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THE RIGHT VIEWPOINT.

It is not often that the local anti-Mormon organ attempts an argument, when dealing with questions relating to Utah. Generally it relies on abuse and invective. However, in a recent article under the caption, "The Right Viewpoint," an effort is made at calm reasoning, as near as the contributors to the pages of that sheet ever come to reasoning. That the viewpoint taken is wrong, notwithstanding the promise in the heading, is well understood. The premises are false and the conclusions can, consequently, not be true, no matter how faultless the logic otherwise may be. The argument in the article referred to reads somewhat like this: "Every attack made upon the leading men of the Mormon Church is proclaimed as a defamation of Utah. In return, however, the Church abuses the non-Church citizenship of the community in unmeasured terms. And all this, they assume, is good advertisement for Utah." This is followed by a somewhat pathetic appeal to the "business man of Utah," the "Christian preacher," and the "Gentile citizen"—the vendor of liquor on Sundays, the gambler and the denizens of Commercial street being excluded this time—to ask himself what his attitude would be, if the issue were presented to him in any other State of the Union. The article winds up with the usual tirade about "Mormon" crime and the "hierarchy."

We take the liberty of considering the alleged argument here presented somewhat at length, not for the sake of entering into a controversy with an opponent who has proved himself as incapable of discerning truth as the rooster on the dunghill in the fable was to appreciate the value of a diamond. It would be just as rational to argue with a man born blind about the wonderful forms of a sculptured figure by Thorvaldsen, or the sombre colors of a picture by Rubens. Where there is no faculty for the reception of truth, or where that faculty has been injured, or destroyed, there can be no profitable discussion. But we take the matter up because it gives us an opportunity of presenting what we regard as the "right viewpoint."

The first proposition is: "Every attack made upon the leading men of the Mormon Church is proclaimed as a defamation of Utah." This is a misrepresentation of facts. It is not the attacks upon leading Church men that is protested against, principally; those attacks are infamous enough and not called for by any consideration for the welfare of the State; but, were there no other features of this warfare, those attacks could be ignored. What we, with every decent citizen, protest against is the practice of circulating falsehoods and slanders about the people here in general, as well as leading Church men. For instance, when a professedly Christian publication says: "If the Mormons in Utah had the political power such is their savage fanaticism that the Mountain Meadow massacre would be continuous until the Gentiles were destroyed," we say an attack is made upon Utah. And who can truthfully deny that charge? That is only one falsehood out of a large number that could be quoted, that concerns the entire State. Coupled with that infamous slander of an enlightened, liberty-loving, and liberal-minded people is another equally infamous falsehood, that the Church does control the political affairs of Utah. When the two are taken together, what will the effect abroad be, except to retard the growth of the State? How can anyone be expected to come here to settle, if he believes that the government is controlled by fanatics who aim at the destruction of all "Gentiles"? The enlightened business man of Utah is not deceived by the sophistry that endeavors to hide brutal assaults upon their interests, under the cloak of concern for morality. But the effect of the slanders upon those who know very little about Utah, is detrimental to the state.

Leading men of the Church are by no means the only victims of the fanatical persecution. We have seen that very many prominent men who have refused allegiance to the party of hatred and revenge have been pursued by the character assassins of that party. The nefarious work has by no means been confined to persecution of Church men or Church leaders, as insinuated by our unscrupulous opponent; the daggers of abuse have frequently been aimed at prominent non-Mormons. Such work hurts any state, and should be ended.

The second proposition, "The Church abuses the non-church citizenship of the community," we emphatically deny as a statement entirely without foundation. There is not the slightest excuse for it. Assuming that the word "church" stands for the Latter-day Saints, we can say that their only desire is to live in peace with all the world. In corroboration of this we might call a host of non-Mormon witnesses who have traveled in Utah, from one end of the State to the other, and found only the kindest hospitality. We might call upon the thousands of business men in and out of Utah, who have had dealings with the people here. What is their testimony as to the statement that the Church abuses the non-church citizenship? If with "the church" is meant the Church organ, we again deny the allegation.

The "News" has, at times, perhaps not as often as it might have done so, endeavored to say a word in defense of the Church, or the Church leaders, when the institution has been assailed. But defense honorably conducted is not abuse. It is not even attack. It is not our custom to attack, much less to abuse anyone, be he Jew or Gentile. We have had a good word to say for persecuted Jews, for persecuted Catholics, for persecuted negroes. We have never withheld a word of commendation for ministers, be they Congregationalists, Methodists, or officers of the Salvation Army, when they have performed their calling in the spirit of Christian love and the liberty guaranteed by the Word of God as well as the Constitution. So much for the false charge that the Church abuses those outside the Church.

The "right viewpoint" of the situation in Utah is this: A handful of individuals disappointed in their political aspirations banded themselves together for the purpose of taking revenge upon the citizens who refused to elevate them to positions for which they probably thought them unfit both intellectually and otherwise. So the crusade was started. The aid of the tough element was enlisted; it was easily won by prospects of graft and revelry. The aid of not a few decent citizens was procured by promises of "reform" and a war of extermination upon the "Mormon" Church. To many simple-minded sectarians this seemed such a desirable object that they did not mind a temporary alliance with the element that has proved itself the most bitter enemy of the Christian home and the churches. In their blindness these otherwise excellent men and women preferred to fight under one banner with the riffraff, against the Church. To a union with good citizens of all creeds against the flood of sin and shame that threatens to overwhelm every community in which vigilance is not exercised against that moral danger. Those are the simple, unvarnished facts.

There will be no peace until the vicious agitators have exhausted themselves—as they naturally will do in time—and good citizens of all creeds and persuasions join hands for good government and advancement. There is today a monarch trembling and shivering upon the throne of Serbia. He won his position by means of midnight murder. But it is a question whether he has enjoyed his victory a single moment of his life. It is absolutely certain that he has been in no position to do his subjects any good. To those who do not scruple to seek to obtain power and honor, by questionable means, the query may be put what real difference is there between midnight murder and character assassination?

LET THE PUBLIC KNOW.

There is one foremost duty that every public official owes to the community he serves. And that is, to render an accounting, fully, freely and correctly, of whatever he does in the name of his trust. It makes no difference how high and responsible, or how low and inconsequential his service may be to the taxpayers, the principle is the same. These observations have particular reference to the suppression of legitimate police court news. Wednesday night witnessed the perpetration of more burglaries, perhaps, than any single night in the history of Salt Lake. Several of the big business blocks of the town were visited by a gang of professional cracksmen; and it was not their fault that the loot carried off was not of great value. In the course of its quest for information the "News" was told in direct words, at the station, that "there was nothing new."

"Nothing new!" It may be that the commission of nearly two score burglaries in the brief period of a few hours is not sufficiently important for the public to be informed of it, according to "American" administration ideas of doing things. But the effort to suppress the story failed miserably, just as other attempts in the same direction have done. There has long been suspicion that, to use the police vernacular for it, "the lid is put on" every possible item of news that goes to show the commission of crime. In many instances offenses come to light in spite of the program of suppression, just as did this wholesale raid of nocturnal burglars. And the main idea appears to be to make a "record" and then blantly and brazenly shriek "Thank God for the American party."

But it is a game that the people are becoming aware of, and the truth will out, though denial be heaped upon denial until they reach the old clock tower in which the police headquarters are located. The deception will not work. It may not be the policy of the police department to assist the Deseret News, or communicate information to it, but this paper proposes to let the public know, so far as it is able, whatever happens in the way of legitimate news, and no order, or any number of them, from chief, or henchman, can prevent the discharge of that duty.

THE RUSSIAN STRUGGLE.

Reports from Russia indicate that the conditions are similar to what they were, when autocracy determined to crush Poland. It is claimed that no less than 30,000 political exiles were dispatched to Siberia last year. The jails are overcrowded. The jailers are forced to receive more prisoners than they can take care of. Consequently, they contrive to let a portion escape, and the problem is solved. The manner in which "justice" is administered is in many instances no better than judicial murder. For instance, after a man was hanged, at Mitau, for the murder of one named Wilkes, another man, taken for another offense, confessed that it was he that killed Wilkes. The drumhead court had availed itself of its privilege to call no witnesses or it would have learned from the innocent man's fellow workmen that he was at work, when the crime was committed. On the other hand, official murderers are given preference by the government. It is claimed that a Moscow police captain, who shot a physician, Dr. Vorobiev, in cold blood for having given medical attention to persons wounded during the miscellaneous fusillades in the streets of Mos-

cow, last December, has been given a post in the Department of Public Safety, in St. Petersburg, under another name. It is by such maneuvers that the government propagates political assassination.

Were it not for the apathy of the police, the Russian people would now be wading through rivers of blood. It frequently happens that when a domiciliary visitation is to be made the victim is warned in advance to clear away any books or papers that may embarrass him. He often has an hour or two in pleasant conversation and return to headquarters with the report that they found nothing incriminating.

But for such humane policy on the part of some officials, the conditions would be, if possible, still more pitiful than they are. The government celebrated the anniversary of the "Constitution" by executing eleven youths in the Capital and eight in other parts of the empire. The newspapers publish statistics about the casualties of the struggle in the twelve months. The number of persons who suffered in pogroms and armed collisions, up to November 1, is given as 22,721, the number executed as 1,517; 851 were condemned to hard labor, 523 newspapers were stopped, 467 editors were prosecuted. How long can such conditions last? No foreign power may feel called upon to interfere in the internal affairs of Russia. Europe has no Gustavus Adolphus who dares to champion the cause of the oppressed, though it has army leaders ready to crush small republics. But such atrocities as Russia is now suffering under will bring retribution. The voice of the blood that crieth unto the Almighty from the ground, will not for ever cry in vain.

ZIONIST MEETING.

A meeting of Zionists was held the other day in the Tremont Theater, Boston, on which occasion a Russian Hebrew, a member of the late Douma, was one of the speakers. He is described as a powerful orator who held his audience spellbound for two hours, listening to his presentation of the Zionist cause. The speaker said there are not colors black enough to paint the misery of the Jews in Russia, and that their chief desire is to secure an opportunity of organizing an exodus from the domain of the Czar, to Palestine. He maintained that the establishment of a state of Zion is the only solution of the Jewish problem in Russia.

Another speaker, Jacob de Haas, formerly the secretary of Dr. Hertz, drew a contrast between the humble beginning of the Zionist movement and the proportions it has attained to after a few years of labor. He maintained that nothing less than a nation firmly established in its own territory and that territory Palestine is now the business in hand. He also revealed that the leading Russian workers in this cause have been settling in Jerusalem to the number of some thousands during the last two years and that all the rest are preparing to go—"If American Jewry will understand and will help."

Zionism is a movement with which the powers of the world will have to reckon in the not distant future, perhaps. As the Hebrews slowly gather to the land of their fathers, a problem will arise in Turkey, not less intricate than that which now is presented in Russia. But when it is removed to Turkish soil, the powers can hardly refuse to interfere, and then it will have to be solved. The Zionists are in earnest, and their cause is moving toward a point in which it must be recognized.

The sun shines for all when there is no fog.

What halcyon days for Pittsburg society will the Thaw trial be!

When Mark Twain's American monarchy comes he should be made court jester.

The weather bureau seems to have very peculiar ideas about "rising temperature."

The President has dropped the Sweetenham-Davis incident. It is dead and, we hope, forgotten.

If Uncle Sam is going in for Dreadnoughts he should out-Dreadnought the Dreadnought itself.

It is better to monkey with a buzz saw than to interfere with a carrier of mail in the discharge of his duty.

Whatever else may be said about juvenile Judge Brown it cannot be charged that he is a quitter—on request.

People are advised to lay in their coal for winter in summer. Now they should lay in their ice for summer in winter.

Judge Willis Brown refuses to resign. But the juvenile court commission should remember that "one refusal is no rebuttal."

The interstate commerce commission rate inquiry at Denver is developing the fact that it is the inland towns that pay most of the freight.

The arrangements for sending out news of the Thaw trial are as complete as they ever were at any prize-fight. In fact the Thaw trial is a fight for life.

The soldiers in the Philippines are to be supplied with larger caliber pistols. If these don't enlighten the Pulajanes they will at least let more daylight through them.

It seems that Admiral Davis did not land marines at Kingston until requested by the colonial secretary and the inspector of police, who spoke for the governor. This relieves the admiral of all criticism and makes the conduct of Governor Sweetenham unaccountable, inexplicable and outrageous.

Senator Smoot is anxious for a vote on his case at this session. He says so himself. This should, but probably won't, silence his maligners who have been asserting that he has been doing

all in his power to defer a vote. All through the long years of the proceedings against him he has never once sought to delay them. Feeling his cause just, he is prepared for the Senate's decision on it at any time.

JUST FOR FUN.

ELECTRICAL THERAPEUTICS.

New York Evening Post.
The author of a recent article in the Paris Matin asserts confidently that the chief, if not the only cause of that decadence of the organic system which we call old age, may henceforth be completely done away with. This great end is attained by electric currents of high frequency, which have the effect of restoring to a normal measure the circulation of blood in the arteries whenever these show symptoms of hardening, generally known as arterial sclerosis. Persons so affected, after a half dozen electric baths, lasting from five to ten minutes, are made well again. These claims are naturally regarded by the majority of French physicians with a good deal of skepticism, to say the least, yet the Association for the Advancement of Science, at its congress at Lyons some months ago, gave serious attention to the entire question of electrical therapeutics. It decided, in view of the great diversity of opinion, that the subject deserved further study.

SCHOOLS NOT THOROUGH.

Hartford Courant.
President Hadley and Dr. Dunker of Berlin are very much of the same opinion in regard to our schools. "We undertake to do rather more than we can afford," says Yale's president, "and cut all along the line, with the result of having too many subjects not thoroughly taught." Dr. Dunker found good things in our schools and in our school organization—the American flag over the schoolhouse; the National Teachers' association with its attendance of over 35,000 teachers of all grades at the Boston meeting in 1903, the bureau of education, of which he says that "no other educational office of the world has done so extensive a literary work," and especially the sanitary equipment of our larger schoolhouses—but he cannot bring himself to describe our general school work as thorough.

THE KINGSTON EARTHQUAKE.

New York World.
Within the last twelve months there have been five most destructive and unforeseeable catastrophes in which thousands of human beings were suddenly wiped out of existence. In January of 1906 an earthquake in the island of Formosa killed thousands and destroyed \$45,000,000 in property. In April came the eruption of Vesuvius and the earthquake at San Francisco. The loss of life in the latter case has never been accurately stated, but it was at least a thousand, and the loss in property was \$400,000,000. Last August came the earthquake at Valparaiso, with great loss of life and property. Now comes this at Kingston, with varying estimates of its destruction. The Kingston earthquake seems to have been quite as unexpected as the San Francisco disaster, and if the total losses in life and property are less it is only because there were less life and property to be destroyed.

EARTHQUAKE PROPHETS.

Chicago Tribune.
From the seismic records it appears that the seismic years from 1892 to 1904, inclusive, there were 750 "world shaking" earthquakes, an average of 58 a year, or a little more than one a week. When a "meteorologist," therefore, sets a date for one or more great earthquakes, it is not surprising that he is hitting it when he is three days off, he would seem to be drawing large dividends of fame on an exceedingly small investment of merit.

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"Oh, thank you, thank you very much indeed," stammered the conscientious clerk.
"Yes, we propose to make it very much lighter. Hereafter you shall occupy the desk near the window."—Exchange.

"Papa, what makes the snow so beautiful and white?"
"My child, we are getting along toward the outskirts of Chicago."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Poulterer—Was that a good chicken I sold you last Saturday?
Customer—Don't know. We couldn't bite far enough into it to catch the flavor.—Judge.

First Officer—I understand this is your first voyage, Mr. MacWhirrie?
The Major—Who the devil told you that? My first on Loch Atlantic, Captain, but my sixth if you count Loch Lomond.—Puck.

"Don't you think you're wasting your time talking the value of economy to Blank? He hasn't any money."
"I know it, but I have."—Detroit Free Press.

"What is your attitude on this income tax proposition?"
"Simply this: Give me the income and I care not who tries to collect the tax."—Baltimore American.

"Tompkins says that when he marries it will be to a girl whose intellectual accomplishments are inferior to his."
"I know of no girl foolish of him to remain a bachelor."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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