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A SHAME AND A DISGRACE.

The so-called "American" faction in the alleged "platform" endorsed the course of the Salt Lake Tribune.

In doing so it became a party to the slanders, libels and blackguardism of that renegade from legitimate politics and journalism.

The outrageous concoction which it gave to its readers on Tuesday morning is but a sample of its general unreliability and wilful falsehood.

The writer of the article concerning the culprit Campbell, who is in duress vile for a criminal offense, knew that the statements he made in the Tribune were false in word and intent.

The framer of the headlines was guilty of the same wrong. The purpose of both was to slander the "Mormon" Church and formulate something whereof to deceive the country.

It was one of the most shameful of its many wicked and indefensible acts in its nefarious career. It ought to be pilloried and exposed by every reputable journal in the land.

The unsavory facts in the case are that a man living in Colorado with his wife, seduced her sister, who was under sixteen years of age, and induced his wife, who had recently become a mother, to consent to an arrangement by which her poor deluded young sister could stay in the family. But in order to escape, as he thought, the legal consequences of his crime he sold out his effects in Colorado and came to Utah, having been led to believe by what he had read in papers that copy misrepresentations of this State from papers like the Tribune, that they could live here without danger of prosecution.

Neither of the parties is or has been a "Mormon." The only shadow of an alleged infirmity that a "Mormon" Elder had anything to do with the affair is the statement of Campbell, that he had told the story of his wrongdoing to a "Mormon" Elder and asked him to marry him to the girl, and was told that "such a thing was impossible, that under no circumstances could it be."

Neither of the parties could tell the name of the "Mormon" Elder. On reaching this city, and the circumstances becoming known, the man was arrested and is now in jail, charged with improper relations with a girl under the age of consent.

These statements were made to a Tribune writer, who deliberately interjected among the facts, assertions of his own which the parties all emphatically deny having made to him. They deny the falsehoods that the man did not commit the offense until "after being converted to the Mormon faith by two Elders, who advised him that it was the proper thing to do, even if the law did forbid it," and said that it was "a part of the Mormon belief and doctrine." That paper also asserted that "Campbell stated positively that he had been led into the whole affair by the Elders," and quoted him as saying "they told me that I would have to be careful, but that everything would be all right in the eyes of God and in the eyes of the President of the Church." All these pretended statements were manufactured by the Tribune. The man declares solemnly that these assertions are lies. He never said anything of the kind to the Tribune reporter and they are not true.

Pursuing its accustomed course when cornered in falsehood, that paper repeats its original fabrications, notwithstanding the direct denial of the parties to the disreputable affair and the evident absurdity of its assertions. It comes to the front again with more than two columns of detection of the truth and direct and palpable falsehood, and shows its natural depravity and utter lack of honor and veracity. A further denial of its assertions has been made by Campbell and appears in this issue of the "News."

The "Mormon" Church has published its edict against plural marriages, and any Elder who would counsel or advise or participate in a plural marriage would, on proof of his guilt, be excommunicated from the Church without hesitation. No Latter-day Saint believes in the right of a man to perform a marriage ceremony of any kind whatever between himself and a girl or woman, and claim her as his wife. It would be preposterous and a direct violation of the principles and rules and belief of every member of the Church.

We need not at present go any further into this disreputable matter. The paper that manufactured and published those falsehoods has been carrying on the business of libelling the Church, its President and its ministers for many months, and the so-called "American" faction endorses and approves its course. Are not the respectable ladies and gentlemen who have been led into joining the movement ashamed of their platform and of the promoters of their

party? Would they not blush at the repetition of the vile language which has been poured out without stint against their "Mormon" neighbors if spoken in their presence? The whole concern is a disgrace to any community and a blot upon the fame of our peaceful city.

It is chiefly because of the ribald and outrageous assaults made upon the Church to which we belong, that we have mentioned the organization which is now stirring up needless strife and the disreputable organ of the faction that speaks for it. It is an anti-"Mormon" cabal, reveling in falsehood and unscrupulous in the use of weapons that no decent person or writer would resort to. We denounce the course of our contemptible contemporary as vile, but anything to be found in the lowest kind of gutter-journalism and such as to brand it with endless infamy.

BEWARE OF THEM!

Beware of partisans who, by insinuations and other disreputable methods, endeavor to persuade people who are undecided as to candidates for municipal office, that the leaders of the Church want them to vote this way or that.

By doing so those "whisperers" implicate the Church authorities in something that they have strenuously avoided, and that is falsely charged against them. Every citizen is perfectly free to make his or her own choice in political matters and should not be influenced by false representations. The so-called "tip" that is spoken of is a "tip" from politicians, and whether it comes from Republicans or Democrats has no Church significance. Any "Mormon" who resorts to methods that would involve the Presidency in assuming to dictate in election affairs is liable to a charge of un-Christianlike conduct, and ought to be disciplined accordingly.

This does not apply in the least to fair argument and legitimate advocacy of any cause or any candidate, but simply to the assumption of authority or permission to speak for Church leaders; they are not interfering in or directing political affairs one way or another.

INTERESTING PAMPHLET.

A pamphlet containing over a hundred pages, dealing with the questions of "Blood Atonement" and "Origin of Plural Marriage," has just been issued. This brochure contains a discussion on the questions quoted, between Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., and Mr. Richard C. Evans, the latter gentleman being second counselor to the president of the "Reorganizers." The questions are entered into exhaustively by both sides, and a great deal of valuable information is given. Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., shows by historical data and incontrovertible deductions that the position of his opponent is untenable. The question of the origin of plural marriage has now only an historical interest. But as a matter of history it is important that the facts should be established, although the doctrine is no longer taught, nor practised, by the Church. We take pleasure in recommending this pamphlet to all interested in the questions therein discussed.

BOYCOTT THREATENED.

The ladies are on the warpath as a consequence of Mr. Cleveland's magazine articles against woman suffrage. At the New York State suffrage convention a few days ago, the speakers denounced the magazine, though a most excellent journal, for publishing the views of the ex-president, without giving the other side a fair chance of replying. Miss Anthony went so far as to suggest a general boycott of the offending publication.

We fail to understand the intensity of feeling of the advocates of woman suffrage on that matter. Mr. Cleveland has really aided their cause by demonstrating that even its most able opponents can produce no argument against it, that has not time and again been proved to be a fallacy. He has been able to say nothing against woman suffrage, that does not with equal force apply against man suffrage. If we are not mistaken, he has rendered the cause good service, though not intentionally. It is never a detriment to a true cause to have it discussed and viewed, as it were, from all sides.

If the ladies were to adopt the suggestion of Miss Anthony and boycott the offending magazine, they would merely injure themselves. That publication is a most excellent friend of woman, helpful in every way. Besides, the boycott is a weapon unworthy the citizens of a country in which free speech is one of the prerogatives. We hope the day will never come in this Republic when the public press will be influenced by that form of terrorism, which works upon the fear of its financial managers. If that time should ever come, the press would be as effectually tied up as under any censorship—Russian or Turkish.

REPORT ON OPIUM.

The committee appointed by the government of the Philippine Islands to investigate the opium traffic in the Orient, has made an interesting and instructive report, published by the Anti-Opium League in China. Several notable facts are stated in this document. One is that in Japan prohibition prohibits. There the abhorrence of the opium evil has become so general, and the laws against the traffic in that curse are so efficiently and impartially administered that it is impossible to buy the drug, except for medicinal purposes. Even the Chinese who come to Japan, we are told, are unable to secure opium, and they must either reform, or leave the country. That is a remarkable record of enforcing obedience to law.

In China the traders pay a high duty on the drug, and there is a strong public sentiment against the use of it, but notwithstanding all the pressure that is brought to bear against the degrading vice, it is spreading. There is a tendency in the business world of China not to employ slaves of the opium habit, just as Western employers of late years have shown a preference for laborers not addicted to intoxicants.

But the profit of the opium business is enormous, and therefore it is engaged in by many whose moral influence would otherwise be a factor in the war against it. Many of the Chinese, it seems, are using the drug "moderately," just as there are "moderate" drinkers in the western world.

That proper legislation strictly enforced is efficient as a remedy, is proved by the conditions encountered in Formosa under Japanese government. When the Japanese, a few years ago, assumed the responsibility for the government of that island, they found there a class of natives and Chinese among whom the opium habit was prevalent. After mature discussion of the best means of suppression of this evil, it was decided to adopt a system of government regulation, looking toward a complete eradication of the traffic, as soon as practical. The Philippine commission refers to this system as "progressive prohibition."

Under this system the drug is handled and the traffic and sale controlled solely by the government. No one is permitted to purchase or to use opium, except when a physician prescribes it, unless he has a government license as a chronic morphomaniac, and this license can only be obtained on the certificate of an authorized physician. The license must be renewed annually. But no Japanese can obtain a license.

This progressive prohibition was decided on because it was known that great suffering would have been the result of immediate prohibition, and smuggling on a large scale would undoubtedly have become very general. The purpose of the Japanese was to terminate the evil with as little friction, and as little suffering as possible. This wise policy has met with success. There is a marked decrease in opium smokers, as well as in the importation of the drug, and the presumption is that in time Formosa will be on the moral level of Japan in this respect.

The Japanese have certainly set the world a good example in the making and the administration of prohibition laws. The example could be followed to advantage in other countries. But it seems the Japs have a superior set of men on the "force" entrusted with the maintenance of law. They belong to the ancient samurai, or knights, and inherit a standing and a code of honor which put them above the temptations that ordinarily beset the guardians of the law. The government have full confidence in them, and their pride is to suppress transgression.

Comment by the grand dukes is unnecessary. Every one knows what they think.

Morris Nathan, mixed up with the Susan Geary case, isn't Nathan the Wine.

Just now M. Witte is first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

To the New York press comments on his play, Bernard Shaw answers, "Pshaw!"

A genuine girl would rather own a solitaire diamond ring than a Carnegie heroine medal any day.

The automobile accident to Death Valley Scott is not likely to result in his death but merely in his greater fame.

The accident department of the railroads is unusually busy for this time of the year. It quite equals the excursion season.

There have been 444 deaths from yellow fever in New Orleans. That number makes things even and there should be no more.

It looks very much as though Russia would have constitutional government before Chicago would have municipal ownership.

And who will be Governor-General Wright's successor in the Philippines? It seems to be a hard place to fill, thankless at best.

Bernard Shaw's latest play, to judge by New York press comments on it, is too disgusting for anything. It has been suppressed.

Admiral Train should train his guns another way the next time he goes pheasant hunting in China. It would save much trouble.

The Kaiser liked Professor Peabody's lecture, nodding approvingly at different times. And that will make the Kaiser more liked in America.

Russia's war with Japan has been to her a blessing in disguise. In its way it will do for her what Commodore Perry did for Japan more than half a century ago.

And now it suddenly has been discovered that Big Cottonwood water is "impure" (?). It won't help to purify it by electing to office the crowd that is making such a howl about it.

The Social Democrats of St. Petersburg seem to be as mad as a wet hen because of the issuance of the Czar's manifesto. It is an unloading of their fustils and a stealing of their thunder.

A young woman in West Virginia refused to marry a warden of a prison a few years ago. Now she is in jail, under the care of the same warden, for murdering her husband. The warden owes her a debt of gratitude that he can never repay. In fact he owes his life to her.

Again the President is in Washington safe and sound. During his tour of the South he won many hearts, among them that of the widow of Stonewall Jackson. She speaks of him thus: "When I was presented to his excellency I was both surprised and overwhelmed at the warmth and exuberance of his greeting. He expressed so much admiration for my husband, and so much joy at meeting his wife, and held my hand so tenderly, and yet reverently, that my heart was deeply touched—and when he spoke of his pleasure in appointing my grandson to

a cadetship at West Point and complimented him as a 'splendid young fellow,' he struck the tenderest chords of a very grateful heart."

FOR A REST.

Atchison Globe.

An Atchison woman who worked very hard at home was invited to visit a married daughter for a "restful time."

The married daughter had never done a stroke of work when she lived at home, but since her marriage had made such a fuss about how hard "mother" had to work that the Atchison woman made up her mind to accept the invitation, and told her family she would have a good rest and come home much refreshed.

When she arrived at her daughter's home she found that her daughter had put off house cleaning until her arrival. She did the house cleaning. Her daughter hated to cook; she cooked three meals a day. Her daughter complained that she had done nothing but wash dishes ever since her marriage. "Mother" postponed her "restful time" by washing the dishes three times a day. The children needed clothes. "Mother" put off the restful part of her visit again to make the clothes. And now the family at home are saving money to pay "mother's" hospital expenses, when she finally breaks down after her "restful time."

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