

### POLITICAL MISSION WORK IN OUTER UTAH

**Mr. J. F. Gibbs Tells of Good Progress Making in It.**

**THE PEOPLE ARE HONEST, BUT ARE MISINFORMED**

**The Awful Smith Testimony Makes the Saints Shiver on Hearing It.**

Editor of The Tribune—Any Mormon who may desire to accumulate a choice assortment of unique experiences should go out among his people and preach the new gospel of liberty from the viewpoint of a citizen of the freest nation on earth. If he have a desire to intensify his experiences and to burn them into the tablets of his memory, he should announce himself a member of the American party of Utah.

The persistent and pious lying of the Deseret News relative to the origin, motives and aims of the American party has engendered in the hearts of the ultra-Mormon and unreasoning dislike for individual members of that organization. In each member of that party the ultra-Mormon sees an enemy of his church. If the member of the American party be a Mormon he is branded as an "apostate," a "traitor to his people," and is thrice damned as compared with a Gentile American. But the Mormon-American missionary to his people has the advantage of the Gentile in that he is thoroughly familiar with the faith, hopes and prejudices of the Latter-day Saints. And knowing their innate honesty and their unswerving loyalty to their convictions, he will temper his remarks with sincere sympathy, and will be patient and considerate under the upbraiding that he will frequently encounter. He will take into consideration the fact that the only source of their information as to the aims of the American party has been through the columns of that inexpressibly contemptible liar, the Deseret News, supplemented by the idiotic editorial drivel of the Inter-Smoot Republican.

The very first work of the missionary must be to thoroughly impress on the people the truth that he is their friend, that his mission is defensive rather than destructive, so far as their religion is concerned.

His next effort will be to convince them that the leaders of the rank and file of the American party are better friends to the Mormon people than is the blabbering, fanatical and hopelessly irresponsible occupant of the Beehive house. This fact was easily proved by a recital of the numerous instances when the Gentiles went to the aid of the Mormon people in the times of their deepest distress. The Mormons are not fools, nor are they ungrateful; they have merely forgotten. And when it is pointed out to them that the Gentiles, in good faith, accepted the surrender involved in the "manifesto" of 1890, and in the further ostensible surrender when the Mormons as the People's party, disbanded and became merged in the two great national parties, they are compelled to recognize the truth that the Gentiles were their friends. And when, later on, it is pointed out that Utah Gentiles aided the Mormon church in securing the return of the escheated church property, the Mormon people begin to suspect that there is an obverse side to the picture painted by that literary Ananias, the Deseret News.

And when documentary evidence proves to the Mormon people that the Utah Commission, composed exclusively of Gentiles, indorsed the Mormons' petition for amnesty, or a full pardon for past lawbreaking, and that the indorsement of the Utah Commission was supplemented by the generous approval of "a very large number of influential non-Mormons residing in the territories," and that such indorsements formed the exclusive reason for the proclamation of pardon of the Mormon people by President Benjamin Harrison, there comes to the intelligent Mormons, and especially to the young, the conviction that the American party has, at least, a partial justification for its existence in the face of present conditions.

And when it is further proved to the Mormon people that, except for the aid of Utah Gentiles, they would have continued in a condition of territorial vassalage, but little remains in the way of evidence to disabuse the minds of the Mormon people, and to convince the ignorant class of the Mormon people that the Mormon leaders, would keep the sacred pledges they made with the government to observe the laws against polygamy and unlawful cohabitation.

With the foundation, involved in the foregoing, firmly laid, it is safe to proceed with a plain statement of the conditions that compelled the organization of the American party, and with the declaration that Americans will never lay down their arms until the causes for existence, as a party, have been removed. And that it is up to the Mormon people to decide as to the length of the conflict.

Public meetings have been held in Mt. Pleasant, Richfield, Marysville, Monroe, Gunnison and Salina in the order named. The attendance was better than could have been reasonably expected. In one instance some were compelled to stand during the meeting. The closest attention has been given the speaker. But one interruption occurred, and that was a partial denial of the accuracy of a quotation in proof of the allegation that the "manifesto" was a revelation from the Mormon people, and as binding on the Mormon people as any other revelation ever given them for their guidance. The gentleman was asked to come to the platform and read it aloud from the report of the proceedings before the committee on privileges and elections issued from the government printing office. In two instances, Monroe and Salina, devout Mormons interrupted the "mis-

sonary" on his way out of the opera houses and detained in discussion until nearly midnight. In those heart-to-heart talks inside information was gleaned relative to the inner thoughts of ultra-Mormons on the questions at issue. They freely concede the existence of past church influence in politics, and deplore it. They concede that the manifesto was a revelation from God and binding on the Mormon people. They also concede that the manifesto inhibited unlawful cohabitation. But while tacitly acknowledging that all plural marriages since the manifesto are bigamous, and therefore crimes fully as reprehensible as before the issuance of the revelation permitting polygamy, and that unlawful cohabitation is now adultery, they excuse the sexual crimes of President Joseph F. Smith on the starting ground of the gratification of purely human passions. And they do this by the assertion that he observed the laws of God and men because old age had partially, at least, blunted the fires of robust manhood. And, strange as it may appear, there seems to be no conception on the part of such defenders, of the maze of inconsistencies into which they have plunged themselves. But in making that defense they have the ultra-inspired defense of himself by the chief prophet, who gave as his only excuse that "My wives are like everybody else's wife." And had those wives been questioned as to why they were bearing children in defiance of the laws of God and men, they with equal truth, could have answered, "Because our husband is like everybody else's husband." Then what becomes of the alleged "elevating influence" of polygamy?

Further analysis and criticism are unnecessary. In the beginning of the discussions there was more or less embarrassment in the new role of "missionary." But that feeling gradually wore off, and entirely disappeared at Salina. Perhaps it was owing to the fact that the audience was more sympathetic than usual. Their appreciation was manifested by frequent applause and merriment as the ludicrous and inconsistent position of President Smith as a "prophet, seer



ROBERT FORRESTER.

Salt Lake City can congratulate herself on having within her gates a scientist who occupies a place second to none in the scientific world; a man whom the societies for the advancement of science have delighted in honoring. He is testified to by his membership in the following: Forrestry association of America, National Geographical society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Geological society of Edinburgh, American Institute of Mining, Engineers of the United States and the Colorado Scientific society. The man to whom this article refers is Mr. Robert Forrester, geologist for the Utah Fuel company, and the Denver & Rio Grande railway system. Mr. Forrester is a native of Scotland, having been born in the county of Fife, in 1864. His early education was derived from the common schools of the country, after which he entered Edinburgh University, where he pursued his studies with much credit to himself and honor to his Alma Mater. Mr. Forrester gave up his studies, and experimented a great deal with explosives. After leaving college, he turned his attention to mining and entered the employ of the mines at West Calder.

Came to America. In the year 1887, Mr. Forrester came to the United States, and went to Pennsylvania and he entered into the study of coal mining, where he had ample opportunity for the display of his talents. From Pennsylvania he went to Missouri, Kansas, and later, Utah. While in Kansas City his services were in demand and he constructed a street railway system in that city. After his arrival in Salt Lake City, Mr. Forrester's first commission was with the Pleasant Valley Coal company,



and revelator," was unfolded from his public utterances, including his Washington testimony. The meeting at Marysville proved that the people are nearly a unit for the American party. The "independent" movement of fifteen months ago, and the recent meeting at Marysville proved that Plute county can be rescued from the gang of servile imbeciles known as the "Smoot ring."

The American party of Mt. Pleasant is composed of strong and courageous men, and will be heard from in no uncertain way at the next election. J. D. Meyrick is president, and George R. Nilson is secretary of the club. Both are young men and are enthusiastic workers for the cause of political liberty.

L. H. Outzen and William Johnston are respectively president and secretary of the Richfield club. Mr. Outzen is a well known and successful mining man. Mr. Johnston is the principal hotelkeeper of Richfield, and is entitled to the hearty patronage of every lover of Utah for the courageous stand he has taken. Miles Durbree, an old Union war veteran, is president of the Marysville club. Leonard Stark, son of ex-Judge James A. Stark, is the secretary. Judge Stark was one of the sturdy pioneers of Plute county in those days when the redskins were in business. Oscar Berglund and Ludwig Ludvigson, prominent business men of Gunnison, are president and secretary of that "hotbed of Americanism." The "woods" of southern Utah "are full" of Americans, and they will be heard from next November. The "Mormon boycott," however, justly detests many of them from getting out into the open.

In conclusion, it may be instructive and interesting to President Joseph F. Smith to inform him of the efforts, involving treachery and duplicity towards the people of the United States, to prevent an amendment to the constitution prohibiting polygamy, have been fruitless so far as young Mormons are concerned—they have already passed that amendment.

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and coal department of the Utah Central railway. Here he distinguished himself. After one year he was placed in charge of the Castle Gate mines in Carbon county, Utah, now the property of the Utah Fuel company.

Enters Employ U. S. Government. In 1890 Mr. Forrester's success having reached the attention of the Government, he was appointed United States Coal Mine Inspector, which position he filled with much credit for three years. Tiring of the restriction his position placed upon him, he resigned and went to Wyoming, where he opened the mines of the Diamond Coal and Coke company, located at Diamondville. He also opened up the properties of the Morrison mine for the Sterling Coal and Coke company.

As a Soldier. Answering the call of his adopted country, Robert Forrester enlisted in the Second United States Volunteer cavalry during the war with Spain. Having performed his duties valiantly and well he returned to the arts of peace.

In 1889 his scientific knowledge was again called into play, and he was placed in charge of the Sunnyside coal mines in Carbon county. This property was equipped and opened up under his directing hand and is now one of the valuable assets of the Utah Fuel company.

In 1902 Mr. Forrester was called to Colorado where he was given the task of opening up the Somerset mine, the property of Denver capitalists. The three years of 1903 and 1904 found Mr. Forrester busily engaged in making extensive geological and topographical surveys in Colorado and New Mexico. In 1907 he returned to Utah, where he has been extensively engaged in the same kind of work. His activities have resulted in his acquiring a great amount of valuable knowledge of the coal fields of the West, and this knowledge has resulted in the many calls for his services. No one in the West has a more intimate and scientific knowledge of the subject of coal mining and engineering than he. The demand upon his services being so large he has had to surround himself with a large corps of assistants, and his large and commodious offices in the Brooks arcade present a busy scene to the visitor. Mr. Forrester also has extensive interests with the Utah railway, and the Gilson Asphaltum company, with whom he is connected in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Forrester's scientific mind finds its keenest delight in reading, and in his office is located the finest library of scientific books to be found in the West. His great hobby is Bursae, of whose works he has over 750 editions.

Although a busy man, Mr. Forrester finds time for recreation, and he is an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman. He is one of Utah's most successful anglers, and in the pursuit of wild game he is second to none, when results are taken into consideration. Mr. Forrester takes a lively interest in club matters, he being a member of the Alta and Commercial clubs of Salt Lake, and the Denver Athletic club.

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