer engage in politics for the sole benefit of the community, Selfish considerations now-a-days generally stand in the way of the dictates of patriotism. As long as this is the case, there is little prospect of an independent party with no other political aspirations than the promotion of the public welfare. But the suggestions made nevertheless serve to call attention to the existing conditions in politics which are such as to render self-government, in many instances, almost impossible.

Was James Ord the son of George IV or was he just an Ord-Inary man?

Wednesday and Thursday, "The Mar-Haif of a hundred and fifty thousand

tion was sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought.

Sunday will cross the threshold of a

Sunday will cross the threshold of a church, or think of turning their steps toward a church door. They will, when Sunday comes, lounge in bed, or stroll out to the golf links, or play bridge in the library. My brother, my sister, who are host or hostess for such a

group, I entreat you to redeem your home for godlier usages! Let it be un-

derstood, in your house, that the Lord's day implies a Lord's house, and that

you expect your guests to accompany you thither. Let no plea of weariness,

or supercillousness, or indifference, ex-

cuse those whom your roof shelters from requirements which go a great

way above their mere tastes and pref-

Baptist Commonwealth.

A man of principle, no matter how

corely tried, vigorously protects the bonor of his home and the reputation of his wife. It is true that stories of

marital unhappiness become public property, but they are told in a divorce

man of refinement and honor tries to keep the facts from the general public

Why should not men have the same feel-ing of pride and honor in their church

elationship? The reputation of the hurch is a sacred trust given to the

nembers. The man who wilfully circu-

nembers. The man who wiltuny circu-lates facts or stories that injure his church is a traitor to that trust. Very many people forget this-they repeat idle goestp thoughtlessly-they circu-

late tales about the pastor or trustees or fellow members without thinking

that those stories may shatter reputa-tions and create dissensions. In this

vay harm is often done and good never.

If things do not go right it does not help it to tell a third party the story. In one of his epistles Paul warned the

early Christians against the practice of

airing their troubles in a court of law-were he alive today he would doubtless

appeal to modern Christians to avoid nflammatory pamphlets and especially

o keep their differences out of the daily

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NEXT ATTRACTION.

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that is impossible? Why should not science accomplish further success in improving the defects of nature? It has. The slow acting, long treat-ments and imperiect results of Face Bleaches, Complexion Washes, etc. herefolore used will be discarded when you become ac-quainted with the quick, prompt improvement that results from us-ing Curious Complexion Cream-the new and better method. Try it, At all druggists, PRICE 75 CENTS. Bishop Potter. If you wish to understand what I mean-for in this matter there is need of plain speaking-go with me some Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning to the Grand Central depot and see the DOULL DRUG CO. people who are going into the country to spend the day! They are on their way to a country house which they will find full of gay people, the major-DISTRIBUTORS. 238 Main, corner Market and the Postoffice will be next door south ity of whom are communicants of the church, but not one of whom on this

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