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Editor Truth:

The Presbyterian Board of Home Missions and the leaders of the American party, Salt Lake, are working hand in hand to injure Utah, and are advertising to the world that Utah is a hot-bed of treason, despotism, anarchy and crime. The Rev. Delos Fink who appears to be at the head of the anti-Utah literary department of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions is traveling through the eastern states giving magic lantern lectures in Presbyterian churches on "Mormonism a Despotism within a Republic." This lecture is published in book form which with 69 magic lantern slides he will loan for \$1.50 per night to anyone who will slander Utah and give the proceeds to the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. The money thus obtained is to redeem Utah from its awful condition of "treason, despotism anarchy, and crime."

On Jan. 28th in the First Presbyterian church in Gloucester, New Jersey, it was my privilege to attend the Rev. Mr. Fink's lecture on Utah, "A Despotism within a Republic." I have heard Dr. T. C. Iliff, the Rev. Mr. Robinson, have read extracts from Mrs. Devore, Frank J. Cannon, C. C. Goodwin, Charley Owen, Hans Freese, Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs. Sarah Jane Elliott, Dr. Paden, Brother Wishard, Rev. Clemmenson, Rev. Frederick Zimmer and other Utah slanderers, but he Rev. Mr. Fink is the limit, the greatest defamer of the whole bunch. The Rev. Fink has united, combined and boiled down all the choice slurs, slanders, and falsehoods of the Tribune and the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions in one hour's talk. Mr. Fink has no more regard for the truth and facts

than a hog has for a flower garden. Mr. Fink stated at the commencement of his lecture that the Mormon people, who compose the great majority of the people of Utah, were thieves, vagabonds, drunkards, traitors, despots, anarchists and criminals of all imaginable kinds; that the law abiding citizens of Salt Lake City had organized themselves into an "American Party" to try to redeem Utah from her traitorous condition; that in 215 towns in Utah the public schools were Mormon sectarian schools; that the "State Agricultural college is surcharged with Mormonism which is debasing;" that "polygamy is taught publically every Sunday;" that it is also taught "that God has many wives, that sin even is necessary to progress and therefore justifiable;" that the Mormons resort to bloodshedding to carry out their doctrine of blood atonement; "that persons suspected of apostasy from the faith, have been put to death to save their souls from perdition;" "that the Salt Lake Tribune estimated that 600 victims of this foul doctrine had been murdered."

He pictures a Utah public school, all Mormon children (the poorest school he could find in all Utah) and he insults our children by stating, when he exhibits this picture, that "scarcely a real bright face is to be seen, but the lower animal nature seems to be strongly in evidence, their minds are filled with debasing teachings, etc." He illustrates the Westminster college of Salt Lake City and repeats Robert Stevenson's and Brother Wishard's lie by stating "that it is the only Protestant Christian college within a radius of 600 miles of Salt Lake City."

Mr. Fink's anti-Utah lecture is certainly the climax of scurrility slander

and defamation. He is truly a star actor and a good agent for the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, and the American party of Salt Lake City. His statue should be cast in heroic bronze and placed on the Tribune office, where the Ministerial association, Tom Kearns, Frank Cannon, C. C. Goodwin and Charley Owen could look up to, adore, and draw dirty inspiration. Mr. Fink exhibited the Utah Devil Fish badge and emblem of the Salt Lake Ministerial association. This is a map of the United States with Utah as a big black blot on it in the shape of a huge hideous looking devil fish. That Devil Fish map spoke more slander, more treason, more hatred, and more vituperation, than all the rest of his lecture. He instilled into the minds of his audience that the congress and president of the United States were fools or in league with an octopus when they admitted Utah into the union of states. He insulted the United States army for allowing such a thing to exist. He insulted every person, industry and institution in Utah. He said he would place on the map of Utah four words (and made a special request of his audience to remember them) Treason, Despotism, Anarchy, and Crime.

This devil fish map and the four words were reflections on Mr. Fink's mind, and the minds of those who designed that hideous emblem. Treason is disloyalty, and the person who designed such a map to injure a sister state and her people, and the preachers who exhibit it through the country are disloyal to the union of states, and are therefore traitors. The next word was "despotism." Mr. Fink put the state of Utah and the Mormon church on trial, and neither he nor the pastor of the church would allow any defense, even when offered \$2000 for the privilege. The only places on the globe, civilized or uncivilized, that I know anything about, where they

do not allow the accused to make any defense are in the political trials in despotic Russia and in despotic anti-Mormon meetings.

The next word was "anarchy." Mr. Fink pictured Uncle Sam as sleeping and having allowed an awful Mormon monster to get into the United States senate; that the United States senate had been corrupted by politics in allowing this monster to remain there; that the United States army and the United States officers in Utah allowed treason, despotism, anarchy and crime to go unmolested, and in instilling such anarchistic thoughts into his audience, Mr. Fink was teaching anarchy and was therefore an anarchist.

The last word was "crime." Any man who will teach falsehood, hatred, strife, discord and religious anarchy to little children as Mr. Fink did for a few pieces of silver, is a criminal.

Mr. Fink closes his lecture and also his book with the following appeal for money, "Plainly it is the duty of the (Presbyterian) church to arise at once in her might, not to do less for the deliverance of the young people of Utah, but a great deal more for their protection. * * * Our board of home missions lacks funds to do this. How shall the need be met? A practical suggestion, homely, but direct, is that if you put your hands in your pockets you will doubtless find the remedy.

Blood money. Talk about tainted money. Every Presbyterian church and missionary in Utah who receives any part of his support from the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions is living on a lie that has for its object to taint every baby, every child, every young man and maiden, every silver haired patriarch of pioneer days, every school, every college and all business and institutions of Utah. Mr. Fink's lecture is an infinite lie, every church where he gives it is a public curse. The Presbyterian Board of Home Missions which