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## TIME TO CALL A HALT.

The prompt action of the Rio Grande Western and Oregon Short Line officials, against the shameful attempt to flout the business interests of this city and state by the wholesale circulation of inflammatory and sensational publications, from the so-called "Gentile Bureau of Information," is highly commendable and meets with the approval of the great body of our citizens, particularly of those who move in business circles.

A bunch of mendacious reading matter has been issued from that bureau and distributed on the trains running to and from this city, for the purpose of creating the impression that conditions here are such as to render it unsafe for visitors to enter the town or to remain within its limits. The wretched falsehoods that have been paraded for some time in a morning paper and which are so absurd as well as untrue as to be positively idiotic, are compiled and scattered and may impress people unacquainted with affairs here with the notions set forth, and naturally deter strangers from stopping in a community alleged to be in a state of uproar and conflict so great as to render a visit here most dangerous and to be avoided.

The railway authorities have taken steps to prevent the circulation of this incendiary rubbish, as well as other such publications, on their trains or in or about their premises. This example, everyone who desires the welfare of the city would do well to follow. There is scarcely one person in a thousand who resides here that does not regard with derision and contempt the outrageous, extravagant and virulent stuff that has been dealt out of late by the wholesale. With no other object in view than to heap obloquy and arouse animosity against gentlemen who are as far above the authors of such libels as the sun is above the reeking cesspool.

The effects upon the Church at which most of those shafts of venom are hurled are only to unite its members and give strength to the organization. But the defamation indulged in does have a bad result in business affairs, and the circulation of the foul matter runs exactly counter to the endeavors of our hotel keepers, real estate agencies and commercial clubs to draw tourists hitherward and arrange for stopover privileges that they may rest for a while within our borders.

This shameful business in which a bureau of alleged "information" is engaged, was started and is carried on under the auspices of the sectarian ministers of this city, who claim to be Christians. A glance at the headlines which have been placed over the pamphlets that are being distributed by their Association, proclaims at once the anti-Christian character of the organization which has entered upon this work of misinformation and deception. Instead of promulgating the tenets of their differing creeds and seeking to save souls from sin and condemnation, they spend the greater part of their time in distorting and burlesquing the doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and maligning its principal men.

When objection is raised against their course, they accuse the defenders of the faith which they misrepresent of abusing them, and intimate that the Latter-day Saints should meekly and dutifully submit to all the vile attacks made upon them, or else be round guilty of harboring a spirit contrary to that of the Nazarene. They should read the caustic and forcible expressions that the great Master used in relation to their prototypes, the Pharisees and Scribes of His time, the "whitened sepulchre," the "generation of vipers," the "hypocrites," who made "merchandise of the souls of men," and who made their converts "ten-fold more the children of hell than they were before." Every epithet and denunciation used by the "meek and lowly Nazarene" fits the case of those modern ministers of clashing creeds, who devote their energies to libeling and arousing mob prejudice against the Latter-day Saints.

We suggest to our business men that it is about time that some definite measures were adopted to stop the flood of falsehood and filth which is being sent forth, every day, to the detriment of the material affairs of Utah and particularly of Salt Lake City. People who read the trash circulated by those Christian (?) preachers, culled from columns of vituperation and vilification, are actually afraid to come from the trains into the center of our city. They are under the impression that society here is in a terrible ferment. That a great "schism" has arisen among the "Mormons," and that "Mormon" and "Gentile" are arrayed in fearful conflict, and life and property are unsafe among us. The proof of this fear is found in actual conversations of peo-

ple on the trains and at the depots. It is also to be found in the comments of papers at a distance.

The truth is that the "Mormon" people were never more united than at present, and the non-"Mormon" residents and business people who mind their own business and leave other people's alone, were never in higher esteem among their "Mormon" neighbors than they are today. The only censure passed upon them, which is heard occasionally, is that they are too much afraid of the vituperation of a scandalous press, or they would unite in a protest by word and act which would put a stop to the infamous course that is now being pursued and which is putting a damper upon our commercial interests.

The publication and distribution of such vile matter as now emanates from the Bureau controlled by the professing ministers of this city, are a reproach and a disgrace to all engaged in the work, and there should be a movement against it, which would force its prime movers into something like common decency.

## A JUST VERDICT.

The numerous friends of R. S. Collett, of Vernal, Utah County, will rejoice over his acquittal on the charge of embezzling postal funds, preferred against him by an inspector. No one acquainted with him believes for a moment that he was guilty of anything but what might be deemed a technical offense. His solid business reputation, his well established character and the confidence reposed in him by many thousands of the best people of this State, stood like a solid wall against the bare suspicion of crookedness, which for a short time cast a shadow over his otherwise untarnished career.

The facts are that when the inspector came to the office where Mr. Collett was postmaster and found that the funds which he should have on hand were not immediately producible, the conclusion was jumped at that he was a defaulter, and proceedings were taken at once against him. It was in vain that he explained that it was after banking hours when the examination took place, and that in the morning, as soon as the bank was opened, he would produce the cash balance belonging to the government; the matter was pushed to the extreme and he was not only ousted from his position, but indicted for felony.

We have nothing to say about the action of the government inspector, but must express the doubt that we felt at the first, that the accused was guilty, either by act or intent, of appropriating to his own use funds intrusted to his official care and which were not his own. Excess of zeal on the part of the official who pushed the case against him, is the mildest term that is applicable in this matter. The verdict of the jury consequent upon the summing up by the court, is a full vindication of the character of Mr. Collett, and he comes out of the cloud that for a time enfolded him, with the confidence of his fellow citizens who are acquainted with his sterling worth.

It is but fitting, however, to say that all persons entrusted with public or private funds should be extremely careful not to place themselves in a position which would justify the slightest doubt as to their honesty or business methods. Every officer of the city, state or nation should be ready at any moment to produce or account for every cent placed in his custody. No one can be too careful in this respect, and every public functionary should hold himself prepared, at a moment's notice, to submit all his official acts to the closest scrutiny. We congratulate our friend on his honorable discharge from the Federal Court and the clearing away of the momentary cloud cast upon his character.

## FEARING THE EPIDEMIC.

It is claimed that fear is entertaining that the epidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis, or spotted fever as it also is called, which now is carrying off so many victims in the east, will work its way, along the lines of travel, to the middle and western states. The danger should be an incentive to municipal authorities, as well as to private owners of real estate, to thoroughly clean up all untidy places. What cleanliness will do in the service of hygiene, was demonstrated in Havana, where yellow fever was stamped out by the sanitary measures applied, as soon as the Americans obtained control. And it is a question whether, in the face of a threatening epidemic, the matter of scrubbing and cleaning can be safely left entirely to the discretion of property owners. The disease mentioned seems to be very much of a mystery, and measures of prevention are therefore all the more necessary, since neither the cause nor any remedy seems to be known.

When such precautions are taken, the foe can be met with courage and tranquility, and that is, in itself, a great preventive of all kinds of diseases. Worry and fear are as deadly as the microbes themselves, because they weaken the natural defenses of the system. The old oriental legend is well known. It represents the plague as saying to a pilgrim that it was about to enter a city where it had permission to slay 5,000 persons. Some time afterward, the pilgrim met the Plague coming out of the city. "Ho there!" he called, "you told me you were going to slay 5,000 people in yonder city. Why have you slain 5,000?" "I slew only 5,000, as Allah liveth," the Plague replied. "The rest died of fright."

## THE TWO SQUADRONS.

The latest advices from St. Petersburg are to the effect that Admiral Rojestvensky is looking for the Japanese fleet, with the intention of risking all in a naval engagement, wherever Admiral Togo selects to meet his enemy. The outcome of such a general engagement can hardly be foreseen, unless past events are relied upon as an indication of the present. The strength is almost equal. The Russians have almost double the number of heavy battle-ships that the Japanese command,

but the latter have a great many more cruisers and torpedo boats than the Russians. The Japanese also have the advantage of better guns. They can reach the enemy from a comparatively safe distance, and with their fast ships they can go all around the Russians and play with them, as dolphins gamboling in the wake of a sailing vessel.

Naval experts are inclined to the view that Admiral Togo will not risk his fleet in one engagement, but that he will endeavor to scatter the Russian squadron, and by night attacks and surprises destroy the ships one by one, until the squadron is rendered so weak, that a general attack can be made without risk to his own vessels. It will take time to accomplish the task by such tactics, but it is considered the safest way. The reports from various news centers to the effect that a naval battle has already commenced, would bear out the supposition that the Japanese have commenced to harass the enemy, and that this will be kept up, until the real test of strength comes.

## SHOULD BE NO TORTURE.

If it is true that the woman, Rosa Tortorici, was tortured into making a confession implicating her husband and others in the murder of an Italian in San Francisco, her "confession" should not be admitted as evidence, since our laws do not recognize the torture chamber as an accessory of the courts of justice. It is bad enough to submit suspected criminals to the "sweet box" method, since, without question, a person in this country is held to be innocent until his crime has been proved by orderly and just trial, and since punishment should not begin until after conviction. But when such illegal methods are resorted to, not only upon persons suspected of wrong doing, but also upon witnesses, and women at that, American sense of justice and fair play revolts. Plain people at best are poor matches for the subtle and astute questioners, without the added perplexity resulting from tortures. But if torture is to be used, in spite of law and modern ideas of justice, why not apply the rack and the wheel and kill the victims without trial? The crime was unusually brutal, and the detection and severe punishment of those implicated in the butchery is demanded, but the law should not be violated in the administration of justice. Only evil will come of illegal proceedings.

A beet field is about as promising a field of industry as there is.

Motto for city councilmen: "Do what is right, let the consequence follow!"

To go to Togo or not to go to Togo. That's the question for Rojestvensky.

Residents of South Temple street are asking if this is to become a Wall-ed city.

Since the President's departure the wild animals of Oklahoma feel much easier.

California strawberries are in the market. They look as though they were grown at Mudbury.

H. H. Rogers says that he does not know Thomas W. Lawson. The public seems to know them both.

Judge Dunne with his large family of children will have to be careful that he does not contract nepotism.

Radium has been found in wheat flour. How it gets there is mysterious. But it should make light bread.

It appears that Rojestvensky is really looking for a fight. Togo probably will give him what he is looking for.

Whatever else may be said about Mr. Rockefeller it cannot be charged against him that he is a cheap John.

Mark the schemers against the peace and prosperity of Utah, who foment discord for the purpose of personal or party ambition!

The Chicago board of education has a perfect office boy. His statue should be placed in the Illinois niche in the national Hall of Fame.

These lawyers' congresses and professors' meetings are the revolutionary heaven that will lighten all Russia. It is working all through her.

By inviting those who were injured in the recent earthquakes in India to be her guests at the hospitals in Simla, Lady Curzon shows herself to be a true Lady Bountiful.

Ex-Mayor Seth Low says that the United States always was a world power. And long before anyone dreamed that a huge navy was a sine qua non of a world power.

Any public servant who is scared into dishonorable action by the threats of political wire-workers and journalistic jobbers, is not worthy the confidence or support of respectable citizens.

Citizens! Beware of municipal officers who would attempt to do positive injustice to a company or individual, at the behest of conspirators who are plotting for the control of city affairs.

Mr. Bryan is proving for himself that all the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. At Lincoln, Nebraska, he appeared at the Auditorium as one of the attractions of the musical spectacular piece, "American."

Commenting on the prudential committee's decision to accept Mr. Rockefeller's gift, Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden says: "From this decision an appeal will now be taken to the conscience of the Congregational churches and the conscience of Christendom."

Why not make it an appeal to history and posterity?

Juvenile Court Judge Brown has admonished some parents present in his court to keep their children at home nights and make them go to school. Better advice could not be given parents in this regard. If it is heeded, and

it should be, it will result in a large decrease of hoodlums, that bane of city life and feeder of reform schools.

## POLITICAL DIAGNOSIS OF RUSSIAN PHYSICIANS.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A somewhat remarkable gathering of physicians from all over Russia was held last week in Moscow. Its ostensible object was to consider ways and means of dealing with the outbreak of cholera, which has been added to the manifold other ills from which that distracted country is suffering. Whatever the object the result was to relegate cholera to the rear to give opportunity for discussing the political disease, which is more menacing than any possible epidemic of a physical malady. The assembled physicians agreed that Russia was a fertile field for cholera by reason of the extreme poverty of the people, that this could not be improved until the war was stopped and the system of government radically changed, and that a consistent assembly should be formed without delay on the basis of universal, free, direct and secret suffrage. They were one in declaring that the economic and govern- mental ills should be cured first.

## INCREASE OF FORTUNES.

Washington Post.

"In the old days when, as a boy, I lived down in Rockbridge county, Virginia, I remember that the people used to regard a certain man in the neighborhood with wonder and admiration," said Mr. J. D. Leverett of New York at the Raleigh, "because he was known to be worth as much as \$200,000. He had a large estate and numerous slaves. In that time to be worth one-fifth of a million dollars gave a man a tremendous notoriety. Even in New York at that time the men who were worth a million dollars could easily be counted. Nowadays you can't pick up a morning newspaper that doesn't tell of the settling up of some man's estate of a value running from \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000."

## ACCURACY OF MARKSMANSHIP.

Pall Mall Gazette.

Ability to shoot straight is to some extent a natural gift, and it is useless trying to make a captain of a gun of a man who does not possess this faculty. He may be a good enough man in other ways, but unless he has "a straight eye" he will never become much of a marksman. The admiralty recognizes this and have ceased trying to make crack shots of men whose talents do not lie in that direction.

## VALUE OF TEACHING OBEDIENCE.

Indianapolis News.

Is there any reason why our schools should limit themselves simply to putting children through a certain course of study? We think not. In our opinion, if the schools fail in discipline, if they fail in developing a spirit of obedience, they fail in discharging their most vital function and at the most vital point. And it seems to us that this failure is one for which the schools may very truly be held responsible. For the very theory on which the state proceeds in this matter of public education is that through education the children will be properly trained along the line of good citizenship. But they cannot be good citizens unless they learn to be obedient to the law. In some way, therefore, the school must inculcate this obedience.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The "News" have been favored with a copy of the History of Joseph Smith, in the Danish language, recently published in Copenhagen. This biography was first written by Elder Andrew Jensen and published in this city, in 1879. But as only few copies found their way to Denmark, it was thought wise at the time to publish it at the headquarters of the Scandinavian mission. The book has been thoroughly revised, and the new edition presents a very creditable appearance. It should be welcome to the Saints who understand the Danish language, and it is to be hoped that it will find as wide a circulation as it deserves.

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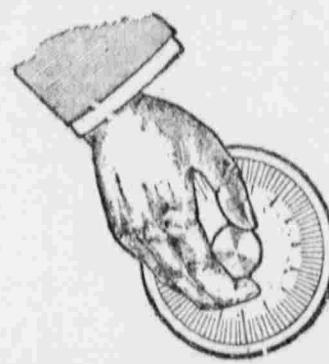


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