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MORMONS AND NON-MORMONS.

The anti-"Mormon" interpreter of evil omens has for some time past endeavored to create the false impression that the Latter-day Saints are aninated by feelings of hostility toward all non-"Mormons," and especially toward the members of the socalled American party. But these efforts must necessarily fail, for the simple reason that they have no foundation in fact. The history of the Church and the present attitude of the people, stamp the assertions of the local champion of anti-"Mormonism" as falsehoods,

Have the Latter-day Saints ever untagonized the immigration into Utah of any respectable class of citlzens, or any industry that would be for the material benefit of the people? Let us see. As early as 1852 President Brigham Young, then governor Utah, and the legislature, petitioned Congress "to provide for the establishment of a national central railroad from some eligible point on the Mississippi, or the Missouri rivers, to San Diego, San Francisco, Sacramento, or Astoria, or such other point on or near the Pacific coast, as the wisdom of your honorable body may dictate.' The Latter-day Saints were so far from desiring isolation from the rest of the world, that one of their first concerns was to ask for a transcontinental railroad.

One of the reasons given for the necessity of this was that "no less than 5,000 American citizens have perished on the different routes within the last three years, for the want of proper means of transportation." That proves what the feelings of the "Mormons" were at a time when they still smarted under the fearful wrongs they had suffered at the hands of mobs in the States. They further pointed out in this petition that "the mineral resources of California and these mountains, can never be fully developed to the benefit of the people of the United States without the construction of such a road."

Such were the views and sentiments of the people here at that time. They were anxious to have a highway from coast to coast, with Utah as one of the pleasant stations on the road. The construction of such a road meant the cpening of the doors of Utah to all the world. They were further anxious to have that road constructed in the interest of the mining industry both in Calfornia and here, as they stated in the petition. That is a sufficient of education or a trustee is heard to

mons mingle together socially, and in business. When the conferences are held and members of the Church come to the City to attend meetings, and make necessary purchases, they do not discriminate between business houses, but spend their money where they suppose they are best served as to prices and quality of goods. Stores kept by non-"Mormons" are benefited by these gatherings just as much as those kept by "Mormons." If there were any truth in the allegations of anti-"Mormon" agitators, this would not be so. We take the liberty of reminding the business men of the City of this fact, and urge upon them the necessity of silencing the unscrupulous fabricators of falsehoods, who in picture and words defame the people of Utah and all who do not endorse the policy of infamy. The "Mormon" problem, as it has

been called, was well stated many years ago by a non-"Mormon" writer in the Nebraska Herald. He wrote from this City:

"I write from the Salt Lake Hotel. Would you believe it? There were 4,000 to 5,000 of these deluded people assem-bled together in the Tabernacle today. And would you further believe that old men and young, old women and maid-And would you further believe that old men and young, old women and maid-ens, each and all, and the instantia-inpudence to unite in singing. 'Come thou Fount of every blessing?' And after singing—in their blasphemous manner—this glorious old pastoral, the meacher had the audacity to pray; and, in that prayer, not only to invoke in behalt of their enemies! Today is one of the most beautifut, quiet days I ever experienced. These infermal Mor-mons' have closed all their places of business, and out of very shame the Fore is not a whisky shop or gin mili open anywhere. Imagine a city of 25,-figious and honest on the Lord's day And think of the suffering such police sand and one loafing vagabonds, who come and go every day. As I write the streets are full of decent, well-clad, confortable looking people. Some are spoling to some are coming from church. Everywhere there is the presence of a strene contented and joyous alt. This, too, in the wilds of the Rocky Moun-time, and beside the bitter waters of Morah. And this too is the work of these 'rebellious Mormon' problem in a

That is the "Mormon" problem in a nutshell.

BACK TO THE SCHOOLS.

The festive holiday season is over Utah's nchoolchildren have returned to their books and their teachers to their tasks. Hundreds of the latter are just home from Ogden, where they attended the state annual convention, probably the most successful one thus far held. When today they resume their work in the numberless school houses which dot this state it cannot be without marked benefit from their presence at this gathering.

The Ogden convention disclosed one fact very clearly, and that was that the men and women who are entrusted with the education of the youth of Utah are very much awake on all questions of intellectual advancement. For years they have been in the very vanguard of the teaching profession, and have comto know the value of bringing to the state each season scholars of eminence to lecture for and instruct them on the larger problems with which they have to deal. A score of distinguished educators who have performed that part in Utah in half as many years could be easily named, to say nothing of the very many more who are employed annually at institutes and summer schools from abroad. Altogether it

more important than all else in the settlement of the falsely enforced issue, the merchants and business men of the community-why they should not unitediy say "You have gone far

enough; it is time to stop." The printing of a cartoon, such as the one referred to is calculated, deliberately maliciously, to be harmful. It shows a great and good man, whom it derisively designates as the "Hierarch," fleeing from the approach of railroads, streetcars and big buildings. These are portrayed under the title, "They Are Coming," the caption of this article. A foot note conveys the "information" that they are "the kind of converts the "American" missionaries will bring." as if though they were something new here, with an ejaculatory aside from the "Hierarch," "Our Enemies Are Upon

Why, Mr. Commercial Club member Mr. Merchant and Manufacturer, Mr. Real Estate Dealer, Mr. Railroad Manager, and Mr. Business Man generally,

all of you who have been asked what ails Salt Lake, find your answer in that vile falsehood, repeated daily in one form or another. And this for some of you who don't know: The man thus ridiculed when yet a youth, was a potent factor in giving Utah its first railroad; in building the country's initial transcontinental line; he was the recent head of a great streetcar system which he is as anxious as any man living to see become metropolitan and sufficient in all respects to meet the wants of the public; he has been identified with the erection of the largest and most substantial buildings in the city, business and otherwise."By their works ye shall know them." He has proved that he is the friend of that progress that builds railroads, street car systems and rears new business blocks, that creates industry and gives employment to labor. The truth shows him to be the very antithesis of what his vile journalistic retractor portrays him.

Do you not see, gentlemen herinbefore addresed, that what ails Utah is the sort of libel and abuse that a sour grapes, disappointed, dyspeptic newspaper, heaps upon it. Stops its sense less, criminal chatter and misrepresentation and Utah will flourish like a green bay tree.

TALKING REBELLION.

The San Francisco Chronicle recently endeavored to create a sensation, by intimating that rebellion might be the result of any attempt of the Federal government to compel California to

respect existing treaties. Here is the veiled threat of the Chronicle:

velied threat of the Chronicle: "National loyalty is closely akin to family loyalty. The child clings to its parents for the protection which they give. When oppression takes the place of protection, the spirit of loyalty takes flight; when the Constitution comes to be regarded as an instrument which commits power to the more populous sections of the country to coerce a less populous section in respect to matters reserved for local control, the years of the republic will be full of trouble, and will probably be few. "A very large measure of local au-tonomy is essential to the contentment of the people of so vast a country as ours. And a discontented people be-comes in the end a rebellious people." Is it not rather bad taste on the part

Is it not rather bad taste on the part of the San Francisco paper to complain about "oppression" and "coercion" so soon after the disaster that prompted the government and every citizen almost, both in the populous and other sections of the country, to open hearts and hands and show generosity on a scale without precedent in American history. When millions of dollars and trainloads of provisions were poured into San Francisco, the Chronicle did

bank came pretty near waking up Philadelphia.

Los Angeles is suffering for fuel. What do they want of fuel in the land of perpetual sunshine and perennial flowers?

"The country is staggering under prosperity," says Secretary Shaw. That is what Alemison did when Croesus told him to take all the gold he could carry.

The Spanish civil guards are to be provided with a humane riot rifle. Probably they will use soft-nosed bullets so that they won't hurt so much in passing through the body.

All the negro troops in the army are o be sent to the Philippines. It is explained that this is no discrimination against them, but because their turn has come. Their turn is exceedingly timely.

The country's wealth is estimated at \$118,743.306,775, or more than \$1,460 percapita. Of course it must be remembered in making the per capita allotment than many are, financially, hydra-headed.

If a committee of three businessmen is appointed to show the"American" Mayor and City Council what their duties are and how to perform them, it will be proper to ask, "Quis custodient ipsos custodes?"

It seems that all that is necessary to make competing lines non-competing is for the board of directors of the same controlled railroads to pass on a resolution declaring that the lines are not competitors.

If Miss Nora Breckenridge, the night operator who prevented a wreck on the Rock Island railroad, does not receive a arnegie medal it will be because the rustees of the Carnegie hero fund do not know a heroine when they see one.

Z. C. M. I.

have a bad cold what do you do? Doctor-I blow my nose and cough, -Home Magazine.

Gave Herself Away.

Mistress-Martha, are you sure you got all of the Christmas groceries? Martha (absently)-Yas'm. If yo'll come to mah house I kin show you nos' of 'em, ma'am.-Brooklyn Eagle.

Those Christmas Cigars.

Hubby—My dear, I have concluded to give up smoking. Wife—You didn't speak soon enough. I've bought them.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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The most significant comment on the requency of railroad accidents in the ountry is that of James J. Hill, "When I start on a railroad journey I always wonder how it will end." It is what most travelers wonder these days.

Tolstol predicts that it is possible that the Orient, particularly Japan, will reluce the Christian nations of the West to a state of vassalage. Of course all things are possible but this prediction looks like a terrible case of yellow peril scares.

THE STRONG MAN'S DAY.

New York Mail.

New York Mail. Throughout a century and a quarter the tendency of the nations of the world has been toward diffusion of the governmental powers. For the first time evidence of a reactionary disposi-tion to trust all to the one strong man appears in nearly all the larger nations at the same time. The Kaiser sends the Reichstag about its business, and his purpose to force the appropriations he wishes for German colonies arouses only mild protests from the factions who assailed him flercely before he took that firm stand. Clemenceau represents that firm stand. Clemenceau represents France today, in the eyes of the world, as not another man has done since Gambetta's death.

AUTOCRACY STILL LIVES.

San Francisco Chronicle. The news from Russia is not very reassuring to those who hoped that the autocratic element in the government of that country would profit by recent experience and mend their ways. Everything points to a complete abandon-ment of all attempts at reform, and a recurrence to the old methods of op-pression and robbery. It is becoming more and more evident that a long period of education must precede any effactive effort of the people to better their condition, and the teachers must not come from the ranks of the ter-rorists. There is not the slightest doubt that the excesses of the latter are re-sponsible for the back-set, and that so long as their counsels prevail a vast majority of the more substantial ele-ment of the Russian population will oppose change of any kind.



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arswer to the silly charge that the "Mormons" have over been the enemies of the mining industry. For instance: In his "Answers to Questions," a pamphie the purpose of "advertising Utah," President George A. Smith stated among other things that, "the mineral resources of Utah afford a field for enterprize worthy the attention of capitalists and scientific men." Does that sound as hostility to mining and smelting 7

It is true that the leaders of the Church wisely encouraged the early settlers to establish the agricultural and manufacturing interests first. Any other course would have been suicide. But they never autagonized any other industries, as has been faisely alleged by enemies of the Church.

As for the broadmindedness of the Latter-day Saints in their intercourse with people of other denominations, it was from the beginning the policy of the leaders of the Church to encourage the Saints to give all a fair hearing. Distinguished ministers of the Episcopal church, the Methodist church, the Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Unitarian, and other churches have on various occasions occupied the platforms of Latter-day Saints meetinghouses. In 1871 n Methodist camp meeting was held in this city. President Young invited all, and especially the young folks, to attend this gathering. He gave notice of it in the tabernacles in this city and Ogden, and through the Deseret News. That is the way non-"Mormons" have been treated by the "Mormons" in Utah, from the very carllest days of their settlement here.

The Latter-day Saints cannot consistently take any other attitude than one of brotherly love to all mankind. They have been taught to regard all men as the children of the same Eternal Father. With that view there can be no exclusiveness, no Pharisaism. They have suffered much on account of the fanaticism of sociarian domagogues, the greediness of political schemers, and the brutal plots of apostates. They have been mobbed, and slain, and outraged in the most barbarous manner. The leaders in such un-American outrages have been the enemies of the Saints, and have been so regarded by the petple. At times it has even appeared as If the plotters were about to succeed in enlisting the government in their service, for emploses of persecution. In the heat of controversy it is possible that expressions have been used on both sides that had been better unsaid. but in the various experiences the. Saints have had, they have never forgotten that this government was es- why the Merchants and Manufacturtablished by the Almighty, for the sal- ers' association, which proclaims its invation of mankind from political and creasing growth and influence; why the religious oppression. Their love for Real Estate association, self-conthe American government has there- feesedly anxious to see Salt Lake the fore always been ardent and sincere, biggest city between the Missouri and and their kindly feelings toward their | the Pacific: why the railroad companies feilow-men have never grown cold. whose every interest demands peace Today "Mornions" and non-"Mor- and progress; and lastly, and perhaps

say that it is expensive business. We believe that is short-sightedness pure and simple, and that every dollar thus spent has contributed greatly to the strengthening of teaching standards in this state.

is a wise and helpful policy. Occa-

sionally a superintendent or principal,

and now and then a member of a board

The "News" is much interested in the public schools and hopes to see them grow and flourish to the utmost. That is one reason why it published fuller and better accounts of the proceedings of the State Teachers' meetings at Ogden than did any other newspaper. It knew that everything that was latest and best in pedagogic progress was discussed there and that a wide dissemination of the information brought out would act as a stimulus to educational work generally. That the greatest possible good may come from the Ogden conference is one of the foremost 1907 wishes of the Deseret News.

"THEY ARE COMING!"

And so they are. But not as the hired calumniator and brutal caricaturist portray. They sought to slander, deceive and bedaub. We shall deal with facts, plain facts only. These observa tions refer particularly and specifically to an infamous and cruel picture, known in the modern world of journal istic endeavor, as a cartoon. The reader will have concluded before he has perused the first paragraph of this editorial that it was printed in the Knockers' organ. In this deduction he is correct. He knows that no other American newspaper will descend quite so low as it will in the defamation of an individual, a city or a state. And e knows, too, to his sorrow, how individuals, how a city and a state-our ly and state, the city and state of all God-fearing people of Salt Lake ind Utah, have been made to suffer hunillation and disgrace by a newspaper owned, controlled and published by an progant and personally disappointed

Reflecting further he will probably wonder, as he doubliess has often wonlered before, when this vituperation nd abuse will cease. He knows it ould be stopped temorrow it only the seurance went forth that a certain ncompetent ex-United States senator ould be returned to the body he adressed on two or three occasions when peaches had been written for him. But what he will marvel at most is the tolerance of the masses. It puzzles him, an it does others, that it should be per mitted to continue its course of vilification. He cannot understand why the Commercial club, which is wont to boast of the good it is doing this state;

not grumble about "matters reserved for local control." Does not the intimation that "a discontented people becomes in the end a rebellious people' taste of ingratitude, as well as arrogance?

It is quite possible that the separation of Japanese children from other school children is not a violation of any treaty, and if that is the case it is not the concern of the Japanese government, nor of the United States government. But the principle that the states must respect the treatles entered into by the Executive, is correct. Each state must be considered a party to such treatles, since the treaty-making power has been delegated to the Federal government which represents the states in their intercourse with foreign governments. If foreign treaties are not made in behalf of each state and territory in the Union, in whose behalf are they made? This fact should be universally recognized. Otherwise the power and duty which the Constitution gives to the President is but a shadow. a pretense and a mockery. A state that

refuses to respect existing treatles is already in a state of rebellion. It is hardly necessary to say that the threat of our esteemed contemporary is not taken seriously anywhere. The New York Evening Post of Dec. 31

says: "We are only surprised that the spokesman of California does not prom-ise to call the roll of excluded Japanese school-children in the shudow of the Washington Monument. California is, of course, able to whip Japan. That is an axiom. But she assumes a tone only a little less truculent toward the rest of the country. Bring on your Federal troops, she cries. Of course, no one is going to send any. But to play hombastes Furloso is an excellent way to distract attention from some of the municipal revelations in which the rest of the country was becoming inter-ested." SAYB sted. The New York World of Jan. 1 jocu-

larly remarks:

"Ten days or so ago conservative an Francisco or and the other States hat 'California and the other States west of the Rockies could whip Japan Presumably they can west of the Rockles could whip Japan into a jelly. Presumably they con-whip the United States into a jelly too. They may be compelled to do it if the President and Congress and the Su-preme Court do not toe the scratch. The nation is again free to face with a crisis. No more serious situation has confronted the Federal authorities since Captain Streeter, of Chicago, withdrew from the United States and set up a free and independent government on the lake front."

"What is the world coming to "" asks the New York. Not to stop anyhow.

Aircody people are tiring of their New Year resolutions and custing them into the waste basket.

Those Birds who claim the entire water front of Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda must he water fowl. That bomb outrage on President

Rushton of the Fourth Street National



London Chronicle.

London Chronicle. One of the most irritating of Ameri-canisms is the use of "limb" for "braich." "Limb" for "leg" has al-ways been accepted as an American prudery, but what is the matter with "branch?" Careful Angiophile writers are beginning now to reintroduce this latter word, but "limb" has hitherto been the transatiantic word with all authors. If it is also old English, we shall not mind so much, but is it? The joke of the version is at least 1,300 years old; but how old is the English version?

KINDLY TRAIT OF A KING.

Cleveland Leader. Cleveland Leader. King Edward starts many fashions. He has been doing it all his life. Usually his ideas are sartorial. Occasionally, though, King Edward strikes out an idea which all the world, fashionable or commonplace, can approve. His latest is one of great humanity. No horse is ever sold from the royal stables after it has outlived its usefulness. It is put to death painlessiy. This is a source of much financial loss to the King, always hard up, for England is crowded with tuft-hunters who would pay exorbitant prices for his old horses just to brag about them. about them.

Punch

-Life.



