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THE BROADHEAD ARGUMENT.

THE argument of Col. Broadhead before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, briefly reported in the *DESERET NEWS* of Saturday, July 19th, struck right at the root of the wrong intended in the Edmunds bill to facilitate the robbery of the "Mormon" Church.

It was a legal argument and its force must appeal to the admiration and convictions of every sound lawyer who gives it his attention. The diversion of property, real and personal, from a special charity to other and different uses, is contrary to the established rules of American jurisprudence. The pretext that some of the purposes of that charity have been declared unlawful, and, therefore, the funds donated may be confiscated and devoted to entirely different purposes, and for the benefit of persons not included in the sphere and objects of that charity, was swept away by the demonstrated fact that there were other uses, within the chartered objects of the charity, that are not unlawful and to which the funds can be rightly and lawfully applied.

The argument may not have the desired effect, that is to stop the prejudgment of a case still in litigation, but it will make clear the fact—if the bill should be pressed to a passage—that its promoters care nothing for sound law, repeated precedent or undoubted equity, but only the spoliation of an unorthodox ecclesiastical institution.

Judge Broadhead has a clear and comprehensive as well as broad brain, and his views on constitutional questions are received with profound respect by the foremost lawyers of the nation.

WOULD HE BE RECEIVED?

THE character of the times brings to mind a good story told about Carlyle. On one occasion, when a lady of distinction—at whose house the Scotch philosopher was a guest—bewailed the wickedness of the Jews

in not receiving Jesus as their Savior, she finished her diatribe against them by saying: "How different would have been His reception had He appeared in our own time! How delighted we should all be to throw our doors open to Him, and listen to his divine precepts! Don't you think so, Mr. Carlyle?" The plain-spoken philosopher, thus appealed to, said, in his broadest Scotch accent: "No, madam, I don't. I think, had he come with plenty of money, and good recommendations, and fashionably dressed, and preached doctrines palatable to the higher orders, I might have had the honor to receive from your ladyship a card of invitation, on the back of which would be written, 'To meet our Savior;' but if he had come denouncing those aristocrats, the Pharisees, and associating with the publicans and Radicals of the day, we should have treated him now very much as the Jews did then, and cried out, 'Take him to Newgate and hang him!'"

PERPETUATING A HUMBUG.

THE appropriation of four thousand dollars, by the United States Senate, in support of the so-called "Industrial Home" in this city, is another instance of the misappropriation of public funds which is often brought about by impudent importunity and the ignorance and prejudices of national legislators.

The debate that occurred over the appropriation, showed that Senator Edmunds, who considers himself the sole proprietor of anti-"Mormon" nostrums, knows nothing about the concern for which he was more than willing that the national treasury should be bled once more. The idea that it has, or will have, the remotest effect upon the polygamy question, is utterly erroneous and absurd. It will have about as much influence in that direction as upon the phases of the moon or the ebb and flow of the tides.

Senators Cockrell, Vest, and Plumb, who had evidently made some inquiries, stated the facts in the case, and the sarcastic remarks of the Vermont essence of vinegar did not touch the truths they presented.

The only purpose to which this money is likely to be put is to pay the salaries of the sinecurists and hangers-on who gain the benefits of the humbug. Everybody here who is candid, recognizes the thing to be a hoax. And the spectacle of

solemn Senators gravely discussing over and appropriating national funds for its support and perpetuation, is ludicrous in the extreme.

But four thousand dollars more will be brought into the city, and perhaps most of it will be spent here, so Salt Lake will merely smile a comfortable smile and wonder at the credulity of the grave and reverend seignors who handle the funds of the nation.

WHEN WILL THEY LEARN?

THE *North American* joins in the senseless hue-and-cry against "Mormon" immigration, and without inquiring into the facts wants the law enforced to prevent their landing. It says:

"Recruits to Mormonism continue to arrive. A shipload of them were landed in Castle Garden yesterday, and after their names had been taken for possible future reference, they were allowed to go upon their way. We have a law which is stringent enough to keep out ministers, and lecturers, and college professors, and musicians, but for these misguided Mormon perverts the doors stand wide open. The consistency of this arrangement is not apparent."

The Newburyport, Mass., *Herald*, more sensible than most of its contemporaries, makes this rejoinder:

"Doesn't the *North American* understand that we have no law to keep out ministers, lecturers, professors and musicians unless they come here under contract to render professional services, and does it mean to take the ground that passengers who are, neither paupers nor contract laborers can be sent back to Europe just because their religious views differ from the *North American*, or even from a majority of the people, though it may not be long, at the present rate of increase, when they may equal in number any one of the hundred sects into which the religionists of the United States are split up. The Constitution allows no discrimination in the treatment of religious bodies."

When will the journalists of the United States learn and understand that the "Mormons" who come to this country from abroad are not paupers, nor contract laborers, nor intending law-breakers, nor criminals, nor anything else but industrious, worthy, God-fearing people, who desire to become American citizens and dwell with people of their own religious faith. All the yards of stuff that editors reel off in declamation against "Mormon" immigration, simply demonstrates their own lack of information or their utter idocy.

WE are pleased to be able to state that Dr. J. E. Talmage is so far advanced towards convalescence as to be able to dress and sit up in his room occasionally.