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CHURCH AND STATE.

It is human nature to exaggerate. We soar to the heaven of ecstasy, or are thrust into the abyss of misery. Love and hate, favor and prejudice, are the extremes of which reason is the mean. We are apt to consider a good thing beyond criticism, and a bad one beyond redemption. The devil is said not to be as black as we paint him.

The Mormons concede their belief in polygamy, and then a charitable world comes along with a little list, making it appear that the Mormons are not only Asiatic in their marriage customs, but are given to various other trifling offenses, such as union of church and state, murder, treason and arson.

It is of the gratuitous charge against the Mormons that they have established a union of church and state in Utah that we wish now to treat. And we wish to treat and have it treated, logically. Is it presumptuous in a Mormon to ask his adversary to cling to the canons of reason? Is logic such a rare and costly jewel, or have the opponents of Mormonism become so habitually ungenerous, that we must expect to secure the stone of arrogance, when we crave the bread of reason? It was reserved for the Supreme Court of the United States to set the chief example in this respect.

Union of church and state exists, where, as in England, the state provides for the support and government of a particular church. The Church of England receives at the hands of Parliament special favors and advantages which are denied to others. The Queen is the figurative head of the church as she is the figurative head of the State. The prelates of the Anglican Church are by virtue of their ecclesiastical position, peers of the realm and members of the House of Lords.

Do you find these things in Utah? You do not and you have never found them. The laws have been and are absolutely impartial. The Mormon Church, it is true, was chartered by the Territorial Legislature; but it is the only church that ever applied for chartered rights in the Territory. And, moreover, the charter granted was entirely unobjectionable to republican principles.

What is there, then, to the hue and cry? It is because Mormons hold all the offices in the gift of the people of the Territory. As well might it be said that for a similar reason the laws of Iowa favor the Republicans, or the laws of South Carolina the Democrats. It is surely not un-American, as things now go, for the majority to rule.

It is asserted that the Mormon people are united; that they are obligated to obey the counsel of their leaders; that their leaders do not hesitate to exercise the power thus vested in them. For argument's sake grant these things, and what results? The Mormon church forces no man into its ranks, and compels none to remain there. The union is entirely one of volition. The political power acquired by Mormon majorities, is exercised to

the disadvantage of no other sect or people. In doing, therefore, what they choose to do, even though others may not like it, as long as they do not in any manner trample upon the rights of others, they are exercising the freedom of individual action, which is distinctively American. The basic element of the Constitution is the right of an American citizen to do as he chooses if he will respect the rights, not the whims and caprices of others. Who is there so despotic in nature, so unnatural in spirit, that he will dispute the right of Republicans to seek the counsel of leaders and to unite in order to perpetuate the policy of protection, or the bitter memories of the war? Or who so ignorant of the principles of liberty that he will deny to abolitionists the right to unite together, whether by impulse or under the guidance of leaders, to crush the liquor evil?

Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists, all have their opponents; but where do you find a party so bitterly fought as the People's party of this Territory? Their interests are identical, and certainly eternal vigilance and unity are the price of their liberty, for it is the avowed purpose of the Liberals of this Territory to strip them of power.

Men's belief and their motives cannot be questioned by the law; it is only when their motives and their belief lead to injurious action that they become liable to its penalties. The unrighteousness of the claim made against the Mormons, may be seen by considering, for a moment, the reverse propositions of those we have laid down. The Mormon leaders cannot advise the Mormon rank and file; the Mormon rank and file cannot follow the counsel of the Mormon leaders.

Gentlemen, Mormon methods don't bother you; it's Mormon majorities. When you have succeeded in persuading Congress to arbitrarily deprive Mormon men of the franchise, as you persuaded it to deprive Mormon women; or when you gain the majority, your fears of Mormon principles will fold their tents and silently vanish.

THE PHILADELPHIA Times says: A constitutional convention is in session at Salt Lake City, preparing a constitution under which the members hope the Territory may be admitted as a State. The first section of the first article of the document should forever prohibit polygamy within the borders of the would-be State before Congress consents to even consider the application for admission. After the adoption of a constitution containing this declaration against the Utah propensity for too many wives, Congress should insist that the Mormon residents of the Territory should show their anti-polygamous faith by their works, by abolishing polygamy as a preliminary to being admitted to Statehood.

A new question is to come up in the courts of Maine. The governor recently signed a bill which had been passed by the Legislature, and afterwards he was persuaded to erase his signature and write a message vetoing the measure. The bill related to the practice of medicine, and the Medical Association, in whose interest it had been passed, now insist that it became a law the moment the governor attached his signature to it, and that the executive cannot mutilate and destroy the record of his official act. The matter will be carried into the courts for adjustment.

The school elections will be held on Monday in the several districts of the Territory, one trustee being chosen in each district. It is hardly necessary to urge intelligent people to attend these elections, which are really among the most important. The control of the schools is something for which every parent should strive, for in the school, next to the home, is the character of the child formed.

Lake Park Concert.

Following is the programme of the concert for to-day at Lake Park Resort:

- PART I. 1-March, Tambourer Wagner 2-Overture, Domino No. 1 Anber 3-Waltz, La Carita Lender 4-Selection, La Travolta Verdi

- PART II. 5-Overture, Clarinet Solo Weber Herr Franz Kellma 6-Gavotte, Amyrillis Ghys 7-Selection, The Pirates Sullivan 8-Galop, Daffodil Weisman

- EXERCISES, 7:30. 1-March, Fest Weingarten 2-Overture, Poet and Peasant Suppe 3-Waltz, Phonograph Heilmann 4-Selection, Black Hussar Millbucker

- PART II. 5-Overture, Marche Flotow 6-Quadril, Garibaldi Strauss 7-Selection, Sicilian's Bell Malibart 8-Galop, All for Joy Farach

CONDUCTORS: MR. H. S. KROUSE, MR. SAM'L KOENIGSBERG.

PERSONAL.

COMMISSIONER P. L. WILLIAMS and Superintendent William M. Stewart leave this morning to attend the National Teachers' Association which convenes in Chicago Tuesday.

H. M. WELLS, J. D. SPENCER and H. G. WHITNEY, escort their families to Brighton's by way of Alta this morning, where they will leave them till the "hot spell" is over.

SOTTO VOCE.

A young Federal snip of these parts, noted equally for his conceit and his anti-Mormon proclivities, was asked by a certain wag the other day if he had thought of running for any office in the event of Utah becoming a State.

"No," was the quick reply. "Do you think I would stand a chance?" "Well, yes; I think you might run for the Secretary of State."

"You do?" exclaimed the Federal snip, with eagerness. "Yes," was the calm reply, "as an errand boy."

"HELLO, MIKE; I hear yer on a strike?" "So I am. I struck for fewer hours." "Did you succeed?" "Indeed I did. I'm not working at all now."

FRANK ARMSTRONG, asked how the thermometer is at the City Hall, pathetically mops his brow and replies with a groan "Ninety-eight in a bucket of ice water."

MR. SMILER—Ah, Miss Heartless, if you do not care for music, you care for nothing that has any feeling in it. Miss H.—Oh, yes, I care for dancing. Mr. S.—But dancing has no feeling in it? Miss H.—No-o-o?

THEY WERE debating in the Convention the other day on the provision regarding the establishment of public institutions for the care of the deaf and dumb and the blind, and some one thought one institution might do for all kinds.

"Ah, but," cautiously said a country member, "supposing a man were only dumb?" "Oh, he wouldn't have anything to say about it," cheerfully remarked John Booth.

"WHY IN Halifax do you toot that old horn?" shouted a citizen at a rag-buyer who was cracking his cheeks. "To call your attention to the fact that I want to buy rags, sir," was the reply.

"Then let me take my way of calling your attention to the fact that I don't want to sell any!" continued the citizen, as he picked up a brickbat and whizzed it within an inch of the tooter's head.

"PROA" SENDS us a startling account of how Brad Clawson, of Little, Roundy & Co., has developed startling proclivities for other men's horseflesh. On the night of the 6th, Brad drove into Pecca with a span of horses, which he unhitched and turned into Mr. Marchant's pasture, stating that he wanted to start out for Salt Lake before daylight next morning. Before daylight, accordingly, he arose, and in the dark went into the pasture of Mr. O. Wilkins, took out a team belonging to that gentleman, hitched up and trotted gaily out in the direction of town.

Excursion South. There will be an excursion from this city to American Fork, Provo, Payson and Nephi, tickets for which will be good on the afternoon train of the 23d and the morning train of the 25th of July.

NOTICE TO TRUSTEES. Some Instructions From Commissioner P. L. Williams. To the Public: The Territorial school law provides that a census of all children in the Territory between the ages of 6 and 18 should be taken each year during the month of July.

With a proper understanding of the law, I cannot but assume every parent and guardian will cheerfully give the information required in this connection. I respectfully request all persons to aid the enumerators in the performance of their duties so that their reports may be accurate and complete.

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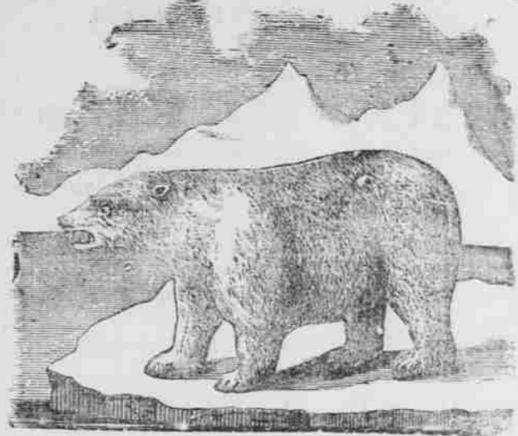
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