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"MORMONISM" TO GO.

The Christian Herald, publishes a lot of misrepresentations concerning "Mormonism" and the "Mormons," after the common style now in vogue, and editorially comments upon it under the heading of "Mormonism Must Go." This contains the usual and hackneyed phrases, "foul blot upon our national civilization," "immoral influence," "defying the laws of God and man," "dominating the nation," "the evil brood of Joseph Smith," "its hideous nakedness," "fighting for the honor of womanhood," "immoral political hierarchy," etc., etc.

The Christian Herald desires that the whole nation shall be aroused. It advises chiefly "a campaign of women," but of course requires brothers and husbands to furnish "the sinews of war," so that there may be formed and enrolled "an innumerable army of women from every town, village and hamlet throughout the Union." The Christian Herald promises to be in the field "where the fighting is the thickest," and the battle cry is to be "Mormonism Must Go."

Now what is the meaning of all this? The good women who have been worked up into a fury by such agencies as the Christian Herald and other biased journals, could not, for the life of them give a fair explanation of what "Mormonism" is. They know nothing about it except that which they have gleaned from the distortions of its tenets which make up the usual anti-"Mormon" lecture, sermon or newspaper article. The only idea in relation to it that impresses their minds is that it means a plurality of wives, and the object that is held out for their attainment, by those preachers and papers, is a constitutional amendment forbidding that practice.

To begin with, there is far less of it in Utah than elsewhere in this great American Union. There are few families, compared with the population, which remain in the status established many years ago, but few cases of unlawful marriage, if any there be, have been contracted during the last fifteen years. If every case that has been alleged, (proofs of which have not been forthcoming, but only suspicion, scandal, unsupported reports and doubtful circumstantial evidence) could be established as facts, they would form a much smaller list of illegal unions than could be truthfully made in a large number of the eastern states.

The fact is, these papers and the women whom they are endeavoring to arouse and the men who are to furnish the funds for the warfare, have really nothing to fight. That which they imagine to exist in Utah is simply in the brains and mouths of agitators. What the Christian Herald means by "the thickest of the fight," is rather difficult to understand. The so-called "fight" is all on one side. The "Mormon" people are not engaged in any effort to oppose the amendment, which those people seem to think such a great desideratum. If its promoters would have it so worded that it should apply to all the evils which affect the family and the home, and which are permeating society in the great centers of civilization, so as to strike at all sexual crimes, the people of Utah would not even offer an objection, and many of them would join in the endeavor to purify the nation, and cleanse it from the corruptions that gnaw at the very vitals of its social life. But that is not what those persons want who shout, "Mormonism must go!"

We do not suppose that anything we might say would influence people who are roused into fury over an imaginary evil, which has been magnified into monstrous proportions. Until the future has subsided and people are willing to listen to reason, it is perhaps useless to attempt to show them their folly. There are so many individuals and societies that would rather spend money in sending missionaries and Bibles and tracts to heathens in distant parts of the globe, than to root out wrong and crime and vice and poverty and degradation right under their own eyes, that it is labor in vain to attempt to bring them to a sense of consistency and reality.

Things close at home have become so familiar that they excite no wonder and arouse no effort from their betterment. Tribes in Eastern India or darkest Africa are greater objects of attention than the street Arabs and tattered hordes in Christian cities, and conditions in Utah, the purest, brightest and most promising State in the Union, worry a large number of very good people many hundreds of miles away, when there are fields for their labor in social, moral and educational ways, which would be no waste of time or money, and they would have a real "fight" on their hands, if warfare they want, instead of tilting against windmills and saving the air.

As to "Mormonism," it will not "go,"

that is, unless it is to go forward. "Mormonism" means God's truth restored to earth in the latter days, as it was given through Christ and His Apostles at the opening of the Christian era. We are willing to compare it as it is with anything that the Christian Herald has to offer in its place. By that we do not mean "Mormonism" as distorted, lampooned, bedaubed and hurled by its enemies, but as understood and presented by its exponents and devotees. And we will venture the prediction that the more it is denounced and fought by such opponents, the greater will be its spread and influence among mankind. "Mormonism" is here to stay. God is in it, and by His power it will prevail against all opposition.

SUMMER SCHOOL.

We have been requested to call attention to the second annual session of the Deseret Summer Institute for teachers and others, to be held at Provo, and commencing on the 5th of June. This institute, according to the circular issued, will represent especially the combined effort of the Latter-day Saints University, the Brigham Young University, and the Brigham Young College, in providing broad, thorough, and technical courses of regular instruction in such branches as teachers generally prefer to follow, when they go to the East or to the West to the summer schools held in various universities. The circulars, further, set forth all the particulars as to courses of study, the cost of attendance, etc. Special attention is called to the recent decision of the State Board of Education: "That credits will be accepted in lieu of the regular county teachers' examination in subjects completed and accredited in such summer schools as are connected with and under the direction of reputable institutions."

AN INTERESTING REPORT.

The Biennial report of the State Food and Dairy Commissioner of the State of Utah, for the years 1903-4, is a very interesting document. It contains the results of an extended investigation to ascertain the purity, or adulteration, of food offered for sale in the market. This search included flavoring extracts, spices, and almost everything, and many adulterated products were discovered, some absolutely injurious to the consumer. It is believed that this investigation has resulted in great benefit to the public, by frightening many of the adulterated food stuffs out of the market. This is an important matter. We have an excellent climate, pure water, and every condition necessary for health and long life, but if the people are made to consume poison in the food they purchase, neither climate nor sanitary regulations, will avail against sickness and death. To fight the greed that manifests itself in the adulteration of what is offered for sale as food and drink, is the duty of every public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Paul Pierce has an article on food adulteration, in the current number of Public Opinion, in which he says in part:

"Let the label tell! This was the slogan I raised some years ago at the St. Paul convention of the National Association of the State Dairy and Food Departments, and the one that has been voiced ever since by all the food officials who are opposed to the misbranding of foods—a heinous custom that pays the way for most of the other evils practiced by the food adulterator. Let the label tell, and let it tell the truth. Make it a punishable offense for it not to tell the truth and when a product is labeled 'absolutely pure,' let it be 'absolutely pure.'"

"A person might need mutilate and mutilate sometimes, but when it comes to buying mutilate and mutilate with a label calling it jelly, the consumer has a well-grounded protest; the same as he has when he buys bone-dust for flour, mineral for syrup or honey, or colored mineral acids for soda water beverages. The purchaser has a right to know what he is buying."

"Then truthful labeling there could be no other single provision of greater service in securing pure foods for the people of America. This provision, however, is the one above all others that stirs the food manufacturer's ire to a frenzy when it is mentioned. To keep hidden the contents of his food containers is the one liberty he clings to most tenaciously. He has come openly out in print and said that a law to 'let the label tell' would be equivalent to making him place the word 'poison' on many of his food packages. The manufacturer, in so saying, unconsciously makes a confession that ought to be more convincing than the strongest argument yet put forth by the pure-food advocate. But in the food law that is to govern our nation the use of all harmful preservatives and colorings should be prohibited entirely, and the label should tell exactly what kind of preservatives are contained in the food."

GERMANY AND CHINA.

At the time the German emperor made his spectacular visit to Morocco, doubt was expressed as to whether that demonstration was not merely a "feint" to divert attention from other and more important points of advance, on the vast political battlefield. The question recurs again.

Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia, it seems, is making a prolonged stay at Peking, instead of proceeding to the Russian camp near Harbin, which was given out as his destination. He is lingering in the "celestial" capital, although the officials have politely expressed their hopes for a pleasant continuation of the journey.

Now it is given out that the prince has an important mission in Peking. He is endeavoring to persuade China, that country owes Germany some concessions in the province of Shan-Tung, Germany has a concession on the peninsula, at Kiau-chau, and there is a German railroad stretching back into the interior from the port. The prince now proposes, it is said, that the Chinese emperor remove his Chinese soldiers from Shan-Tung and hand over the administration of that province to the German emperor. Chinese soldiers under German officers will then preserve the peace, he avers.

A little plan like that would best be carried out while the powers were entertained elsewhere, in Morocco, for instance. Still, Japan is now guarding China, and it is not probable that her

vigilance will be diverted by a side-play in Africa.

The province of Shan-Tung contains a population of about 30,000,000 and huge possibilities in the way of industrial and commercial development. It is a wedge between the northern and southern provinces of the Middle Kingdom. It is more valuable and important to the Chinese empire than either Korea or Manchuria.

THE BALKAN UNREST.

It is reported that Russia is massing troops on the northern boundaries of the Balkan states, and that uneasiness is felt in Constantinople because of the difficulty in keeping order in Macedonia, Armenia and Yemen. The heart of the Ottoman domains is, therefore, becoming an armed camp.

It is surmised that Russia, defeated in Asia, may turn her attention to Turkey, to regain her military prestige in Europe. With the internal dissensions with which the Turkish empire now is afflicted, and which seem to have come to open rebellion in Yemen, there should be no small chance for a foreign invader. Russia has triumphed over the Sultan's troops before, and might entertain the hope of doing so again. In diplomatic circles in Constantinople the possibility of a Russian invasion seems to be a subject for discussion. While Russia's preoccupation is sufficiently obvious, it is pointed out that affairs in Turkey have reached a pitch of turmoil that might encourage any wild attempt at change.

Russia, however, will not be given a free hand in Turkey. Germany is the friend of the Sultan. And Russia exhausted in the war in the east, will not be in a position to defy her rivals. The massing of troops along the confines of the Balkan states must have some purpose, but it can hardly be the beginning, immediately of another campaign against Asiatic hordes. The legend is that Russia's mission is to crush Turkish tyranny and liberate the nations held in bondage, but Russia is hardly prepared, as yet, for that mission. Let her first establish liberty within her own borders.

Mr. Shen of the Teamsters' union stands Pat.

The small boy thinks that nothing succeeds like sass.

Love of money is a good substitute for stolen affections.

Anyhow, Nan Patterson does not claim that she is going to elevate the stage.

The students who put the great U on the mountain side are taking the course in belles lettres.

In Liberty Park the notices, "Keep off the grass," should be changed to, "Keep off the dandelions."

Minister Barrett seems to think that the great peril on the isthmus of Panama is the yellow fever peril.

The man who keeps hammering away generally makes a success, but the man who keeps knocking never does.

And now it is said that Daniel Defoe, author of Robinson Crusoe, was a liar. There is nothing novel in that.

U. S. Supreme Court Justice Harlan acting as umpire at a baseball game is transferring his judicial functions to a new field.

If President Roosevelt takes hold of the Equitable Life case, as he has been requested to, he will find it more exciting than bear hunting.

It has been discovered that persons who go barefooted seldom have colds in the head. But this does not prevent them from getting "cold feet."

Vice-Admiral Birtleff, the new Russian naval commander in the Pacific, is said to be small of stature. But it remains to be seen whether he will size up with Togo.

It used to be said that when good Americans died they went to Paris. And here they are bringing John Paul Jones' body back from Paris. Yet he was a good American.

The London Standard says John Hay is "one of the two real American statesmen." Candidates for the other place are almost as numerous as the sands on the sea shore.

A train wrecker is looked upon as a low down criminal while a bank wrecker is regarded as a high toned criminal. The bank wrecker usually wrecks the greatest ruin.

A great many people act on the Emersonian theory that it is better to be a nigger in the side of their friends than their echo, not realising that it is not necessary to be either.

General Horace Porter's enduring fame will rest not upon his war record, or his diplomatic achievements, but upon the fact that it was he who recovered the body of John Paul Jones.

In his libel suit against the New York Sun, Professor Twiss on the witness stand could not place quotations from "Maud Muller," at one time the most popular Friday afternoon speaking piece in America.

What about some adequate punishment for husband-beaters, in this age of athletics? In New York, the other day, a man testified that his wife had beaten him so often he could give no idea of the number of times.

"Bigelow, bank president, stole \$2,000,000 out on \$25,000 bail; assistant cashier, who kept silent and got nothing, must furnish \$100,000 bail. Milwaukee is a queer town," says the New York Evening Mail. But Milwaukee is more of a beer town than a queer town.

The concert in the Tabernacle for the benefit of the University gymnasium

was an artistic success but a miserable failure financially. The University students could find time to go to a pleasure resort Saturday evening but not to patronize a concert gotten up specially for their benefit. Their action will tend to discourage the friends of the gymnasium.

THE ATLANTIC RACE.

Pueblo Chieftain.

The second attempt to get the transatlantic racers started was more successful than the first. We hope some American will win the race, though every American sailor knows that our representatives would have a much better chance if the course were homeward bound.

New York World.

Very soon, if the captains have their way, the white-winged racers will be "star-scattered" on the sea. And with a great deal of sea between stars. After the separation must come days of exhilarating hope and effort. We may imagine the suspense of that period when the Lizard shall be almost gained and when victory and a twelve-day record shall hang in the balance.

Kansas City Star.

Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock and the Columbia and Reliance were mere shells, lacking even quarters for the crews. They were "monstrous," fit only to be sold for junk when their racing days were over. The vessels competing for the Kaiser's cup are ocean going yachts, built for comfort as well as speed. Indeed, one of them Lord Brassey's Sunbeam, has already gained fame for its trip around the world described in Lady Brassey's "Voyage of the Sunbeam."

New York Mail.

America stands an excellent chance to continue to rule the waves so far as speedy sailing is concerned. Six of the competing boats are American built—five of them by American designers. If she has her own weather, and Capt. Harr makes no error as to his course, it is hard to see how the schooner Atlantic, with her provisions spread of canvas, can arrive at the Lizard second to any other. Many Americans, out of respect for the sportsmanlike qualities of the Kaiser, would like to see the German boat Hamburg take second place at least.

New York Evening Sun.

We should not hesitate, if this were a voyage around the world, to back Lord Brassey's Sunbeam. She is the veteran of the fleet, dating back to 1874. The giant Valhalla will certainly render good account of herself if favored with strong and steady winds from the west, for she is a full-rigged ship. The little Fleur de Lys, a schooner, is a smart deep-water boat and is at home, on the Atlantic course. She was the product of a Boston designer's skill—Edward Burgess—and sailed from Boston. The Alisa, Apache, Hildegarde and Thistle are not regarded by the "talent" as formidable, but when so much depends upon seamanship and sailing luck, it won't do to rely to any entry as a rank outsider. So far as designs go, the issue is between the Yankees and the Britishers.

DOG WITH HOOPS.

Indianapolis News.

A dog with hoops like a cow is owned by Daniel Brown, and is a cross between a shepherd and a spaniel. It was purchased by Brown from Miles Dickey, a Panhandle engineer, three years ago, when a pup, but not until recently did the hoops grow on its feet, and the owner is at a loss to know how to account for them. The growth has appeared on all four feet and is in fact a hard, when the dog walks across the board floor of the saloon where it is kept there is a sound like the pattering of a couple of children with wooden shoes.

THE DOG IN LAW.

Portland Telegram.

A jury in Seattle has decided that a dog has a right to bite a man in self-defense. This is an interesting verdict. It appears that a dog bit a piece out of a man's leg, and the victim sued the owner of the dog for \$10,000. The defense was that the dog would never have bitten the man if he had not been provoked to do so, and that as he was provoked to do so, the dog was standing quite within his rights in biting him. The jury was upheld, and dog and owner alike ought to be happy. Many other cases of a similar nature have been brought before, but this case is said to be the first one that the jury has reached this point of view.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Red Book for June presents, as usual, a series of the photographic art studies, this time by Sarny, New York. The following is the list of contents: "Personal Philanthropy," Arthur E. McPhee; "The President of the United States," Leo Westmeath Crane; "Jim's Story," Mary Leonard Hatheway; "A Mummy at Fort Lonsome," W. A. Fraser; "An Indian Nocturne," Dora D'Espaigne; "Max, Delator," Clement N. Keys; "The Cradle," Anna Warner; "Comrades of the snows," Riley H. Allen; "Peach's Raid," Isola L. Forrester; "The Revolt of Joseph Jefferson Jones," Margaret G. Fawcett; "Rajah and the Samaritan," Marjorie Benton Cooke; "Uncle Mark's Match-Making," Inez Haynes Gillmore; "By Personal Experience," Amy Boardman; "The Key to the Oblong Box," Vincent Harper; "The Story of the Vinegar," Wilbur D. Nesbit; and "Some Drama of the Day," Acton Davies—135-144 State Street, Chicago.

Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, in the current number of Everybody's Magazine tells the story of what he calls "The first great crime of Amalgamation." The author gives the details of a transaction whereby, as he claims, the American people were robbed of \$6,000,000. It is, as was Mr. Lawson's "Frenzied Finance," an intensely interesting story and one which every intelligent reader will like to peruse. In this age of outages to trusts and big combinations.—New York.

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