Church and State in Utah.

The Mormon system has been ed church and state; like the papacy, it has made the church supreme in both religious and civil affairs. And in this respect Mormonism remains today what it was Brigham Young.

the territory of Utah was received into the Union as a sovereign state. The nation refused to receive polygamy, and compelled this (as it thought) to be thrown out; but it took in a union of church and state. And now it is discovering that this church and state system was the real evil of Mormonism, and the territory controlled by it into the Union. For it is now seen that the Mormon church rules in Utah, and that under its rule the baneful lopped off from the parent tree by the sword of the civil power, is budding into new life and bids fair to develop again as of old. Upon this under the heading "Mormonism Again a Foe," speaks the following:

intended to keep them, have been received from time to time, but all have felt that the proof must be of the strongest before the nation would be justified in believing it must bring pressure to bear to compel good faith. The time seems to have come, however, when forbearance is no longer a virtue and when the Mormon problem must be faced without compromise and the Mormon people taught that Americans will not tolerate the plural marriage in their country.

triumph would be considered a no- American government.-[American tice that polygamy was to be forced Sentinel. 'down the throats of congress and the American people.' He says he has taken no wives since the antipolygamy manifesto, but was justified in maintaining his relations best newspaper published in the with those to whom he had been Pacific Northwest. The subscripunited before; and that the law tion price is \$1.50 per year. We against such association adopted by will give it, together with the Torch the Mormon legislature-like some of Reason, for the exceedingly low Connecticut blue laws-is not en- price of \$1.75. You will get two forced because there is no sentiment papers for a little more than the behind it. The contention, how- price of one.

ever, can not be admitted, as the Mormon leaders and representatives pledged themselves again and from the first a system which unit- again that the last vestige of the system had been wiped out before statehood was granted and that it should never rise again to plague the nation.

"What guaranty have we that in the days of Joseph Smith and the Mormons will obey one part of the statute more than another? If Under the control of this system, there is no public sentiment requiring the enforcement of a law against cohabitation with polygamous wives, what sentiment will enforce one against the taking of more wives? When Mormon authorities and even the governor of Utah are engaged in flaunting the divinity of the 'celestial marriage' system, is it probable that they will real argument against receiving the long refrain from putting it into execution once more?

"It would be an affront to the American people and the Christian churches for congress to allow Mr. branch of polygamy, which was Roberts to hold his seat in the house of representatives in the face of his plain defiance of the national demands. It seems impossible that some means should not be point the New York Independent, found of unseating him without trouble under former anti-Polygamy laws, the amnesty proclama-"There has been a disposition tion of President Harrison and the among the Christian people of the enabling act of Utah, and this nation not to judge the Mormon means should be taken without people too harshly since they pro- hesitation. The Mormon people fessed humility and promised that should be shown that no polygthey would abandon polygamy out amist will be seated in either house Corner Main and Water Streets, of respect for American opinion and of congress, as a warning that the would never again countenance the nation is prepared to take stern union of church and state. Reports measures against such a practice. from Utah that they were breaking Measures should be devised to punthese pledges and that it was never ish those who do not heed the warning."

> Mormonism is not "again" a foe; it has been such all the time; and the mistake of the American people was in not recognizing it as such, without polygamy the same as with it. For that mistake they may yet pay dearly. Mistakes made upon such a point are always costly.

The nation required the Mormon church to discontinue polygamy and promise that it would never be revived. But the promise of a church that maintains a union with "The Mormons themselves have the state is not to be trusted. The given us the convincing proof by American people apparently begin sending to congress an ardent po- to realize that the promise of dislygamist, one who is thoroughly carding polygamy is not to be kept, identified with Mormon interests, and it will be well if they discern and who was elected after fair the real reason why Mormonism warning had been given that his has proved itself incompatible with

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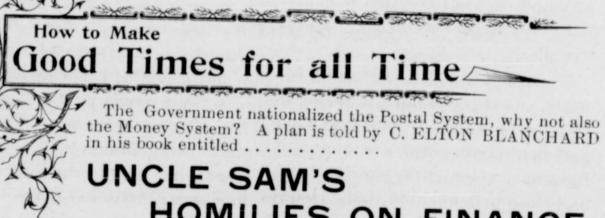
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