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THE CHURCH HAS CONFESSED.

President George Reynolds has told the truth.

The leaders of the Mormon church have restored plural marriage as a practice for themselves and their followers.

The fact has been charged for years and has been generally known throughout this community to Gentile and Mormon alike.

But when they were cornered, the leaders have denied and the Deseret News has defied the Gentiles to produce the proof.

Inasmuch as the proof was entirely under the control of the leaders, they felt that this denial and this defiance were safe.

But now comes George Reynolds to the witness stand in Washington. He is one of the body of men who govern the church.

George Reynolds testifies that plural marriage has been restored.

The proof is made, and by authority. From this time on, then, neither the Mormons nor the Gentiles have reason to defend the church hierarchy.

Senator Smoot regrets to see that George Reynolds is guilty of having a good memory.

Snow still looks much as it used to in the long ago, when Salt Lake was last familiar with it.

If you do not believe that Judge Barch has a chance to be elected Senator, just ask the Judge.

While welcoming the snow, of course you cannot avoid the thought that it will melt and be disagreeable.

It is considered extremely illbred, in high church circles, to ask your daughter who her husband is.

Thoughtful wives will as usual buy Christmas cigars and thereby help their husbands to stop smoking.

Prof. Paul will not state his belief in the divinity of polygamy unless asked about it, but anyone may ask him.

Are you going to look around this time and see if you can find a few children that Santa Claus might overlook?

Persons having smallpox which they desire to talk to the health officer about, are urged to hereafter do so by phone.

Having seen the testimony of George Reynolds, Gov-elect Cutler now knows where he can have his message properly edited.

Witness Hamlin testifies that his sister has vanished, and thus is furnished further proof of the magic exerted by a subpoena.

When the Deseret News dared anyone to PROVE IT, the apostolic editor had evidently forgotten the existence of one George Reynolds.

Mrs. Chadwick's receiver finds that the amount of her securities is \$10,000, 000 less than he estimated, but their value remains the same.

It is not strange, of course, that Mrs. Douglas escaped serious injury when Mrs. Martin fired at her, but is it not remarkable that no one else was hit?

John Alexander Dowle, "the new Elijah," was in debt a year ago nearly half a million dollars, and now he isn't in debt at all, having paid up everything.

adherents from whom the profits may be wrung.

OUR ANSWER.

Among the many inquiries propounded to The Tribune in these trying times, none is more important than the one of which the following paragraph gives the essence:

"Why should a man, Gentle or Mormon, who fought to secure Statehood, who was trusted with authority to represent the views of the church leaders, and who contributed in any degree to the settlement of the controversy between them and the Government, now be a member of the American party?"

In the midst of the troubles, which were almost continuous from 1852 until 1894, one thought was growing in the minds of the progressive people of this Republic; and this thought was that we must yield to the law and the sentiment of the country.

The longer we delayed, the worse the condition became. After years of suffering the leaders of the people accepted the idea; they relinquished their control in secular affairs; they abandoned plural marriage and its relations, without casting off responsibility to support wives and children; and by word and every outward manifestation they made agreement to use their power to create abiding amity between the Mormons and the rest of the country.

To this end they faithfully prayed that their messengers might be accepted of the world, that the promises might be received by willing ears, and that all their pledges might be regarded as binding upon them as the commandments of God.

No man, Gentle or Mormon, who was a part of that great effort, who delivered the prayer of the church leaders to the Government at Washington, can have a higher duty on this earth than to stand exactly where he stood, with the approval of the church leaders, in that hour.

He was authorized, instructed and blessed to affirm with all the power of his soul, that they were sincere. It is his highest duty now to insist that their promises be fulfilled. It is still his duty to declare that they were delivered sincerely to the Government, and that those who defy them are violating the covenant which they or their predecessors established.

And not only is it the duty of the men who were especially commissioned, but it is obligatory upon all the Mormon people. It was certified to the Government at Washington that they were perfectly sincere and truthful. It was said of them (and with the full knowledge of their leaders) that they could never be induced to break the covenant made in their behalf; that they would not follow ecclesiastical leadership in political affairs; and that they would never again accept the practice of plural marriage as being part of the commandment or permission of Heaven in their lives.

The highest authorities of the church at that time declared in writing, which is still in existence, that if they were insincere in their protestations to the Government, "general demoralization would ensue." The context of their remarks shows that they meant that general demoralization of the church would ensue; and their prediction has been verified.

The evasions and the subterfuges, the falsehoods and the violation of law and pledge to the country, all testify to the fact. The Mormon people en masse at the present time do not know whether to excuse or reproach new cases of plural marriage. They do not know whether to praise or condemn their leaders who have testified that they are living "in defiance of the laws of God and man."

They do not know whether they should accept the utterances of the Deseret News as the authoritative voice of the presidency, or to repudiate them as the craven lying of a craven wretch who has for so many years mistaught the people through its columns.

As stated, the duty to stand by the pledge is upon all the Mormon people. It is particularly obligatory upon those who were authorized to carry a beseeching plea from the church leaders here to the Government at Washington, and who, in presenting that beseeching plea, were authorized to say that the Mormon leaders and the Mormon people, for all time, would be faithful to the promise which was given from out the midst of their woe, and would be grateful forever to the country for lifting them beyond that woe into the glorious sunlight of freedom.

THE LEADERS ONLY.

The leaders of the church are in a serious predicament. Their falsehood, their pledge-breaking, their Constitution defying, are now all made manifest by the testimony of one of their number at Washington.

Upon the leaders should fall the consequences of their own acts, and not upon the whole people, who have been innocent of wrongful intention.

But the Deseret News, with its usual cowardice and cunning, is determined to drag the whole body of the people between the forewarned leaders and the righteous public vengeance which threatens.

The News once more attempts to show, in a column of deception, that the Mormon people and their creed are in

danger. As usual, the News is as perverse as it is hypocritical.

Is the practice of polygamy a part of the creed of the church? Are the whole Mormon people devoted to that practice? Certainly not, and such being the case, neither the creed nor the whole people are attacked.

The fight is against the leaders and the Deseret News, which have taught anew the practice of plural marriage, after it had been set aside by the "voice of God" and the voice of the whole people.

The Mormons, en masse, are not so foolish, let us hope, as to be dragged in to suffer the consequences of such perfidy, when that perfidy was perpetrated without their consent, and, in fact, against their will.

REVEALERS WITHOUT REVELATION.

Thousands of followers of the Mormon church are in a condition of mental difficulty, the like of which never existed in their lives previous to this time.

They have been taught that the prophet of the church receives revelations day by day for the guidance of the church; that the apostles are chosen to their high calling by revelation; that God has raised up a people to prepare a wicked world for the second coming of His Son.

Nothing less than this claim can justify the pretensions of the prophets, seers and revelators to direct the spiritual and temporal affairs of the people. If God has not selected them as His agents on the earth what right have they to assume that the hundreds of millions of their fellow-creatures are inferior to them in wisdom and holiness?

And now the followers find that the leaders will not stand true to their own claims. The chiefs say that they do not receive revelation to guide the church; they say that apostles are not selected by the voice of God.

In such case, no matter what may be the sanctity of preceding revelation, these assuming personages are mere men and are only entitled to the respect and consideration which men pay to each other in the ordinary fraternities of human life.

What right have they to exact one-tenth of all the productiveness of a community? What right have they to pose as being divinely ordained to be infinitely superior to the rest of mankind?

The leaders had the opportunity before the Senate committee at Washington to testify before God and men that they were prophets voicing and obeying the will of God. They failed miserably. They denied the very ground upon which they must stand if they are prophets. They left themselves no earthly or heavenly reason for their pretensions as revelators to mankind.

Is it any wonder that thousands of followers of the church, while still adhering to the articles of faith, have positively declined to respect "a revelator" who gets no revelation; a "prophet" who does not prophesy; "a representative of God" who does not represent?

SALARIES OF NATIONAL OFFICIALS.

Senator Stewart's bill to increase the salaries of the President, the Vice-President, the Speaker of the House, and the Senators and Representatives, is a distinct advance in the principles over former measures of that kind.

It has been the practice in making such salary increase hitherto, to date the time of the raise going into effect back to the 4th of March when the Congress began. This has made a retroactive "grab" which the people found extremely distasteful, and which in the case of the "grab" of 1873, brought upon so many members of Congress the penalty of compulsory retirement from public life.

That act raised the salary of the President from \$25,000 to \$50,000, of the Chief Justice to \$10,500; of the Vice-President, Cabinet officers, Associate Justices, and Speaker of the House to \$10,000, and of Senators, Representatives, and Delegates to \$7,000.

The next Congress promptly repealed the act, putting all the salaries back on the old basis except as to the President and the Justices. Members of Congress went back to \$5,000 a year, and Cabinet officers to \$8,000. Since then there has been no serious effort to increase the salaries of Congressmen, though it has generally been admitted that the pay is too small.

It is safe to say that the lesson of 1873 has been well learned by American public men, and that there will not again be any effort to make a raise in salaries retroactive. Senator Stewart avoids that pitfall by providing that the raise proposed shall not go into effect until March 4, 1909, four years from the 4th of March next, carrying the time to the beginning of a new National Administration.

The amounts proposed by him do not strike us as excessive, though possibly a little disproportioned. Thus, the President is to get \$100,000, and the Vice-President but \$20,000, and the Speaker also \$20,000; but the Vice-President, being the next in succession to the President and being the choice of the electors for the great office, is an official of much more prestige and dignity than the Speaker, who is the choice, not of the people at large, but only of his fellow-members of the House.

The Vice-President should be paid half as much as the President, and the Speaker twice as much as the Representative, as the usual rule in legislative bodies is.

The Senators and Representatives are by the Stewart bill to have \$10,000 a year, which is none too much, considering the cost of rents and of accommodations and comforts generally in Washington. A member who would live as one in his position may reasonably be expected to live in the capital city would have to spend all his salary for house rent and living expenses, probably more. So that he has now either to live



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