

the Romans, who were merely the tools, or the Jewish priests, who laid the plan and carried it out to its bitter end.

Only a most partial investigation could lead us to consider Pilate as the sole slayer of the great Prophet from Nazareth. Circumstances created by the Jewish aristocracy forced him to commit the judicial murder.

Yet, no true Christian hates the Jews on this account. Fanatics there may be who look upon the ancient covenant people with bitter feelings. But true Christians know that Jesus "gave" His life in fulfillment of His great mission, and that never died a man for a greater cause than did Jesus of Nazareth.

### THE SHAMEFUL FACTS REMAIN.

THE facts about the notorious bogus Bishop West letter, published in this paper and in the *Herald*, have set the *Tribune* "American gentlemen" fairly wild again. In a long and painful effort to explain away the villainy of its invention and publication, they resort to their usual abusive language and miserable pettifoggling style. We care nothing for the rant, and we will not be turned aside from the main question by any side issue. Their common trick, when cornered, is to introduce another matter of controversy, to throw their opponent off his guard and induce him to take up the extraneous question. They resort to this dodge now, but it will not answer the purpose this time.

To keep to the question, we will take up the latest assertions about the bogus letter. We showed that it was one of the causes which led to the Tennessee massacre of Elders and Saints. The *Tribune* replies:

"We do not believe that one of these papers ever reached Tennessee at all; our recollection is that the Mormons who were killed in Tennessee were killed a year previous to the publication of the letter; that they were killed, too, because they had persuaded two or three men's wives to leave their husbands, or some young girls to leave their homes to come to Utah to have their souls saved."

The answer to that is, the bogus letter headed "A Red Hot Address" was published in the *Tribune* March 15th, 1884. The butchery of the Saints in Tennessee took place August 10th in the same year. Elder John H. Gibbs was selecting passages from the Bible at a Sunday meeting of the Latter-day Saints, at Cane Creek, when the masked mob of assassins attacked the house; he was shot down and killed. A gun was leveled at Elder Henry Thompson when Elder W. S. Berry seized the weapon and held it aside; the mob fired upon him as he held it and he fell dead to the floor. Martin Condor, son of the owner of the house, was also murdered. J. R. Hudson, Mr. Condor's stepson, ran up stairs and seized a gun to defend himself and the family, and was also slain. The murderers then fired a volley, terribly wounding Mrs. Condor, mother of the two murdered young men, and riddling the

dead body of Elder Berry with bullets.

The evidence is positive and conclusive that copies of the Salt Lake *Tribune* containing the "Red Hot Address" were circulated actively in the neighborhood. A Baptist preacher named Vandever of Hohenwald, Lewis County, Tennessee, took pains to circulate them. Elder Gibbs, who was afterwards killed as described, presented to that preacher a refutation of the Address, but he paid no attention to it. Elder W. H. Jones who was seized by the mob when on their way to the massacre, but who made his escape and is still living, had also sent by mail to Vandever an exposure of the bogus letter, but never heard that the preacher showed it to the people whom he had excited by the slanderous publication.

The charge that the murdered Elders were killed because they had persuaded wives to leave their husbands, or young girls to leave their homes, is without even the shadow of foundation. But it is just what might be expected from the wretched creatures who apologize for the vile and atrocious publication, which, at least in part, led to this inhuman butchery. Not content with the tragic results of their evil work, they seek to traduce the character of their victims, whose lives were known to be without blemish and without reproach.

No matter what they may threaten, or what they may print, the facts will remain that the bogus address was published, that it was used for the purpose designed; that Governor Murray took copies of it with him to the East, leaving immediately after its publication, and that the pretended apologies for its issuance were in effect repetitions of the slander. All the dodging, blither and thither, and accusations about this, that and the other, will not affect these facts. And if the lies told by the *Tribune* about these extraneous matters were true, the bogus "Red Hot Address" remains as one of the most villainous attempts to fire the public mind with prejudice against the "Mormons," that ever emanated from the infernal pit and found a fitting place in the columns of the Salt Lake *Tribune*.

### TWO OF A KIND.

"We know that temples in St. George and in Logan are being used all the time for the celebration of polygamist marriages."

THE foregoing villainous falsehood appears in this morning's *Tribune*. All the responsible persons who know what is taking place every day in the Temples named, state most positively that no such marriages are being performed there, nor have they been for a very long time. No one at either of those places or anywhere else can name a person who since the Manifesto was issued has contracted such a marriage.

The assertion we have clipped is neither more nor less than a wilful LIE. It is not given as an opinion. It is stated as from knowledge. We challenge the writer of the lie to name a single case of polygamist marriage or, as he puts it, "polygamist marriages," solemnized in either of those places within the past two years.

We think it is the duty of the Dis-

trict Attorney to require the person who declares he knows of these offences against the law to produce his evidence; that is, unless the attorney is as certain as we are that the writer knew it was a lie when he penned it, and that it was published for foreign consumption and outside effect.

The occasion for uttering the falsehood which we have clipped from the *Tribune* is a futile endeavor to belittle the letter of Mr. Balderston of the Salt Lake *Times* to the Philadelphia *Press*, in refutation of the libels of the notorious plagiarist preacher Hill, who has been indicted for libelling Sam Small.

In this lame effort, limping over a column and a quarter of editorial space, the *Tribune* writer falls into his frequent contradictory style. For instance: He states that the head of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints "informed the people that he had received permission from Almighty God," "to recommend that no more polygamist marriages should take place." He further says, "referring to the *Times* editor:

If he knows any Mormons who do not obey the instructions of their chiefs, and if he will point out such Mormons as will not obey the instruction of their chiefs, and who having disobeyed such instruction, are still members in good standing of the church, when he will be entitled to a chromo, for he will see something that no other man has yet seen, although sharp eyes have been watching for it for many and many a year.

That is to say the head of the Church is implicitly obeyed by the "Mormon" people, and nobody has ever seen them act against his instructions. He has told the people, authorized by Almighty God, not to contract any more plural marriages. As a sequence to this we are informed that two Temples are being used all the time for the celebration of such marriages! That is *Tribune* logic, once more. Conclusive, is it not? Yes, conclusive of the utter falsehood and dense stupidity of the creature that wrote the libellous and venomous article.

Of course the *Tribune* champions the cause of the disreputable preacher Hill. He is just the kind of pious reptile to please its fancy. He boldly lies through the Philadelphia *Press* about the "Mormons," telling whatever everybody here knows has not the slightest justification in truth, and what the court records here deny in toto, and the corner of the lie which we have placed at the head of this article comes to his aid, and avows that his falsehoods are "in the main entirely correct." They are a worthy pair and ought to be yoked together as about equal in calibre and quality.

If the readers and supporters of the *Tribune* who must know how false the statements are that daily appear in its editorial columns, do not protest against its course, they will show themselves indifferent to truth and consistency, and to the interests of the Territory, which are continually menaced by its false representations of the Utah situation.

In Ohio the Democrats are endeavoring to effect a coalition with the People's party, in order, it is said, to beat McKinley.