

Read what the
New York Times
says of
“Under the Prophet in Utah.”

Extracts from the review of December 17, 1911.

No grimmer picture has ever been presented than that of the Mormon wife, not the Mormon wife of the old happy days before the United States Government intervened, but the Mormon wife who has become “sealed” since the law made her “sealing” a crime. Before 1890 her mother lived in plural marriage without sin. Nowadays both the Church and the State have made plural marriage a crime; but the Church stealthily connives at it. The Church presents a sanctimonious face to the State, and says that plural marriage is no longer permitted, while it waves its hand behind its back to the libertine and tells him that what it is saying to the State is all a bluff.

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Under the old communism there was not a poor man in Utah, now the almshouses are full, and the Mormon Bishop reaches even in there to collect his tithe. What was the greatest experiment in communism the world ever saw—for the tithes were devoted to the support of the community, and hence there was not a poor man in Utah—has become a great engine for the emolument of the hierarchy, and that hierarchy is resolved into the person of the millionaire Prophet, Joseph F. Smith.

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Mr. Cannon made a wise choice of a collaborator for Mr. O'Higgins has a compelling way of stating Mr. Cannon's facts—so compelling that it interferes with your rest.