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## NOTHING "FRESH" ABOUT IT.

THE Denver *Inter-Ocean* continues to talk twaddle about the "Mormons" and polygamy, and feels considerably riled because the DESERET NEWS has invited it to say "something fresh," instead of harping upon the old strings that have been twanged all over the country, until they are so thin and withal discordant that the sound falls worse upon the public ear than "Old Dog Tray" ground out of a dilapidated barrel organ.

The *Inter-Ocean* sent a special correspondent to this city that it might be able to enlighten its readers on Utah affairs. But he was either like the man that "went down to Jericho" and has repeated what he heard in the company that he "fell among," or he has just rehashed the old pabulum that has been dealt out, warmed over and dished around for years. And the editor has added remarks on these matters as though they were something new and startling, while they have been preached about in Denver by mendicant Methodists and coin-collecting Presbyterians, and descanted upon time and time again in different papers published in the Coloradan capital as well as in every prominent place in the county.

The *Inter-Ocean* says it is not ambitious to say anything fresh on this subject, and yet gives the following, as three points that are so "fresh" that "the East is becoming excited over them." Indeed, the editor thinks they are so very "fresh" that he calls our attention, "and the attention of the world to them;" here they are:

"1. Polygamy, instead of dying out is growing. The Mormon missionaries are still bringing over whole cargoes of ignorant proselytes, who come under the promise that they will find a land of milk and honey. They are too ignorant to think for themselves, and they accept the teachings of a corrupt faith. It is the duty of the Government to stop that importation of dupes.

2. The Edmunds law is a total failure, as all other efforts at such law-making have been failures. It disfranchises polygamists, but permits Mormons whose sympathies are with polygamists, to vote. The Territory of Utah therefore remains under the control of the polygamous crew, and its laws are framed to aid plural marriages. The Mormon Church is sending East the claim that the Edmunds law is fulfilling its aim and suppressing polygamy. This is a falsehood, and we are sending East "something fresh" in the assertion that the law is a failure. It does not aid in punishing the crime, but rather aids in protecting the criminals.

3. The Mormon Church, driven from open defiance, is resorting to the cunning of the serpent. It is spreading its line of colonies with a view to gaining political power throughout the Rocky Mountain region. We propose to continue calling attention to this bit of strategy. It means that the voters of Colorado are to meet the question of polygamy at the ballot-box.

Now let us see how "fresh" they are. No. 1 has been going the rounds of the press for, no one can tell definitely how many years. We have referred to just such statements for the last thirteen years at least, during which time we have had special occasion to note the spirit and letter of the press on "Mormon" affairs. Previous to that time we frequently read similar remarks in eastern journals and smiled at the nonsense. The cargoes of proselytes that "Mormon missionaries are still bringing over," have been coming ever since Utah was first settled by the "Mormons," but they do not come under any such promises, nor are they unable to give good and substantial reasons for their change of residence and acceptance of a faith which has more force in it than anything else called religion that is taught on the face of the earth. This charge that the "Mormons" are ignorant and that promises are made to them of a "land flowing with milk and honey" is as old as it is untrue. And the duty of the Government to stop "Mormon" immigration was harped upon so much by the press years ago, that Secretary Evarts issued his silly circular to the Consuls abroad in response to the old cry which the Denver *Inter-Ocean* thinks is "something fresh."

Now for No. 2. The statement that the Edmunds law was a failure was made last November, after the election for Delegate to Congress, and has appeared almost every day in one paper or another, East or West. Is it news to the world that the Edmunds law disfranchises polygamists but permits "Mormons" who are not practical polygamists to vote?" The law was passed March 22nd, 1882, and was published in full in numerous papers, while every journal of prominence gave a summary of its provisions. Wonderfully fresh, is it not? The falsehood that the laws of Utah "are framed to aid plural marriages" has been told over and over again for twenty-five years, and led to the clause in the anti-bigamy Act of Congress of 1862, annulling all such laws. It didn't have any effect in that regard, because the statement on which it was based was an error, but it serves to show the age of the "fresh" untruth.

No. 3 is an old story too. We could give quotations from no end of papers and sermons telling the same tale, if we had space for the stuff, but we have replied to it scores of times. The last sentence in No. 3 is not new, it has been uttered by other Denver papers, but it is superlatively stupid. The question of polygamy will not have to be met at the ballot box in Colorado, for the very simple reason that it does no concern the citizens there. The "Mormon" colonists of Colorado do not contract plural marriages, or break any of the laws in that State, but are quiet agriculturists, minding their own business and conforming to the local statutes. And the question of "Mormon" marriage does not belong to the ballot box anywhere, friend *Inter-Ocean*. It is a matter of religion, and should be outside of politics altogether.

Now who can discover anything "fresh" in these wonderful three points? Even the intimation that "Mormons whose sympathies are with polygamists" ought not to be permitted to vote is not new or original. It has been expressed many times by writers for the press who have no principle and who care not a jot for constitutional freedom nor the rights of citizens, so long as the "Mormons" can be exterminated.

The *Inter-Ocean* says it does "not believe in any persecution for religion." That is an old story too. Preachers and editors said that over forty years ago, when at the same time they encouraged the mobbing of the "Mormons;" and that was long before "polygamy" could be made the excuse for the outrages perpetrated. If citizens were deprived of the franchise simply on account of their sympathies for or against a doctrine or practice, call it religious or otherwise, would not that be persecution? Can a paper which advocates such an anti-republican, anti-democratic, anti-American idea truthfully boast of its support of the "utmost freedom of worship?" Pshaw! The *Inter-Ocean* is just like many of its tribe and will boast of its tolerance with one breath, and, with another, call for the punishment of citizens for unorthodox belief or sympathy.

It is the old, old story and is not even told in a new style. It is stale, feeble, flat and sour, and unworthy of a journal that aims to be lively, snappy and vigorous. On this subject the *Inter-Ocean* is not "fresh" by any means, unless that word is used in its modern slangy sense, and then it is pointedly and singularly applicable.

## PARTY IN HONOR OF BELLE HARRIS.

LAST evening a number of friends met at the residence of A. M. Musser, Esq., in the First Ward, to manifest their regard and esteem for Sister Belle Harris, after her release from imprisonment in the penitentiary and previous to her departure for the south on her way home. A large number of ladies and several gentlemen were present and expressed their congratulations to the honored guest and their admiration of the quiet firmness she has displayed in support of principle. The Sixteenth Ward brass band, led by Capt. Emery, came upon the scene in Gen. Clawson's fine band wagon, the "Julia Dean," and treated the lady to a fine serenade. They subsequently entered the grounds and performed some selections by torchlight in excellent style, and felt well rewarded for their music and trouble by a hearty handshake from Belle Harris. An ample repast was spread, of which all present partook, and kindly wishes were expressed for the future prosperity of the released prisoner and her baby son, who shared her confinement.

The following lines were recited by the author:

### BELLE HARRIS' BABY.

Just let me take the baby
A moment in my arms,
The little one, around whose life
Hath swept such rude alarms;
But oft not o'er the canyon's storms
The lily's stem doth break,
So God did temper storms that rose,
For His own lamb's dear sake.

Just venturing from realms above,
He met this stern decree.
What had the baby done, dear friends,
A prisoner to be?
So, like a lily in the shade,
Among those named as vile,
He changed the prison's wicked gloom
With his sweet baby smile.

Did troubled dreams steal o'er his sleep
While faces dark were nigh?
No, on his lovely mother's breast
And angels watching by,
He calmly rested, while the days
God measured out went on;
So light the yoke of heaven pressed,
He missed it not when gone.

Thou fairest, little prisoner
That Deseret hath known,
A people's faith and love were thine,
They claim thee part their own.
Live on and bless her noble heart
Who dared to stand alone,
And rise from prison steps to those
Of a celestial throne.

AUGUSTA JOYCE CROCHERON.

Salt Lake City, Sep. 2, 1883.

There was a general desire among the company that something more substantial and of greater magnitude than anything yet done for Belle Harris, should be obtained, as it must be evident to all who have studied her case that she has stood up nobly for the rights of her sex, and has never shrunk from the trials of her position, even when threatened with a life-long imprisonment. She left the city today with her father and her child at 3.05 p.m., per Utah Central train, for Milford, where a team is waiting to convey them to their home in Sevier County. The party was a very pleasant affair, and Bro. Musser and his amiable family were constant and watchful in their care for the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors.

## INTERVIEW WITH DAVID WHITMER, ETC.

SENECA, Newton County,
Missouri, Aug. 23d, 1883.

*Editor Deseret News:*

The town above named is situated about half a mile from the east side of the Indian Territory, and near the southwest corner of the State of Missouri. In our journey yesterday from Kansas City we passed through a most magnificent country, whose corn fields are simply immense. On reaching the Indian Territory and passing thence to Venita, one is struck with the decay, solitude—no towns, villages, farms orchards nor other evidences of civilization. Venita is a small railroad town at the junction of the Kansas City, Texas and Pacific, and the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, which cross at right angles, and is 40 miles from the eastern boundary of the Indian Territory.

I am lying by for a few hours, enjoying a cool, refreshing breeze, and listening to the majestic thunder and the falling rain, and also the grateful change. Yesterday and the day before the mercury was ranging in the hundreds, suggesting the possibility of Dante's inferno being located somewhere in this south west corner of Missouri—but I take it all back, since this glorious shower, and venture the opinion that it may be in Texas.

While enduring the intense heat the last two days, my attention was called to a discovery said to have been made recently by some Turkish commissioners of Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat. It is said to be a gigantic structure of very dark wood protruding from a glazier, and that said commissioners have already penetrated into three apartments, but others are yet full of ice. The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: "Needless to say, an American was soon on the spot, and negotiations have been entered into with the local Pacha for its speedy transfer to the United States." If he would only bring it with its ice cargo to this corner of Missouri, he would surely immortalize himself.

In my brief stay in Denver I was introduced to the somewhat notable railroad contractor General Caseman, and his ranch partner Gen. Pierce. Mr. Caseman was a large contractor on the Union Pacific Railway, and though boasting that he is neither a Christian nor a Mormon, seemed to pride himself in his donations to the Christian contribution box, and still more so in having once shared his bed with the President of the Mormon Church. So the General considers himself perfectly safe whichever party may win the battle. The General told a pretty good story about his regiment of young northern students who, during their campaign in Kentucky, astonished an old planter by refusing to drink his proffered whiskey, and who was equally astonished to see their chaplain drink enough for all. He did not tell what position the General took, but no doubt his sympathies were with the chaplain.

Having some business in Richmond, Ray County, I took occasion to call on Mr. David Whitmer, who was suffering considerably from the intense heat, but I had, notwithstanding, a long and pleasant conversation with him and his son, David Whitmer, Jr. After mutual introductions, I remarked that although I had no doubt of the truth of his published statement and testimony in the Book of Mormon, I should be pleased to hear the testimony from his own lips. He said: Persons may attempt to describe the presentation of the plates as shown to himself and other witnesses, but there was a glory attending it that no one could describe, no human tongue could tell the glorious scenes that were presented to them. Joseph Smith was there and Oliver Cowdery and himself—Martin Harris did not come as expected, but they were shown to him a short time after." "Did the personage or angel who showed you the plates tell you his name?" I asked. Mr. Whitmer replied: "No, he did not. The idea has obtained ground that it was Moroni, the last of the Nephite Prophets. It may have been Maroni or it may have been one of the three Nephite Apostles who were promised that they should not taste of death. It is not important who he was, but I know he was a messenger from God. I have been visited by thousands of people, he remarked, believers and unbelievers, amongst them a Governor of this State, gentlemen and ladies of all degrees and from many nations, sometimes 15 or 20 in a day, all wanting to know if these things are true. I have been surrounded by hostile mobs, on one occasion numbering four or five hundred demanding I should deny what is published over my name in the Book of Mormon; but the testimony I gave to that mob made them fear and tremble, and I escaped from them. One gentleman, a doctor, an unbeliever, told me afterwards that the bold and fearless testimony borne on that occasion and the fear that seemed to take hold of the mob had made him a believer in the Book of Mormon." Mr. Whitmer said further: "I heard the voice of the angel, and saw the engravings on the plates, and the plates just as stated in the Book of Mormon. And we were commanded to bear record of these things and that the book was translated by the gift and power of God. You see that small table by the wall," he remarked. "Yes," I replied. "Well, there was a table about that size, and the heavenly messenger brought the several plates and laid them on the table before our eyes, and we saw them, and bore testimony of them, and our testimony is true. And if these things are not true then there is no truth, and if there is no truth there is no God, and if there is no God there is no existence. But I know there is a God, for I have heard His voice and witnessed the manifestation of his power." He said moreover, that when they were first commanded to testify of these things they demurred and told the Lord the people would not believe them for the book concerning which they were to bear record told of a people who were educated and refined, dwelling in large cities; whereas all that was then known of the early inhabitants of this country was the filthy, lazy, degraded and ignorant savages that were roaming over the land." The Lord told us, in reply that he would make it known to the people that the early inhabitants of this land had been just such a people as they were described in the book, and he would lead them to discover the ruins of the great cities, and they should have abundant evidence of the truth of that which is written in the book, all of which," said Mr. Whitmer, "has been fulfilled to the very letter."

Mr. David Whitmer, Junr., spoke of the strange and wonderful preservation of the written copy of the book which Oliver Cowdery left in his father's charge, and the hieroglyphics which Martin Harris took to Professor Anthon, of New York. In the cyclone that devastated the town of Richmond a few years ago, the court-house and many other buildings were swept entirely away. Some books belonging to the court-house were carried over 40 miles, and the Whitmer house was all destroyed, except the small room in which the said documents were kept, in which not a window was broken. A few minutes after the catastrophe he met an unbelieving scoffer in the street who said, "Well, Dave, how about those records?" And I told him they were all right, although I had not then had an opportunity to look after them. My father was hurt by the flying timber, for the house on the west side of the road was blown through ours, and thirty-two persons were killed and many badly wounded, but when matters had subsided a little and we examined the room and the box where the manuscript was kept we found it to our satisfaction as we had left it, and as it is now, in a good state of preservation."

I am now en route South West City, which is 28 miles from Seneca. It is in the extreme South west corner of the State of Missouri, and is the present home of Oliver Cowdery's widow and his only daughter, who is the wife of Dr. Charles Johnson. The railroad goes no nearer than this place, I have therefore to hire some private conveyance, and the trip will take me two days. The object of my visit is to obtain a Daguerreotype of Oliver Cowdery, one of the three witnesses, and his family have the only one in existence. The Doctor has said it shall go, and his wife commenting on his resolution said, "that's the end of it." The Whitmore's smiled incredulously when I told them the object of my visit, knowing the doctor had refused to let it go. But this is a kind of imperative business. The picture is wanted for the October number of the *Contributor*. The likeness of David Whitmer and Martin Harris are already engraved by H. B. Hall & Son of New York, who are waiting for this to complete the group. And as it is my special mission to obtain it, I shall no doubt be successful, of which you will be duly advised.

Yours very truly,
JAMES H. HART.

P.S. I succeeded in getting the likeness but have not had time to write it up. J. H. H.

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### AMERICAN.

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**Singular Suicide.**

BUTTE, Montana, 4.—At 9 o'clock last night J. S. Marcheseau, bookkeeper for Marcheseau & Valeton, stepped from his desk to the yard in the rear. A moment afterwards a pistol shot was heard. The employees rushing out found Marcheseau already dead with a bullet through his head. Powder burns indicated that he had held the muzzle of the revolver close to his right ear. He was a young man of good standing, and the cause of the act is unknown. The coroner's verdict was suicide while laboring under temporary aberration of mind.

**Nine Victims.**

CINCINNATI, 4.—Later investigation swells the number of the missing at the Drehman rag-warehouse fire to nine.

**$400,000 for the Consideration of the Jury.**

INDIANAPOLIS, 4.—When the grand jury met yesterday Judge Norton, of the criminal court, laid before it a letter from J. H. Woodard, a newspaper correspondent, together with slips of paper bearing upon the Brady and Dorsey interviews, more particularly with reference to the alleged disbursement of $400,000 in this State during the last presidential campaign. The court laid stress upon the bearing which the statute of limitation might have upon the alleged offense and then turned the entire matter over for the consideration of the jury.

**More Mobbing in Georgia.**

ATLANTA, Ga., 4.—Mormon Elders are still popping up in various parts of the State. On Sunday night two Elders held a meeting at Emery Chapel, in the fourth district of Cowets County. The meeting was attended by a good many young men, some of whom went through curiosity, but there were others who went from other motives. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer. Afterwards one of them got up to deliver a discourse on the beauties of Mormonism. When he had made a few remarks there came a voice from the audience saying: "Take him out." The Elder paused a moment and then said he was there for religious worship and hoped he would not be disturbed. These words had not more than escaped his lips when they were both pelted with a shower of rotten eggs. They saw at once that they had met a wrong crowd, and grabbing their grip sacks, darted out of the nearest door, pursued by the entire audience, who chased them as long as they could see them. The young men seeing their inability to keep up with the Mormons, sent after several hounds and put them on the lost trail and chased them several miles, when all trace of them was lost. When last heard from they were making a bee line westward.

**Strikers.**

GREENVILLE, Pa., 4.—The coal miners along the line of the Shenango & Allegheny railway are on strike because of a reduction of 10 cents per ton, except the miners at Coalton and Harrisville, they having accepted the reduction and gone to work.

### FOREIGN.

LATEST TRANS-ATLANTIC DISPATCHES.

**The Lafayette Monument.**

PARIS, 24.—Walker, United States Consul General at Paris, United States Consul at Lyons and Congressman Ochiltree, of Texas, will attend the unveiling of the Lafayette monument.

**The Disaster at Steglitz.**

Berlin, 4.—The railroad disaster at Steglitz has long been apprehended. The Government, after its purchase of the Berlin and Pottsdam railroad, asked the diet to vote a sum sufficient to alter and enlarge the depot at Steglitz. The Minister of Finance in the request therefor stated that he was unable, under existing dangerous circumstances to undertake responsibility for the lives of the great number of passengers which were constantly imperilled if the grant sought to be obtained was refused. A vote was taken upon this request by the diet, and rejected. The reactionary press threw the blame for the accident upon the national liberals in the diet, they having refused to vote upon the question. The Emperor has ordered a committee to make rigid inquiries into the cause of the disaster.


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Engineer.

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