

of eaves, and have low windows about three feet square and with from ten to sixteen little panes of cheap glass in them. High walls rudely built of common stone the size of an egg and held together with mortar, surround these houses as well as those of the church, but are fast crumbling to the ground.

Here is a little more of the same sort of deliberate falsehood, or unpardonable error in a professional gatherer of information for the public:

"As the irresistible push of the Gentile genius continues to manifest itself here in Salt Lake City, one does indeed find the quaint and modern jostling together at every turn. Pass along whatever business street you will, and you find fine business blocks going up six and nine stories high, while their walls rub against some little old one-story frame store which a struggling Mormon tradesman built and labled with his own hands—in one instance the "Glory to God Grocery"—away back at a time when it was almost worth a Gentile's life to enter the town. Within speaking distance of the worm-eaten and distressingly warped doors of the famous old temple, you find a stylish store filled with the latest goods on which the dashing Gentile proprietor makes a splendid profit. About the same distance from the "Bee Hive," where Brigham Young and his nineteen wives once lived, and where but three of the surviving fifteen now live is a very showy and modern residence, owned and occupied by a shrewd Gentile who has made \$150,000 in real estate here within the past three years, and made it mostly out of the Mormons, too, notwithstanding the fact that not one of them can sell a foot of their land without first consulting a dignitary of the church, in order that the church may get its rake off."

"The time when it was worth a Gentile's life to enter the town" has never been since the town was built. The "nearest stylish stores" to the Temple which are "filled with the latest goods" are not owned by "dashing Gentile proprietors," but are "Mormon" establishments, Z. C. M. I. being the largest and containing the most extensive stock of "the latest goods" in all this mountain region. The story about land-selling is of the same class of fiction, and is an untruth so bald and absurd that even this gullible gatherer of anti-"Mormon" chestnuts might have had sense enough to detect, and refrain from repeating it.

Here is an insinuation which he ought to have had decency enough not to have uttered, seeing that it is only the vile suspicion of foul-minded libertines, who delight in pouring such suggestions into the wide ears of soft-headed travelers.

"There is not a house of ill-fame in the city, but it is on many tongues that scores of women whom the Edmunds law made grass widows—to put it mildly—are leading lives of quiet disgrace.

If there is a policeman in the

town I have failed to see him in my numerous walks."

Seeing that a DESERET NEWS reporter held some conversation in presence of several policemen with this person who never saw a policeman in the town, his truthfulness is not of a startling nature nor an excessive quantity. One more quotation and we will leave this "charming" correspondent and his abuse of "Mormon" hospitality to his own reflections upon the virtues of gratitude and the pleasures of self-satisfaction. He says of the coming election:

"If the Mormons win, then what will be the consequence to Salt Lake City? Only another period of slightly retarded growth in the present business center, and one of the greatest counter moves of revenge upon the Mormons that perhaps was ever conceived in an American municipality, and it remains for the *Republican* of Omaha to make the first public mention of this great move. The Union Pacific and Burlington & Missouri railroad companies have just bought thousands of acres of very valuable property, to the southeast of the city. The purchase was on a semi-secret plan. If the Mormons gain the forthcoming city election and continue to refuse pledges of improvements, the Gentile business element will be given business property, buildings and all, including such other inducements as will result in a universal and complete desertion of Salt Lake City by this element—meaning many millions of dollars—thus completely turning the tables on the Mormons by depreciating their property fully one-half, robbing them of thousands of their enterprising young business men and demoralizing them to the extent of bankruptcy, for the revenue which the church receives by continuing the imposition of entirely inadequate public works at exorbitant figures, considering the service, is the source of its financial life-blood to-day."

There! Now tremble in your boots ye property-owners of Salt Lake City! Weep for the losses that are coming upon you. But where are these "thousands of acres of valuable property in the southeast of the city?" And how about the "Gentile" owners of ninety-nine out of every hundred of the building improvements, whether for business or residence? What are they going to do about it? No wonder the *Republican* is the first paper to publish this absurd and utterly groundless canard. The "charming" dude must be one of the puttiest-headed tenderfeet that was ever crammed by a "Liberal" yarn-spinner in this city of anti-"Mormon" romances.

When the poor thing comes to Utah again, some of those "soggy-

faced" girls with their "dull eyes" and "Mormon piety," will have to take him in hand and show him how stupid he is, and what a guy his "Gentile" guides made of him when he was writing up the City of the Saints. "The Omaha *Republican*, if it desires something fresh from Salt Lake, should not send a scribe who is so "fresh" himself that he might be used at Garfield to make the waters of the lake suitable for drinking purposes. Good by, "Cresse."

UTAH COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

FROM the Washington dispatch which appears in our telegraphic columns, it appeared that the Utah Commission has made a very extreme and partisan report to the Secretary of the Interior. As the dispatch is made up from the report itself, and not from purported interviews or alleged revelations of members of the Board, it may be relied upon as giving the salient features of the recommendations of the Commission.

The position is taken in the report that Congress, in creating the Commission, "desired it to use its best endeavors to wipe out and extinguish polygamy, and as far as possible polygamous influences and tendencies." And it is stated that this was the ground on which "the first Utah Commission proceeded." That this is utterly untenable, although the first Utah Commission may have taken it, we need only read the ninth section of the Edmunds Act which created the Commission. But if we desire further evidence, the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Murphy et al. vs. the (first) Utah Commission*, will place the fallacy of the position of that body beyond all reasonable doubt.

The functions of the Utah Commission are comprised in the appointment of all registration and election officers in Utah, and giving certificates of election to members-elect of the Legislative Assembly. Just that and nothing more. All the rest is assumption. If the gentlemen comprising the Board think they are required to act as missionaries "to wipe out and extinguish polygamy, their notions are purely imaginary; there is not a line nor a letter in the Act creating their offices and defining the duties thereof that gives even a suggestion of such an idea. And as to wiping out "polygamous influences and tendencies" the act in question specifically forbids their doing anything