

THE AMERICAN FLAG.

Judge Power's Glowing Tribute to Our Banner.

It is now nearly two years since the Gentiles of Salt Lake city won their first political victory over the Mormons, who on many occasions and in various ways had shown their contempt for American institutions, and their want of allegiance to the stars and stripes. On a short time before they had placed the flag at half-mast as an insult to the Gentiles and to show their contempt for the United States government.

That act called out the speech which we publish below, made by Judge Powers, of the second judicial district, and an ex Confederate soldier. Every word of the glowing tribute to our banner is instinct with the true spirit of patriotism, and will find an echo in the heart of every American citizen who is worthy of the name. Judge Powers said:

"The flag of this country was made to be the standard of a republic, and not the banneret of a political party. From being originally the symbol of a nation it has been advanced as the embodiment of free hope of mankind, and floats as the vanguard of the human race. In no war has it ever known defeat. In no battle has it ever been trailed in the dust or disgraced by the hosts that followed it into strife. On land and sea it has flaunted above the colors of the strongest land on earth except our own. Men not born under it have died under and for it, and their seared eyeballs were strained in death to catch its glories, as if looking for the sky that arched above their cradles, and from the stars they have looked down upon it as upon that which made martyrdom a holiday and its honor immortal. It is this flag that has conquered a continent and pushed the frontiers of the republic to natural boundaries. On these it waves, not as a threat nor as an invitation to other nations, but as evidence of the power of a free people. If any think our coasts have no defense let proof be tried by assault. The flag is their defense, for behind it are the hearts of oak that beat in the ribs of free men who can step from the pursuits of peace into the ranks of war ten millions strong, if need be, with twenty million hands to fight and twenty million unfettered feet to make the earth tremble as they march. They are a people who have never drawn the sword for self or ambition. Ours are the only fighting men on earth who fight always and only for an idea, for a principle. The getting or surrender of territory, the victories of ambition, the wars of revenge, are for others, not for us. We muster our forces for liberty, the idea which before our time got no further than a song, and for forty centuries had been a hazy

beatitude, which we plucked from amongst human fancies and placed foremost amongst human facts. To this liberty we gave mankind a title, and we wrote its warranty in the stars and stripes.

Therefore, let none who boast the names of Americans harm the country by the pretense that this flag is second in the affections of any of the people whom it shelters.

In our civil war it was withstood by men whose sires fought and died for it, and when the mistaken strife left it invincible, with its record of victory untarnished, it was to them not the emblem of tyranny, bringing down to years of peace the memory of oppressive conquest and shameful subjugation. It was still the flag of their fathers, and its triumph means only that they were to have under it a larger freedom than before and an allegiance repaid by shelter that no force dare assault, and by free institutions no hand dare profane.

Let no man in the heart of party strife forget that this is his flag. Let none use it as a taunt nor cheapen it. It is the ample garment of liberty, not the uniform of hot zeal that mistakes party passion for patriotism.

Those who love freedom love this flag. To an American gentleman it is an object of affection and respect, like his wife, and he would no more degrade it to base use than he would hire her out as a spectacle or stitch commercial advertisements to her gown and gain income from her use as a street sandwich.

The flag requires no lip service. It has had for generations the heart service of millions, and millions to be will hail it as the inspiration of life's morning and the comfort of its evening twilight. This flag leaves no room for other colors. If there be those who, coming from other lands, have brought a livelier and more enduring love for another banner which

leaves no heart room for our flag, let us respect their fidelity, but let them find that if there is no boon in their love for this free flag there is no room under it for them. It means our country, our institutions, all that to which we have dedicated our possessions on this continent. Our political parties differ in their views of policy, but the flag is for them all, and they are all for it. He who pretends otherwise is not overwise.

The Greeks refused to believe that there could be such a crime as paricide, for their faith in nature was strong. So let us refuse to believe when men say that Americans differ in veneration for the flag."

BRIGHT BITS OF RELIGION.

[Ram's Horn.]

Imitation virtues never wear well.

Life is thrown away when it is not a life of love.

If you set up for a growler you can always be busy.

Those who have a will to learn find the world full of teachers.

There is no mansion in heaven for the man who is mean to his wife.

God is not always the best known in the church that has the highest steeple.

The only reason why children hate sermons is because they do not understand them.

People who blow their own horns do not always furnish good music for other people.

The devil is proud of the man who never tries to let anybody know that he is religious outside of church.

If we only knew that we were being watched every moment from heaven, how the importance of our lives would be magnified.

The sufficiency of my merit is to know that by me it is not sufficient. -- Saint Augustine.

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