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ONCE MORE THE "MACHINE."

An esteemed contemporary refers to the testimony of Senator Smoot before the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to prove that the Senator admitted the existence in Utah of a so-called "Smoot machine." But the lines quoted do not justify such a deduction. Let our readers judge for themselves:

"Senator Smoot. And we went to work, as I stated before, and the primaries were held, the county conventions were held, and our state convention was held. We saw wherever we could that candidates for the legislature were nominated at those conventions, who were favorable to me as senator, and the organization was just as complete as I could make it. The work was done in that way."

"Mr. Worthington. What was it an organization of? Was it the organization of your party or the organization of your church?"

"Senator Smoot. The organization of the Republican party."

That is the testimony of the gentleman. It does not relate to the organization of a "machine," in the sense in which that term has been employed, but to legitimate party organization.

We take the liberty of referring to the subject once more, and to say as emphatically as possible, that the only interest the "News" has in the matter is that of a large number of citizens, of all parties and creeds, who desire good, honest, reliable business men in office, and who are thoroughly disgusted with the campaign of vilification, slander, and falsehood that has been carried almost to the utmost limits of scandal in this community lately. It is not necessary for the proper conduct of popular government that anyone should assault churches and church officials, conjure up sensations, assassinate character, or assume the role of savages on a head hunt. It should be sufficient to discuss principles and rely on the victory to be obtained through the vindication of truth. And this is said without any partisan motives, whatever. The "News" has always endeavored to be fair to all, independent and ready to defend whoever is unjustly assailed, if need be.

FALSE CHARGES.

The following charges have, finally, been formulated by the mouthpiece of the opponents of the Latter-day Saints:

"1. That polygamy was being practiced by and with the command of high church officials.
"2. That the church through this hierarchy, who control and who really are the church government, exercises political control or commanding influence in this state.
"3. That the tithing funds of the church are utilized in commercial pursuits, putting the church as a competitor against the individual business men and thereby working a great injustice to the state."

Senator Sutherland is challenged to deny any of these charges. He is assured that if he "cannot" deny and disprove them, he stands accused and proved of "willful, hired blackguardism."

The venom of this tirade is conspicuous enough; but the logic of it is its most wonderful characteristic. If Senator Sutherland cannot deny and disprove certain charges, made against an organization of which he does not even profess to be a member, he stands accused and proved of being all that is bad. Would that reasoning hold in a court of justice? Would it be accepted anywhere outside a lunatic asylum?

Suppose a case. Suppose somebody were to formulate the following charges:

"1. That immorality is being practiced by and with the command of prominent leaders of the so-called American party.
"2. That the party through its leaders exercise undue control in this community.
"3. That the public funds of the city are utilized for purposes for which they were never intended."

Suppose these charges were made, would any rational being stamp everyone as a rogue, who could not disprove them? By what laws of reasoning has it become the duty of the negative side to disprove everything the other side may assert?

The charges against the Church have been denied again and again, and no effort to prove them has been successful, for the simple reason that they are not true and cannot be proved. They are false, scurrilous and in toto. The charge relating to Church interference in political affairs is especially false and malicious. The present leaders of the Church have always been extremely careful not to give anybody cause for just criticism, or offend anyone in this matter. The accusation is therefore at this time without justification. It is false in its conception and malicious in its motive.

It is significant, however, it reveals the real aim of the anti-Mormon crusade. At present it is asserted that the "war" is waged "only" upon the leaders of the Saints. But when the situation is thoroughly scrutinized, it is found to be another false retort. Every blow aimed at the men at the head of the Church is directed against the people. It is the people that are the object of the attacks. The methods employed are but another instance of the old saying: "Smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered." It is just as well for the people at this time to understand clearly the aims and purposes of their enemies, so that they are not seduced by high-sounding phrases, and deluded by false promises.

SAN FRANCISCO'S SHAME.

Great moral calamities are more to be dreaded than great physical calamities. Last April San Francisco had a great physical calamity. First the city was shaken to its very foundations by a convulsion of nature. The ruin started by the earthquake was completed by fire. It was a terrible disaster, one of the worst ever recorded. The sympathy and aid of the world went out to the stricken city, and all felt that the people of San Francisco were near and dear to them. The mighty upheaval and great holocaust were the one touch of nature that made the whole world kin. The San Franciscans, with indomitable will and heroic energy, began to rebuild their city. Their pluck and spirit were the admiration of all. America felt proud of San Francisco. All this was the result of a great physical calamity.

Now a great moral calamity has befallen the city, but no sympathy goes out to it. Here the city must stand or fall by itself; its redemption is in the hands of its own people. A reign of crime by thugs and murderers is about to be succeeded by a reign of crime by unscrupulous officials. The acting mayor, at the behest of a boss, has undertaken to seize the office of the district attorney, to put into the hands his own willing tools, to do his own bad bidding. Under color of law lawlessness is to be made supreme. The decent people of California are fast becoming disgusted to a point beyond endurance. Addressing the Los Angeles high school on the outrage, Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, said: "If we have many more bad men in San Francisco, we may have to get rid of some of them by means of the scaffold."

Following this in a personal discussion, President Wheeler is quoted as saying: "Perhaps outsiders do not realize how desperate and bold the conspirators have become. Nearly all self-respecting men in the city are behind Henry, yet he may be overwhelmed. Those who are opposed to him are vindictive, desperate, and no one knows how strong. A coterie of men, myself included, supplied him with what money he needs to push the investigation. People who never took an interest in politics are being driven to it by the recent outbreak, the like of which has not been seen since the days of the last vigilance committee. Rust's bold grab at the district attorney's office is a practical admission of guilt. Men, women, children in all the bay cities are holly against him. Public feeling is wrought to such a pitch that should violence be done any of the reform chiefs, I do not believe public indignation would stop short of death to the perpetrators. Henry is a brave man. He well knows every time he walks into the courtroom that he takes his life into his hands. We stand by him."

These words from the lips of the head of a great institution of learning must cause conservative and radical men alike to reflect. It is not impossible, though most improbable, that San Francisco may see a revival of vigilante days. What a confession of the failure of self government that would be!

The people of San Francisco owe it to themselves, their state, their country, to rescue their city from the hands into which it has fallen, to re-establish its reputation, to make law and decency supreme, to crush out lawlessness and to make evil doers, in or out of office, hunt their holes and hide their heads for very shame.

POLITICS AND RELIGION.

A friend recently denounced an acquaintance for having said that if he did not know how to vote in an election, he would ask God for wisdom. "If this," the friend said, "is not mixing politics with religion, what is?"

Yet, the injunction of the Apostle Paul to the Colossians was: "Whatever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of Jesus." Here is Scripture for mixing religion not only with politics, but with everything "ye do in word or in deed." We are not offering an exegesis; we only quote a well known passage of the Scriptures. Paul is expressly teaching the Colossian Christians that all the relations and affairs of life should be permeated by the Christian spirit.

The fact of the matter is that the man who has no use for religion in his business, or in his politics, has no religion at all. Religion is not a cloak to be put on once in a while and then hung up in a closet till needed again. If it is of no use in the home and the store, it is certainly of no use at all. But some people have become so confused in their ideas that they know not what the true relation is between religion and everyday life.

Somebody has said that we have to thank religion for every step forward mankind has taken on the road to civilization. Legislation had a divine origin. The drama was originally a religious function. The arts of painting and sculpture were first associated with worship. Music is of divine origin and is best suited for divine worship.

Architecture was first mainly concerned in the building of churches. Literature in the early ages was confined to theology and the lives of the saints. All that is best in civilization, our liberty, political and religious, our benefits of a material kind, had their rise in the domain of religion. Man himself is essentially a religious being. This idea of segregating religion from the daily life and its various duties, is folly. Either a man believes in God or he does not. If he does, he proves it by all his acts, his words, and his sentiments toward his fellow men.

Kaysville is left without a mayor but not without a fund of gossip.

The Poor Farm is one of the richest pieces of land in the county.

Don't judge by appearances. Lots of people ride in borrowed automobiles.

There is one thing that Candidate Hughes does do well. He Hughes to the line.

Mr. Hearst is convinced that his voice is the voice of the people of New York. It's a strange delusion.

Consuelo Vanderbilt has discovered at last that the lord she married was no bigger than a Bethlehem spaniel.

And now Castellans can shake hands across the channel with Marlborough

and say to him that he, too, has suffered.

According to Wyoming reports the wandering Utes have an intense and innate desire to paint every town they visit red.

An heir to the Polish throne has just been born in Los Angeles. His crying will hardly keep William, Nicholas and Francis Joseph awake nights.

"In fifteen years the horse will be a curiosity; we shall be paying fifty cents to look at him in side shows," says Mr. Edison. So will Mr. Edison's prediction.

The highwayman's art seems to have about reached perfection in Russia. The boldness and success of his enterprise there challenge astonishment if not admiration.

The boys who have been given the task of making stove wood out of the trees that were blown down fall to see the wisdom of the saying, "Saw wood and say nothing."

Mrs. William Zeigler proposes to supply the blind with an interesting magazine, gotten up especially for them. It is a noble undertaking in behalf of the sorely afflicted. May its success be as generous as the motive that prompts it!

"Anthony Comstock, lendably strong in some virtues, appears weak in others. He has been exposed charging up mileage to a United States court as a witness when admittedly using a free railroad pass," says the Springfield Republican. That looks like a naked steal, not to be covered by any cloak of charity.

Governor Magoon is letting the rural guards, pursue the scattered bands of insurgents that are committing depredations in some of the provinces. It is the proper policy to follow and will do much to inculcate respect for law on the part of all Cubans. It is good instruction in the art of self government.

"A cabbage patch party" is the latest idea of women's societies connected with church work as a means to raise money. Several such parties have been held in the Bronx, New York, recently, and each was voted "a great success." To Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch must be given credit for originating this kind of entertainment.

ALKALI SOIL FOR SUGAR BEETS.

Walla Walla Union.
A few acres of the fine big ranch owned by Morda McDonald, a few miles south of the city, is so thoroughly saturated with alkali that only a few spears of salt grass would grow here and there over the land. It was absolutely worthless until this year. Mr. McDonald concluded to use it for experimental purposes. He sowed a portion of it in sugar beets last spring and he has on display at the county fair at present as good or better beets than were ever grown in the famous Grand Ronde Valley, where the Amalgamated Sugar company has a factory for the purpose of manufacturing sugar from the beets.

COLOR LINE.

Springfield Republican.
Human nature makes no account of the color line, dwelling alike in white or black—and so violence begets the like, and always will. A negro college was destroyed at Seneca, S. C., last week, the head of it having been first warned to leave the place and failed to comply with the demand. Then followed "a lesson" for this black man and his fellows in the wanton destruction of property. Dynamite cartridges were exploded at night under the four corners of the college building and it was partially wrecked. Too well has that stupid teaching been followed. If the theory of correct which credits negroes with having set the fire which has destroyed the business portion of Seneca, S. C. But perhaps the blacks did not retaliate with savagery equal to their white mentors—and so violence begets the like, and always will. The women of this city have been the silent force, the undercurrent, that has been working so effectively through the years, the result of which is meant the ushering in of social conditions that are extremely wholesome.

NOBLE WOMEN.

Sheffield New Sun.
The women of this town have labored earnestly and long in an endeavor to maintain truth and sobriety in the home, teaching their sons and daughters that these are cardinal virtues, and are to be maintained by greater rubies. They have recognized the fact that home life is the foundation of all life, and that municipal, state and national existence is pure only as the home life is pure. The women of this city have been the silent force, the undercurrent, that has been working so effectively through the years, the result of which is meant the ushering in of social conditions that are extremely wholesome.

POCKET PHONES.

New York Tribune.
A pocket telephone for police purposes is probably the most novel adoption of invention in this particular field. It is to be seen in daily practical working in Vienna and perhaps in Vienna alone of the great cities of the world. In the Austrian capital, however, the system is universal, and every police officer on duty is provided with the necessary appliances. In every street of importance in the city special call boxes have been placed, and every officer on duty having occasion to communicate with the station has only to pull out his pocket apparatus, adjust it to the wire in the box, and communication at once is established. As a method of summoning aid in all but petty cases, the system seems to have many advantages over the whistle.

JUST FOR FUN.

Finesse.

"Well, she refused. Turned me down hard."
"But you didn't give her up?"
"Not I. I went and asked her father."
"Her father?"
"That's it."
"What good was his consent, with the girl herself standing out? I never heard of such a thing."
"Consent? Who said anything about consent? He refused me, too, and I swelled up under it. He would disown any daughter of his if she was as cured to look at such a pin-headed upstart!"
"Well, I declare! And now do you really mean to say he's your father-in-law?"
"Of course. Clara and I were married within a month. You wouldn't expect a girl of my spirit to let that kind of a bluff go by her, would you?"
—Puck.

Room for One More.

A visiting bishop in Washington was arguing with a gentleman friend of his

on the desirability of attending church. At last he put the question squarely: "What is your personal reason for not attending?"

The gentleman smiled in a no-offense-intended way as he replied: "The fact is, one finds so many hypocrites there."

Returning the smile, the Bishop said: "Don't let that keep you away. There is always room for one more."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Still Bigger.

"Well," said he, anxious to patch up their quarrel of yesterday, "aren't you cautious to know what's in this package?"

"Not very," replied the still belligerent wife indifferently.

"Well, it's something for the one I love best in all the world."

"Ah! I suppose it's those suspenders you said you needed."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Burglar—If you move you're a dead man.

Professor Sapient—Allow me to remark, my good man, that your statement is absurd. If I move it is an evident proof that I am alive and not a dead man. I should advise you to consider the meaning of words before using them.—Pete Mele.

Mrs. Firstfloor—I called to speak about your daughter's playing.

Mrs. Secondfloor—Now look here, she'll play just as loud as she likes. See?

Mrs. Firstfloor—That's what I was going to ask for. You see, I'm going to give Willie a whippin' and I don't want folks to hear him holler.—Chicago News.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Gunter's for November is a brilliant number. It contains a successful serial, Gunter's sequel to "Mr. Barnes of New York," "The Shadow of a Vendetta," in addition the rest of the number consists of interesting, as well as charming stories, and articles illustrated by well known artists. "The Lost Tunnel," by Adelaide Soule, is a dazzling narrative of the adventures of two youths from San Francisco, who went to Mexico to find their fortunes. "An Eloquent and Joe Harry West," by W. P. White, is a humorous tale of a frontier love scrimmage. "Coaching Extraordinary," by Charles Frederick Hollier is illustrated by many effective photographs. "A Good Man in a Bad Place," by Hobarth Austin is a powerful tale of the Union Pacific Railroad in the days of 1867. "She Wood—He Waited," by the author of "Our Glee," is a charming little episode of watering place life in the Riviera. "Speculating for a Bride," is a story by George Carling. "The Club on the Rue de la Marne," by G. F. Turner, shows the adventures of a British fighting general in the most eccentric club in the Parisian capital—3 East, 14th St., New York.

The following is the list of contents of Young's Magazine for November: "The Pink Corsair," A. de Nora; "A Sawdust Man," Heyward Green; "What She Thought," Julia Browne; "The Check-board of Fate," Anne Annie; "Lady of the Vanishing," by the author of "The Winter," Willie Washington; "When St. Anthony Fell," Imogene Ivins; "The Inventory," Annie Partland; "The Downfall of Billy," John Willmerding; "The Vanderpoels," by the author of "The Girl from Paradise," William J. Roe; "Wild Oats," Andre Theriot; "The Truth About La Saville," W. J. Wenderly; "The Broadway and Off," an Accusation, Charles Sloan Reid; and "Fra Filippo," Harold Rutledge Blyen—114 East 25th, New York.

A noteworthy feature of the November number, the first number of the seventy-third volume, is the first installment of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's new serial, "The Shuttle." Interest is placed in the first chapter of the serial, which is a story of the characters in a story of international marriage—"Americans whose fortunes were a portion of the history of their country." The number carries readers of A. W. Mason's serial to "the history of the running water." There are five short stories, grave and gay—Anne Warner's tenderly pathetic "Trading His Mother," being an altogether different vein from her "Susan's Change" and "Seeing France with Uncle John." This number contains the first of an important series of papers by Ellis Paxson Oberholser on "Jay Cooke and the Financing of the Civil War," which will be of special interest to American business men. Socialism is discussed in the Century by Franklin H. Giddings, professor of sociology and the history of civilization in Columbia university, under the title of "Mr. Bryan and Our Complex Social Order." In "The German Emperor's Voice," E. W. Scripture gives an interesting account of how he secured records of the German emperor's speech—the only ones in existence—for the Phonetic Archives at Washington and Harvard. These are only a few of the many interesting features of this number—New York.

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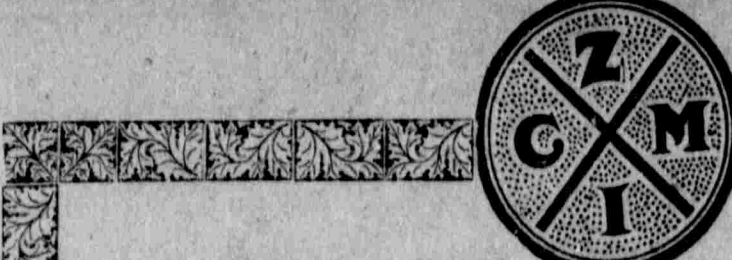
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