

MORMON LETTER.

An Interesting Budget From Salt Lake City.

The Present Condition of Affairs in Utah — Prospects for Gentle Success at the Polls in February — Mine Notes.

[Special Correspondence.]

SALT LAKE CITY.—The Mormon hold is slipping; its grip on the material interests of Utah, as well as its power in things of a spiritual sort, seems slowly relaxing. The former, however, by the writer about the year in this paper, and now, after a pleasant residence of two months, this loosening of the hard, tight coil of Mormonism seems quite apparent.

The first new thing I felt conscious of upon my late arrival was a general flavoring of the atmosphere with the thing known as "boom," a term implying a terrific rise in the common American insanity for owning things. The singular real estate man had done it; was he, in a collective sense, who had brought in the "boom" condition, and is he who to-day is turning the business of the Salt Lake town, both politically and in a financial way?

It is a curious and rather depressing commentary on missionary matters in these villages that Ingalls' books and the mercenary efforts of real-estate men should prove the most potent factors in disrupting Mormonism. But such is the fact, at least so far as I can see, and in a more or less comprehensive way, the facts have disclosed.

BRIGHAM YOUNG, years ago a minister of one of the Gentile churches in the southern part of the Territory told me he had never known a single instance of a genuine "salut" being proselytized to another sect. Once a Mormon always a Mormon seems to be the rule, or else nothing so far as religion goes. I have talked with several whom Ingalls' "pelard" had honest out-of-Mormonism, but with none, hoisted "y" whatever means they might be, waded in any other church.

I state this, not in the least degree to discourage or prejudice the patient and well-directed efforts of the most good men in the land in saving their brethren to Jesus; how hard the real Mormon animal is to trap, even with the most dexterous. He is, in truth, too animal to comprehend fine spiritual things, and, seemingly, about the only help practicable in his case is to pull the black cap of total unbelief over his head, kick him away the very foundations of faith, and let him drop, hanging him religiously.

This is the old, tough Mormon. Tough! Ah, what an impenetrable moral ring covers him and the layers of moss that are on him! But the children; there is where the leaves is at work; the schools of the several denominations throughout the Territory are slow to understand that. I do not now remember ever having spoken with a young Mormon who was not "dead against" the plural tie. Whatever his predilections for the mother church, the youthful Mormon can not be brought to swallow Joe Smith's special abomination. It's not and won't go down.

Polygamous relations being scattered throughout the Territory, and there's a deal of this I am told, are almost wholly assumed by new comers to Zion. If the poor sheep from over seas could be shut out, Mormonism as a polygamous institution would soon fall of nourishment. But still they come in flocks, herded by as fine a set of wolves as ever were a fierce.

Yet it is not now as once was the palmy days of polygamy. These are days of decay, of decline, of alienation. As it once was, the husband sought safety on the cupboard or roof only when the numerous wife of his bosom fell a-lighting; as it now is, he seeks safety "on the underground," while the numerous wife signs in quiet loneliness beside his unpressed pillow. There's little cause for jealousy now; he is gone—with a United States Marshal after him.

But here at the heart of Zion the tremons of the political earthquake which threatens to engulf in the Great Fraud are felt the most. That election, which will determine the government of the city in Mormon hands, as it has been since the first stone in its foundation was laid, or transferred.

PRESIDENT WOODBURY, is to the keeping of Gentiles, is not until February; yet the streets are illuminated almost nightly by the torches of marching clubs, and the air made wavy with the noise of drum-corps and bands. Salt Lake was never before so shaken up by political excitement as this promises to develop before the voting day arrives.

The further control of the offices is the main consideration with the Mormon leaders; with the Gentiles it is the price of real estate, though doubtless a certain amount of the thing called "principle" is at work on both sides. Nothing is more certain than that the Government of Salt Lake City has been for a long time of the most halting and Sisilian sort. I, for one, have never seen a more dirty and ill-kept city. The natural drainage is fairly good, but there was not a foot of sewer pipe in the place until within six or eight months ago, when Mr. Chandler stepped off into another section of profanity and said: "It is morning when the chairman of the committee goes home. Go and tell them to report for duty."

The secretary and clerks were awakened and put to work, and at about eight o'clock Mr. Chandler dropped off into a gentle seven-hour sleep in his office chair. The secretary and clerks were obliged to stay awake and attend to their duties all day, because public men were coming and going all the time.

Big-hearted Brown.

General Tom Brown, of Indiana, has long been a prominent member of the House of Representatives, and his agreeable manner has tended to make him popular in Washington. He is an obliging gentleman, and it is a pleasure to meet him for assistance, no matter from what quarter it may come.

The various humiliations with whom he has been forced to his great daughters and other relatives, and General Brown has instinctively done his best for them. His kindly heart has recently got him into trouble. The fact that he is and for years has been an intimate friend of General Garrison's is well known to Washington office-seekers, and they have come down on Brown in great force. He has said yes to all sorts of demands, and given up government positions for every one that was suggested from the White House, so that "charity begins at home."

EXAMINER.—State who was the author of the phrase "What's in a name?" and illustrate its meaning.

Candido—Bacon. Tony Pastor's in a swell theater.

A Distortion.

What is your salary, Dr. Sturgess?

My salary," said the cheery man, "is \$20,000. But my pay is about \$100."

What brings you in the equine world?

What brings me to the equine world is a good horse.

What is the condition against which the President, the twelve apostles, the seventy elders and all the fat old men of the flock are bawling their cues in the most futile manner? It is a case of laws and rules, and when it comes to a question of these the average Mormon

is just as lamentably human as the rest of us.

Of the strong probability of the Gentiles winning in February there seems no reasonable doubt. In the August election of legislative delegates they had the best of it in the city by a small majority, but the saints, of course their leaders, claim that they were unduly sanguine and failed to put in their "best bids."

That they will strain every nerve to retain the wonderfully "soft way" they have been so long enjoying goes without saying. They have already brought in many floating voters from other parts of the Territory, and are keeping them on the head in a political sense, and the next few weeks, after a pleasant residence of two months, this loosening of the hard, tight coil of Mormonism seems quite apparent.

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SHOULD HAVE IT NOW.

A Lady Who Thinks Ex-Treasurer Spender Should Have a Monument.

The women of this country ought to erect a monument to the memory of Ex-Treasurer Spender," says an elderly lady in Washington.

It was proposed that it be too soon to erect a monument to Spender, because as some of the greatest men who have produced are lying in graves which are but cheaply marked.

"No matter whether Spender be alive or dead," she continued, "the women ought to erect a monument to his memory. I think it ought to have been done long ago, so that the old man may have gone to see it himself. I don't believe in waiting for men to die and to be almost forgotten before the world shows its appreciation of them."

"But how about us? Do you think the women should do this?"

"Because General Spender was the first man to come forward and fight the battle of women with the Government. He employed women as clerks in the Treasury Department, and did it in spite of bitter opposition. I was a poor girl then myself, and could get almost nothing to do to make an honest living, when a place was found for me in the Brigham Library.

This will be the most for the money saved before offered in this line. For further information, see May Fowle, P. O. Box 100, Philadelphia, Pa.

Note.—A ten days' special trip from Cairo to Karakai is also provided for.

The girls give little thought to the affairs of state, but when the subject is bachelors they are anxious to reduce the surplus.—Binghamton Herald.

What the women have faced.

What shall make tomorrow?

When the race is run is stated.

No such a tomorrow.

But the load of pain may lighten.

all the pleasure of life when the wife and mother, under whom the happiness of home and family rests, are tormented by a disease disengaged peculiar to women. It is terrible to contemplate the misery existing in our midst because of the prevalence of this disease. It is a fact that all women should know that there is only one sure remedy for all female complaints, and that is Dr. Pierce's Famous Prescription. Do not wait to call in a doctor to fasten it upon you. Get it by the use of this standard remedy. But if it has already crept in, it is to be treated with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction in every case or money paid for it will be returned.

For biliousness, sick headache, indigestion, and constipation, take Dr. Pierce's Pellets.

A WOMAN, defined as an optimist as a woman who has a new winter cloak and bonnet, and a pessimist as a woman who has neither.

ARTIST, ARKANSAS, Aug. 20, 1887.

Dr. A. C. SWALLOWSBERRY.—Hocheat, Pa.—Dear Sirs.—I wish you to send me a bottle of your Antidote for the cure of the following disease: Acute Appendicitis, Chastanberry, Tensie, and Tenesie.

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