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laws. The country has been talkscruples about pretending or promising anything that may suit immediate needs. If public opinion rises, the Mormon conspiracy will pretend to yield, will possibly go through the form of abolishing polygamy, and will do what it can to break the force of the attack. But the institution will nevertheless remain precisely the same in fact, if not in form; the law will be systematically and deliberately defied in the name of a church; secret obligations will still bind men and women to defeat the courts and to prevent the enforcement of the laws; and the organized rebellion against the United States will continue to claim the powers and immunities of a self-governing territory. All this it is safe to count upon, because the past history of this insurrection is such that no other course can with reason be expected.

against laws Divine and human, a conspiracy against civilization and decency, a chronic insurrection against the authority of the United States carried on through the forms of a territorial government created and maintained by the United States. All sorts of half measures have been tried, and have ignominiously failed. It is a disgrace to this practical and powerful Nation that it has so long been alternately tricked and browbeaten, duped and defied, by a set of creatures who possesses neither extraordinary ability nor the spirit