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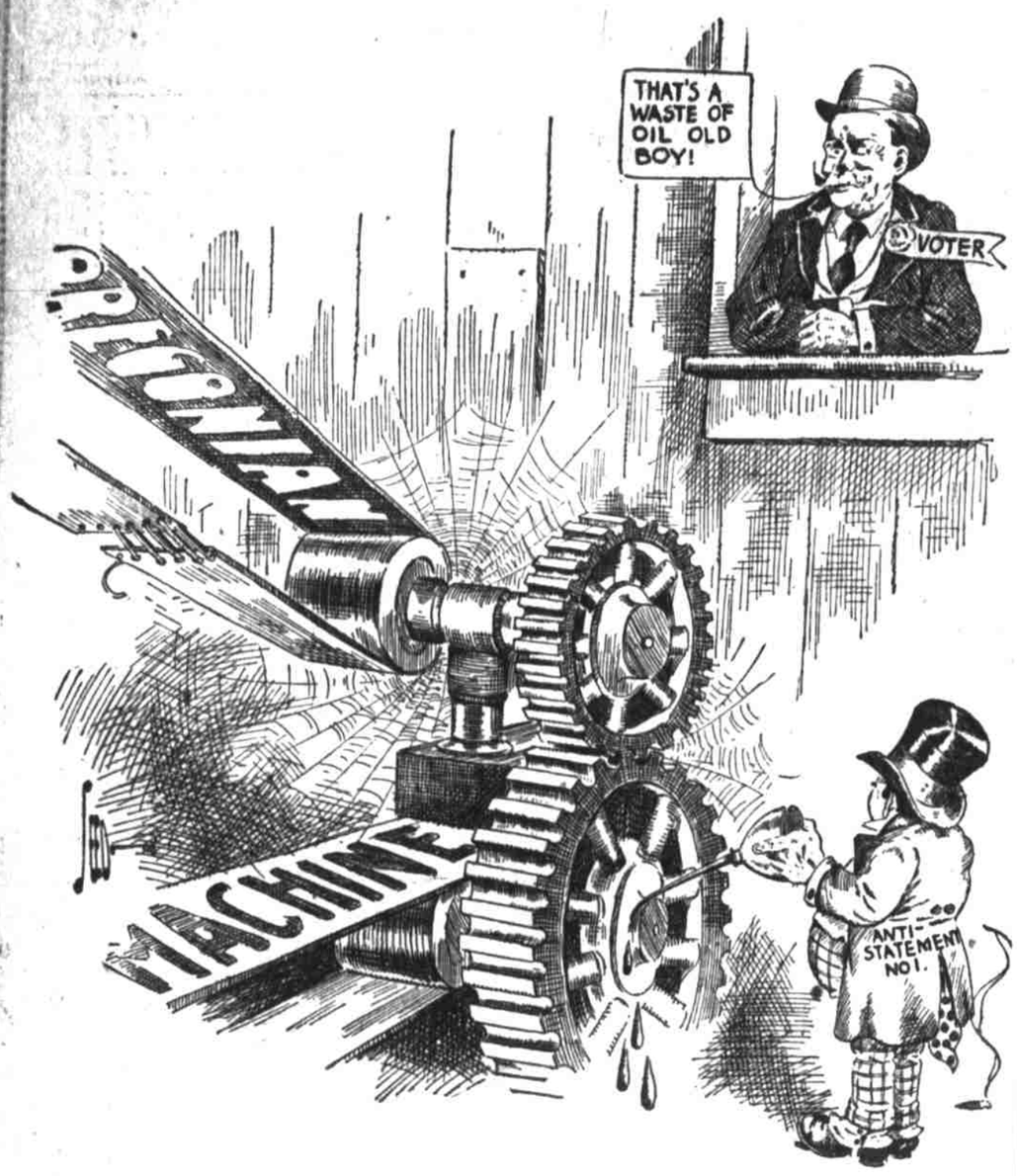

A Hopeless Task

MORMON PROBLEM CONFRONTS ARIZONA

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When the homeseekers came to the Salt river valley, where the most populous region of Arizona is now, they found what seemed to be a very clearly defined system of irrigation, that had evidently been made by people who had long since passed away. These ditches were laid so straight, that the modern system of irrigation has in a large measure followed the ancient channels.

Scholars have made a most exhaustive study of the old landmarks and ruins that are scattered through this part of the territory, and the fact is well established that this valley was highly populated before the discovery of America by Columbus.

More than 200,000 semi-civilized people are believed to have lived here. Some one has given to these otherwise nameless people the name of Toltec and some have classed them with the Aztec race, but save to an enthusiastic student, it makes but small difference by what name they are called, but the fact of this prehistoric race is of interest and many are the conjectures as to what was the catastrophe that destroyed them before the dawn of American history.

Many Interesting Ruins.

It is a very clearly established fact also that later the Pemah Indians once lived in this valley and have left marks of that life that are now recognized by some of the older ones, although their legends do not point to a residence here.

Near the place from which I am now writing there are many interesting ruins in which scholars may read the history of the ancient people. When the modern emigrants came this way in search of homes they found friendly Indians in possession who knew nothing of the uses of the irrigating ditches around them and who had suffered the old Paradise of the Toltecs to go back to the desolation of the desert.

The treeless desert of 30 years ago has been so changed that it could scarcely be recognized. The irrigation system is being rapidly pushed out from the centers and semi-tropical trees of thick growth shade the arid plains and hills. The winters so far as I have been able to sample them in my short visit here, are very delightful, but the summers, despite the enthusiastic disclaimers of the residents, I am sure, must be of almost unbearable heat.

A story goes the rounds that, in spite of the newspaper stamp that it bears, seems to me to be quite believable. It is said that a Yuma soldier died here and after a few days he sent back, from the warm climate to which he was supposed to have gone, for his blankets. One can easily believe that the thermometer at 110 for a long period, may not be at all desirable, and when one contemplates it, one is inclined to think with more of satisfaction of the ideal Oregon climate in summer.

Faces Mormon Problem.

In common with other portions of the southwest, Arizona has the Mormon problem on her hands and it promises to be one of no small proportions. Indeed, it seems high time that our Pacific coast people were awakened to the danger particularly of that most dangerous teaching of polygamy.

It is true that they make loud and vigorous denials of this doctrine and its practice. These denials, however, lose much of their force when one comes face to face with some of the internal evidences, that may be seen by the most superficial observer in the Mormon communities.

For instance, in a small place which I visited a few days ago they only lay claim to 1,500 inhabitants, but I addressed in the public schools 800 pupils, not many of whom came from outside of the village.

On a tombstone in the cemetery is engraved, "Mourned by 23 children, 40 grand children and 100 great grand children." I was told as a matter of interest that a man by the name of Johnson died but little more than a year ago in this same place who claimed 850 direct descendants. He had 89 children, 56 of whom were sons and 30 daughters.

This to a superficial observer seems to be pretty conclusive evidence of a disregard of the Edmunds law. Since the famous Smoot investigation the lines between the Mormon and the Gentile population are more tightly drawn, and any effort to reach them with "Gentile" influence is stubbornly resisted by their leaders. The younger portion of the Mormon church are popularly supposed to be opposed to plural marriage, particularly the young women, and in this lies all of the hope that there will come from within the Mormon church itself a reformatory influence.

Church Teaching Wrong.

There is, however, the teaching of the church itself, "the call of the (human) wild," to which plural marriage is such a satisfactory institution, the well-known power of religious fervor and fanaticism to make martyrdom even a glory, to take into account in the analysis of this problem. I have myself heard women of more than ordinary culture and refinement, women of more than ordinary sensitive natures, declare plural marriage to be the ideal home life.

I very well recall a woman of this character who said, "It takes much grace to live in plural marriage, I hope that God will not ask it of me, but if he does I trust that I may be given the grace to bow to his will and live as I ought."

This spirit, together with the fact that the Mormon woman is taught by her religion that she only has immortality through her husband and that if she angers him or opposes him it is optional with him whether he shall "call her" to the resurrection, holds all of the woman's nature that rebels against the unnatural condition of polygamy, in check.

In connection with this I am reminded of a ludicrous incident that came to my knowledge when on a visit to Utah some years ago. An old lawyer who had practiced law in Utah for some years, among many incidents coming under his own observation, told me of a woman who had been married and also sealed to her husband.

Upon being left a widow she, by and by, desired to marry the second time. The wedding day to husband number two drew near when he discovered that his prospective bride could not be sealed to him as the Mormon church is not inclined to be liberal in the matter of husbands, and although a man may have any number of celestial wives, the woman must confine herself to one husband.

Brigham Solves Several Problems.

So this poor woman, having been sealed to one husband and thus being his wife for eternity, could not be sealed to another. The prospective bridegroom was naturally opposed to wandering all through eternity alone, and refused marriage without sealing.

The poor woman was evidently enamored of him and went to Brigham Young who was at that time living.

He was equal to the seemingly difficult emergency and readily cut the Gordian knot by divorcing her from her dead husband. The marriage ceremony that made her happy for the second time was performed, but scarce had the honeymoon waned, than tender thoughts of husband No. 1 came to shadow her bliss, and the thought of his having to live all of eternity alone, without a wife to his name, sent her once more to the clever Brigham for the solution of this new grief.

He was equal to the occasion and granted her a permit extraordinary which made it possible for her to "go through the temple" as a proxy for a young woman of her acquaintance, who, by the way was never apprised of the honor conferred upon her, and this young woman was sealed to the dead husband to thus be his wife for eternity.

How Brigham will solve the difficulty when this wife, so strangely wed, shall wake up in eternity with two husbands, as I am told she was subsequently sealed to another man, I can only conjecture.

He never was at a loss in this world and he may be equally wise in the next. It seems an almost unthinkable thing that these awful practices have not received such attention from our lawmakers as would have given the ignorant people who are their victims the protection that the strong owe to the weak.

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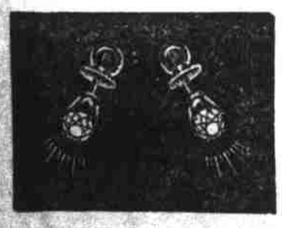

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Evangelist Allen Wilson.

"Dr. Wilson is very attractive as a public speaker," says one who has heard him, "the only criticism upon him being the fact that he speaks so rapidly, directly and aggressively that there is no chance to sleep. Both the sleepers and the pillars in the church, and the sinners both outside and inside the church, are kept awake in the wholly futile effort to try to dodge his shots that fly out at the audience with gatling gun effect."

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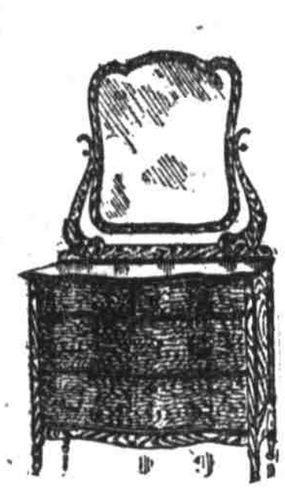

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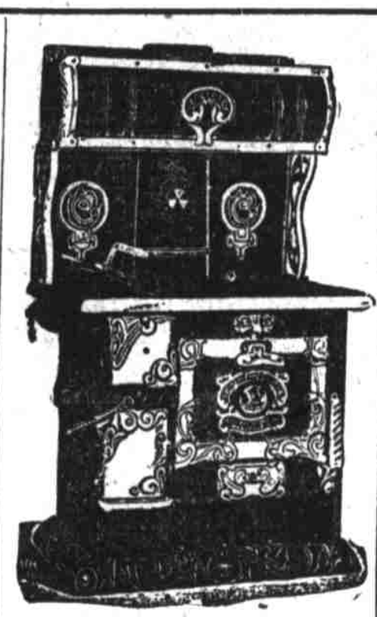

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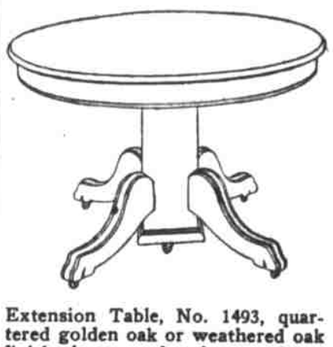

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WILL CELEBRATE EMMET'S BIRTH

Local Hibernians Prepare Elaborate Program for Annual Observance.

Robert Emmet's birthday will be observed by Portland members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Woodmen's temple, Eleventh and Alder streets, March 2. An elaborate program has been prepared by the committee consisting of D. J. McLoughlin, Pierce Hailey, James Foley, J. W. McGinn, M. Doyle, E. H. Deery and D. W. Lane.

Oeping remarks will be made by John O'Hara, chairman of the evening, and the principal address will be given by Lawyer E. S. J. McAllister. Recitations and vocal solos will also be part of the entertainment. The complete program follows:

Program.

Opening remarks will be made by John Harp", Daughters of Erin chorus, Miss Elizabeth McMahon, accompanist; recitation, "O'Connell's Grave," Master Aloysius Hyland; song, "A Handful of Earth," Mrs. W. J. Smith; "Emmet's Speech From the Dock," Paul Smith; song, "Oh, Breathe Not His Name," Miss Lena Harwas; address of evening, E. S. J. McAllister; piano and violin duet, Miss Elizabeth McMahon and Miss M. Haggerty; song, "Will My Soul Pass Through Ireland?" Miss Rodna Hughes; song, selected, Joe Thompson; "Star Spangled Banner," Daughters of Erin chorus and audience.

Emmet is a name to conjure with among all true, liverty-loving Irishmen. Born in Dublin, March 4, 1778, Robert Emmet lived but a short life so far as years are concerned, being executed at the age of 25. In his life, however, he crowded more deeds for his country than any other of the great Irish patriots in the same length of time. But it was not so much what he did while alive as the spirit he aroused and which lived after his death that causes his name to live in fond remembrance among the Irish.

Masterful Orator.

His speech in defense of his motives for the uprising which he labored so long in the planning is the mold from which nearly all later Irish patriots have shaped their thoughts and acts. As an oration it is considered as one of the best in the English language.

Emmet entered Trinity college and was expelled when but 20 years of age because of an expression of ideas considered revolutionary. He then left Ireland and visited the continent. Arriving in Paris he became the confidant of the Jacobins and a leader in a select circle of Irish exiles who aided in the cause of French republicanism.

Returning to Ireland Emmet engaged in an uprising which failed to accomplish its purpose. Emmet was accused and tried on the charge of being a French emissary. This he denied, but admitted his hostility to the government. Despite his protestations of innocence of the charge on which he was tried and convicted Emmet was summarily executed.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST BONQUET

Former Students at Christian Brothers College Renew Acquaintances.

At the Sargent grill last night, Hawthorne and Grand avenues, the newly formed alumni association of the Christian Brothers college held its first annual banquet and reunion. More than 60 members of the alumni were present. Brother Michael, first president of the college, came to Portland from Los Angeles to be present last night and was one of the honored guests of the alumni. The occasion was an especially enjoyable one and will be commemorated each year hereafter.

Toasts were given by different members and guests as follows: "The Alumni," W. P. Sinnott, '89; "The Christian Brothers," C. T. Hughes, St. Mary's, '99; "Pioneer Days of the Christian Brothers in Portland," Brother Michael; "The New College," Brother Andrew; "The Day We Celebrate," Charles J. McDonald, '95; "Reminiscences of College Days," W. J. Petrain, '93. Other remarks were made by guests and members present as they were called upon by Toastmaster Dr. W. A. Trimble, '90.

Music during the evening was furnished by Rudd's orchestra. The entertainment and banquet was arranged under the management of a special committee appointed by the association including Dr. Trimble, '90, Joseph O'Conunor, '90, and A. W. Harris, '03.

The alumni association of the Christian Brothers college, now called the Blanchet institute, with buildings at Fifth and Mill streets, was never organized until three weeks ago last night at a reunion of the old students in the buildings on Fifth street. The organization of the alumni association was coincident with the effort recently launched by the college for the construction of new buildings and the establishment of a business college.

A block has been purchased at Clackamas street and Grand avenue and buildings will be erected on the property at once at a total outlay of $50,000. Work on the buildings will be started at once. The property on the west side of the river will be devoted to other purposes.

The alumni association was organized with the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: President, W. P. Sinnot '89; vice-president, Dr. J. C. Zan '90; secretary, W. J. Petrain '93; treasurer, Charles J. MacDonald '95; directors, Joseph O'Connor '90, J. Campbell '04, F. I. Webber '02.

AMITY REPUBLICANS SUPPORTING NO. 1

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Amity, Or., Feb. 22.—The call for a county convention to tinker with the primary law is regarded here as a move of the political bosses to get back to the machine methods of doing business and is not taken favorably. The following has been circulated here:

"To the Republican county convention of Yamhill county: We, the undersigned Republican voters of Amity precinct of Yamhill county, pledge ourselves as opposed to any and all candidates for office that will not uphold Statement No. 1 as it now reads."

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