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WHY THE OPPOSITION?
Citizens of Salt Lake who think for themselves, and who sometimes read or hear of the wrathful utterances of the obstructionists who fight every project for the benefit and progress of the city in which any "Mormon" is financially interested, are asking why there should be so much rage over the passage of the ordinance consolidating the franchises held by the Utah Light and Railway company.

Wail, the real animus is very poorly concealed in what might be termed a political plot, but which is only a factional scheme, concocted by a few conspirators for the purpose of gaining control of the city and its finances. In the latter is involved the handling of the one million dollars obtained by the issue of the water bonds, voted for by the taxpayers.

It is just such nonsense and absurdity as the foregoing that ministers of the various sects are disseminating among the people of the United States, and that cause the mobbing of our Elders, and the burning of our meetinghouses and other outrages that are occasionally committed by an enraged populace, led to believe that these frivolous falsehoods are actual facts.

There are but a few changes in the present ordinance from the measure that was proposed by the ruling opponents and abusers of good citizens a few weeks ago, but which contained some clauses, specially framed and intentionally inserted to provoke the company to decline the franchise.

Not only is he held up for popular reprobation, but his business is threatened and his rights as a public officer are invaded. Even if he made a mistake which time will show he did not, the vile attacks made upon him would be inexhaustible.

Our fellow citizens should look into this matter and learn the advantages that will come to the public from the settlement of the dispute over the important issue involved in the measure to secure a full water supply as soon as possible, and they will find that instead of there being any "steal" or "grab," or any undue advantage gained by the local company in this transaction, the great benefits accrue to the people of this city.

The statements she makes about the "Mormon" woman who denied her marriage, and the other "Mormon" women who wanted a Gentle woman to marry their husbands, bear on their face the evidences of their falsehood. Who was the "Mormon" woman who "at the Smoot investigation chose to deny her marriage?" Who were those other "Mormon" women who figured in the story said to have been told by a Gentle physician? No such woman appeared at the investigation, if the official report is to be relied on, and no such circumstance as is described in the paragraph we have quoted could have occurred, because it is utterly foreign to "Mormon" faith and practice and is evidently a whole-cloth fabrication.

It is a shameful reflection on the society that pays this woman to impose upon the religious and literary people of the United States, that it endorses her stupid stories. There are three avowed objects before her and those whom she represents, in parading these deceptions and thus imposing upon good people. One is the expulsion of Senator Reed Smoot from the United States Senate, and the other to obtain the passage of a constitutional amendment against polygamy.

strut through the land declaiming against the "Mormons," either know nothing of social conditions in Utah, where plural families are now the rare exception, and where they exist are as different from the common conception concerning them as truth is from error, or they wilfully misrepresent facts, and repeat with a relish the miserable trash that is palmed off on the American public as exposures of "Mormon" life.

As to the "record of the tombstones in various parts of Utah," they will speak for themselves. Neither Mrs. Weed nor any other anti-"Mormon" perverter of the truth has ever seen such a "record," and again she is merely echoing another vile slander or she reveals in the nastiness which her utterances suggest, as an offset to her repetition of stale stories of the kind she most relishes, we here copy one truthful utterance which gives the lie to the rest of her contribution.

It is agreeable to learn that Attorney General Moody has been in conference with the president at Oyster Bay regarding the necessity of amending the criminal laws of the United States. The department of justice has found that the sick and afflicted, who are afforded protection to wrong-doers by making the process of prosecution exceedingly difficult and tedious.

THE TIMES REPORTER.
Springfield Republican.
The London Times has sent to Portsmouth to help report the peace conference its famous correspondent at Pekin, Dr. Morrison, who will undoubtedly be the head of the Times bureau for that important event.

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CONGRESS MAY TAKE NOTICE.
New York Evening Post.
Congress, which took a firm stand last winter against the expenditure of money by departmental officials, over and above the appropriations—a practice calculated to nullify all efforts at economy—is likely to tighten still further its control over expenditures as a result of the present revelations.

TAKES ISSUE WITH PROF. WRIGHT.
Boston Watchman.
The Watchman enters an emphatic protest against the ethics of the article by Prof. G. Frederick Wright in the Bibliotheca Sacra for July, entitled "The Ethics of Standard Oil."

TO AMEND THE LAWS.
Kansas City Star.
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REFORESTING THE MOUNTAINS.
Pueblo Chieftain.
The United States government is moving rather slowly to be sure, but steadily in the work of protecting, preserving and promoting the forest resources of the United States, and especially of the west.

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