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THE RACKET SHOULD BE STOPPED.

WE find it necessary to make a few closing remarks in the controversy that has been provoked by the *Tribune*, in reference to the attacks made upon the "Mormon" people through the *Illustrated American*. The falsity of the statements made in that magazine has been made sufficiently clear by the resolutions of the Federal officials, the municipal authorities and the leading financial and commercial men and organizations in this city. And the complete refutation contained in President Woodruff's communication to that magazine is entirely sufficient on that head.

A prominent point raised during the movement against the wrong attempted by the eastern magazine, was the fact that while so much excitement was aroused by the utterances of a paper at a distance, something ought to be done in reference to viler attacks of the same kind from a paper published in this city, which partially at least, openly endorsed the lies of its eastern echo. It was agreed by Jew, Gentile and "Mormon," in conversation on the subject, that of the two evils the local libeler was the greater. Also that much of the rubbish published by the *Illustrated American* was culled from the Salt Lake *Tribune*.

Of course the latter sheet flew into a rage, abused everybody, right and left, who intimated that it had ever said or done anything to bring about a collision here or to injure the majority of the people of this Territory. When proofs of its perfidy were brought forward, in the shape of articles and paragraphs from its own columns, its wrath and blackguardism knew no bounds, and with its accustomed logic (?) it slid off upon other issues and at the same time offered so-called arguments which disproved its own assertions.

The funniest part of its whole defence appeared on Saturday, when it published a letter from an ex-Marshall which was, in effect, a denial of some of its own assertions, and direct evidence that what we had stated was correct.

The facts it has developed in attempting to establish the reverse of those facts are these: Through its influence troops were brought here and quartered in this city, under the pretence that the "Mormons" were ready to fight, when there was not the slightest reason for their presence and not the remotest intention of any outbreak. That the occasion which was made a pretext for this deception of the United States, was the attempt by the Chief of Police to arrest a person against whom a complaint for attempt to murder had been duly sworn to, and on whom it was the duty of that officer to serve the warrant of a competent court. That the United States Marshal, who had no warrant, held the defendant and refused to surrender him to the police or to the court that had issued the warrant.

Although the proceedings under which the Chief of Police acted were in the course of law, the *Tribune* pretended that an Apostle had "ordered" the Chief of Police to take the prisoner from the United States Marshal. But it has been proved that the latter functionary prevented the arrest of the defendant by the officer holding the warrant, and his appearance before the Court that issued it. That the story about an Apostle issuing that absurd and unnecessary "order" was one of those frequent *Tribune* stories, to the effect that some unnamed and unknown person is said to have told another person, who told it to some one else, and so it reached the *Tribune*. And all this rubbish is cited as an excuse for the action of the Governor, urged by the *Tribune*, to deceive the President into sending troops here!

The whole attempt to raise an excitement was an absurd piece of despicable humbug. Instead of the Chief of Police attempting to take a prisoner from the United States Marshal, the Marshal, by his own confession, prevented the police from serving a legal warrant from a competent court. The *Tribune* wanted martial law in the Territory, and urged Governor Murray into the stupid course which paved the way to his official death. That and vetoing the appropriation bill, in which he was again influenced by the *Tribune* gang, were the reasons for his removal from office.

The bogus Bishop West letter was another piece of *Tribune* infamy and humbug, designed with similar intent. It failed like other similar impositions from the same source. But these diabolical efforts of that paper have furnished the fuel by which the *Illustrated American* and the papers which have copied its inflammable articles, have

sought to make new fires of prejudice and renewed assaults against the "Mormon" people.

And every attempt made by the *Tribune* to turn public attention from these facts only serves to establish their truth, while the rage of that paper and its actual disproofs of its own rash assertions are equally ludicrous, and expose the deplorable mental condition of the abusive, if not inebricated, writer.

One more allusion to his style of argument and we have done with it. As proofs that the guns were not fired in the streets during the "Liberal" parade a year ago, it says the Scott Zouaves were "all kindly young gentlemen," and the "thought of possible bloodshed never entered their minds!" Wonderful logic! Proof positive! Who has said the Zouaves were not as gentle as kittens? If they are as "kindly" even as their muddled eulogist, how will that disprove the fact, witnessed by hundreds of people of all classes, that guns were fired in the streets of this city by "Liberal" paraders a year ago?

It is quite likely that the company called the Denhalter Rifles, and that now in process of formation to be called the Dyer Rifles, may be composed of "kindly young gentlemen" who have "no thought of bloodshed." But would firing off their rifles in the streets be lawful? And would not the goose that runs his quill in the *Tribune* squawk for Government troops again, if a "Mormon" Rifle company should be formed in this city?

The truth is there never was occasion for Federal soldiers to be sent to Utah. And the proofs are ample that on every occasion when they have been dispatched here, wilful lying caused the movement. "Mormon rebellion," "Mormon treason," "Mormon disaffection toward the government" are the veriest shams and frauds, as every body knows who has raised these bogus cries, whether he be Judge or Governor, preacher or publisher, newspaper scribe or any other scoundrel who has sought to make capital of any sort out of such falsehoods.

Utah today is at peace. An effort is being made to harmonize elements that have been heretofore conflicting. There are some heterogeneous human particles that do not want unity but desire to continue old antagonisms and promote new ferments. It is for the interest of society in this Territory to sit down upon them.

Let the living present be the topic of the times. Let conservative people of all shades of opinion combine to stop the schemes and arrest the sway of the