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STILL STIRRING IT UP.

We notice that some of the religious publications feel very sore over the manner in which the reports of the committee on privileges and elections of the United States senate have been received and commented upon by prominent public journals. The minority report has evidently made the stronger impression upon the trained journalistic mind. It is more direct and conclusive than the majority report, and condenses the subject into the real gist of the whole matter. The longer, more diffuse and less convincing report takes for granted so many things not substantiated by the evidence presented, and some that are actually disproved by that evidence, that it does not commend itself to the confidence of the careful and analytical reader. But as it is adverse to the senator from Utah and adopts the notions and assertions of the protestants in the case, it naturally suits the ministerial mind among the religious sects and meets with their approval. As a consequence, of course, they do not like the minority report.

Among the religious publications that take this view of the subject is The Christian Statesman, published at Pittsburgh, Pa., which after referring adversely to the minority report, quotes from the Philadelphia Public Ledger the conclusion by that paper that, "The sum of Smoot's offending is that he is a Mormon," and that in spite of people's opinions concerning his religious status, "it would be the height of un wisdom and injustice to exclude him from the seat to which his state freely elected him, on a basis of a broad proscription of a religious or any other body," and the Ledger concludes that "if that precedent and principle be established the senate will become an unstable body, at the mercy of the whim, passion and prejudice of every passing outburst of popular hostility." This arouses the ire of the Christian Statesman and it remarks:

"We are therefore constrained to repeat, what we have so often said before, that the National Reform Association has not objected to Mr. Smoot because he is a Mormon, nor has any other body of which we have knowledge. Our ground of objection has been that the Mormon hierarchy has aided and abetted the violation of the laws against polygamy, and that Mr. Smoot is a conspicuous official member of that hierarchy. Of these two facts, the first has been amply proved, and the second is freely admitted. The conclusion seems obvious that he is not in the present national struggle against polygamy, a fit member of the senate of the United States."

The Christian Statesman may try to deceive itself on this question and possibly may aid some of its confreres in the work of self-deception, but it will not be able to lead astray that portion of the public which reads and reflects for itself. The head and front of Senator Smoot's offending is that he is an Apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and his opponents think that no such ecclesiastical dignitary should be elected to a prominent public office. They have a right to their opinion, but there is nothing in the Constitution and laws of the United States which sets up a bar against the election of any one to a seat in Congress because of his religious opinions or status.

Passing that by, the Christian Statesman's "ground of objection" is baseless. It is not true that it "has been amply proved" that the Mormon church (misnamed "hierarchy") has aided and abetted the violation of the laws against polygamy. On the contrary, the evidence as it appears in the official record is against that proposition. This is clearly set forth in the committee's minority report. Testimony was given concerning the alleged violation of those laws on the part of some individuals, but proof was not furnished, nor was there any evidence that the purported offenses were "aided and abetted" by the church.

Further, there was not the slightest evidence adduced that Senator Smoot had anything whatever to do with those alleged infractions of the law. Therefore, the argument of the Christian Statesman is utterly fallacious, and it is not "obvious" that Senator Smoot is unfit to be a member of the senate of the United States. Indeed, that paper does not attempt to connect the senator directly with the commission of an offense by other individuals, but assumes something of its own imagining in order to reach its conclusion.

It is rather late in the day to take up this subject just now, and we do so simply because of the strained efforts on the part of so-called "Christian" publications to keep it in agitation. It is astonishing to a reasoning mind how illogical and untenable are the pretended arguments of some theological writers and speakers. "The whole is father to the thought" in so many instances, that it causes one to believe that many religious teachers and writers take so much for granted that they do not exercise that reason and judgment which are required in the study of other professions. We do not suppose that the Christian Statesman will profit by what we have said, but we hope the general public will "see the point" and not be led astray by the vaporings of prejudice or the assertions of purblind disputants.

A NEW ELDERS' JOURNAL.

For some time the idea of starting a publication to be called The Elders' Journal has been a subject of consideration among the leading authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This to be not in the nature of a newspaper or mere chronicle of current events, but a magazine devoted to historical and literary articles and data, in convenient form for binding, to form volumes for the private and public libraries of the Church.

The starting of the Elders' Journal by President Ben E. Rich of the Southern States Mission has formed a foundation for the carrying out of this project. The Deseret News has on several occasions, referred to that valuable little publication and always with pleasure and satisfaction. It is now proposed to enlarge that magazine and to incorporate with it articles and discourses delivered in early times by leading Elders of the Church, on subjects that are always of interest to the Latter-day Saints and to inquirers after the principles of the latter-day Gospel. Many of these are to be found in early numbers of the Millennial Star and of the Journal of Discourses and of the Deseret News, and their reproduction would please a great many persons who are not in possession of those works.

They would furnish articles of information and argument to Elders now in the mission field, who were born and have grown up in the faith since those writings were first published. Selections could be made from them of matter that would be both timely and profitable at the present, and they would prove interesting to the general reader and aid in the dissemination of principles that are priceless, and suggest ideas that would lead to reflection and inquiry into further intelligence.

In addition to such literature, the movements of missions and the experiences of Elders and Saints at different places in later times could be given, as well as contributions from able writers on matters up to date. Our friends can readily perceive how such a publication could be issued, under proper management, that would be attractive and invaluable. Elder Rich has the matter in hand and will probably take immediate steps to issue the Journal in the proposed form, monthly to begin with, and will lay his plans accordingly. He has the approval of the presiding authorities in the commencement of the work.

We mention the undertaking now, so that the Latter-day Saints may be prepared when solicited to subscribe to the publication and understand that it is something worthy of their support. We are sure that when it is once launched from the press it will commend itself to our people generally and our missionaries in particular. The present Elders' Journal will form a good nucleus for the larger production, and we will look for the new work with eager anticipation and hope for its success.

JUVENILE SMOKERS.

There has been some newspaper talk recently about the alleged physical deterioration of the British. A committee that counted among its members, Lord Beauchamp, the Bishop of Ripon, Lord Aberdare, Lord Heneage and Lord Biddolph, after thorough investigation, recommends "that a bill should be brought before Parliament at an early date, having for its object to prohibit the sale of tobacco and cigarettes to children below a certain age."

This committee says its members were much impressed by the unanimous opinion of the witnesses who came before them, including the representatives of the tobacco trade, that the habit of juvenile smoking "produced indirectly a number of ill-facilitated the work of disease, and led to the habits of drink." Especially they were impressed by the fact that the evidences of physical deterioration that were apparent in boys were not apparent in girls, who, as a rule, are free from the habit.

Any investigation of this subject is of general interest. For, notwithstanding prohibitive laws and statutes, the habit of smoking is spreading among boys, and it is asserted that it is likewise claiming a great number of women for victims. The vice is one that should be fought in every effective manner, but we fear success will not come, until parents and guardians take the matter up with the children in earnest. Their influence, if properly exercised at the proper time, is a stronger force for good than laws and courts. And example should certainly go with precept.

FOR A HOT DAY.

We have for some time endured a hot wave in this part of the country, the length and intensity of which are rather exceptional. But, compared to the weather of some other sections of the country, the summer heat here has been no hardship. The cool night breezes have neutralized the effects of the high temperature in the middle of the day, and amply justified the many remarks of citizens and visitors concerning Utah's pleasant climate.

In the east different conditions have prevailed. In New York many have succumbed to the heat. "The prostrations," says the World, describing a day of fatalities, "came suddenly in the home and office, in the street, in cars, and in excavations and unfinished buildings where men worked under an unwanted temperature and with a thick humid air about them, that sapped strength." All over the country there was a hot wave, but New York suffered most. We have not heard of any prostrations from heat in this region, though the mercury has been about as high here, as in the east.

We notice in Life and Health some practical suggestions by a physician as to "how to keep cool on hot days." To be calm is one of the first essentials. "Anger, worry, excitement," the doctor says, "are all incompatible with a hot day." Violent exercise is also pronounced dangerous. It causes the temperature of the body to rise several degrees.

Special attention is given to the question of food and drink. The quality of food, we are told, should be regulated

from day to day according to the temperature, and "in a recognition of this principle lies to a large extent the secret of being comfortable on hot days." Ham and eggs, fried potatoes, hot biscuits and strong coffee are not good to begin the day with. One who does so, will long before the noon hour be in a state of conflagration from the heat-producing food, and no electric fans can make him comfortable, or amiable. Fresh foods produce heat. They also produce thirst, and excessive drinking does not make anyone feel cool.

The diet that is recommended for a hot day is one consisting of fruit, cereals, and nuts, the latter to be eaten sparingly, though. The writer, in Life and Health also warns against drinking too much of cold drinks. "It is a delusion," he says, "and a snare to think that drinking ice water, iced tea and other cold drinks will cool the body when it is ninety or more in the shade. It is far better to drink moderately cool water in small quantities and frequently, than to deluge the body with a quart or more within a few minutes. Drink moderately, and only of cool water, fruit juice without sugar, or oatmeal water, and a hot day can be shorn of its discomfort. Children especially should not be given iced drinks in hot weather."

These suggestions appear rational, and anyone who has experienced a little upon himself with a view of ascertaining what is good for the system, or injurious, will be able to appeal to his own experience in support of the views set forth. That cold drinks are dangerous to an overheated body has been proved by the fact that many have died as a consequence of indulging freely in ice water while suffering from violent exertions on a hot day.

Fast living very often ends in running away.

It is Stensland who has made the Milwaukee bank famous.

It is Miss Asil E. Esac who is leading the strenuous life at Oyster Bay.

If politics are not getting hot at least some of the politicians are.

The Sick Man of Europe is reported to be a little less sicker, but none are sicker.

At this season of the year health food is found in greatest abundance in the mountains.

Mr. Bryan's fight on National Commitment Sullivan appears to be the second battle.

Our greatest battleship is named Rhode Island. It simply shows that the least shall be first.

Instead of hissing and hooting Secretary Root the people of Uruguay have been rooting for him.

The Czar has got the lid down for a little while, but for how long neither he nor anyone else can tell.

Miles City, Mont., is running Fort Tuma a close race for the United States hottest place record.

A national association to check the growth of medical quackery is to be formed. It may be that this is itself a quack remedy.

There is said to be too much red tape on the Panama canal. Red tape is good in its place, which is a nice little country store.

Both the great political parties call for dollar subscriptions. But isn't a dollar subscription a cheap one, making a cheap man?

Secretary Bonaparte's remedy for Anarchism is very much like Governor Seymour's for those who attempted to pull down the flag.

Uncle Sam will undertake to protect the Chinese coolies on the Panama canal. It is very doubtful if he can prevent them from being "hired."

That woman who went to church for the purpose of getting a chance to speak to the President was not content when he looked at her and spoke only with his eyes.

For a while this year it looked as though the crop of railroad accidents would be short, but now it is certain it will be up to the average if not somewhat in excess.

Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasievitch declines the appointment of commander-in-chief of the Russian troops where martial law exists. His aspirations seem to be along the line of least resistance, rather than military lines.

The Mexican delegates to the Pan-American congress will, it is said, suggest the adoption of a coin that shall be of equal value in all the American countries. Such a coin would undoubtedly be of great convenience to the business world of this hemisphere.

"Though a board of directors have denied to Sarah Bernhardt this Legion of Honor cross, she still remains the foremost actress of the present day and age," says an exchange. She also remains the most aged actress of the day, coryphæus not being classed as actresses.

That is a wise suggestion by Supl. Blues, that the Cottonwood water be not turned into the conduit until Parley's reservoir is thoroughly overhauled and repaired and the bottom concreted. The delay caused by this necessary piece of work will not occasion any great inconvenience, because the water supply this year has been ample, and now is the time to make the reservoir all that is desirable.

HAS WAY OF "SEEMING COOL."

New York Press.
Those who believe in the "seem cool" cult should take a trip to Paris right away, for Parisians have a warm weather innovation which must strike them as just about right. On one of the hottest afternoons of last week, when the sidewalks fairly sizzled and many persons were prostrated by the heat, guests at the Hotel Castiglione looked from their windows on the big open court, where an artificial rainstorm was going on. To make the effect more com-

plete the management of the hotel placed in the center of the courtyard a gigantic umbrella some twenty-five feet in diameter, under which the guests could read or drink tea and enjoy the cooling effect of a summer rainstorm without getting wet. It seems as if some of the big hotels over here ought to go one better with all their vaunted Yankee ingenuity, and set up a snow-storm or a blizzard just to show that they can't be outdone by Paris.

GIRLS SAVED FATHER'S CROP.

Seattle Times.
Four young women, in short skirts, high boots, jumpers and Panama hats, may be seen every day for the next fortnight working in the wheat fields on the ranch of Senator John I. Yend of Walla Walla. His four daughters have always been fond of outdoor sports and are accustomed to exercise, and when they learned that hundreds of acres of grain were going to waste because Senator Yend could not hire harvest hands at any price they were prompt to tender their services. Miss Alma has demonstrated an adeptness in driving the header box. Miss Bertha has been operating the derriek as well as any man. Misses Edith and Helen are employed with the regular crew on the big "combines," which reaps and thrashes the grain simultaneously. Senator Yend has been able, with his daughters' aid, to save his entire crop of wheat, hay, oats and barley. The girls rise with the sun, curry, harness and feed their own horses, and do not stop work until 9 at night.

ADAMLESS EDENS ON SHORES.

New York Press.
This season the Adamless state of the summer resorts cannot be ignored. Girls who don't care for youngsters or for old fogies who are trying the rest cure are having a sorry time. Much of their time is spent sitting in rockers, doing fancy work, and most of the rest of it is devoted to "complexion walks," which is the name bestowed on the exercise prescribed by the beauty doctor. One must walk, walk, walk, if one wants to have a clear, wholesome color. The summer girl and the matronally forth early in the morning and put in many miles a day. No hope of beauty for the lame and lazy after this.

JUST FOR FUN.

A Base Libel.
Cholly—Goodness! I've got such a cold in my head.
Wise—Why, so you have, I'll have to call Knox down the next time I see him.
Cholly—I—aw—don't understand. What for?
Wise—For libeling you. He said you had nothing in R.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Modern Travel.

Father—Now you boys and girls hustle. We've got ten minutes all told to see this gallery. All you've got to do is to rush through the rooms without stopping to look at the pictures. We've got photographs of most of them at home.—Journal Amusing.

Truly They Did.

Facto—In the ages past how did people ever manage to live without telephones and the telegram?
Philos—They didn't; they all died.—Bon Vivant.

Not Far To Seek.

She (despisingly)—O, you men! All talk and no deeds. Tell me one single noble action you've ever done, or even one kind one.
He—I've prevented you from dying an old maid and, if you ask me, that's a pretty heroic deed.—From Rire.

Questions of Hair.

In Tunis the new boy has sent the court barber to his cousin to inform him that he may now let his beard grow. The beard in Tunis, is a sign of royal position. With the exception of the ruling bey and the successor he has designated, all the members of the beylical family must be clean shaven. It thus works out that in Tunis it is the hair apparent that makes the heir presumptive.—Figaro.

Puckerings.

Some folks pull at doors marked "Push." Dou you?
Wouldn't it shock Anthony Comstock to run up against a naked live wire?
A fat is a man whose indwelling soul has to put up with all the modern inconveniences, particularly the lack of light and air.—Puck.

Philosophy.

Complacent Idiot—Yes, sir, it's always the way. Every time I go out I'm sure to lose my umbrella. After all it's a very lucky thing that I don't carry more than one at a time.—Pele-Mele.

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