

from this city, purporting to be as adopted by the "Republican Territorial Committee," and the statement was made that "one member out of a total of fifteen dissented." Thus it appears in the New York *Tribune* of June 14.

The Republicans of this Territory ought to take notice of these attempts to deceive the eastern press and public. It is well known here that the so-called "Territorial Committee" is not a bona fide Republican organization, but a mere temporary expedient of men belonging to another party to gain recognition from the regular Republican party once in four years. Also that a bare majority of that committee, eight out of fifteen, fabricated and adopted the resolutions.

Deception and fraud are the chief characteristics of the ring "Liberal" faction, and these taint everything it touches. The resolutions were impregnated with falsehood, and the dispatch prepared in this city and sent over the wires to repeat the lies, was in itself a trick intentionally designed to deceive the American people. The disreputable gang cannot do anything on the square.

ARRIVED IN ENGLAND.

A CABLEGRAM to the DESERET NEWS announced the arrival at Liverpool, June 18th, of the Gulon steamship "Wisconsin." The full list of cabin passengers has been published. Twenty-eight of them were from Utah. They were in charge of Elder John Nicholson, associate editor of the DESERET NEWS, who, with his son Angus, is visiting Europe and particularly Scotland, his native land, on genealogical business and for the benefit of his health. His host of friends will be pleased to learn of his safe landing. Elder Nicholson is endeared to all his acquaintances by his many estimable qualities. His upright character, his firm integrity and his able advocacy of the truth by tongue and pen are widely appreciated, and by no one is he more esteemed than by his associates in this office. He has been connected with the DESERET NEWS for twenty-three years, and in every department in which he labored was faithful to its interests. His valuable services will be greatly missed during his absence, which will probably be for a few months. We wish him a pleasant and profitable tour and will hail his return with gladness.

MOSCOW, June 22.—The editor of the Moscow *Illustrated Gazette* fired with a revolver at the editor of the *Vedomosti* today. The shot missed the editor, but killed a journalist named Sibiti-Skoff.

A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

The Rev. W. P. Brown, a prominent Latter Day Saint minister, formerly of Harvey, Kan., now of Richmond, Mo., is in Independence selling his real estate and effects for cash, with which he purposes going to Jerusalem and there witnessing the second coming of Christ.

He says that the second coming of Christ is not far distant; that the Jews are fast returning to Jerusalem, and he takes this as indicative of the great event. He belongs to the Whitmerite branch of the Mormon church, and has been at Richmond studying the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon for the purpose of figuring out the exact date of Christ's return.

He will leave his wife and three daughters here while he goes to Jerusalem in the early part of this summer. He says he does not know just what day Christ will come, but thinks it won't be very many months, and wants to get there in time.—Cor. St. Louis Republic.

It is not surprising that persons so erratic as the individual named in the foregoing, should take the step therein indicated. There are some things in the *Republic's* statement relating to the "Mormon" Church that are misleading, or we would have taken no notice of the trip to Jerusalem.

There is no "Whitmerite branch of the Mormon Church." The handful of followers of Mr. Brown have no connection with the "Mormon Church." They do not even form an offshoot from the original tree. What there is of the organization is a new formation. It claims to be founded on the Book of Mormon, but repudiates many things the Book contains, and also the authority claimed by the man who translated it, as well as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints over which he presided.

A great deal has been said about the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon, and much speculation has been indulged in about its pecuniary value. There is nothing in the "original manuscript" that is not in the printed book. That which is claimed to be the original manuscript is probably the copy furnished to the printers and may be worth something as a relic but no more.

The Book of Mormon furnishes no data as to the exact time of the second advent. Those who have an itching desire to discover the "times and seasons," will derive as little satisfaction at Richmond as in Jerusalem, and vice versa. Moreover, the "second coming of Christ" is not predicted in the Book of Mormon as to take place at Jerusalem. That the Savior will at some time stand upon the Mount of Olives, is among the occurrences foretold by the Prophets to be associated with the Jewish restoration, but that

is not the place where "those who look for His appearing" expect Him to come "the second time without sin unto salvation."

The Whitmerites will make another serious mistake, if they follow the example of Mr. Brown and some other enthusiasts of whom he is but a copy, and sell out their real estate to go to Jerusalem that they may "get there in time" for "Christ's coming."

This movement and the sect which Mr. Brown is trying to build up should not be confounded with "Mormonism" or the "Mormon" Church, with which they have no actual connection whatever.

BRITISH ARISTOCRACY LOSING CASTE

THE Prince of Wales and his bacca-rat business form at present very convenient themes for humorists, paragraphers and editors. It is maintained on the one hand, that gambling is a royal pastime, and the names of kings, queens and aristocrats who gambled, are cited as illustrations of its claims to royal recognition. On the other hand, it is contended that gambling is not pastime, but an odious vice, and that most probably it will cost the Prince of Wales a throne.

The marriage of Sir William Gordon Cumming to an American heiress, immediately after the trial by which he was declared a card cheat, also occasions much comment as to the doings of British aristocrats in the matrimonial line. It is found that American heiresses and unsavory actresses are the special delight of the modern "Lord Dundreary." It is not very complimentary to the daughters of the Great Republic to be thus classified but unfortunately it is not undeserved. In the race for titles the average actress and the American heiress are close competitors, with the advantages in favor of the latter.

Among the celebrities of the stage, perhaps none has a more remarkable history than that of Belle Bilton, the concert hall singer. She is now Countess of Clancathy, Baroness Kilconnel, and Marchioness of Huesden. As Lady Dunlop she figured prominently in the London courts. Her father-in-law, the old Earl, did everything possible to nullify her marriage. He did not succeed, and died of disgust, it is said, a few months ago. But in his will he deprived his son of everything that the laws of entail would allow him to cut off. The Countess, however, is not disheartened. She still sticks to the footlights, and drives to the theatre in a gilt and coroneted chariot, attended by powdered footmen, and driven by liveried coachmen.