



SECRET OF MORMON SUCCESS.

The Northwestern Christian Advocate, a Methodist paper of Chicago, says: "During 1899 the Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and Methodists gained 49,300, while the Mormon church with a population about one-fifteenth as large, gained 63,900, or about 13,000 more than all of them put together. This can only be accounted for by the fact that they have from 1,700 to 2,000 missionaries going all over the country, visiting from house to house and making converts."

The Advance, a Congregational paper of Chicago, says: "According to the statistics of religious bodies in the United States the Mormons have increased during the past ten years from 144,352 to 300,000, more than double during the decade. For more than a generation Mormonism has been discredited in the estimation of the more enlightened minds by the gross materialism of its doctrines; by its antagonism to the principles of democracy; by its strong intolerance which would play the part of 'boxer' with all other forms of religion, if it had the power; by its serpent-tongued mode of proselyting, which withholds knowledge of its 'peculiar' doctrines until the victims are fully in its power; and by its long and continued effort to make lust the chief virtue. Its great increase is mainly because of the zeal of its missionaries and members. At present one Mormon out of every one-hundred and twenty-five, including children, are out doing missionary work in behalf of the system, about 2,000 in all, of whom the majority are in this country. The system controls the vote of Utah, and holds the balance of power in most of the surrounding states and territories."

William E. Smythe, in Harper's Weekly, says: "For a full half-century public sentiment has waged war on the Mormon church. Its latest achievement, accomplished by a popular uprising of American women, with the practically unanimous support of organized religion throughout the country, was to banish Brigham H. Roberts from the halls of congress. Its next effort, according to a prominent Congregational newspaper, will be to attempt the conversion of the Mormon hosts by the careful distribution of tracts among their homes in Utah. In opposition to these lines of work the New England newspapers report great activity among the Mormon missionaries in the old state of Maine. It is said that they are speaking to large audiences, and meeting with success in forming local societies with a view to building churches, and that their success is so great that they have sent for more missionaries to assist in their prosperous labors. During the past few months the Mormon authorities at Salt Lake have concluded negotiations for the purchase of large tracts of land watered by the irrigation enterprise in Big Horn country of Wyoming. It is announced that they will send thirty thousand settlers into that district during the present season which will witness the beginning of their colonization there."

"The Mormon church is growing faster today than ever before in its history. It is building more churches, planting more settlements, maintaining more missionaries all over the earth. The general public appears to know nothing of it only polygamy. And polygamy is only the ornamental buckle on its shoe. Behind that is the sturdy body and enterprising brain of a great materialism, which possesses attractions far more potent than a plurality of wives. Whatever mysteries may be embalmed within the exclusive walls of Mormon temples, there is nothing secret about their method of gaining converts and making

these converts contented.

"The Mormon policy is colonization. Its method is co-operation. Fifty years of expanding prosperity have shown that this is a winning combination. There is no reason to suppose that it will appeal less effectively in the future than in the past. On the contrary, present economic tendencies more urgently favor emigration and co-operative industry than those of twenty-five or fifty years ago. Where the missionaries of other churches speak chiefly of security in the life to come, Mormon missionaries add their prescription for security here and now. The missionary who holds out the hope of "three square meals a day" in this world has a striking advantage over his rival who only deals in the hopes of futurity. The great social and economic facts which alone give the Mormon religion a habitation and a name and enable it to survive the assaults of congresses, presidents and all of the churches of the land, have been overlooked and not understood. The truth is that the Mormon church is a great plan of co-operative settlement, to which thousands of people have fled as a rock of refuge. Those who ask that church for bread do not get a stone. They get an irrigated farm. They get the shrewd but kindly assistance of able men in making their way from servitude to self-employment and landed proprietorship. All the church asks in return is obedience."

Dairying in Oregon. In a bulletin recently issued by Prof. F. L. Kent, of O. A. C., the following statements are made relating to dairying in this state: While the cheese factories and creameries in Eastern Oregon are yet very few in number, this section of the state is believed to have great possibilities as a dairy region, especially in the northern portion. Indeed, parties familiar with dairying in Southern Minnesota are of the opinion that this section of Oregon will eventually rival equal portions of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa in the quantity and quality of its dairy products. In the fall of 1890 the most up-to-date creamery in the state was established at the town of Milton.

A person familiar with the topography of a mountainous region would scarcely realize the amount of territory covered by the foothills of a mountain chain like the Coast Range. It is safe to say that a strip of country averaging 30 miles in width and extending clear across the state from north to south is occupied by this range of mountains and its foothills. On the western side of the Coast Range these hills are usually covered either with a dense growth of timber, generally fir, or with a luxuriant growth of fern. And it is reported that where the fern has been killed and cultivated, and grasses such as clovers introduced, they have made their way clear to the summit of these hills, and prediction has been made that in the future this region may not be unlike picturesque and practical Switzerland from a dairy standpoint.

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Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of Martha J. Rice, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County, Oregon, on the 26th day of February, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Court House in Corvallis, Oregon, in the time and place fixed by the Court for hearing objections, if any, to said final account and the settlement thereof. Dated January 11, 1901.

Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Property. In the matter of the Estate of James Abraham, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the county court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah county made and entered on the 10th day of November, 1900, I will from and after the 7th day of March, 1901, proceed to sell at private sale the following described real property of said estate, and all the right, title and interest which said James Abraham had therein at the time of his decease, to-wit:

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