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Presbyterian Lecturer Defamed Mormons of Utah and Catholics of New Mexico.

IS MOST ABLY CALLED DOWN.

Tish Man Addresses a Large Audience at Camden, N. J., and Refutes False Statements.

The people of Camden, N. J., have recently been permitted to hear both sides of the Mormon question. First they were regaled with tales of horror against Utah and the people who form the majority of her inhabitants, from the lips of Rev. Delos Fink, who was lecturing in the interests of the Presbyterian board of missions. The Cathlics came in for a share of the slander uttered by the man who was bearing raise witness for the few paltry pieces of coin that he might gather in the collection plate, but the poisoned shafts were directed for the most part against

were directed for the most part against the Mormons. Mr. Peet, in a public lecture, showed the falsity of the statements made by the reversad prevaricator, and latd be-fore a large audience the truth in rela-tion to the people of Utah, and at the same time put in a word of defense for the defamed Catholics of New Mexico. Following is a report of the lecture of Mr. Peet, as it was published in the Canden Post-Telegram of Feb. 9, 1907:

Mr. Peet, as it was provided in the Camden Post-Telegram of Feb. 9, 1907; Post 5 hall was fairly packed with curious people last night to hear the lecture of V. S. Peet on Mormonism. Mr. Peet has been sent abroad by citi-zens of Utah, to refute the statements current that the state is a hotbed of Mormonism beyond recail. Mr. Peet was especially incensed at what he termed as the slanderous attack on Utah by Rev. Delos Fink, a traveling lecturer for the Presbyterian board of home missions. Half a dozen police-men were on duty, in view of possible rouble, but not a ripple disturbed the lecture. During the evening, Chief of Police Gravenor stopped in, but, see-ing that everything was serene, did not dally long. The anticipation of pending trouble was not apparent and Mr. Peet continued his interesting talk without interruption. In the course of his remarks he said: "I am here this evening to answer

Ar. Peer continued nis interesting teams without interruption. In the course of his remarks he said: "I am here this evening to answer some of the statements made by Rev. Delos Fink, in a magic landern lecture in the First Presbyterian church. Gioucester. Mr. Fink claimed that he was a Presbyterian missionary and had labored in New Mexico and Utah. I am here also to give you a brief talk on Utah and the Mormons. I am not here in the interest of the Mormon Church or any other denomination. I am not here to ridicule or belittle any other religious sect. I am not a Mor-mon, I never have been, and I have no intention of joining that Church: but I am here to rebut the attack made on Utah and the whole intermountain country by Rev. Mr. Fink and the Pres-pyterian board of home missiohs, who are selling 15 scandalous and mislead-ing tracts against Utah and its people; who compose 70 per cent of Utah to defend my state from the false attacks made on her by travel-ing religious fanatics. I have no apolo-gies to make for what I did at Mr. Fink's lecture. I did not interrupt hint as was stated by some of the papers. I waited till Mr. Fink said: "This will conclude my lecture for tonight. Will the janitor please turn on the lights" I walted until all the lights were lit and then arose in my seat and said: "If

free from debt. Utah has a greater per-centage of students attending school and better high schools than any other state. She has as few illiterates, pau-pers and insbriates as any other state. Utah stands third in education, al-though the youngest state. Her uni-versity and Agricultural college are the best, and her deaf and dumb school took the grand prize and gold medal at the Louislana Purchase ex-position.

STUDENTS' STANDING.

Utah students stand higher anorally and intellectually in the eastern col-leges than the students do from any other church, sect, orced or state in the Union. There were 13 Utah stu-dents in Harvard university last year nine were Mormons and four were gen-tlies. These students stood higher than these from any other store and the tiles. These students stood higher than those from any other state, and I be-lieve that four of them held fellow-ships; that is to say, that they stood so high in their classes that Harvard university gave them \$609 each per an-num to attend their institution. The same condition exists in Yale, Colum-bia college, George Washington uni-versity, Jefferson medical college and the University of Pennsylvania, also Ann Arbor, the University of Chicago, the medical colleges of Chicago, tho Johns Hopkins and the college of physi-cians and surgeons at Baltimore. There are now 27 Utah students in the Jeffer-son medical college and in the Univer-

are now 27 Utah students in the Jeffer-son medical college and in the Univer-city of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Three of them are Jews, the remainder are Mormons. Not one of those Mor-mon students uses tobacco in any form, drinks intoxicating liquors or carouses at night. They stand higher, morally, and intellectually than those from any other state in the Union. "If Mr. Fink's statement is true, that the followers of Joseph Smith are igno-rant, drunkards, theres and loaters.

the followers of Joseph Smith are igno-rant, drunkards, therees and loafers, how is it that Utah students stand so very high in the eastern colleges. The Y. M. C. A. of Salt Lake City built a structure in the heart of the city costing over \$100,000, and this building was paid for the day it was dedicated. There are many Mormons belonging to the Y. M. C. A. of Salt Lake City, and one of them is a secre-tary of that institution. Will Mr. Fink please explain. If the Mormons are drunkards, traitors, thieves and vaga-bonds, why they are allowed to be in that institution and one of them a sec-retary?

retary? "Mr. Fink stated that the Mormon Church and the leaders of the Mormon Church ordered and planned the Mountain Meadow massacre and that 130 peaceful emigrants were murdered and plundered by the Mormons. This state-ment is also being sold in a tract by the Presbyterian board of home mis-tions of Deflatable sions of Philadelphia.

BANCROFT QUOTED.

WERE TABLES TURNED? "I was censured by many people in Gloucester because I called Mr. Fink to time at the close of his lecture, but I believe that most of this audience will censure me because I ald not call him down then and there when he threw that hideous Utah devil 6sh on the curtain. I am willing to bet a Utah form that if three or more New Jersey men were attending a lecture and the lecturer should picture New Jersey as Mr. Fink did Utah, that they would have risen up in honest indig-nation and would have transformed his magic lantern into a scrab heap and would have made the lecturer look as though he had been run through a corn sheller. I think when Mr. Fink and the Presbyterian board of home missions adopted the Utah devil fish as their emblem they had in mind the great red dragon. St. John asw it when he said 'And I stood on the sand of the sea and saw a beast rise up out of the sea had be sea had and "In regard to the Mountain Meadow "In regard to the Mountain Meadow massacre, I will introduce to this audi-ence ats my first witness Mr. Herbert Howe Bancroft, the historian. Mr. Bancroft is considered by professors of schools and colleges, ministers of the gospel and thinkers as A No. I authori-ty on any subject on which he writes. On page 34 Bancroft's History of Utah is the following concerning the Mounty on any subject on which he writes. On page 34 Bancroft's History of Utah is the following correcting the Moun-tain Meadow massacre: 'It may be as well understood at the outset that this horrible crime, so often and so per-sistently charged upon the Mormon Church and its leaders, was the crime of an individual, the crime of a fana-tic of the worst stamp, one who was a member of the Mormon Church, but of whose intrutions the Mormon Church, but of whose intrutions the Mormon Church, but of whose intrutions the Mormon Church here nothing, and whose bloody act the members of the Church, high and low, regard with as much abhorence as any out of the Church. Indeed, the blow fell upon the brotherhood with three-fold force and damage. There was the cruelty of it, which Wrunt their hearts; there was the odium at-tending its performance in their midst; and there was the strength that it lent molest them. The Mormons denounced the Mountain Meadow massacre and every act connected therewith, as earn-estly and honestly as any in the out-side world. This is abundantly proved and may be accepted as a historica. "Mr. Fink stated that the Mormons

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when he said 'And I stood on the sand of the sea and saw a beast rise up out of the sea having seven heads and 10 horns, upon his heads the name of blasphemy! These are twin em-blems of religious hatred. The great red dragon means blasphemy: the great black devil fish means slander. "Mr. Fink pictured the five homes of Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon Church. Mr. Fink showed himself very ignorant in regard to the rules of the Presbyterian church, or else he wanted to create a faise im-pression, and hold up the horrible bugaboo of polygamous cohabitation to create a sensation. If the Presby-terians should make a convert of

water in it.)

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Joseph F. Smith, he would be allowed to retain, live with and provide for his plural wires and could be a member of their church. The rule that a man once in polygumy should remain in polygamy and live with and provide for his plural wires and children as Abraham, David and Solomon did has been adopted in nearly all Presby-terian foreign missions.

PRESEYTERIAN POLYGAMISTS.

I want to ask this audience if they be-lieve that any man was ever crickfied on a cross in the United States. "Me. Fink not only cast reproach on the Gatholics for crucifying a man but he insulted the governor of New Mex-ted and the United States army in New Mexico for allowing a crucifixion to take place. There is not a person in this audience but what believes that if a crucifixion was to take place in New Mexico or in any part of the United States where the American dag waves that the armies would have stopped it and would have imprisoned the religious fanatics who attempted it. "If I had not seen the platter and hard the gentleman say that he took it, I would not have believed that it could have come from a Presbyterian presedier. PRESBYTERIAN POLYGAMISTS. "It is a historical fact that ever since the days of Abraham down to the present time it has been the rule of nearly all orthodox religious socie-ties to receive into their membership polygamist converts and their plural wives. The only Christian societies who are opposing this rule are the so-called Christian Missionaries in Utah and those that have been misled by them. There is no question in the minds of the right-tilinking that if the orthodox Christian missionaries in Utah had made converts of Mormon polygamists that this rule would have been adopted there, as it has been in all countries where they have convert-ed polygamists. It. I would not have believed that it could have come from a Presbyterian preacher. "As to the Mormon Church dominating politica in Utah, as stated by MitFink, I offered the following reward on September 12, 1905, which was published in nearly all the papers in Fey. Lake City, and by the Associated Press and the different papers throughout the United States. "If it can be shown that Joseph F. Smith, shace he became president of the Mormon Church has dominated or Interfered with in any way the political action of any individual or party. I will give \$1,000 for such information." This reward has never been claimed and it still holds good. Mr, Fink threw on the curtain in his lecture a map of the United States, with Utah as a big, black hlot on it, in the shape of a hideous black devil fish, with long, snake-like tentacles extending into the adjoining states and territories, and one running clear across the United States and grapping Washington. He taught by this diabolical picture the people of New Jersey to hate with intense hatred the State of Utah. He is trying to stir up a religious war and he stated that the Mormon question would have to be settled by war. Think of it, Mr. President, and ladies and gentlement That such awful stuff should be taught in a Presbyterian church in New Jersey.

been adopted there, as it has been in all countries where they have convert-ed polygamists. "When the Mormons first settled in Itah in 1847 it was then a province of Mexico, and there in accordance with the teachings of the Bible to multiply and replenish the earth—that is, to populate what was then the great un-subdued west—they married into polygamy and reared large families as a right of their religion. When Utah was annexed to the United States, the Mormons relied on Article 1 of the smeadment of the Constitution, which said: 'Congress shall make no law re-specting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise there-of.' The Mormons declared that marrying in polygamy was a religious rite and no one had any right to mo-lest them in so doing. The very few who married in polygamy were prose-cuted. They carried it to the courts and then to the supreme court of the United States, and when the supreme court (the court of last resort) declied that marrying in polygamy and since September, 1840, there has not been one plural marriage performed or senctioned by the Mormon Church."

Ill-Advised.

"That speech was ill-advised," sala Senator Cullom, referring to a col-league's too outspoken address. "It reminds me of a speech that a widow made to her new husband on the honeymoon. "'Oh,' she sighed, throwing herself in the man's arms, 'how happy poor dear James would be if he could only know by what an agreeable gentleman he has been replaced."

Didn't Know Her Name The Census Taker: "Your name,

The Census Taker: First hand, "I don't know." "Beg pardon, mum?" "Tve been divorced. At present my name is Mrs. Jones in this state. In several states it is Mfss Smith, my malden name, and in three states it is Mrs. Brown, my first husband's name." "This your residence, mum?" "I eat and sleep here, but I have a trunk in a neighboring state, where I am getting a divorce from my present husband." "Then you're married at present?"



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in salt lake.



the janitor please turn on the lights " I waited until all the lights were lit and then arose in my seat and said: 'If the lecturer of the evening can show by any reasonable proof that the Mormon Church or the leaders of the Mormon Church or the leaders of the Mormon Church or dered, sanctioned, or had anything to do with the Mountain Meadow massacre, I will donate \$1,000 to this church; or if he can in any way show that the Mormon Church as a church dominates or interferes with the political action of any individual or party, I will give this church another \$1,000.' That is as far as I got, because the pastor of the church had spoken to me and insisted that I keep quiet. The pastor also said that Mr. Wright, who was with me, and I were Mormons and had come there to disturb the lecture. Mr. Wright told the pastor I was not a Mormon and I would make good my rewards. The method waited until all the lights were lit and Mormon and I would make good my rewards. The whole episode did not last two minutes, and as far as creat-lag a riot, as was stated, it is all bosh. The Camden papers gave a correct ac-count of it. I never interrupt a relig-lous meeting. Not all meetings held in churches are religious.

FINK'S FALSEHOODS.

'Mr. Fink stated that Joseph Smith, "Mr. Fink stated that Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church, was a drunkard, a thief, and an ignorant, low, immoral person, and he made an attack on Joseph Smith's mother by stating that she was a sooth-sayer and a fortune teller, and that the whole Smith family were considered as vag-abonds and worthless, and that Joseph Smith's followers were n better than he, because a stream never rises higher he, because a stream never rises higher

he, because a stream acver rises higher than its source. I am not here to de-fend Joseph Smith or his mother, but when Mr. Fink said that the majority of the people of Utah are thieves, vara-bonds and drunkards and traitors. I take issue with him. "I am going to show you tonight hat Utah and her people are just as intelligent, moral, honest and upright is any other state. I believe it is con-soded by all that the immorality of any state is measured by the number of Heensed saloons and retail hiquor lealers within its borders, as may sa-bons are underground railroads to rambling dens, sporting houses and resorts for thieves and hold-ups.

SOME COMPARISONS.

SOME COMPARISONS. "The population of New Jersey in 1990 was 1,885,000, and according to the peport of the internal revenue collec-tor, there were 10,413 retail liquor deal-trains in the state, or one retail liquor realer for every 181 of the population. The population of Utan in 1900 was 16,749, and by the same report she had 366 licensed retail liquor dealers, which neluded the drug stores, or one retail liquor, dealer to every 296 of the pop-nation. New Jersey has nearly two sloons per capita to Utah's one. I held to get a report on Peensylvania, but was unable to. I believe that Penn-hylvania had a greater percentage of tensed saloons than New Jersey. "West Hazleton, Pa., has one licensed sloon to every 85 people. Freeland, ra, has one to 30 people, and Mahanoy Yuy, Pa., has one to 92 people, I hink if Mr. Fink is really hunting for work and wants to say something bad ubout tany place, he had better plich nto West Hazleton, Freeland or Ma-anoy Clity, Pennsylvania. "The morality of a community or

The west marketon, Freeland or Ma-banoy City, Pennsylvania. "The morality of a community or state is usually measured by the num-ber of homes the people awn, the num-ber of children attending school, and the community that has the least num-ber of fillerates, paupers and ine-briates is usually considered the most meral.

"According to the report of the Ab-itract of the Twelfth Census. 30 per tent of the people of Utah own the arms they live on and 88 per cent ac-

and may be accepted as a historical fact.' "Mr. Fink stated that the Mormons were aliens, they were un-American, they were not a part of the United States, that they were working to overthrow this government; in other words, they were traitors and would not respect the flag. "I will briefly mention the Mormon battalion of 500 solidiers who at the re-quest of Uncle Sam, in 1848, after be-ing driven from Nauvoo, II., and see-ing the homes burned they had built, left their wives and children, their fathers and mothers, to make their way across the burning sands of what was then the Great American desert to was then the Great American desert to Utah, which was to be their future home. From this wandering band of Mormons, Uncle Sam secured 500 noble warriors; and in two weeks from the time he called on them 500 as loyal sol-diers marched to the front as were ever recruited.

MORMON LOYALTY.

"In our late war with Spain, the Utah battery was engaged in more bat-

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CATHOLICS SLANDERED.

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with his camera. "As a slur upon the Catholics, he pic-tured that priesteraft, which meant the Catholics, were guilty of teaching their converts to crucify one of their -rectors ou the cross to save bir soul



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