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MOMONISM

As It is Historically and Has Been Seen By the Writer—Would Ride Them on a Rail.

EDITOR STANDARD:—I see that the Mormon Elders are trying to make inroads with the people in the counties of the State, and are spreading their pernicious doctrine to the detriment of the peace, quiet and morals of the people. Their history is such that they do not deserve to be tolerated. There is an element of people that can be misled, amongst whom they make proselytes to their pernicious creed.

We find that the Mormon creed was founded by Joe Smith, in the State of Vermont, in 1805. He and his family were looked upon as bad characters. They were mobbed several times, and Joe Smith was finally tarred and feathered. In 1839 they took refuge in Illinois and built the town of Nauvoo. And in 1844 their depredations were unusual; stealing horses, burning barns and other buildings to intimidate the people. They made their support chiefly by robbing and stealing from the people. Corn, wheat and all sorts of provisions were stolen; smoke houses were robbed of all their contents. The people could trace the thieves to Nauvoo, the Mormon town, and there would loose track of them. A mob of outraged people rose in their might, arrested Joe Smith, their leader, and his brother and put them in prison in Carthage, Ill. The people were so excited that they shot both of them to death in the prison. It was known that the people killed the outlaws and they were molested.

Now Brigham young become their leader and they continued to steal and rob. In 1846 an outraged people again rose and drove them across the Mississippi river into Iowa at Montrose, opposite Nauvoo. They were allowed time to transfer their effects across the river, which took a week or more. They pitched their tents along the river banks, preparing for their long journey to great Salt Lake. I happened to be in Montrose then for a few days and there I saw the most exciting race of my life. Many a man rode 15 or 20 miles and paid 50 or a \$1.00 to see a race that was not half as good. There was a rugged, athletic looking fellow, well dressed, discovered in a store in Montrose, by a farmer, as the thief that had robbed his smoke house of its sweet home cured hams and bacon. The farmer called for an officer and made for the thief, who made for the Mormon camp, over 200 yards distant, with the farmer and the officer in hot pursuit. They were fleet footed and all flew like trained base ball runners. It was a repetition of the story of "Run Bobtail, they are gaining on you." He did not have Nauvoo to hide in and he was captured. It is not probable they fed him on much ham while he served a term in the penitentiary for that crime. Many people will remember the fearful butchery at Mountain Meadow, some years ago, of 52 emigrants of men, women and children, by

parties painted like Indians and all their valuables carried off by the murderers. It was known to have been done by the Mormons, and if Brigham Young had lived a little longer he would have been arrested and tried for that fearful crime. If their teaching has any tendency for the betterment of the State and people the writer knoweth it not. When they got to their new home in Great Salt Lake they continued to live in defiance of law and committed all sorts of crimes. In the latter part of 1853 or '59 the United States government sent out a large military force, I think of 6,000 soldiers, under Albert Sidney Johnson, to protect the people against them and to compel them to obey the laws. From time to time the government has been passing special laws for their restraint and are enforcing them. If, then, the Mormons have become more civilized and decent the Government did it and not Mormonism.

Owing to the liberality of our institutions there is no law that would exclude them and the only way to reach them is by a sort of Boston tea party scheme that laid the foundation of our government. It was not exactly according to law but it was a good thing. We have been enjoying its blessings for over a century.

Now when these fellows make their appearance teaching their doctrine, take them down the road a mile or two on a rail, and as Sam Jones says, if they don't like it let them set up there and take their medicine, and the next Mormon that comes along will not try to get a free pass on that railroad. It would not reflect on or discredit the ones that did it. These fellows are not expecting much else as they are treading in the foot steps of their forefathers of their church stained with crime. They often met with such treatment and much worse from the hands of an outraged people. The newspapers, the great educators of our day, can't afford to endorse summary treatment, but if the people demand it they can look another way while it is going on.

Geo. W. FISHER.
Concord, March 12, '98.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Pursell, of Knitersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy.—Gibson's Drug Store.

A Slight Collision.

There was a slight collision Friday morning between 7 and 8 o'clock when No. 31, the south-bound Florida Flyer, ran into Capt. Ross's section car between here and Harrisburg. Fortunately the men left the "dump car" and no one was hurt. The train ran some distance after the collision before it could stop. The car was considerably broken to pieces.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Dr. Holden returned last night.
—Rev. J. C. Davis went over to Lexington last night.

—Mr. S. J. Lowe returned last night from Charlotte.

—Mr. Brown Simpson, of Monroe, but now a student of Davidson, is spending today and Sunday in the city.

—Mr. Will Foil, clerk at the Central Hotel in Charlotte, passed through our town this morning to spend Sunday with parents at the home near Mt. Pleasant.

—Misses Laura Leslie, Lena Leslie, Fannie Hill, and Pauline Means and Mr. Holland Thompson are in Charlotte today taking in "Julius Caesar."

COTTON

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Light Infantry Meet.

The Cabarrus Light Infantry met in their armory Friday night and held an election of officers. The officers elected are as follows: Capt. Edward Hill, First Lieutenant Eli Goldston, Second Lieutenant Joe G. Jumah.

The Company will endeavor to have a good drill on Friday night of each week. Their Captain, Mr. Edward Hill, says they are training for the 20th of May at Charlotte, but we think the truth of the matter is that they are expecting to be called out to Cuba.

Household Gods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of today is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of throat, chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at Fetzler's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.

A Wedding Amongst the Colored People.

THE STANDARD has been invited to the marriage of Zance Fitzgerald to Mamie Smart, which takes place next Thursday night at the colored M. E. Zion church. This couple belongs to the "bon ton" element of our colored people here and almost everybody knows the groom. Quite a lot of invitations have been sent to white people and quite a crowd of them will attend. A reception will be given by "Aunt Rachel" in Caton's hall for the invited white people and the bridal couple. The ceremony will be performed at 8 o'clock.

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