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To the new advertisements in the JOURNAL this morning, we ask attention. Want of space precludes the possibility of noticing each in detail.

MORMONISM.—There is, thanks to the Christian sentiment of the nation, a unanimous feeling of indignation, at the outrages against law and morality, perpetrated by the Mormons in Utah, and the powerful arm of the United States government will ere long, curb the licentious rule of Brigham Young. As this matter should be well understood—as all should appreciate fully, so great a practical evil as Mormonism, we invite the attention of the reader to the annexed article on the subject from the Philadelphia *Episcopal Recorder*.

It was recently announced that the United States Government had determined to assert its authority in the region in which Mormonism has erected its hideous throne, and that a military governor, with a sufficient military force, would be shortly sent thither. This seeming dawn of a better day has however, been, we trust but for a time, overclouded. The mighty hand of the "Great Republic" trembles when upraised to wipe this plague spot from her brow. Buchanan I, still reigns, and the nation must be content to blanch its cheeks and utter big boasts of the star spangled banner, while no citizen dares to unfurl that banner, or even to acknowledge it, within the pandemonium of Mormon. The announcement has however, been attended with one blessed result. It has elicited a public sentiment upon this subject unanimous, resolved, and impassioned, in favor of energetic action. This sentiment uprises from the heart of the whole nation, overbears all party distinctions, and demands that the cause of the republic, of civilization and of law shall be at once and effectually vindicated. That voice must be, and by a statesman so enlightened as the present chief magistrate, no doubt will be respected. Any administration that should falter, with this subject would be, in the present, trebly trampled under the feet of an outraged people, and in the future immortalized to infamy. It is a marvel that we have looked till now so tamely upon this immeasurable wrong; but civilization and Christianity are not dead; the quiet and conscientious millions who fear God and love their country are aroused; is a source of thankfulness, that it will not be well with those who trifle with their just expectations.

Of course, the issue will give the country trouble. National iniquity always in the providence of God induces national calamity. We have consented to clerish this cancer in our bosom, and must bear the laceration that eradicates it. But the sooner the better. It spreads its roots day by day; they sever now wrestrelch the broad breast of the republic; and the penalty of our criminal neglect will be lighter now than hereafter. This abomination has been permitted to reach its present extent, because wrapped in our national vanity, we presumed that so civilized a community could not incur the reproach, so Christian a people the sin; so enlightened a republic the wrong, of this monstrous and guilty absurdity. The result indicates how far human enlightenment, unaided, is to be relied upon to save a people from the "devices of the devil." For never did Imposture wear a mask so transparent, nor assume a shape so morally abhorrent as Mormonism; and yet it is said to have gathered and garnered for perdition from the most enlightened peoples of Europe and America, nearly half a million of unhappy souls. For their unopposed religious operations in this country, the Christians of the land are not wholly irresponsible. It is true that the original Mormon proselytes were broken up and hunted beyond the outposts of civilization; but that was due to the irrepressible rage of their plundered neighbors, who recognised them only as banditti, outlaws, robbers and murderers. Their religious imposture was so gross as to be despised—as if evil was ever to monstrous too be dangerous; the evidences of that imposture were then, and even now are, most patent and attainable, known to hundreds of living witnesses; yet no effort has been made to gather, embody, and perpetuate that evidence. Upon an issue easily raised before one of the courts of the district in which the fraud originated, this might have been effected; for Smith himself, both when drunk and when sober, has been known to acknowledge and laugh at the trick, as an experiment upon human credulity.—Half a century hence, when time and truth shall have termed persecution shall have done their work in its behalf, when subtler disciples shall have pruned its absurdities, and Mormonism shall have become, if it be not now, a power in the world, we of the present generation will be held to account for our false security and culpable indifference. "Let it alone, and it will burn out of itself" was the early excuse. Would any Christian be content that the counsel should be applied to a fire discovered in his own abode? No folly is too gross for ignorance, when it offers license to vice and lifts arguments guilt to wealth and power. The extravagance of Mormonism is as blind and bigotted as that of Mahommed; and its policy is a thousand fold more refined and fortunate. The earthly omnipotence of the priesthood is ORGANIZATION. In this, the Mormons beat that they transcend, in secrecy, union, and energy, the Masonic institution. Their organization more resembles that of the Asiatic tribe of the *Assassins*, in the time of the Crusades; and like that, it is based upon the most insensate bigotry, and rises, through various different grades to Atheism and utter irresponsibility. Like that, also, it is a despotism—the High-Priest of the Mormons, the *Prophet Old Man of the Mountains*, having entire sway over the property, and even the lives of the community. Bigotry, secrecy and obedience, are the real sources of Mormon power. Religion is the instrument, military power, the object. Every Mormon is a soldier, disciplined, hardy and active, frantic in zeal, and abject in obedience. This vast conglomerate of frenzy, fraud, profligacy and crime, thus organized, is in the hands of bold, desperate, and cunning men, who have years separated them from the family of civilization, and who proclaim eternal war against "the Gentiles."

But the issue forced upon the country by Mormon arrogance, by unnumbered outrages and insults, and by the open defiance of national authority, is solely a political one. Perhaps, no national issue ever involved interests more profound, or serious considerations more momentous. And this people established within our territory, yet bearing a character, and occupying a position for which history can furnish no parallel. An examination of their characters as a people, of their government and history, is necessary to determine what should be our policy towards them.

We recognise in the Mormons, a people who are "collected in theirselves, as sanctioned by law, in not only the exercise of their Christian rights, but at war with religion, but is so noxious and destructive, that any association with them would be a disaster, a crime and an infamy. The sacred institution of marriage is by them perverted to sanction the most brutal licentiousness; evil is taught as a religious duty; public decency the most sharp-sighted and liberal in order; and the saving rules which a virtuous community have established are reversed. Such a community cannot be regarded as a school of virtue, or a community of saints, for in the development of those lofty virtues that form for the domestic virtues, they have will lodge, or can survive in an atmosphere in which adultery is virtue, wickedness every one known to mankind, all that is destructive of society is more naturalized, and nourished.

The constitution of the United States gives every member of the confederacy a republican government. The government of the Mormons is a despotism, under the absolute sway of a man who, under the High priest covers a despotism and arbitrary than that of Russia or Turkey.

Commercially thus established is, in the every sense, at war with every other people, and is in fact, a foreign government. The lot of the inhabitants of Sebastopol, Aralia, or Isaac, is a military tyrant of Bokhara Arabia, or Isaac, Tiger, or Mexico, is not more to be dreaded than the Mormons, and yet such is the world in their relations, and yet such is in their relations, and yet such is the world in their relations, and yet such is in their relations, and yet such is the world in their relations, and yet such is in their relations