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## AUTHORITY AND JUDGMENT.

It is an almost humorous feature of the controversy which anti-Mormons are forcing upon the Latter-day Saints, that the latter are not allowed to state what they actually believe without contradiction. The anti-Mormons assume to tell the Saints what they believe, and, needless to say, generally caricature their faith, and then assail their own caricatures.

This fact has lately been illustrated in the discussion on authority. The Latter-day Saints have announced that they accept the Bible and three other books as their standards of faith, and that whatever agrees with these standards is "Mormonism," while doctrines in these books are not accepted by the Saints.

This, we have been told, is very absurd. We have endeavored to explain that Christians generally exercise the liberty of judging for themselves whether a doctrine announced is in accordance with the Scriptures, and that the Latter-day Saints have the same right. We have stated that the Gospel is the "perfect law of liberty," and that private judgment is not opposed to authority, since authority may be real and yet not ultimate. But to this plain statement the reply is made that there is no comparison between the leading men of the Church and those of other organizations, since the latter do not claim divine inspiration, or divine authority.

Let us settle that question finally. The Apostle Paul held a position in the primitive Church similar to that held by the Apostles in the Church today. He claimed to speak by inspiration, and divine authority. And yet, in his letter to the Corinthians he very plainly lays down the principle that it is the duty of the Saints to exercise judgment. "I speak," he says, "as to wise men; JUDGE YE WHAT I SAY."

Here is an inspired man commanding, as it were, the Saints to judge for themselves that which he says to them. He did not want blind acceptance, or blind obedience. "He that is spiritual judgeth all things," is another saying of the same Apostle.

## BAD FOR CHILDREN.

The minister of St. Joseph, Mich., who has protested against the "Teddy bear" fad, on the ground that it is positively harmful to play with a stuffed beast instead of a doll, has but spoken the truth. We are living at a time when children seem to be regarded as anything but a blessing, and when societies are formed for the express purpose of discouraging maternity, and it seems to us that the substitution of beasts for dolls in the plays of little girls must prepare the way for the acceptance of the terrible doctrine of race suicide. At any rate a contemporary well says: "To see a grown girl hugging a stuffed brute to her bosom in simulated rapture, or a woman trundling one along a public thoroughfare in a baby's perambulator, or 'social leaders' giving 'Teddy bear' luncheons, each matron hugging with her own dear little 'little empty bear,' should make a full-fledged human being sigh for a return to antediluvian simplicity."

It is all right to awaken in the hearts of children love for animals and for nature in general, but we fancy that object would be gained by giving them living pets to take care of, such as a cat, a canary bird, or some rabbits, and not by an imitation that is almost absurd.

## STUBBORN FACTS.

The contentions of an eel caught on a hook are not any more snaky than the convolutions of the anti-Mormon sheet to get away from the financial condition of the City, brought about by so-called American maladministration. The importance of the fight it is putting up is well understood. The sheet is fighting for its own existence, like the poor creature on the hook.

But the facts as stated by Councilman Fernstrom in the Council meeting a few weeks ago, and later in a local article in the "News," remain unshaken. By the discussion that followed it has been made clear that the present City fathers, during their mad career, have squandered public money at a ruinous rate, and that, owing to this extravagance, the City now is in a financial condition, very unsatisfactory from every point of view.

The excuse of the daily apologist is that the present administration inherited from its predecessor a deficit of about \$50,000. That is its last line of defense. Citizens familiar with the financial affairs of the City for many years do not hesitate to characterize that statement, as it appears in the Tribune of Monday, as a falsehood pure and unadulterated.

There is no need of naming a prosperous City like this into debt. The resources are known beforehand and the expenditures could have been regulated accordingly. There would have been no debt except for income

petence, or worse, in the management.

We are all anxious to have the City grow. We all want good, enterprising citizens to come here and enjoy the blessings of the valleys of the mountains. But if prospective settlers are confronted with the fact that they are expected, first of all if they come to Salt Lake, to pay exorbitant taxes because a reckless City government has plunged the community into debt needlessly, we fancy they will think twice before making up their minds to stay.

The citizens of Salt Lake have twice had a costly experience in municipal government, as a consequence of turning the City over to adventurers whose only interest is self-interest. The first time the public money was squandered and the City became the rendezvous of bad characters from all over the country. The results of the second experiment are gradually coming to light, in spite of efforts to conceal them. It should be evident to all who are interested in the future of this City that, to secure good, efficient government, without which there can be no steady development, it is necessary to take the management away from adventurers and entrust it to tried, competent citizens of whose integrity there is no doubt.

## THE MEN AT THE HAGUE.

A correspondent of La Revue Bleue furnishes a description of the personal characteristics of some prominent members of the Hague peace congress. M. de Nidloff, the Russian, was elected president against the protests of the American delegates. He is said to have a reputation for force and tenacity. He keeps a policeman at his door, and this Dogberry carefully watches the approaches to his abode.

A different type is Count Torvielli. The correspondent says the Italian ambassador seems slinking about in a world of deceptions where he courts only pessimistic ideas. To those who have come to The Hague on their own initiative (there are many such) he says: "You must have lots of time to kill." He scurries about with appalling ease, and his colleagues pay homage to his countless efforts to harmonize the opposed views of England and Germany.

Marshall von Bieberstein, a German delegate, is certain, it is said, of the futility of the conference. He makes no secret of that. He is at once the tallest and the stoutest diplomat at The Hague and enjoys the distinction. He welcomes visitors with an outstretched hand and a jolly smile, wishing there were more of them.

Drago, the correspondent continues, reminds one of a clergyman with a mania for distributing Bibles. His parlor is always crowded with men who want him to expound his "doctrine," and to them he sweetly explains why the great Powers must not employ gun-shot to make Venezuela or any other country of the New World pay up. Drago will hand you a sheaf of tracts in which his theories are set forth.

He has a great admirer in the Turkish delegate, Turkish Pasha. Turkey, too, has unpaid debts and claims the immunity that is claimed for the little American republics.

The correspondent does not expect any great results from this gathering. The delegates are not instructed by their respective governments, and some delegations do not even agree among themselves as to which measure to support. There is little enthusiasm at the second Hague congress. Its labors seem to be limited to an effort at establishing certain rules of international law, not to abolishing war. Our contention has always been that the foundation for the establishment of permanent peace among the nations must be laid among the masses of the people, by proper education. Not until peace is a popular demand, will there be peace. The second Hague conference will, we believe, emphasize, by its shortcomings and failures, the necessity of a popular educational movement as a preliminary to peace congresses.

The war department—the yellow press.

Mr. Harriman says that it is good politics to attack him. For whom?

Putting a check on a trunk isn't putting a check on abuse by any means.

Orchard may be in the sere and yellow leaf before the Haywood trial is closed.

The country really is in a dilemma. At the Hague the cry is for peace; on the Pacific it is for war.

The announcement that a circus is coming is already making old men feel like boys once again.

A woman who weighed five hundred pounds has just died in New Jersey. The state is noted for its big corporations.

If "the breezy call of incense-breathing morn" could be substituted for the alarm clock, what a difference it would make in one's life.

The New York automobile loop-the-loop girl has sued for a divorce. To her marriage tie is nothing more, than a slip-loop.

The name of the man selected for appointment as mayor of San Francisco is being kept as carefully concealed as Colonel Watson's dark horse.

One of San Francisco's leading citizens has just been sent to jail for contempt of court. When he emerges he may not have such a profound contempt for courts and the law.

That Japanese in Los Angeles who spat on the Stars and Stripes belongs to the same class as the hoodlums who attacked the Japanese restaurants in San Francisco. Neither represents the sentiments of the people to whom they belong nor of the government to which they owe allegiance.

Commander Winslow has thought proper to deny charges that have been circulated through the press that he had been guilty of smuggling. The charge was no doubt very annoying, but the American people do not believe that the officers of the American navy are

engaged in any such contemptible business.

It provokes a smile to witness the effort of Attorney Richardson to show that there was insanity in Orchard's family on the maternal side, and that it took the form of an uncle or grandfather imagining that he had committed some terrible crime. That Orchard is a monster no one will doubt; that he was insane when he committed his crimes no one will believe.

As was to be expected, the Mexican ambassador denies that Mexico has any land for sale to the United States. If this country needs Magdalena Bay, temporarily, for target practice or naval drill, permission to use it for such purposes can probably be obtained from the Mexican government. The comment on the "imperialistic policy" of the United States, based on this rumor, is baseless.

## BEWARE OF CUBAN LAND SCHEMES!

(Mrs. C. R. Miller in Leslie's Weekly.) Camaguey is the home of the land-scheme, and the scheme is of American origin and promotion. Land has been freely purchased in Cuba, especially in the interior of the island, and in many instances care has not been taken to see that the land is in fact, owing to the unsettled condition of that country for many years, with imperfect records and uncertain marriage relations, it is difficult to determine where the title is vested or who has the right to make a valid conveyance. But such conditions do not deter the land operator, who will run chances of the title being accepted through ignorance or confidence, or who, when confronted with laws, will have in existence a guaranty company to insure the title involved. Of marvelous fertility is this land, and one chosen to rely upon the extravagant statements made by the promoters. In this way not only are sales made, but also more capital for further exploitation is solicited. But where the scheme is analyzed it is discovered that the main idea is to be managed by the promoter at a good salary. It will further be discovered upon investigation that it will be many years before the land could possibly produce what the promoters claim could be possibly produced in a year or two. But the principal harm of these land schemes lies in the fact that so much of the soil under their control is where the palmetto lives, and wherever that scrubby bush shows itself it is a sure sign of shallow soil, and without a large outlay of money very little can be produced from it.

## RECALL SYSTEM OF ELECTION.

San Francisco Chronicle. The plight of San Francisco is attracting a great deal of attention, and is making more converts to the recall idea than reams of argument possibly could. The retention of a band of thieves in office because there is no way of legally getting at them is a striking object lesson, the effect of which is not likely to be lost on the people.

## ABOARD A MAN-OF-WAR.

St. Nicholas Magazine. The day's program aboard a man-of-war is calculated to make the boy who wants to run away to sea sit up and think twice. It varies somewhat according as the ship is in port or at sea, and under different commands; but in any case, from 5 o'clock in the morning until 7:30 at night, it is a rather strenuous round of scrubbing and drills. The recruit realizes very soon the expression "shipshape" means a good deal. Saturday morning is a cleansing time, called "field day," which is followed by a half-holiday in the afternoon; and on Sunday morning the captain himself inspects his ship from keel to trunk. Of this ceremony we have a good view taken from the after-bridge of the Illinois; the marine band is stationed just below on the port side of the quarter-deck, and the marines on the starboard, all ready for inspection. But life isn't all scrubbing, regulations and inspections. On the larger ships the government furnishes athletic supplies, and each man-of-war has her champion boxer, and baseball and football teams. These teams are managed or supervised, at least by officers and many an ensign or lieutenant who has won his "N" at the Naval academy plays shoulder to shoulder with his blue-jackets. Such a familiarity would have scandalized old Commodore Porter beyond words.

## ENFORCEMENT OF TRAIN SCHEDULES.

Aberdeen Bulletin. Down in Oregon they are going to make the trains run on schedule time or bring them into court. This is not such a bad scheme. Let the roads fix their schedule to the run, instead of trying to adjust their run to their schedule. There is probably one-fourth of the time of the traveling public spent loading round depots waiting for the trains. If schedules were made which could be followed, then a man could go on with his horse and buggy at the time for the train, and then go to the depot with reasonable assurance that the train would not keep him waiting; but with the schedule faster than the time that can be made, the traveler must be at the depot at the time the train is advertised, as it might come in on time, and then he must wait. This will be vouched for by commercial travelers, at least.

## A CONSCIENTIOUS DONOR.

Hartford Times. During the past year Mrs. Sage has given away \$14,000. Her benefactions have been made with conservatism, and with rare discrimination. There is nothing haphazard about her endowments. Her gifts are designed to help various worthy enterprises, and are grounded on a sincere desire and purpose to benefit humanity without exercising any pauperizing influence.

## JUST FOR FUN.

Had the Birth Rate Pat.

"The Scotch," said Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture, "are certainly a wily people. Now, they was a visitor in the little town of Bowdoin, who, on looking about, saw no children, but only grown men and women. He wondered at this, and, finally, meeting a weakened old man on the street, inquired: 'How often are children born in this town?' 'Only once,' the man replied as he proceeded on his way.—Saturday Evening Post.

## Literary.

"Does she take in boarders?" "I should say she does. Gets seven dollars a week out of 'em."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Real Trouble.

Mrs. Yawley—What an awfully worried, anxious, despairing look Mrs. Goodson has.

Mrs. Carter—Yes, I fancy she must have stopped doing her own work and taken to keeping a servant.—Philadelphia Enquirer.

## Handling Baggage in England.

"Here!" shouted the railway official, "what do you mean by throwing those trunks about like that?"

The porter gazed in astonishment and several travelers pinched them-

selves to make sure that it was real. Then the official spoke again to the porter:

"Don't you see that you're making big dents in this concrete platform?"—London Tit-Bits.

## The Curse of Liquor.

Kind-Hearted Visitor—You say that drink was the cause of your downfall?

Slendering Mike—Yes, I met a gentleman that was too intoxicated to take care of his money and the temptation was too great for me.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## WI The Drew the Line.

Mrs. Randall—I won \$50 last night playing bridge in my own house.

Mrs. Rogers—Was Mrs. Delano there?

Mrs. Randall—No, I've dropped her because I discovered that she plays cards on Sunday.—Brooklyn Life.

## Credit All His.

Mrs. Goodley—I saw you yesterday with your fiancé. She's awfully sweet.

Dudley—She ought to be. I've been buying her candy every week for the past two months.—Philadelphia Press.

## The Careless Watch.

Watch—Eight bells and all's well. Mrs. Pohunk (cheerily)—I guess, Josiah, he hasn't looked on this side of the boat lately or he'd know better.—Exchange.

## Time and the Place.

"Do you spend much time in your automobile?"

"An hour in it and three under it."—Exchange.

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