

# MEMBERS OF ANNANIAS CLUB

## Roosevelt Brands Defamers in Public Letter

### A TISSUE OF FALSEHOODS

MAGAZINE WRITERS TASTE THE BUSINESS END OF THE BIG STICK.

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to deal with a story like this, which is not merely an outrageous lie but one so infamous, so absolutely without the smallest particle of foundation, that it is utterly impossible that the men making the charge should be ignorant of the fact that they are lying. I never heard of this magazine article and do not know who wrote it. But whoever did knew perfectly well that he was lying. I have never heard of the writer whose letter you quote, but he also must know that he is repeating baseless falsehoods. The other two magazine articles you quote I have not seen, but if they, in any shape or way, resemble the one from which you quote, they are equally false.

The accusation is not merely false, but so ludicrous that it is difficult to discuss it seriously. Of course, it is always possible to find creatures vile enough to make accusations of this kind. The important thing to remember is that the men who give currency to the charge, whether editors of magazines or the presidents of colleges, show themselves in their turn unfit for association with decent men when they secure the repetition and encouragement of such scandals, scandals which they perfectly well know to be false.

Not only was no such bargain made by me, but equally, of course, no such bargain was made by President Taft or by anyone who could speak for any portion of the Republican organization. No such bargain was ever in any way, directly or indirectly, suggested to or considered by me. It is not merely an atrocious falsehood, but it could by no possibility be anything but a falsehood. Neither the Church nor any one on behalf of the Church ever agreed to deliver to me the votes of the states mentioned her to try to do so; nor was any allusion to the matter ever made to me. Neither Senator Smoot nor any other citizen of Utah was, as far as I know, even so much as consulted about the patronage of the states surrounding Utah, nor did the "Mormon" hierarchy through Senator Smoot or any one else, ever express a single wish in connection with that patronage. The appointments were made in Wyoming and Idaho precisely on the same system as they were made in New Jersey and Massachusetts, and no more attention was paid to any candidate's religious qualifications in one set of states than in another. Moreover the same policy precisely was followed in Utah. One senator was a Gentle and one a "Mormon." I consulted both. Generally I found Senator Smoot more favorable to the cause of conservation than the majority of his colleagues in the senate and on this matter I consulted him more freely than I did most other senators, although there were some I consulted ever more freely than I did him.

As to there being a cessation of the movement for federal control of marriage and divorce. This was strongly opposed by a majority of the representatives in the two houses of Congress from the different states, and in but two or three instances is it possible that those opposing it, whether Democrats or Republicans, could have been influenced by any thought whatever concerning the "Mormons." Personally I then favored the proposal, and have always favored it since, because I believed and still believe that this is one of several directions in which the power of the general government could with advantage be increased. Whether or not it is especially needed as regards polygamous marriages in Utah, I am not able to say. On one occasion a number of charges were made to the administration while I was president about these polygamous marriages in Idaho and Wyoming, as well as Utah, it being asserted that a number of our federal officials had been polygamously married. A very thorough and careful investigation was made by the best men in the service into these charges, and they were proved to be without so much as the smallest basis in fact. It was finally found that a fourth

class postmistress, whose earnings a year were about \$25, and who was an old woman, had been plurally married some 30 years previously, but had long ceased living with her husband. Not only was it found that there was no basis for the accusation as regards the government officials, but incidentally it developed that the investigators were unable to find a single case of polygamous marriage entered into since the practice had been professedly abandoned. I can not, of course, on this point speak generally; there may or may not be foundations for the charge of which I knew nothing but I can speak positively as to this investigation made by thoroughly competent and upright government officials in Wyoming, Idaho and Utah. My memory is that on another occasion, either in Arizona or New Mexico, or both, our attention was called to cases where there had been polygamous marriages, and that the offenders were promptly prosecuted. No man ever suggested to me not to prosecute any offender in such a case; and I may add that every "Mormon" with whom I spoke assured me that since the public renunciation of polygamy, the law had been observed in this respect, just as in others, and no one of them ever so much as hinted to me any desire to plead on behalf of any possible offender of the type. I am, of course, speaking of marriages entered into since the Church pronounced renunciation in question. If it were ever shown to be true that such marriages have been entered into, I should even more strenuously than hitherto urge giving the federal government power to deal effectively with polygamy.

As for the case of Senator Smoot himself, he came to me of his own accord, and not only assured me that he was not a polygamist, but, I may add, assured me that he had never had any relations with any woman excepting his own wife; and I may also add that it was the universal testimony of all who knew anything of his domestic life that it was exemplary in every way. He also assured me that he had always done everything he could to have the law about polygamy absolutely obeyed, and most strongly upheld the position that the church had taken in its public renunciation of polygamy, and that he would act as quickly against any "Mormon" who nowadays made a plural marriage as against a Gentle who committed bigamy. I looked into the facts very thoroughly, became convinced that Senator Smoot had told me the truth, and treated him exactly as I did all other senators—that is, strictly on his merits as a public servant. I did not interfere in any way as to his retention in the senate, save that where senators came up to speak to me on the subject, I spoke to them freely along the line. I have here outlined, taking the view which I believe is the only view that an American can consistently take, namely, that if Mr. Smoot or any one else had disobeyed the law he should, of course, be turned out, but if he had obeyed the law and was an upright and reputable man in his public and private relations it would be an outrage to turn him out because of his religious belief.

I have thus gone over point by point the infamous accusations made by the writer, whoever he was, whom you quoted accusations which brand with infamy the man who made them and also the magazine editor who published them, and any one who quotes them. There is a peculiar infamy in this species of slander, and the men engaged in it do not stand one whit above any men who have really taken part in the practices which they affect to denounce.

So much for these slanders. Now a word to the "Mormon" people themselves. If the accusations made against the "Mormons" are as false as the accusations upon which I have touched above, there is no need of my saying anything. But let me most earnestly insist on the vital need, if there is the slightest truth in any of these accusations, of the "Mormon" people themselves acting with prompt thoroughness in the matter. Any effort, openly or covertly, to reintroduce polygamy in the "Mormon" church would merely mean that that Church had set its face toward destruction. The people of the United States will not tolerate polygamy; and if it were found that, with the sanction and approval or connivance of the "Mormon" Church people, polygamous marriages are now being entered into among "Mormons," or if entered into are treated on any other footing than bigamous marriages are treated everywhere in the country, then the United States government would unquestionably in the end take control of the whole question of polygamy, and there could be but one outcome to the struggle. In such event, the "Mormon" Church would be doomed, and if there be any "Mormons" who advocate in any shape or way disobedience

to, or cancel of, or the evading of, the manifesto forbidding all plural marriages that Mormon is doing his best to secure the destruction of the Church. Those "Mormons" on the other hand, who occupy the position you uphold in your letter, and who insist that the "Mormon" church shall turn its face toward the future, take a position which if generally taken will mean that the Church will be treated precisely on an equality with all other churches. The "Mormon" has the same right to his form of religious belief that the Jew and the Christian have to theirs; but, like the Jew and the Christian, he must not practise conduct which is in contravention of the law of the land. I have known monogamous "Mormons" whose standard of domestic life and morality and whose attitude toward the relations of men and women were as high as that of the best citizens of any other creed; indeed, among these "Mormons" the standard of sexual morality was unusually high. Their children were numerous, healthy, and well brought up; the young men were less apt than their neighbors to indulge in that course of vicious sexual dissipation so degrading to manhood and so brutal in the degradation it inflicts on women; and they were free from that vice, more destructive to civilization than any other can possibly be, the artificial restriction of families, the practice of sterile marriage; and which ultimately means destruction of the nation. The loss of the paternal and maternal instincts among men and women, the defilement of a cold, calculating selfishness, the failure to understand that there are no other joys and no other duties connected with the happy family life of father, mother and children—all this represents a far worse evil than even the worst of purely political evils can be. The evil of divorce and all kindred evils are merely subsidiary in wickedness and evil results to this great and central evil. If the average man is not most anxious to be a good father, performing his full duty to his wife and children; if the average woman is not most anxious to be a good and happy wife and mother, the mother of plenty of healthy and happy and well-trained children; then not only have the average man and the average woman missed what is infinitely the highest happiness of life, but they are bad citizens of the worst type; and the nation in which they represent the average type of citizen is doomed to undergo the hopeless disaster which it deserves. In so far as the "Mormons" will stand against all hideous and degrading tendencies of this kind, they will set a good example of citizenship. If, on the other hand, the "Mormon" Church openly or secretly endeavors to reintroduce polygamy, then it has marked itself for destruction, and has become an ally of the forces of evil so potent as to oblige all decent citizens to join against it. The "Mormons" who realize this fact and stand as you do, and as I have every reason to believe Senator Smoot does, on these matters, are not only fighting for the best interests of the "Mormon" Church, but are performing well the highest duties of American citizenship. Very sincerely yours, Theodore Roosevelt.

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### FINE BILL AT THE LOGAN NEXT WEEK

The Logan theatre is announcing for next Tuesday and Wednesday, the biggest attraction of the season, in the Cowboy and Indian Frontier pictures.

These pictures consist of 3,000 feet of the greatest moving pictures in the world and were photographed at a cost of \$35,000, and include bronco riding, fancy roping contests, star roping, expert rifle shooting, hitching and driving wild horses, lady bucking broncho riders, squaw races, ladies cow pony races, etc.

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### True to Her Sex.

A certain militant suffragist in West Philadelphia has a seven-year-old daughter who has imbibed her mother's principles with regard to the intellectual efficiency of women.

In school the other day the teacher was telling the class something about hens.

"You can't teach a hen anything," she said. "You can teach a dog or a cat, but you can't teach a hen. There is nothing so stupid as a hen."

The suffragist's daughter threw her curly head back defiantly and contradicted the teacher then and there.

"That's not fair," she burst out, "and I don't think it's true. I guess a hen knows every bit as much as a rooster. So there!" Philadelphia Times.

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To be sold at public auction at Burley, Idaho, April 21st. This land is under the Minidoka government project. Land selling for twenty five dollars an acre or less will receive one tenth payment on date of purchase, balance in eighteen annual instalments. Land selling for over twenty five dollars per acre will require two tenths payment on date of purchase and balance in sixteen annual instalments. Reduced rates will be made via the Oregon Short Line, tickets on sale from Utah points April 19th and 20th, and from Idaho points April 20th and 21st. See agents for rates and further particulars. a20.

### PROSPERITY IN LOGAN.

Everton & Sons report very good trade in spring lines this year. They are building extensive additions to their store to take care of their increased trade.

### NOTICE TO WATER USERS.

State Engineer's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 14, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Olo Sonne, whose post office address is Logan, Utah, has made application in accordance with the requirements of the compiled Laws of Utah, 1907, as amended by the Session Laws of Utah, 1909, to appropriate twelve (12) cub feet per second of water from Three Mile Creek, Cache county, Utah. Said water will be diverted at a point which lies 2,145 feet south and 1,320 feet west of the northeast corner of section 29, township 12 north, range 1 west, Salt Lake base and meridian, from where it will be conveyed by means of a canal for a distance of 1,485 feet and there used during the period from June 1 to September 15, inclusive, of each year, to irrigate 120 acres of land embraced in sections 28 and 29, township 12 north, Range 1 west, Salt Lake base and meridian. This application is designated in the State Engineer's office as No. 3,500.

All protests against the granting of said application, stating the reasons therefor, must be made by affidavit in duplicate and filed in this office within thirty (30) days after the completion of the publication of this notice.

CALEB TANNER, State Engineer.

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### NOSE WAS FIRST



She—That nose tells the story. He—Yesh, dear, but I had a much better one ready to tell you.

### A PERFECT GEM



Mrs. Westende—My new maid is a treasure. She is a jewel! Mrs. Upptowne—A diamond, I should say, judging from the scratches on your glassware and mirrors!

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The Theorist—Even though you seem successful for a time, you will find some day that you have not a friend left in the world. The Politician—That's all right. It's a part of my business to see that my friends don't get left.

### THIRSTY INDIVIDUAL



Particular Soubrette—That fellow would drive anyone to drink. Thirsty Comedian—Would you mind introducing me?

### PUNCTUAL



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