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CHARITY AND HARMONY.

We have been told lately that the so-called "American" party has never in any way attacked anyone who is friendly and loyal to the law, etc., and that "it is not vindictive, but charitable; it is not antagonistic, but wishes the most harmonious relations with all. It does not welcome strife, and engages only in such activity as is necessary to assert, vindicate, and maintain the principles of American freedom and equality before the law."

But, lest the readers of this hypocritical plea should be inclined to take it in any other than a Pickwickian sense, it is followed by another vindictive attack upon the Church. We hope, however, it will be perfectly clear now that Tribune attacks upon the Church and Tribune pervasions of truth are evidence of a "charitable" disposition and a desire for "harmonious relations."

As an illustration of Tribune charity and yearning for harmony, that sheet again says that the Church leaders have "passively" encouraged the practice of polygamy, and that the Church, therefore, has broken the pledge contained in the Manifesto. This is one of the infamous falsehoods that were invented, probably in the Tribune office, and promulgated to the world as an excuse for the renewal of the crusade upon the Church. This is one of the black and baseless charges that were made when the founders of the "American" party decided to break faith with the people of Utah and the Nation and use anti-Mormon bigotry as a ladder on which to climb to office and control of public funds.

Facts have branded the Tribune sufficiently already, but as time passes the mark will be burned deeper and deeper into its guilt-crowned brow. The facts are that the Church leaders, from President Woodruff down, have done all in their power to keep both the letter and the spirit of the Manifesto, and that they have been faithfully sustained by the number of plural families has been reduced, until today there are a great deal less than 500, and in a very short time there will be none. Facts prove that the anti-Mormon crusade, in which the "American" party, in the hands of unscrupulous politicians, became involved, was as malicious and senseless as the old "Know-nothing" crusade against the Catholic church, which also called itself "American."

We do not claim that individual cases of law-breaking have not occurred. Unfortunately, such are on record in every state in the Union, and not in Utah alone. It would have been a miracle, indeed, had this State been an exception. But we do maintain that no plural marriages have been contracted with the sanction of the Church.

To any reflection, that the Church leaders were placed in a difficult position by the Manifesto. Many of them had plural families, and some Church members were similarly situated. They had families to whom they were united by sacred covenants, for time and all eternity. Those covenants were not to be broken. Further, when the Manifesto first was accepted, there may have been difference of opinion as to the full extent of its scope. Every law and every rule seems capable of more than one construction, until its interpretation is given by proper authority. But, difficult though the position of the Church leaders were when the Manifesto first was issued, they have met the situation loyally and wisely, as the results prove. And we presume results are what reasonable beings are after.

There was no need of an "American" party to fight the Church, because of alleged immoral marriage relations. That question was settled by the courts, and the loyal acceptance of the court decisions by the Church. The "American" party has a mission as a moral agency. The party leaders themselves know that, and all the world ought to know it, too; for the same leaders announced themselves, through their officials, as determined to make prostitution a dividend paying business. The American people are fair-minded and when it once dawned upon them that the howlers against the "Mormons" are actually interested in the social evil, they will change their opinion. They will not consider the constructors of "stockades" as proper emissaries of purity to stand in the vanguard against polygamy.

Way back in Illinois the conspirators against the "Mormons" spread all manner of falsehoods against them until the minds of their neighbors were poisoned against them. Politicians were also disappointed when they found that they could not use the "Mormon" vote for the furtherance of their schemes. They did what they could to keep the fires of hatred and strife burning. Apostles and false friends, too, were active. And finally, the public mind was wrought up to the extent that the gathering of a number of mob became possible. A similar campaign has been carried on in Utah. And that campaign the organ of all evil tells us is an evidence of charity and a desire for harmony.

CHURCH IN POLITICS.

The New York World observes that there is a new tendency in the churches of the country. During the late cam-

paign candidates and party orators frequently spoke in the pulpits, and the churches were thus the auditoriums for political oratory.

Opinions are divided as to the propriety of this. "To some," the World says, "it has seemed that a church edifice is put to the best of secular uses when it is transformed into a forum for the free discussion of a question so directly affecting the moral welfare of the community as the secure and honest administration of public affairs." And this view, we venture to assert, is especially sound when the campaign is on for good government and civil purity, as against graft and immorality. If churches cannot be used for the defense of good government, in a country where speech is free and church members are endowed with the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, they are of less practical value than they ought to be.

There is an awakening all over the country of the public conscience on matters of honest government, and a wide-spread agitation for reform. The churches cannot remain indifferent to this movement. Religion must be made a principle in every-day life and not merely a Sunday-diversion. It must be made the salt of the earth, lest rottenness and corruption prevail.

PROVO IS ALL RIGHT.

There has been some speculation as to whether the anti-liquor ordinance now in force in Provo would be repealed. The Provo Herald has canvassed the situation, and now announces that there will be no repeal of the prohibition ordinance. Against prohibition are Bott and Beebe. Powsell is in favor of giving the ordinance a fair trial, and McCullough, though elected on a prohibition platform, is not willing to announce his position, until the matter has been discussed by the council. Hinckley, Jensen, Thomas and Gies are in favor of prohibition, and the members not reached by the Herald, that paper states, "are so well known as to make it obvious that there will be no repeal of the prohibition ordinance."

The fact of the matter is that the evils of the liquor traffic, and more particularly its fostering of crime of every description and its corrupt political methods for the protection of drunkenness and allied vices, are so menacing to every community that the necessity of meeting it by the enactment and enforcement of prohibitory laws, has become apparent even to those who do not believe in total abstinence.

The saloon advocates argue about the wines of the Bible, the liberty to eat and drink, and the facility of prohibition, etc. But all their arguments fail to consider the chief point at issue. The low saloon has become a den from which moral leprosy is spread throughout the community in which it exists, and it must be treated accordingly. There may be different opinions as to the merits of prohibition, or the virtues of total abstinence, though there should be no question as to that; but there is no doubt that it is the duty of every good citizen to use his influence to wrest the control of the government from the liquor interests and protect the community against the influence of the drink den and its allies in crime and corruption.

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THE DOGGER BANK AFFAIR.

Those who remember the Dogger Bank affair during the war between Russia and Japan, in 1904, will also recall that several explanations were offered of the strange incident. It was quite generally supposed that the Russians had been drinking and carousing, and that they fired on the fishing fleet in a drunken, irresponsible condition. But the Russians insisted that they had seen torpedo boats which sailed away when fired at, and that they had reason to believe they were Japanese boats watching for an opportunity to sink Russian ships.

Just what the investigation that followed brought out was never made clear to the public, but the British government undoubtedly accepted the explanations made, and no serious consequences resulted.

Now the story comes from Germany that Great Britain actually had war ships at that time stationed off Vigo and six submarines in the vicinity of Heligoland; that these were watching Germany's fleet, and that they had orders to sink German war ships in the event of Germany taking sides with Russia in the war. The commanders of British vessels, it is alleged, had direct orders from Downing street to watch the Germans and blow them into the air in the event of suspicious movements.

Can it be, then, that the Russians actually saw torpedo boats, and that the firing was justified?

Whether true or not, it is certain that the story is calculated to keep the anti-English sentiment in Germany alive. It is not published in the interest of harmony.

MYSTICISM.

A contributor to Current Literature says the trend of our time is toward mysticism. He argues: "It appears in the field of the intellect in religion; and in art. Prof. Harold Höffding of Copenhagen, declared at a recent congress of psychologists that since all the most important problems are beyond the reach of man's reasoning powers, the search for ultimate reality leads inevitably to mysticism. Henri Bergson, the French-Jewish philosopher, whose speculations have deeply influenced the whole thought-atmosphere of the day, believes decided mystical leanings. 'Symbolism' is the keynote of modern drama, the watchword of Ibsen, Hauptmann and Maeterlinck; and symbolism, we are often told, is only another name for mysticism. 'In America the mystical tendency is everywhere in evidence. Christian Science is its most pronounced expression, but the New Thought cults, the various spiritualistic bodies, the Theosophical and Vedantic societies, all bear witness to its growingogue. 'Yet in spite of its pervasiveness, very few can define mysticism. The vaguest ideas as to its real meaning prevail. There is a mystical tradition, however, extending for many centuries, through Clement of Alexandria, St. Basil, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bonaventura, Francis of Assisi, Thomas a Kempis, St. Catherine, St. Theresa, Fenelon, Mme. Guyon, Henry More, George Fox, and many more, and the mystical attitude is now fairly clearly

formulated. Practically all authorities write on the subject emphasizing as one of its essential aspects the conception of the soul as something that can see and perceive the spiritual realities as unmistakably as the body can grasp material objects."

It is certain that materialism does not satisfy the human soul hungering and thirsting for a solution of the riddle of existence. Nor can the dead form of a ritualistic service, no matter how gorgeously dressed or how sweetly perfumed, take the place of communion with the living God. So men and women turn to the old dusty philosophies of Asia in a fruitless search for light and life. That so many prefer these to the Gospel of the Redeemer, in an age that boasts of being the age of reason, is puzzling.

Beware of the hookworm for inwardly it is as a revealing wolf.

After a girl refuses two offers of marriage she goes into a decline.

Cracked wheat is the only breakfast food that is what it is cracked up to be.

During the last two months President Taft has had splendid training for his winter's work.

The worst microbe that can get into the system is the microbe that sets one to looking for microbes.

Does the State Board of Examiners of Barbers examine applicants as to their conversational powers?

It will be good news to the Standard Oil to know that the Steel trust is the very worst enemy that labor has.

The hardest task ever given to man is to get understanding; but when he gets it is his greatest blessing.

"A charming woman is never aware of her charms," says our Chicago namesake. Don't you think so, too?

An author who gets a dollar a word doesn't need to weigh his words, especially as they are not sold by the pound.

When the starvation strikers of Spokane grow faint of heart and stomach, let them remember Dr. Tanner and take courage.

As the National Geographic society's committee is persona non grata at Copenhagen, the society might send it to the top of Mount McKinley where it would be welcome.

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There is one thing much in favor of Senator Aldrich's campaign for currency reform; he doesn't pretend to have a plan that is a panacea for all the country's currency ills.

Commander Peary announces that he will not lead an expedition in search of the south pole. He recognizes that as being exclusively within the sphere of influence of Commander Robert E. Scott, R. N.

Professor G. M. Stratton, who occupies the chair of psychology at the University of California, sees color in the tones of the voice. There is nothing strange about this, for many an impresario has seen money in the tones of the voice.

Emperor William has promised the

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

THE DIPLOMATIC NOSE THAT DISCOVERED A GREAT TRADE SECRET.

By E. J. Edwards.
This daily series of anecdotes and incidents that throw new, interesting and frequently dramatic light on famous events and personalities of the past have been collected by Edwards during nearly forty years of more or less intimate acquaintance with many of the country's leaders since the Civil War. Each incident or incident is fresh from Mr. Edwards' notebook, and either in whole or in part, it constitutes New News of Yesterday, garnered from the men who made the news—the history—or from equally authoritative sources. As interesting contributions to the "human interest" sort of American history, these articles have a distinctive value all their own.

WHEN Uncle Sam sends one of his nephews to represent him at some foreign court, the old gentleman takes it for granted that the nephew in question will use his mind to further the best interests of his country. This is the hitherto unchallenged story of a Yankee diplomat who used not only his mind, but also his nose, in the best interests of the United States.

This particular governmental representative was Marshall Jewell, three years governor of Connecticut, at one time chairman of the national Republican committee, postmaster-general under Grant, and also under the latter minister to Russia.

"You know, don't you," the governor asked, half facetiously, one day, "why Grant picked me as minister to Russia? It was because I am a tanner. Grant had a great partiality for tanners. One of his closest friends was Oliver Hort, one of the richest tanners in the United States. You see, Grant's father was a tanner, and he was a clerk in his father's leather store when the war broke out."

"Well, maybe that's so," said one of Gov. Jewell's close friends to me, when I had repeated the governor's statement. "But I want to tell you that the governor has never let politics or high office interfere with his love for the tanning industry, and I'll tell you into a little secret, that was told me by the governor himself, to illustrate my point. 'The governor had not long been minister to Russia before he became immensely popular. As you know, he was a very handsome man, with a complexion like that of a youth, clear blue eyes, and a pure white mustache, and the best of the style of the day. Louis Napoleon's. He also had much of the vivacity and the dignified courtesy of a French aristocrat. For these reasons he gained the high favor of the Russians, and in addition to entertaining him socially, they were always glad to take him on visits of inspection to their various manufacturing plants. 'At last he was taken to inspect one of the leading Russian tanneries and leather manufacturing plants. At that time the process of making what is known to the trade as Russia leather was a carefully guarded secret, known only to the expert Russian leather workers. So, though he was the official representative of a great nation, at the Czar's court, he was not allowed to enter the part of the manufacturing where Russia leather was made. 'But the Russians, in their anxiety to guard their great secret, overlooked one thing, the sensitive nose of their distinguished visitor. As an appren-

tice never to go up in an airship or an aeroplane. The Crown Prince is one ahead of his wife in this matter, though his venture with Wilbur Wright has brought forth a flood of protests from all parts of Germany."

A Scandinavian reunion will be held at Brigham City, on Sunday, Nov. 14, to which Scandinavians are cordially invited. Meetings will be held in the Stake Tabernacle at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. These reunions are occasions of rejoicing and strengthening of the faith, and they are generally well attended.

It seems that a boy's court has been instituted at the State Industrial school, and that those who break the rules of the school are brought before it, given a hearing, and where convicted are sentenced by the boy's court, and the sentence enforced. Such a court is without legal warrant. The proper persons to impose punishment for infraction of the rules are the officers of the school and no one else. Their authority may not be delegated.

The Dramatic writer of the Chicago Daily News gives credit to a young Utah composer, Mr. Harold Orlich, for the music of an extravaganza recently produced at the La Salle. The libretto is severely criticized, but the music is dealt gently with. The critic says: "To this gift creation, which the authors imagine is excusable because they call it 'A Nonsense Farce' (whatever that is), Mr. Howard and Mr. Orlich have strung up a lot of tunes and songs. That is, Mr. Howard is credited with much of it, just as he has been always in the Slinger productions, though likewise clever young Orlich wrote the best of it. It is nice music, some of it charming, but nothing above the usual Howard claim." We are pleased to notice this recognition of the talents of a young Utah musician.

The Tribune says the "American" party has never in any way attacked anyone who is friendly and loyal. Somebody did attack Senator Spooner and pursued him all over the country, in pulpits and press, as if he had been an outlaw, though there is not a more loyal and law-abiding man in all Utah, than he, and though the State has never been more ably and more creditably represented in the United States Senate than by him. Somebody tried to have him thrust out of that body as a moral leper, though his record is perfectly clear and clean. The party may not have been guilty of that vicious assault upon a man of irreproachable character, but some of the founders and leaders of the party were, and they will yet have to answer for it before the bar of Eternal Justice.

Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph company, the other day, returned to New York from a western trip, and reported general prosperity in the West. "The people out there," he said, "are not watching the horizon for a return of prosperity; it already has arrived." Again: "Eastern people who do not go west," said Mr. Mackay, "have no comprehension of its growth and development. San Francisco is a modern marvel of American courage and faith, and Seattle of American energy and skill." This reference to San Francisco and Seattle, in connection with general Western prosperity, shows how widespread is the "charitable" influence of our so-called "American" party. For what would San Francisco and Seattle have amounted to but for that party? Even the snow in the mountains ought to be put down to its credit.

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