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ANTI-"MORMON" ATTACKS.

On the general question, we say that
if the church claims the Senator's case
to be a church matter, then he is its
representative, and he is not a representative
of the people, and it is only on this
hypothesis that the church has any
right to object to adverse discussion,
or to claim that that is anti-Mormon.
But such admission is precisely
what Smoot's enemies desire, and to
have it put forward here in Smoot's
defense is something surprising. On the
other hand, if it is not a church matter,
there is no cause in the world for claiming
that adverse comment on his answer
is "anti-Mormon." These points
are perfectly clear.We clip the foregoing paragraph from
this morning's Salt Lake Tribune, the
only bit of a rambling editorial that
offers anything like an argument. It is
a specimen of the kind of reasoning
from which most of that paper's subterfuges
and deceptions are derived.If the church claims the Senator's
case to be a church matter, then so
and so, and such and such, may be
concluded. Just so. But when and
where did the church say or claim anything
in relation to "the Senator's
case," either pro or con? The church
has made no utterance on the subject.Our serpentine contemporary will
probably shift its ground, in its usual
way, and say it is the Deseret News
that makes that claim. But that would
be just as false as its insinuation about
"the church." This paper has never
admitted that Senator Smoot's case
proper, is a church matter. On the
contrary we have held the position, continuously,
that his election and his
right to his seat in the Senate was a
political matter, solely and entirely. No
one knows this better than the writer
who employs his common casuistry
and deceit in such concoctions
as the paragraph we have
quoted above. If we had made any
such admission as that involved in the
"If" of his argument, it would be as he
states, "precisely what" he and other
"enemies of Senator Smoot desire."Falling to find it in the "News," the
Tribune falsely assumes it, day after
day.Nor has this paper, in showing that
"it is not a church matter," intimated
that "adverse comment upon Senator
Smoot's answer is anti-Mormon." People
and papers have the undoubted
right to "comment adversely" upon that
answer and their comments need not be
in any sense anti-Mormon. A number
of very good "Mormons" have expressed
the opinion that it was too
lengthy and contained replies that were
unnecessary. This was, no doubt, because
he did not duly consider the
fact that he was furnished with a list
of points put forward in the protest
against him, and therefore he found it
necessary to reply to them in legal
form, although he disputed their relevancy
to his case. But though we view
these objections to his answer as mistaken,
we have not considered them as anti-Mormon,
nor have we heretofore
alluded to them.It is not comments upon Senator
Smoot's reply that we have characterized
as anti-Mormon, but attacks on the
"Mormon" Church, and intimations
that all its members who have received
certain church ordinances are bound
by oaths and obligations in hostility to
the government of the United States,
that we have denominated as anti-Mormon.
Those charges are false and
venomous, and have been dragged into
view and mixed up by the
enemies of Senator Smoot in his
case, with which they have no proper
connection. They reflect upon the
Church and the mass of its members,
and we have the right to defend the
truth and expose the falsehood, and
show the anti-Mormon animus of the
people and the paper that assail the
entire Church in that manner.The citizens of this State, among
whom the Deseret News circulates in
every settlement thereof, know that
this paper never makes "assaults" upon
persons or publications opposed to
it, under any circumstances. It has
been always on the defense. The attacks
have invariably come from the
members of the Church. The "News"
has often remained silent when bitterand untruthful statements have been
published against it and the cause it
defends. That silence has been interpreted
to mean consent or admission
of the charges made. And when we
reply to the falsehoods of our unprincipled
foes, the Tribune, which voices
their villainy, whines the complaint
that we are the assaulting party. If
we say nothing it is claimed that we
dare not answer; if we reply and refute
the charge, we are accused of disturbing
the peace.We have the right to show up the
villainy and shameful course of a contemporary
that will not refrain from
misrepresenting our faith and our people,
and to hold up to public contempt
its miserable shiftings and evasions
and self-contradictions, when it is cornered
and exposed. We expect to exercise
that right until that sheet relaxes
into temporary decency.We have never attacked the Tribune.
We have frequently treated it for
months with deserved contempt. But
we reserve the right to reply to its
mendacious assaults whenever we
think the occasion requires. At the
same time, we deplore that necessity
and desire most heartily that it may
not be continued. There will be peace
no far as the "News" is concerned when
its enemies cease to attack, with
truth and malice, that which we hold
sacred and which we feel in duty bound
to uphold and defend. If they do not
like that they can do as they may.

ABOUT COREA.

Corea, the country about which the
Russo-Japanese imbroglio turns, is a
peninsula containing about as much
area as Great Britain and a population
estimated at about ten millions. The
prominent physical feature of the
country is a mountain chain, constituting
its backbone, with numerous spurs
thrown out in every direction and enclosing
a number of pleasant and fertile
valleys.Of the people, travelers generally
speak with contempt. They resemble
the Japanese more than the Chinese,
but they are taller and stronger. They
are said to be neither industrious nor
clever, although they dress in white
cotton clothes, and spend a great deal
of energy in keeping these white. One
traveler in that country says:"The people are so busy keeping their
clothes snowy white, that their miles
must needs go undug, their fields
unplowed, their fields untilled. There is
no land on earth, perhaps, where the
women work harder with the special
purpose in view of keeping the men
looking dapper. Although soap is not
used, the results of laundry and dye
are wonderful. When the Koreans begin
to emigrate to our country, they may
drive the Chinese out of business. The
women boil the clothes three times,
clean them with lye, wash them in
running water, and then, after drying,
beaten that tedious process which re-
quires them to toll during the long
hours of the night. The characteristic
sound which one hears while traveling
through the unlighted streets of a Korean
town, is the beating of the clothes
on a flat board with a wooden ruler.
Every traveler to the country mentions
this as the sound which kept him sleepless
during the first few nights of his
stay in the kingdom."Concerning the government of the
country, Colonel Cockerill, after a visit
to Seoul, the capital, made his own
estimate. He said in part:"Our maintenance of a legation in
Seoul necessitates, in the matter of com-
munity the keeping of a Korean minister
and a staff of well paid idlers in Wash-
ington City, and Corea is too poor to be
subjected to such extravagance. It is
fair to say that not since the beginning
of our diplomatic relations with
Corea has there been a time when a
man on a salary of \$200 a year could
not have attended to all the real business
that the Land of the Morning
Calm has had within the confines of our
republic. Certainly Corea is not en-
titled to the consideration we give her,
and the probabilities of her rise to im-
portance, with both Japan and Russia
preparing to rend her, are limited in-
deed. As a matter of fact, the whole
governmental system of Corea is and
has been a farce. The talk about a
ministry—a 'minister of justice,' a
'minister of education,' a 'minister of
communications,' etc.—is about as droll
as if the Crow Indians of Montana
should begin setting up lord chambers-
lains, lord chancellors and archbishops
on big salaries."This estimate of the importance of
the country is corroborated by the testi-
mony of a former Korean minister in
Washington. The queen had been murdered,
and her amiable representative
here took occasion to say that her death
was an advantage to the country. She
obtained money, he said, unfairly
and oppressively, by selling govern-
ment offices and titles. And the "sale"
was, it seems, compulsory, for the person
to whom an office or a title, was
offered, could not refuse to buy it unless
he was willing to be imprisoned
for contempt. We are further informed
by the same authority that the royal
lady had a force of private detectives
scattered throughout the country, and
if they heard any word of reproach
against the queen for her operations,
the people uttering them were put in
prison and killed there without their
friends knowing it. "Because she knew
she had done so much wrong," the min-
ister said, "she was always afraid of
assassination. It was her custom to sit
up all night, and she never went to
bed until five or six o'clock in the
morning. She had several bedrooms, so
that no one knew where she slept, ex-
cept her own intimates. Under her
bed chamber there was a trap door,
with steps leading down to a room be-
low, where she kept always on guard
400 foot-footed couriers, with a vehicle
always in readiness, so that she could
fly at a moment's notice."This was years ago, but changes are
few and far between in those conserva-
tive, not to say stereotyped coun-
tries. Some civilizing influence from
abroad is needed in Corea. And as the
world goes, wars and conflicts seem to
be leveling forces that prepare the way
for the structures of civilization. The
influence of either Japan or Russia
may, possibly, be a necessary factor of
advancement in the history of Corea.

A FEW SMOOT NOTICES.

The following excerpts from north-
western papers are copied for what
they are worth. They reflect the opin-
ions of many people in reference to the
contest over the seat in the Senate
to which Reed Smoot was elected bythe Republicans in the Legislature of
the State of Utah:"Evidence in the Reed Smoot case,
if the protest against the Senator ever
advances that far, should be weighed
by the committee of weights and mea-
sures, of which the Utah Senator is
chairman. With this plan followed,
Smoot would not be found wanting
when placed in the scales."—Portland,
Or., Telegram."Those who want Senator Smoot un-
seated, to insure the government
against seizure by the Mormon Church
are wasting time which might be profit-
ably employed in the construction of
cyclone cellars."—Butte, Mont., Inter-
mountain."Mrs. Reed Smoot, wife of Senator
Smoot, declares that the Mormons are
cruelly misjudged and that Mormonism
does not mean polygamy."—Seattle,
Wash., Argus."Senator Reed Smoot may congratulate
himself. It isn't every senator
who can get half the women in the
country to camp on his trail with a
sharp stick."—Washington Oracle."Reed Smoot has a chance to make
a hero of himself. With so many
thousand women in the United States
seeking his resignation, he could make
himself solid with each by resigning
for their sakes."—Seattle Times."If it is found that Reed Smoot has
married two or three wives the Mor-
mon senator should be ousted at once.
But perhaps he may not be guilty;
there is a chance that he is just living
with them like any other senator."—
Seattle Argus."Mrs. Reed Smoot, the wife of Utah's
besieged senator, is an attractive,
youthful looking woman, much pleased
with her lot. She has known her hus-
band since his boyhood. Though a
devoted family woman, she takes a
keen interest in politics and has been
president of the Woman's Republican
club in Provo."—Spokane Spokesman."It is all right to pray for the expul-
sion of Smoot, but the good women
who have adopted this course are re-
spectfully advised that action by the
Senate is not guided by prayer to an
appreciative extent."—Baker City, Or.,
Herald."The opposition to Senator Smoot is
now said to be based on the fact that
he is an apostle of the Mormon
Church and has taken vows and oaths
which in the opinion of certain esti-
mable women 'conflict with the Con-
stitution of the United States.' Unless
it can be shown that Senator Smoot is
a polygamist, which he denies, there
is no reasonable ground for the protest
against his admission to the senate."—
Tacoma, Wash., News."If Reed Smoot's only crime is that
he is a Mormon, we see no reason why
he should be refused admission into the
United States senate as a member from
Utah. When that state was admitted
to the Union, Congress was well ac-
quainted with the fact that the Mor-
mon Church had taken vows and oaths
territory, and would certainly place
some of its members in Congress. Of
course if it can be proven that Smoot
is a polygamist, he should go, but up
to this time no proof of that kind has
been submitted."—Butte, Wash.,
Times."The charges against Senator Smoot
are numerous; but they all resolve
themselves into the simple one that he
is a member of the Mormon Church.
We do not believe he will lose his seat
on this account, for it favors largely
of persecution when a man is debarred
from any of the prerogatives or privi-
leges of citizenship by reason of his
religious belief. It may be that the
Church of which he is a member is a
hierarchy; but we could name two or
three other denominations who have
the same ecclesiastical government.
The Mormons are citizens of the United
States, and their Church is only one of
the many in this country. Under the
spirit of our laws we can place no re-
striction upon citizenship."—Dallas,
Or., Chronicle."If Senator Reed Smoot has more
than one wife the objection to his sit-
ting in the Senate will be sustained in
the minds of the law-abiding people of
the country regardless of the action
taken by the senate, which is the sole
judge of the qualifications of its mem-
bers. But if Reed Smoot is not a
polygamist his relation to the Mormon
Church should not be urged against
him. Religious toleration is the rule
of this country. Freedom of faith is
guaranteed by the constitution and a
Mormon should have the same privi-
leges as a Methodist or a Baptist or
Presbyterian or Roman Catholic. The
Senate may be relied upon to settle the
question of Reed Smoot's eligibility on
its merits without prejudice growing
out of any mere difference of view on
the subject of religious belief."—Tacoma,
Wash., News.The following is taken from the St.
Louis, Mo., Chronicle:"The club women are still hot after
Senator Smoot, the Mormon. It is ex-
pressively awful, they declare, that
he should hold a seat in the Senate.
Agitation has broken loose again.
"True, it has not been made to ap-
pear that he is a Mormon, or that he
did have, more than one wife. He has
a clean bill of health, legal and moral.
In this respect he is unquestionably
superior to the average Senator.
But he is a Mormon. He was elected
to represent the Mormon people.
Therein lies the inexpressible awful-
ness of it.""It is no secret that many Senators
buy their seats in order to represent
trusts or to work other monumental
gratuities upon the people.""These the women's clubs compla-
cently swallow, hook, sinker and all.
But there is no bait delectable enough
to make them tolerate the man who
was honestly elected to represent an
honest people."Russia's plan simply is to ex-Korea-
ate Japan.Plant a graft and it soon becomes a
upas tree.Senator Hanna is sure of a job for
another six years.It will be impossible to "railroad" the
Panama canal through.Only the man who has nothing gets
something "equally good."General Wood goes marching on no
matter by whom attacked.Joe Monahan, the Wyoming woman
cowboy, was a manly woman.There should be a ready sale for the
War Cry in both Russia and Japan.A ghost can't raise the hair of a
man who hasn't a ghost of a hair.The chief use of political clubs is to
hammer the other fellow's candidate.It is hard to tell which is the most
sorrowful sight, a leaderless party or a
partyless leader.Perhaps Shockley expects the verdict
will be "murder in the second degree"
because he murdered two men.An ex-State prison guard has sued
the State for over time. He could hard-
ly have done so for over work.

With an exposition and a national

convention, St. Louis will only have
herself to blame if she doesn't make a
good showing this summer.Some of the delegates to the National
Live Stock convention condemn the for-
eist reservation policy without reserva-
tion.An automobilist at Los Angeles has
been burned to death by his own ma-
chine. This looks as though he had
been hoist by his own petard.Statistics show that at Cornell the
men students work harder than the
co-eds. This is very possible and yet
the young ladies may get their lessons
more thoroughly.President Schurman of Cornell pre-
dicts the United States will become in-
volved in war with Colombia. If his
prediction comes true, we predict that
Colombia will get a good spanking.The United States will positively de-
cline to pay Colombia a single dollar
because of the secession of Panama. In
other words Uncle Sam says: "Millions
for defense, not one cent for tribute."Speaker Cannon complains that he
has been swindled by a book agent. If
all who have suffered in this wise as
he has, should air their complaint as
he has, they would make the winking
ring.Colonel Watterson protests that he
never spoke unkindly of either Mr.
Cleveland or Mr. Bryan. To which
either might answer: "Perhaps it was
right to dissemble your love, but—why
did you kick me down stairs?""Mrs. Reed Smoot evidently does not
believe the derogatory stories that have
been told about her husband, and it
must be admitted that she has had
rather better opportunities to know the
truth than most of the other women
throughout the country who are shrilly
declaring that he is unfit to be a sena-
tor," sensibly remarks the Providence
Journal.Joel Chandler Harris tells of a letter
he has seen, addressed to an Atlanta
firm by an export house at Naples,
which proved that their English writer
had made "a close study of the south-
ern negro dialect," and "arrived at
the conclusion that it is the regular
language of our part of the country,
and the only one we understand." The
letter is thus sampled by Mr. Harris:"Dear Sahs: Hit gif us 'streme sat-
faction ter call yo' 'tension ter ouh
fines' grade macaroni, de bestes' made
in dese yer parts. 'Waitin' you' 'streme
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