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## THE STORM AT ITS HEIGHT.

The great anti-Mormon hurricane has almost reached its full height. It is about to burst, and the grand point of its fury will be the devoted head of Utah's Representative in Congress. It is one of the most remarkable exhibitions of popular insanity that has ever been witnessed. Its starting point was in Salt Lake City. Its original elements were religious and political. Its ostensible object was the exclusion from Congress of the gentleman elected to that position by a large majority of the people of this State. Its real purpose was to use the language of a number of its promoters was "the crushing out of 'Mormonism'."

Nothing that has occurred in the century about to close, which is the most remarkable in the history of civilization, equals in irrational ferocity the outburst now reaching its culmination. Whatever happens to Hon. B. H. Roberts will not have the slightest effect on the religious system commonly known as "Mormonism." That will be seen when the storm has subsided and the cycling clouds have rolled away.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be untouched by the event, whether Congress tramples in the dust its own rules and the constitutional rights of a State and its duly accredited Representative or not. The obnoxious feature which the multitude imagine they are going to remove from "Mormonism," has been already eliminated. There is not the slightest perceptible intention to restore it. The country has gone wild over a phantom, which a breath of reason or a gleam of light would have dispelled.

It will take a little time to make this clear to the millions of people who have been deceived and aroused into senseless agitation. But when they learn, as they will ultimately, how blind and rash and unjust they have been in swelling the tumult, they will not only be ready to listen to reason, but will turn with disgust from the pretended ministers of Christ, who have blinded their eyes and worked upon their prejudices so as to involve them in this anti-Mormon whirlwind.

In mentioning the work of sectarian preachers in this crusade, we do not include all who participated in the movement as wilful perverters of the truth. Many of them are of the class spoken of in Scripture as "deceivers and being deceived." But the chief actors in the play have concocted materials for the outburst, knowing that they were misrepresenting the "Mormon" people and the "Mormon" religion and playing upon the passions of the multitude for impious purposes. In due time they and their infamy will be fully exposed.

Not one in a thousand of the excited people whose names appear in the tons of petitions for the unseating of the Utah Congressman, have any idea of the facts in his case or its relation to the so-called "Mormon" question. The cry of "polygamy" and the notion about the "menace to the American home," have acted like a sedition powder in the waters of the nation. When the effervescence has spent itself, how silly they will appear in their own eyes.

"Mormonism" will go on. Its doctrines will be promulgated. Its votaries will be more united than ever. Its light will shine brighter and its effects upon mankind will be doubly felt. The course that Congress will take will make not the slightest difference in the progress of the latter-day dispensation, for God is in it and with it. It is His work. And while the human tempest against it rages and "the people imagine a vain thing," He that sitteth in the heavens will accomplish His own purpose and have His enemies "in derision."

## ANYTHING TO BEAT MORMONISM

That was a spectacle for men and angels which was exhibited at the capital of the nation on Sunday, when ministers of different clashing denominations, with an avowed and rampant atheism from this city, appeared together in pious unity, and gave vent to their virulent animosity against the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The atheist who was given a prominent place at the meeting in the Congregational church, made the statement openly that this was a movement to check "Mormonism." While the attack was directed against B. H. Roberts, he said it was "the Mormon Church they were after." The missionary work now being performed by "Mormon" Elders and the spread of the system in surrounding States with Utah as the center were cited as reasons for the crusade, and the conclusion of his argument was "therefore this fight must be made against the Mormon system and not particularly against Roberts."

Dr. T. C. Hiff, also of Salt Lake, was one of the speakers on this question, appearing for that purpose at Trinity church. On their return, the Dr. and the atheist would make a pretty pair in the pulpit of the M. E. church in this city, and would no doubt draw a large congregation and secure a very comfortable collection.

That "history repeats itself," receives

another illustration in the opposition waged against the Church of Christ in the latter days. The Scribes and Pharisees of old, the lawyers and the doctors, supported by the rabble, united in the conflict against Christ and His disciples, and in the onslaught forgot their personal and sectarian differences in their raging fury. It is the same today. The conflicting Protestant sects join hand in hand with each other and with scoffing infidels, in arousing popular wrath for a concerted attack upon the religion which the Redeemer has restored, and against the people who have embraced it. No weapon of falsehood is too base for their handling. No method, however cowardly and unjust, which promises to be potent, is refused in the warfare. "Anything to beat 'Mormonism'" is the battle cry.

To reply to all the falsehoods, perversions of the truth and distortions of facts, resorted to by the motley combination arrayed against "Mormonism," would occupy every inch of space, every day, in the columns of the Deseret News, and even with a double supplement would not fully meet them all. Just now only the accusations against the Church, its leaders and its members will receive much attention. Our time has not yet fully come. We now simply raise a protest against condemning a man or a system unheard, and enter a solemn denial of the charges that are made by the unholy alliance which is responsible for the present senseless and satanic crusade. But there are more days than one. "There is a time for all things." Out of the present chaos of error and anger and noise, will come forth order and light and conditions favorable to eternal truth, which will shine in its glory and will live forever, while the agents of the powers of evil will wither away and go to their own place. Nevertheless the combination of discordant elements now hanging together to destroy "Mormonism" is a sight for angels as well as mortals who keep their eyes open.

## SAINT ANTHONY RAILWAY.

The people of Snake River Valley, Idaho, are to be congratulated on the completion of the Saint Anthony railway, connecting Saint Anthony with the Oregon Short Line. This is a great boon to the settlers in that region. A large number of them were formerly citizens of Utah. They have succeeded marvelously in bringing that part of Idaho into cultivation. The land there has proved to be fertile. Grain and fruit of various kinds have been produced. Ranges are near for stock. It is well watered and in some parts the sub-irrigation occasioned by seepage from numerous large canals, is sufficient without further moisture for the raising of abundant crops.

There are a number of thriving settlements within easy reach of the new railroad and that proximity will help them to a market for all kinds of produce. Then there are placer mines at different points on Snake river, and the advent of the railroad will be welcome to their owners.

St. Anthony as the present terminus of this branch line, will celebrate the event on Thursday Dec. 7th, and the Deseret News acknowledges an invitation to attend the ceremonies. The committee on entertainment is composed of the following well known citizens of that thriving town: N. J. Gray, C. M. Moon, R. J. Costerly and J. D. Louis.

We rejoice with the people of Snake River Valley in general, and of St. Anthony in particular, over the commencement of a new epoch in the history of that splendid country. They have reason for festivities, and we are sure that the enterprise of the Oregon Short Line company in constructing this much needed railway will receive its full reward. We wish our friends in the north a pleasant time on Thursday.

## SANCTA SIMPLICITAS.

The gullibility of a certain class of the public is strikingly demonstrated in the success of the Franklin syndicate swindle in New York, now exposed. It appears that this concern promised to pay 10 per cent a week on money invested, and that the officers were deluged with contributions. It is said the originator of the scheme decamped with \$750,000, all made in this way in a few weeks.

What is most strange about this affair is this, that it is believed that the robbers cannot easily be reached by the law, even if arrested. The manager of the syndicate has not, it is said, violated the State banking law. He fulfilled his contracts until he disappeared, and then he made a regular assignment. The depositors were "stockholders" and the swindlers, if brought before the bar of justice, will probably plead that if their methods had not been attacked and their plans interfered with, the money of the dupes would have been safe.

Reason should tell anyone that the promise of getting something for nothing is never made to be kept. It is on a par with the efforts at changing lead into gold, or the construction of a machine for perpetual motion. Still people will try schemes of that kind, to escape honest toil and frugality.

It is good to have demonstrated once in a while the weakness of human nature which permits greed and credulity to get the best of common sense. For it explains much that otherwise would remain a mystery. If in financial matters, where experience and prudence generally rule, thousands can be led blindfolded into a ditch, by schemers that have fraud plainly stamped on their foreheads, it is no wonder that they can be swayed to and fro by political and religious demagogues, who enter fields not familiar to the multitudes. It is, in other words, much easier to perceive how a person can be swindled out of his perception of truth and sense of justice than out of his hard-earned dollars and cents, in a world where mammon is more thought of than the treasures that are everlasting. But all the same, the law ought to protect the public against the highwayman who opens an office and advertises his business, as well as against him who operates on the street and in secret.

## THE MODDER RIVER BATTLE.

The first detailed account of the terrible battle at Modder river, in South Africa, has now been published by the London Chronicle. The substance of it is that the Orange Free State Boers fought with great desperation, while British bravery and endurance were exhibited to a notable degree. The loss must have been appalling on both sides. The fight raged for fourteen hours, and neither side had, at the finish, gained any decided advantage. The British were too exhausted to pursue the enemy. But during the night the Boers left their positions, taking their guns with them, and the following morning the abandoned trenches were occupied by the British without opposition.

This seems to be the actual result of a battle with Lord Methuen described as the bloodiest of the century. It was fought only twenty-five miles from Kimberley, which the Boer force was sent to relieve. Had the Boer force been scattered or annihilated, the English would have been able to press on toward their destination, but as it retreated in perfect order with guns and equipments, the probability is that another sanguinary encounter will take place on the road to Kimberley, probably at Spryfontein. But can Lord Methuen engage the enemy again before reinforcements arrive?

That the fight at Modder river was not "the bloodiest battle of the century" needs no argument. Only about 15,000 men, both sides counted, engaged in that conflict. At Gettysburg there were ten times as many men engaged and the total killed were 7,834 and the total wounded 36,718. At Antietam the total loss was 21,463. And what about Waterloo, Solferino and Gravelotte? If Lord Methuen actually has reported his fight as the most sanguinary of the century, he must have meant comparatively, taking into account the number of combatants on each side; otherwise his report would indicate a disposition to indulge in the use of adjectives to the detriment of a clear representation of facts. But perhaps the exaggeration is not his. Some allowance must be made for the imagination of the home censor.

## TALKING OF REVOLUTION.

Ex-Congressman Towne of Minnesota is quoted as having made the statement in a public meeting in Chicago that "the government of the United States is drifting toward a monarchy." He added that "there are big men in New York right now who get together and seriously discuss the prospect of doing away with the Republic."

As a piece of information this may be considered of interest, if true, but the general public will not feel alarmed. To make a revolution is different from discussing its possibilities. The latter may be a harmless pastime among "big men of New York," merely a mental exercise.

Coup d'etat are not brought about without the aid of an army sufficiently strong to keep the citizens from taking a hand in the affair. Should it ever come to this that the United States is burdened with an immense standing army ready to follow the command of one man, a revolution would be possible; but in a free country, governed by the people and the army being of the people, the institutions are safe. Militarism must precede a revolution. But judging from the way the American people treat their heroes—Admiral Dewey not excepted—there are no signs of any immediate danger of militarism.

## POLYGAMY IN NEW YORK.

This is from the Omaha World-Herald of Nov. 30:

"Absent the unsavory fracas now being raised over Congressman-elect Roberts of Utah, an interesting statement is made by John T. McDonough, secretary of state of New York. Mr. McDonough's statement is that a man or woman who is willing to do so, may under certain well defined conditions, live in open polygamy in the Empire State and so under the protection of the law. The process is quite simple.

"If a man's wife leaves him, and he can find no trace of her for five years, he can remarry. If the second wife disappears for a like term of years he may repeat the operation, and so on, ad infinitum. Now, according to Mr. McDonough, while this man is living with wife No. 3, or 4, if the runaways reappear they may, with his consent, resume their positions as his legally wedded wives. They may do so under the law, and the majesty and power of the great State of New York will protect the sanctity of this multi-married relation.

"Mr. McDonough ought to know what he is talking about. If he does it is evident that there is a pressing need for reform much nearer the seat of national government than Salt Lake City, Utah."

Now is the time that the man who cannot pay his taxes gets his name in the newspaper; but he has to pay for it.

England's colonial secretary at least knows how to set the world "by the ears," judging by the din his Leicester speech has stirred up.

The London newspaper criticisms of Gen. Otis's censorship at Manila would sit rather heavily now if applied to the South African campaign.

The President's message will be around all right on Tuesday. From the reported length of it, the document will go a long way around.

In his estimates of government expenses for the next year and a half, the secretary of treasury deals so much in figures that amount to hundreds of thousands and millions that a suggested appropriation which has less than six figures in it seems an insignificant sum.

The wrecking of a train of fourteen carloads of salt pork in Illinois yesterday, while it demolished the cars, will not prevent the cargo being shipped on to South Africa to the British army. The little matter of a railway smashup is nothing to the jolting the salt pork will get before it reaches the men on the firing line.

The Deseret News acknowledges with pleasure an invitation to attend the first annual reception of the Utah Art Institute, on Tuesday evening at 8:30. It will no doubt be a very pleasant occasion, and everybody desiring the progress of art in this State will be in-

terested in the exhibition. We wish the Institute complete success.

Steam power seems to have taken a new hold, and proposes to give electricity a hard race for the championship honors. An invention has been perfected in Berlin by which sulphuric acid is employed to increase the power of steam from a third to a half more than it yields by present methods.

It can be set down with safety that one meaning of prolonged silence in South Africa news reports is that the Boers are not retreating with much of a rush. This is a case for the British public when good news would travel fast, and consequently the people interpret no news as bad news. But the silence is no indication that military matters are at a standstill.

Let us see. Uncle Sam's dominions reach from about 75 degrees north of the equator to some 15 degrees south of that line, or one-half the distance from the North Pole to the South Pole; they also extend from the neighborhood of 65 degrees west of Greenwich to 115 degrees east longitude, or half way around the earth on the equatorial line. Truly the natural expansion comes close to reaching its limit at the points indicated.

One of the boys of Battery B, Utah light artillery, who served through the Spanish and Philippine campaign till the battery was relieved to return home, starts for England tonight, to enlist in the South African war. He is Mr. George R. Rees, and of course he is on the side of the British. Judging by today's account of the fighting in South Africa, Mr. Rees will find that the British are not running up against Filipinos. We wish the gallant soldier all the good luck and promotion his ability and courage merit.

The Knights of Labor in the East recently denounced government and state officials, including President McKinley, and Governor Steubenberger of Idaho, for their part in suppressing the Coeur d'Alene riots and punishing the guilty parties. Now the Boise typographical union, a labor organization right at home, says Governor Steubenberger, and inferentially the President and other officials complained of, did just right. In this case the home labor society certainly ought to know best, and its action virtually is a charge of culpability against the Knights of Labor.

If the few statements allowed to leak through concerning the uprising of thousands of Cape Colony Dutch on behalf of the Boers be true, the real war in South Africa is but commencing. Thus far every hopeful view leading to an early ending of the combat has been swept away, while the expressed ideas that regarded the commencement of hostilities as threatening the gravest peril, have met with fulfillment so far as they have gone. With an Afrikaner uprising, there is lacking but one element of fulfilling the extreme prophecies of those who posed as disaster prophets, and that element is a native uprising, which becomes more imminent every week.

News of the suicide of Lieut.-Col. Brereton, captain in the Twenty-fourth Infantry, will cause deep regret here. Lieut.-Col. Brereton was a gallant officer and was highly admired for his gentlemanly bearing. His heroism at the battle of San Juan Hill, Santiago de Cuba, won for him deserved promotion; and his career in the war has been that of a brave and efficient officer. It is a sad ending to meet a suicide's death, after having passed through hardfought battles; but the taint of the crime of self-murder is wholly swept away in the fact that the deceased unfortunately became insane several days before his death, and the act which led to the culmination was committed while he was in the unbalanced mental condition.

## OVERTHROW OF THE MAHDI.

Baltimore Sun.

In two bloody conflicts, one at Abiradi, 27 miles west of the Nile, and the other seven miles southwest of Geddi, General Wingate has at length destroyed the dervish power in the Sudan. In the first of these two battles he killed the force of 2,500 men who were decimated; in the second the Khalifa's sole remaining army was beaten and captured and the Khalifa himself was killed. All the principal emirs, excepting the wily Osman Digna, were killed or captured, including the Mahdi's son and the Khalifa's two brothers. As the Khalifa had himself killed off the other successors to the throne nominated by the Mahdi, there remains now, it is believed, no nucleus about which the dervish power can recrystallize.

Chicago Record.

British rule in the Sudan cannot be other than the blessing it has proved in Egypt. Since 1884 this once fertile province has been a wilderness. Whole villages have been destroyed; famine has decimated the population; slavery has blighted their lives, and inconceivable cruelty and oppression have made human life a nightmare. All this is now at an end. Khartum has heard the last of the Khalifa's arrogant demands and the home-loving Sudanese can henceforth sow and reap in peace. A new era of progress and education is before the upper Nile country. Already British funds have erected a college at Khartum. Under Lord Kitchener's able guidance the bankrupt province, like neighboring Egypt, will emerge from its troubles and enjoy increasing prosperity, that must have a favorable effect on all Africa.

## MISFORTUNE OF THE HARPERS.

Chicago Times-Herald.

During a large part of the eighty-two years of its existence "the house" has stood for splendid literary as well as business traditions. Its books, its magazines, its lesser publications have been the means of introducing some of the greatest writers of each succeeding decade to this public. Why misfortune should have overtaken it is not apparent on the surface, but it is reasonable to suppose that its conservatism has suffered by the aggressive competition of men of new methods. Such is apt to be the story of every old business unless its managers are exceptionally quick to adjust themselves to the inevitable changes in the world about them, for change itself sometimes conduces to stability.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

The falling of the pillars of the temple of Karnak, which had stood for three thousand years, did not startle the American public as much as the announcement that the great publishing firm of Harper & Brothers is in financial straits. For nearly the period of three generations, which is a long time in America in the rapid Nineteenth century, the firm of Harper & Brothers has stood as solid as a rock, and has

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## Kansas City Star.

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## A GAIN TO GEOGRAPHY.

Hartford Times.

The shape of Porto Rico has been an irritation to some people ever since attention was directed to the island by the events of the last two years. It was aggressively square, unnaturally mathematical, an exception and anomaly among islands. Now we are told that the maps are all wrong and that the American survey now in progress has already progressed far enough to show that the outline is more like that of other respectable islands.

New York Times.

These facts throw much light on the colonial system of Spain. In the West Indies since the end of the fifteenth century, and in the East Indies since the beginning of the sixteenth, this nation of bold explorers and bolder exploiters has never done any map making worthy of the name, and today the seas where her control has been most nearly constant and complete are still full of dangers that each navigator must discover for himself. This was partly due to lack of scientific knowledge, partly to a desire to keep commercial rivals at a distance.

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