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Will Hear from the People.

EVERY MAN who ever had command of troops on active service has been criticized and maligned by some of the men under him. This is an inevitable consequence of the fact that no large number of soldiers can be gathered together without including some men who will violate army discipline, incur punishment and afterward try to ease their abraded feelings by blackguarding the commanding officer.

There is no doubt that if the docket of Captain T. S. Crogo, the summary court officer of the Tenth regiment, were opened to general inspection, it would explain many things in connection with the attack which is being made upon Lieutenant Colonel Barnett. That volume contains the record of every man who has been before the summary court for misconduct, and the names to be found in it would no doubt correspond with those who are now throwing mud at the lieutenant-colonel, if these latter were published. But they are not published. The derogatory statements are credited to "a member of the regiment," "Tenth boys generally," "a member of Company," etc. For the honor of the regiment Captain Crogo's book remains sealed, and the hope is general that this seal will not have to be broken.

Colonel Barnett has the reputation of having been a strict disciplinarian. He did not shade duty into favoritism or indulgence; he did not court popularity among his men at the expense of military fidelity and efficiency. But to say now, as a campaign dodge, that he was a coward, a "cold-foot," a malingering, when not a breath of suspicion was ever cast upon his military record while he was at the front in active army duty, is to be guilty of the meanest and most contemptible tactics which it is possible for the mind of depravity to concoct. The Democratic campaign managers who are sanctioning this form of electioneering will hear from the people.

A war ship should be sent to Chicago at once to protect American interests. Billy Mason has threatened to resign.

The Roberts Case.

ELSEWHERE, in a desire to give both sides fair treatment, we print a reply from a Mormon source to the recently published letter of Rev. William R. Campbell, of Salt Lake City, bearing upon the case of Congressman-elect Roberts, of Utah. In a Mormon reply is chiefly a eulogy of Mormonism, which is aside from the question at issue. The merits or demerits of the Mormon religion or of the Mormon people as individuals do not now concern us and probably do not concern many of our readers.

The question in the Roberts case is simply this: Has Congressman-elect Roberts or has he not violated any of the laws of the United States and of the state of Utah; and is he or is he not violating any of those laws at the present time? Our Mormon correspondent says "no." The opponents of Roberts say "yes," and they offer in proof the fact of Roberts' imprisonment in 1889 for unlawful cohabitation; the fact of subsequent payment of fines by him for the same offense, and the assertion, which they promise to prove before congress by documentary and other evidence, that since the Woodruff manifesto of Sept. 20, 1890, Roberts has taken unto himself another wife in addition to those with whom he had been "blessed" prior to that date, which marked the ostensible abandonment of polygamy by the Mormon church.

We are convinced from study of the case that Roberts has been and is an unrepentant lawbreaker and that he should, on this account, be rejected from congress as soon after its organization as is consistent with a due weighing of the law and testimony. The letter elsewhere in Roberts' defense does not shake this conviction.

Harpers Weekly is now fully converted and reconciled to American reprobation of the Philippines. In this week's issue it fondly but firmly rebukes the academic theories of Carl Schurz and the other "humane sentiment" who make up the Anti-Imperialist League, and asserts, very truthfully and honestly, that "the evidence of every competent and trustworthy man who has made a study of the social and political conditions in these islands confirms the conclusion that good government would not come as a result of leaving the natives to themselves or to Aguinaldo and his associates."

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The Canteen Problem.

OUT OF MORE than 1,500 replies from commanding officers to the war department's request for military opinions on the army canteen only about 40 recommend that the sale of beer in the canteens be abolished. The others all concur in the opinion that the carefully regulated sale of beer at army posts under the eye of the commanding officer keeps the men out of worse mischief beyond the line of honor than that which would be the result of the sale of beer in the canteens be abolished. The others all concur in the opinion that the carefully regulated sale of beer at army posts under the eye of the commanding officer keeps the men out of worse mischief beyond the line of honor than that which would be the result of the sale of beer in the canteens be abolished.

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The absurd statement that the anti-Roberts convention, an anti-Roberts convention, is a Republican, is refuted by the Salt Lake Herald, the organ of the Democratic party in Utah and Rey. Stiman, president of the association, denied that the letter in question emanated from the association, but from Mr. Campbell himself. The present anti-Mormon attack emanates from certain unsuccessful ministers, sent to Utah by the evangelical churches to convert the Mormons to their respective creeds, and is aided in the enterprise by the Republican party, which sees a strong probability of Mr. Roberts being succeeded by a Republican, as the governor and chief executive of the state is a Republican while Mr. Roberts is one of the ablest advocates of Democracy. The Mormon church did not elect Mr. Roberts, nor did it have a right to prevent his election, and it is a matter to the church whether he is seated or expelled; and if congress wishes to pass a law prohibiting the practice of polygamy throughout the United States, the Mormons will be the last to oppose it.

An Unrequited Hero.

IN HIS SPEECH at Chicago upon the recent occasion of the federal building cornerstone laying, Secretary of the Navy Long said: "You cheer for the men behind the scenes, you give swords and banners to them and to an admiral and both most richly deserve the tribute—but remember that all up and down the line there are individuals whose names never get to your ears, or, if so, are already half forgotten, who have earned unfading laurels. In the long watch before Santiago the crew of our great battle ships, was the two Spanish torpedo boat destroyers, those swift, fendish sharks of the sea, very engines of death and destruction, and yet, when the great battle came, it was the unprotected Gloucester, a converted yacht, the former plaything and pleasure boat of a summer vacation, which, without hesitation or turning, attacked these demons of the sea and sunk them both. I have always thought it the most heroic and gallant individual instance of fighting during the war. It was as if some light-clad youth, with no defense but his sword, threw himself into the arena with armored gladiators, and by his very dash and spirit laid them low. And yet who has given a sword or spread a feast to that purest flame of chivalrous heroism, Richard Wainwright?"

Owing to the disgraceful course of the friends of Rear Admiral Schley in holding up in the last senate the promotions of all the commanding officers engaged in the Santiago sea fight, out of spite against Rear Admiral Sampson, Richard Wainwright, the man thus justly eulogized, went absolutely unrewarded. Nor has public opinion since given to his work the attention which it deserves and which it will get when the subsidence of excitement and a better perspective shall enable the taking of a true view of the naval operations in the late war with Spain. Meanwhile, it is gratifying to notice that the inhabitants of Washington, of which city Commander Wainwright is a native, are preparing to present to him as a partial token of appreciation, a sword of honor.

Lieutenant Brumby, of the Olympia, seems to be one of the most fortunate of the naval heroes of the Spanish-American war. Brumby did not worry over any particular responsibility; did not sink a Merrimack; has not been the subject of any controversy; but he has enjoyed nearly all of the banquets and other demonstrations tendered in honor of Dewey, and now he is having a welcome and sword upon his own account down in Georgia.

Consideration for Democratic editors doubtless has had influence in preventing Admiral Dewey from becoming a candidate for president. He is probably aware that they would have difficulty in attacking his war record and making it appear to the people that he is troubled with cold feet.

General Fitzhugh Lee's temper is in a ruffled condition at present. He did not mind being detained at Swinburne Islands to have his temper taken on his return from Cuba, but to be asked his opinion of the Boer war and the coming elections caused radiation under his collar.

Dr. Leyds says that the Boers will fight until the last man is killed rather than submit to British rule. Future events may prove that Dr. Leyds.

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The Mormons were sincere when they entered into the practice of polygamy and equally sincere when they quit it. Believing the federal statute prohibiting polygamy an infringement upon the religious liberty clause of the constitution, they contested the statute. But when the Supreme court declared the law constitutional the church, in fulfillment of its duty, passed the manifesto of 1890, forever prohibiting the practice of polygamy, and no polygamous marriages have been solemnized since that time. All statements to the contrary are absolutely false. Polygamy is also prohibited by the state constitution, and punished by legislative enactment. In Utah both the state and the church have in most emphatic terms declared against it. The system must therefore in a short time become obsolete and pass away.

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There is much, however, in the character of Mr. Roberts, and in the way in which he rose from the humble walks of life. At an early age he distinguished himself as a student and orator, and was elected to the presidency of the college. He is eminently qualified for the position to which he has been elected.

Mr. Campbell says this campaign is not religious persecution. This has reasoned every persecutor from Cain down to the last one under whose hand a martyr's blood has been shed. The persecutors of the Jews said they killed the Christ. It wasn't because He was a friend to the poor and a teacher of righteousness that religious bigots persecuted Him, but because He was a blasphemer and a traitor. No, there never was a criminal or persecutor who did not find some excuse to justify his crime. If it is not religious persecution, whence this mobbing of Mormons in the south, this mobbing of elders, this burning of Mormon churches? The Latter Day Saints have in the past suffered untold privations at the hands of these Christian persecutors. Before polygamy was ever known they were driven from their homes, and religious bigotry dripped the soil of Missouri and Illinois in human blood. In Missouri, fourteen hundred inhabitants were driven from their homes in the dead of winter. In Arkansas, they were crowded and thrust out in the midnight air, and forced to seek shelter in some bleak forest. There were innocent little children, babes in arms, and mothers with their breasts bared for mother's milk; in such distress pursued by merciless mobs they left the tracks of their bleeding feet upon the snow-bank, and perished in the wilderness. It may seem, every mob that has ever murdered Mormons was led or inspired by Christian ministers. Driven from the confines of civilization, they planted their tents upon the shores of the Great Salt Lake. There they conquered the desert and founded a mighty commonwealth.

The Mormon people are thoroughly American and patriotic, and no people have exhibited their patriotism under more trying circumstances. While the Saints were in the wilderness, on their western journey to the Rocky Mountains, they furnished five hundred volunteers in response to the president's call to go and fight the Mexicans. Arriving in Salt Lake Valley, which was then Mexican soil, the pioneers held the Stars and Stripes on Ensign Peak, above Salt Lake City, in solemn assembly vowed to revere the constitution of the United States, and its principles as a divinely-inspired document. In the late war with Spain, that furnished more than her quota of volunteers, and the Utah tribes became famous for their brilliant achievements in the Philippines. The Mormon people are intensely patriotic. The Mormon church has kept its pledges with the government and it will continue to keep them. The Latter Day Saints are honest, industrious, prosperous and happy. In religion they are broad-minded, progressive and tolerant. They have always treated with kindness and consideration even those who today live by slandering them; who kiss them in the face and stab them in the back.

Mormonism does not seek political control of Utah or any other state. The people were never united in politics except for protection. Even a woman will turn and defend itself when driven to the wall, and as soon as the cause was removed, the people divided in politics, and have remained so ever since. Mormon homes are pure; Mormon doctrine is Scriptural, wholesome and elevating. We extend to our Christian friends courtesies and privileges that they are not accorded to Mormon elders abroad in the world. The church believes in the physical, moral and intellectual development of

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The basic principle of their religion is the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man. Following are their articles of faith: 1. We believe in God the Eternal Father, and in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost. 2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression. 3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel. 4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of Hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost. 5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof. 6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church—namely: Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, etc. 7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc. 8. We believe that the Bible is the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God. 9. We believe that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. 10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion will be built upon this; that the American continent shall hereafter be inhabited by a pure people, and shall be called the New Jerusalem; that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory. 11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship, where, or what they may. 12. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—"We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."—Joseph Smith.

Of course, Mormonism is increasing and growing truth is bound to spread in this age of enlightenment and progress, no matter how sharp the weapons used against it. Polygamy is not the real issue, but it is dead, and has been so for nearly nine years, but it affords an excuse, a pretext, under which to hide their criminal purpose of crushing out a more successful church. We ask Christian ministers to go forth in the spirit of love that characterized the Gospel of Christ in His day. Distribute your literature freely among the Latter-Day Saints, or Mormons, preach to them; they will listen and treat you kindly; but because they cannot see as you do, don't get angry, don't malign them, don't stoop to slanders and abuse. Christ never adopted these methods. Follow His example. The Latter-Day Saints do so to the best of their ability, although they have many trials and tribulations. Preach to them, and they will be glad to hear of you. Let us meet on the higher ground of honest investigation and criticism. Truth will survive and error fade away. J. Z. Stewart, Jr., Elder of the Mormon Church, Scranton, Oct. 27.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Editor of The Tribune—Sir: The life insurance question is a most important one and many have read, with great interest, the articles which have appeared in The Tribune this week in regard to the cost of insurance in different companies. The comparison made by Mr. H. J. Bates, in his article, which appeared in this morning's issue, is hardly fair to some of the forty companies which are smaller than the three New York "Giant" companies. It is not my purpose to go into extensive details to show the unfairness referred to, but for sake of a comparison which the readers of The Tribune may readily understand, I respectfully submit the following statements, comparing the "three giants" to the three companies next in size and of almost exactly the same age as the "Giant," thus the comparison will be fair.

We find that the "three giants" have paid to their policy holders from date of organization up to Jan. 1, 1899, for death claims, endowments, dividends, lapsed and surrendered policies and all other payments to policy holders the sum of \$1,062,621,215. And held accumulated assets for their policy holders, at same date, the sum of \$71,532,948.

Total paid to and held for policy holders up to Jan. 1, 1899, \$1,134,154,163. Total amount received from their policy holders, from date of organization up to Jan. 1, 1899, a total sum of \$629,775,441. And had accumulated assets at same date, the sum of \$26,725,633.

giant." If the "giants" had conducted their business with the same economy, good management and care in selection of risks, as the three smaller companies, they would have saved to their policyholders the enormous sum of \$23,278,722. Or had the smaller companies been conducted with the same want of economy and carelessness in the selection of risks, which have characterized "the giants", their policy holders would have lost the goodly sum of \$8,062,961. It cannot be wondered at from the above statements and actual experience that the "three giants" do not compare at all favorably with the three smaller companies in reducing the cost of life insurance to their policy holders. —A. L. Duncan, Scranton, Oct. 27.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaechus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrologic Cast: 4:06 a. m., for Saturday, Oct. 28.

A child born on this day will notice that it is very easy for a liar to become an all round rogue.

The man whose breath is sufficient to give an odor of whiskey to the entire orchestra, does generally makes the most fuss about the high theater hat.

There are lots of schemes that will give a man something for nothing, but the pay day is always fixed upon "tomorrow."

It is not always possible to determine golden opportunities by the glitter. Marriage is not often a failure. It is the people who are married.

Ajaechus' Advice.

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