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A CHARGE AGAIN REFUTED.

The Tribune, either because of dense
ignorance, or owing to the total de-
pravity of its nature, insists that
"There is only one spot in Utah where
there could be any possibility of being
to be any government not by the
church, and that is in this city."

The truth is that the Church does not
interfere with the affairs of commu-
nities or the state anywhere in Utah,
or anywhere else. The statement that
the Church governs and sways every-
thing has gained currency among peo-
ple who do not stop to consider the
terms it is using, and it is relied
upon to create prejudices against the
Church leaders and Church members.

The Church is an organization that
expresses its voice through regular
channels, and takes action on any mat-
ter submitted in the regular order of
business in conferences, or meetings,
appointed for that purpose. In this
respect it does not differ from other
organizations. The Church does not
claim jurisdiction over secular mat-
ters. It never has attempted to in-
terfere with the duties of civil officers.

As early as 1849 the Pioneers of Utah
issued a call for a political convention
to consider the political needs of the
community. The proposed constitution
adopted at that time recognized that
"civil governments and laws are neces-
sary for the security, peace, and
prosperity of society;" it recognized as
a fundamental principle of republican
government "that all political power
is inherent in the people, and govern-
ments instituted for their protection,
security, and benefit should emanate
from the same;" it provided for civil
officers and officials, such as governor,
secretary of state, etc., for a legislature,
a judiciary, a state militia, etc. This
was in 1849. The Pioneers were not
of the opinion that the ecclesiastical
government could direct the affairs of
state. Neither are the Latter-day
Saints today. The Pioneers under-
stood the principles of American gov-
ernment, and were always anxious to
bring their settlements into conformity
with those principles. History is our
witness. And that has always been,
and is now, the aim of the people
here.

It is not denied that individual
Church members have, at times, ex-
ercised great influence upon municipal
and state affairs. That was inevit-
able when the vast majority of citizens
were members of the Church. It is
inevitable in any community where that
condition obtains. But, as American
citizens they have a right to exercise
as much influence for the good of all
as their fellow citizens are willing they
should have. They have a right to
have an opinion and express it at the
proper time and place. That is, we
believe, good American doctrine. Some
Church members are well versed in all
matters pertaining to the affairs of the
communities in which they live, and
as matters of state. Some of them
are eloquent speakers, and otherwise
gifted. It is inevitable that they
should make their influence felt among
their fellow-citizens, whenever they
choose to take an active part in public
affairs. But, as citizens, they have a
perfect right to have such an influence,
and even to become leaders. If their
fellow-citizens care to follow their lead.
That is a right every American citizen
has, no matter what his religion may
be, or if he has no religion at all. That
is a right accorded to a Catholic, a
Methodist, a Baptist, a Hebrew, or an
Agnostic. No American citizen can
arbitrarily be deprived of this prop-
erty.

It is due either to ignorance or mal-
ice, that whenever a prominent Church
member essays to do his duty as an
American citizen, the opponents cry:
"Church interference!" It is raised for
the sole purpose of depriving him of
his political rights, as far as that can
be done by opposing to them a frantic
storm of prejudices, there being no
reason for the opposition. This is alto-
gether wrong. A Church member, no
matter how prominent, is not the
Church. For the sake of illustration,
we may suppose that a leading so-called
"American" politician may be a member
of the order of Yaks, for instance, or
some other order. But it would be the
height of folly to say that the Yaks
therefore rule the political party.
It happens to belong to. The two are
entirely different organizations. They
are not in any way identical, no matter
how many members of one are also
members of the other. In the same
way the Church and state are entirely
separate, although they are necessarily
composed of the same individuals to
some extent, and even occupy, in
some respects, the same field. For that
reason it is consummate folly to cry
"Church rule!" because prominent
Church members sometimes exercise
their rights under the Constitution and
laws of the land.

We, too, are opposed to Church rule
of the state. The organization of the
Church exists for the purpose of pro-
moting unity in faith, truth and right-
eousness, and for the proclamation of
the gospel of peace in all the world.
Its organization cannot be used legiti-
mately for the propagation of political
party doctrines or for the aggrandize-
ment of one political party to the de-

triment of another. These are well un-
derstood truths, and we deny emphat-
ically that the Church organization is,
or has been, so used. Church members
are as free as members of any other
denominations to hold and advocate
their own political opinions, whatever
they may be. They are as free as any
man to belong to whatever party they
choose, and to work for the interests of
the party. If Church leaders at times
have asked the people to join hands
and stand together in politics, it has
been necessary to do so in defense
against parties that have assailed the
Church and, thereby, violated the Con-
stitution and the laws that guarantee
to all equal liberty. But even under
the greatest provocation the liberty of
Church members to act according to
their best understanding has never been
assailed, or even questioned. There is
absolutely no excuse for the malicious
howl about Church interference.

WHY NOT COME TOGETHER?

If the suggestion made by Govern-
ment Spy in his inaugural address as
to the desirability of co-operation be-
tween all classes and citizens, is car-
ried out, as it ought to be, the profligate
agitation against the railroads will
cease, and the representatives of the
roads and the business interests will
come together, as suggested by the
"News" a few days ago, and peace will
prevail for the benefit of all.

When agitation goes too far it is
fruitless. When it is unjust it defeats
its own purpose. When it becomes
reckless, as it will if not guided by
strict regard for truth, it simply adds
to the confusion. We have stated be-
fore that there may be rates that
ought to be lowered, for the benefit
of the consumers and to induce en-
terprises to start up here; but we do
not believe that any good will come
of a one-sided agitation that may, or
may not, be prompted by very doubt-
ful motives; what is needed is the
coming together of conservative,
business men for the purpose of con-
sidering what is right and equitable,
and an adjustment of the rates ac-
cordingly. Spoken for the roads,
have stated publicly that they are
perfectly willing to listen to any rea-
sonable propositions; if so, there is no
need of an aimless agitation.

Utah has had more than its share
of agitation. That is one reason why
the citizens are tired of a new dose
of it. What we need now is an era of
peace and good will founded upon
justice to all.

We find in the Preston News an ar-
ticle in line with these remarks. Our
Idaho contemporary says in part:

"If there is a cause for this news-
paper perturbation, the common every-
day rehash through the columns of
the newspapers, tried in the morning,
baked for dinner, and stewed for sup-
per, will not make the matter any
better, nor will it bring about the
needed reforms which these latter-day
Donnellies are trying to create. News-
papers, notoriously, will not influence
legislators to any great extent, save
for the passing attention which it
gives. The governor of a state, and
the legislative body of that state will
certainly discuss and probe the situa-
tion before they render a decision
either for or against."

"Granting that railroads have been
discriminating, and that rebates have
been given to the 'favored few,' that
the tariff schedule are in such a con-
dition that we all might revise—with
advantage to ourselves—let us at least
see that fair play and justice is done.
Many evils have been before the lime-
light of public opinion, distorted by
the tongue of unreason in its infancy,
but struggling upward and still relying
to a great extent on these roads which
have helped to bring civilization like
an oasis to the desert and waste
places."

"The governor will have the matter
fairly in hand, and no radical legisla-
tion will pass without justice being
done to all concerned. If the railroads
are doing wrong then that wrong must
be rectified, but let the people and the
railroad officials meet on one common
ground and discuss the grievances,
sincerely, impartially and with the one
idea of accomplishing the greatest good
for all."

WORK OF RECLAMATION.

Secretary Garfield's annual report of
the work of the reclamation service
shows that great results have been
achieved during the five years this de-
partment has been engaged in con-
structing reservoirs and building irri-
gation ditches. There are now 978,365
acres of land under ditches, and 353,050
acres are being irrigated by 2,380 miles
of canals. No less than 374 miles of
road have been built, 82,379 feet of
tunnels and reservoirs have been con-
structed with a total capacity of 379,
100 acre-feet of water. The cost of the
land purchased to carry out these en-
terprises has been \$1,612,941.

There are 31 different irrigation en-
terprises in progress of construction,
and when they are completed, an area
of 2,292,346 acres will be redeemed, and
the estimated cost will be \$89,431,500, of
which \$42,091,500 has already been ex-
pended.

The money needed for these important
enterprises comes from the sale of
public lands. As fast as land is
brought under irrigation it is sold at a
price representing the actual cost, and
when the entire tract is disposed of
the irrigation work is turned over to
an organization of the landholders to
be managed by a committee of their
own selection for their own profit. In
other words the government advances
the money, does the work, and collects
in annual installments the amount of
the cost from the future owners of the
land. The money collected goes into a
perpetual fund to be used in irrigat-
ing other lands, and this progressive
method will continue until the entire
desert, or so much of it as can be
reached by water, is under cultivation.

No greater or more beneficent work
was ever undertaken by a government

in modern times. It means the addi-
tion to the territory of the country
of an empire, without conquest, ex-
cept of the forces of nature. It is a
good introduction to a time when the
plowshare and pruning hook shall be
relied upon instead of the sword and
the spear. For the earth is large enough
to sustain in comfort all the children
of God, if they will only turn their
attention to production and cease sac-
rificing their substance upon the reek-
ing altars of destruction.

Even familiarity with an incubator
breeds contempt.

"A friend in need" is one people usu-
ally do not care to meet.

Mr. Bryan has become an Eagle. He
was over a soaring soul.

Judge Taft's speeches are happy
without being oriental.

Optimism has to be cultivated while
pessimism is a natural growth.

It wasn't a Marathon race that the
hare and the tortoise ran.

Castro's flight proves that he was
the fly in Venezuela's ointment.

The learning of a man with a thirst
for knowledge is very apt to be dry.

"He means well," usually means that
the man of whom it is said blunders.

As yet no one has been mentioned for
the position of doorkeeper to the cabi-
net.

The Atlantic fleet coming through the
Suez canal were the ships that passed
in the night.

The juvenile court is without a home.
If the worst comes to the worst, there
is the orphanage.

The government is after the beef
trust again. The chief result probably
will be to raise the price of beef.

Young married people should not ex-
pect all smooth sailing. They should
remember that they start with a hitch.

The Crown Prince of Serbia says that
that he will fight his father if neces-
sary. But then he knows it will not
be necessary.

"Whatever you do, keep sweet," says
Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Very good ad-
vice, but sorely lacking in details as
to how.

Only public officials can hope for a
raise of salaries. The private citizen
must be content with what he has
and be thankful that he has it.

The President's special message in
explanation of that part of his an-
nual message referring to the secret
service has not proved balm to the
wound but rather a tearing of it open.

The President will not permit Attor-
ney-General Bonaparte to tell why the
Steel trust was not proceeded against.
The Senate will have to be satisfied
with the fact that it was not and fur-
nish its own reasons.

What a terrible illustration Messina
and Reggio are of the saying, "the
cloud-capp'd towers, the gorgeous pal-
aces, the solemn temples, the great
globe itself, yea, all which it inherit,
shall dissolve, and . . . leave not a rack
behind."

Begging trains are becoming a nu-
isance in portions of the residence dis-
trict. One called at a house the other
day and asked for something to
eat. He was offered tea and bread
and butter, and cold meat. He said
he wanted coffee, and when told there
was none he went away in disgust. What
such men need is a few nights' lodg-
ing in the city jail.

AN INDUSTRIAL PHENOMENON.

Philadelphia Record.
In his annual report, of which the
data on migration have already been
given in these columns, Secretary
Straus, of the Department of Labor,
says that never before has there been
such a multitude of returning aliens.
This enormous emigration is partially
the competition of the great steam-
ship companies in cheapening ocean
transportation during a portion of the
year, but it was caused in much great-
er degree by the business depression
and accompanying loss of employ-
ment for industrious hands. In the
outward business condition that pre-
valled the outflow of more people by
upward of 6,000 than the inflow is
anything but a calamity. So far from
it, this reflux movement has operated
as a safety valve. Instead of folding
their hands and complaining of the
misery more than 700,000 aliens have
taken ship in search of employment
elsewhere, or in visiting their
older homes, expecting to return under
better auspices and leaving better op-
portunities of employment for those
who remain behind.

PROTECTIVE COLORING OF IN-
SECTS.

E. Ray Lankester in London Tele-
graph.

A well known little moth with pale
green mottled wings is the only case
in which I have myself watched the
protection afforded by color at work.
It was on a summer's evening when I
saw this little moth zigzagging up and
down with the most extraordinarily
irregular flight, and a bird pursuing it.
Twice the bird swooped and just
missed his prey owing to a sudden
turn and drop on the part of the
moth. And then to my great delight
the moth dropped against the stem
of a tree on which was growing a
greenish gray lichen. The bird swooped
again close to the tree, but failed
to see the insect and quitted the chase.
It took me an appreciable time to
detect the little moth resting against
the lichen and closely matching it in
color.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

San Francisco Star.
Mr. Eddy, the Christian Science
leader, has given the old churches
another thought! Her members talked
of joining, or organizing, clubs for this
and that work. "Why do it?" said
Mrs. Eddy. "What is our church or-
ganization for?" It comes to mind
Saturday night as one walks down a
gay and busy street. Here is a cheap
theater, brilliantly lighted, vestibule
with gilded columns, warmth, color and
music. And wonder the young people
(and lots of older ones) are crowding
in at the doors for the recreation they
must have? Directly opposite stands

a handsome church, dark as a jail.
Last Sunday the pastor "scored" the
nickelodeon. How beautiful the church
would be, full of light, music, moving
pictures and young people!

JUST FOR FUN.

Anecdote of Darius.
King Darius of Persia, having got
him, was hitting the high places on his
way home.
"Talk about your Marathon run-
ners!" he exclaimed with a dry, nerv-
ous laugh.
Though Greece undoubtedly, in ath-
letics in general, led the world of an-
tiquity, some of the very best sprint-
ers were not of that celebrated nation.
—Luck.

In the Interest of Humanity.
Editor—Is this your first effort?
Hudding Post—Yes, sir, is it worth
anything to you?
Editor (with emotion)—It's worth \$5,
if you will promise not to write any-
thing more for publication until after
this has been printed I want your en-
tire output, you understand.
Hudding Post—I'll promise that, all
right. When will it be printed?
Editor—Never, while I am alive.
—Chicago Tribune.

And Long Intermittions.
"Shakespeare ain't so bad," declared
the bibulous citizen.
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"Yes; lots of acts to go out between."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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