

PATRIOTISM AND PROFIT.

EVENTS that happen every day prove that patriotism and benevolence are frequent recourses of scoundrels. By the hypocritical vultures of society, human suffering and human sympathy are made sources of financial profit.

This fact has been proved even in connection with that great calamity, the Johnstown flood. Times without number whining and unconscionable knaves have also lined their pockets by operating in different parts of the country as ducat collectors to redeem the "Mormons" from a condition they were never in. For this fabricated purpose kindly disposed people have liberally contributed, believing they were aiding in the furtherance of a genuine cause, when they were perhaps merely enriching some hypocritical economizer of the truth.

So in relation to patriotism. Frequently those whose cries are the loudest in proclaiming the cause of the oppressed have the least interest in the subject for which they profess devotion. Their object is to gather in the dollars and feed and fatten on the distresses of one class of people and the sympathies of another class. This has been recently illustrated in the developments in the Cronin murder case. Some of the facts brought out thus far in its investigation will doubtless not only injure the secret organization known as the Clan-na-Gael, but will seriously wound the cause of Ireland. In this connection the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* has the following pertinent paragraph:

"The investigation of the Cronin case is gradually bringing to light the bottom facts with regard to the collection of money in this country for the benefit of the Irish cause. Millions of dollars have thus been obtained, and the contributors are likely at last to ascertain how the gift has been handled and what proportion of it has been really expended in an honest and decent way. There can be no doubt that much of this revenue has gone into the pockets of knavish agents whose loud sympathy with poor old Ireland is only a pretense and a speculation. It is by no means certain that one dollar in ten of the aggregate amount received has ever got any further than Chicago or New York. The daily revelations go to show more and more clearly that a systematic process of embezzlement has been going on under cover of vivid and pathetic appeals in behalf of the ragged and hungry victims of English oppression. It is evident that the names and functions of certain secret societies have been perverted to the uses of de-

liberate fraud and robbery; and the indications are that assassination was added to prevent a threatened exposure of the conspiracy.

DEATH OF MRS. HAYES.

AFTER an illness of only three days, the wife of ex-President Hayes has forsaken the scenes of earth and gone to the brighter beyond. Her departure was unattended by suffering of any kind, as the destroyer paralyzed her faculties when his hand was first laid upon her. A rare and excellent lady was Mrs. Hayes; her chief glory and her principal delight, even when elevated to the White House as its mistress, was in her family, and her greatest desire for the people was that they might become and remain better, encouraging them not merely by precept but by excellent examples at all times. To be known as the wife of Mr. Hayes was more gratifying than to be known as the wife of the President; in other words, her head was not "turned" by her social promotion, and she emerged from the White House as womanly a woman and as homelike a helpmeet as she went into it. While she rests in peace, her attractiveness of person, gentleness of demeanor and simplicity of deportment will not soon be forgotten by those who knew her.

ARIZONA MOVING.

"ARIZONA, too, is taking steps to organize a State government, and next winter will be knocking at the doors of the Union. The Attorney-General has held that the movement, even without an enabling act, is valid, the admission of the Territory as a State carrying with it an approval of the legality of the 'constitutional convention,'" says the *Denver News*. This was outlined previously in the dispatches, and the only point of interest the matter *per se* seems to suggest is a question as to why such a proposition should have to go to the Attorney-General for decision. Anybody that has ever read the Constitution of the United States and remembers what he read can tell without an effort that the right of any people to peaceably assemble and petition for a redress of grievances is not denied. Being in a Territorial condition while possessing the necessary population, wealth and intelligence to occupy a sovereign station, is a grievance which the people have a right to petition for a

removal of. Of course Congress has the last say; it can admit or refuse to do so; but it is not essential that it pass an enabling act. Doing so only forwards matters a little.

DON'T NEGLECT YOUR FRIENDS.

WE HAVE received a letter written at Wigan, Lancashire, England, by Elder Isaac J. Riddle, engaged as a missionary in that part of the world. He re-iterates an old complaint. It is to the effect that people who emigrate from the old countries, come here, settle down, surround themselves with the comforts of life and forget all about their relatives and friends whom they left behind in the lands of their birth. The majority of them fail to drop their relatives and acquaintances a line to let them know how they are situated and of the state of their views and feelings.

The effect of this neglect is, in numerous instances, that many of the people when approached by the Elders are discovered to be firmly imbued with a belief in the hobgoblin and blood and thunder stories told by such fellows as the lunatic Jarman and the untruthful publications in books by unscrupulous authors, who have sought money-making by indulging in the popular labor of abusing the Latter-day Saints. Some of those people who have not received any news from their friends who have come to Utah, even hold to the old worn-out absurdity that all letters sent out of Salt Lake are examined by the authorities of the Church, and only those epistles that are considered to be of the right kind permitted to leave the Territory.

These failures to write to friends have had the effect of hedging up the way of the Elders on missions. On the other hand, where letters have been received, the missionaries have been welcomed, openings made and good accomplished. As an instance of this kind Elder Riddle cites the case of a young man who left the part of England where he now is, came to Utah and located in Summit County. He has not only written to his relatives and friends but has forwarded means for the emigration of his parents. This incident has done more to remove absurd prejudices from the minds of the people in that district than could have been accomplished by the diligent labors of half a dozen Elders.

Elder Riddle also suggests that it would be quite an aid to the Mis-