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THE MORMON QUESTION.

Some law or other this session is being forced upon us that these fellows who go to congress, size up as being on par with average humanity, and some very ordinary humanity at that. For the sake of a record, they will advocate measures that are dangerous to the stability of our old theory of government. If Edmunds' last bill becomes a law, it will establish the precedent that when a majority of the members of congress believe any particular church or religion is wrong, congress can make that church a part of the government, and appoint trustees to take charge of the church and church property. In the present instance, we all believe that some of the practices of the Mormon church are morally and legally wrong, on account of decrees but to attempt to amend our constitution and make out all theory of religious freedom give the government a right to take charge of this church and church property? If this bill becomes a law, could not congress, upon the same theory, say that the Catholic church is morally and legally wrong and a menace to the stability of our institutions, and appoint trustees to take charge of that church and church property? If congress can force us with one church, congress can do it with any and all, or for this God becomes a law, it is God and religion. As long as Polygamy leads, there will always be politicians who will try to make us believe in the doctrines of the Mormon church, and we need no other right to fall back on in our crusade against Mormonism. We believe that the leaders of the Mormon church are impostors and knaves, and the law abiding citizens have the right to believe in the morality of Joe Smith and join the Mormon church is as sacredly as our right to believe in the creeds and join the church founded by Wesley. These latter-day measures against the Mormons savor of the religious practices of two hundred years ago, and is most fittingly advocated by a man hailing from a state that burned old women for Indian witches, and hunted Roger Williams for being a Baptist and appointed trustees to take charge of his church and property.

SILVER AND FREE TRADE.

We have heard it stated that the advocates of silver in congress and out are for the most part free traders and tariff reformers, while the gold bugs are mostly protectionists. This would be a singular fact, if it is as we claim, the argument is not true, because a majority of the silver advocates are from the South and West, it is assumed that they are also for free trade or tariff reform, because these sections were once strongholds of that policy. But one must remember that the feeling for protection is now as strong in some of the southern states as in Massachusetts; while New York, the stronghold of free trade, governed by its bankers and speculators, is intensely for the gold standard. The trade is the managed and speculative interests are opposed to silver and in favor of gold as a single standard and their opposition is simply for selfish reasons, while the people, who may be termed the debtor class, are in favor of silver and opposed to a single standard. One class is in favor of a law giving them cheap money or currency, and the power to do this is the strongest side of the question, while the other is opposed to it. The tariff question is not a factor in congressional controversy for looking over the world we find free traders and protectionists standing together in support of the people's money and against the bankers and capitalists. The question should be supported and fought out on its own merits and should stand on its own feet and be allowed to fall on its own merits.

The anti-christ prophecy of the Plain organ that with the advent of a Democratic administration a blight would fall on American industries and that want and poverty would increase, has not been verified. On the contrary, the last few months have seen a general revival of business and a corresponding mitigation of the evils of "hard times." Money is more plentiful, industries are thriving, and there is a general feeling of confidence in all branches of industry.—*Times-Democrat.*

It is not often one finds such liberal sentiments as the above in a partisan paper, but Bro. Michell has nearly always been willing to support right, let it emanate from what ever source it may, and condemn wrong, though it may be the pet measure of the leaders of his own party, and his paper is accordingly a safe guide, though it has Republican organ. If the editors of both parties had always been honest, the thousands of frauds that have degraded our nation would have been unknown. Unfortunately they could not have been founded.

There does not seem to be the usual row in Washington this winter about who should stand next to the throne, the White House receptions. There must be an outburst of common sense among the office seekers and place hunters that came in with the new administration.—*Salem Statesman.*

Yes, the reign of snobbery and toadyism was over when Blaine was defeated. Common sense and honesty appear to be Cleveland's best hold, and it does our souls good to see that our Republican friends are falling to pieces. An honest, common sense, Democratic administration at Washington, and a steady revival of business throughout the union is somewhat different from the dire results predicted last year by the Blaine organs, but the people have wanted a change a long time.

LATEST NEWS.

Philadelphia had a one million dollar fire on the night of the 4th.

North Pacific papers will establish a steamship line to Alaska.

Speaker Carlisle was inaugurated governor of Ohio last Monday.

Pete Hammond John L. Sullivan and matched to fight for $2,500 a side.

S. A. Blakeney of Harrisburg has bought the Oberlin flouring mills at Albany.

The Knights of Labor will soon begin publishing a weekly newspaper at Seattle.

It is announced that the American Shell mount Incline has been postponed to 1887.

They have been having some cold weather in California. At Fresno there is seventeen inches of ice.

A fire at Willits Junction, on last Sunday, destroyed the O. R. & N. tool shed and hotel, valued at $30,000.

Pendleton *Tribune*: A boy and girl, whose ages aggregate 25 and 15 respectively, were married at Willow Creek on Christmas.

Two cases of smallpox or variloid are reported in a family by the name of Sanders, who live fifteen miles west of Walla Walla.

It is stated that the great speed manufacturer, Marshall, of Sheffield, England, is about to remove his entire works to America.

D. H. Thomas, editor of the Pioneer, at Forest Grove, was assaulted and shot twice by some unknown assassin last Sunday.

Trains throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia were delayed from ten to fifteen hours by snow blockades last Monday.

A quartz ledge, the rock from which assays $257 per ton, has been discovered on the Molalla, twenty-five miles from Salem.

Already 3[illegible] bills have been introduced in the house of representatives. At this rate congress is liable to be in session for a good while.

A New York dispatch, dated Jan. 16, says: The storm last night was almost unparalleled in extent. It was widespread and violent. It was the nearest approach to the unprecedented western blizzard New York has experienced in years. The railroads are blockaded and the wires are down. The mails are delayed by land and sea throughout the entire Atlantic coast.

SUMMONS

IN THE JUSTICE'S COURT FOR PRINEVILLE PRECINCT, CROOK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON.

Dorsey A. Foley, Pltf.,
vs.
W. F. Russell, Deft.

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