

ers, haulers, millers, bakers, tailors, dressmakers, shoemakers, hatters, etc., and make business brisk for merchants and others. The establishment of factories here would give life to every branch of trade and industry and to every profession.

If our home moneyed men will not engage in this work and co-operate in the manufacturing interest, outside capital will come in and do it, when the advantages are made clear and the persistent misrepresentation of the majority of the inhabitants is stopped. It cannot be expected that financial giants at a distance will put cash into Utah ventures of the desired kind, while the false idea is diligently fostered that the people are hostile to everything in the way of progress and improvement.

But, whether from inside or outside sources, money is needed for investment in manufactures. Every man who employs others and gives them fair remuneration for their labor becomes a public benefactor, for the reasons we have named. And men of financial ability, who confine their efforts to enterprises that simply promote the exchange of commodities, or that are merely commercial or financial in their character, will find that without something productive behind their business affairs, profits will begin to decline and speculation be brought to a low level.

More people with plenty of work, means more general prosperity. Increase of population with no increase of employment, means disaster, suffering, stagnation of trade and a general decline. We have a few institutions that produce something and find work for hands that would otherwise be idle, and they are of much more public benefit than appears on the surface. We need more of them. Where are the men of money, brain and soul who will lead out in this absolutely necessary direction and benefit the community as well as themselves?

FLOWERS AND WATER.

SOME time since Hon. Roswell P. Flowers paid this city a brief visit. He has been stuffing Pacific Coast reporters with anti-"Mormon" pabulum, having, as a matter of course, taken in the situation here with one glance of his eagle eye. He is credited with telling a San Francisco *Chronicle* representative that all the water in this vicinity flows exclusively into the gardens of the "Mormons" and to the effect that the

poor, meek, thirsty Gentiles are not frozen out, but are placed under the parching process.

To those unfortunate non-"Mormons" who gaze from the windows of their homes upon their fresh verdant lawns and beautiful flower beds this statement will be surprising. Will they not begin to wonder whether these natural adornments have been produced by the dry-earth process? Mr. Flowers did not say whether those who are not "Mormons" are permitted to obtain a drink of water occasionally, or whether they are compelled exclusively to "wash down their wittles" with bad whisky and execrable lager.

It is a pity that men like Mr. Flowers, presumed to possess at least an average understanding of matters and things, should be so far left to themselves as to shut their eyes when confronted with any question. Really progressive and inquiring minds open the windows through which knowledge passes to their interior wherever they go. Thus they are enabled to exhale among their fellowmen the fragrance of truth. Unfortunately this country contains too many human flowers of the Roswell variety. They are strewn all over, and when they lift their heads in a locality against a section of whose people they have previously passed judgment, they inhale only that portion of the atmosphere congenial to their narrowed condition. When they go hence they emit and spread the noxious effluvia of error.

"If people who come here would make proper use of their faculties and be honest and truthful they would not give out such rubbish as the gentleman referred to dumped into the capacious and willing ears of an asinine coast reporter about the exclusive use of water by "Mormons" in this city.

We hope to see Roswell P. here again. He might on the next visit be enabled to view the water question in its true light, and give valuable assistance in increasing its quantity and providing for its more equitable distribution.

TROUBLES OF THE TIMES.

THIS is an extraordinary year for great calamities. The elements seem to be under a malefic influence. In addition to the horrors of flood and fire, railroad and other accidents attending travel, murders, suicides and personal mishaps startle the

world with their frequency, and atmospheric disturbances are peculiar and unusual. This is noticeable by persons of different views and notions. A feeling of uneasiness pervades the world. People are looking for further disasters and wondering what will come next. It is a time of singular and unwonted agitation.

To the people who settled and built up this Territory these events are not unexpected. They have been looking for them for years. They have every reason to believe that troubles and calamities will increase in the world. If it were not so, one of the evidences of the truth of the work in which they are engaged, and of the prophetic mission of its founder, would be lacking. The judgments of the latter days have been proclaimed ever since the organization of this Church, wherever its missionaries have penetrated. And the warning of the world of impending woes has formed one of their prominent duties, connected with the preaching of the Gospel.

People who have no faith in ancient or modern revelation are looking for some natural cause or causes for these commotions and calamities. And even they who believe implicitly in the predictions of the prophets concerning these things, and who look for their fulfillment in and through the operations of nature, understanding that God works by and through His own laws, are cogitating upon the philosophy of these occurrences. Some, like the heathen kings of old, call for the astrologers and soothsayers to explain the phenomena. But the masses move along without more than a passing interest occasioned by each shocking catastrophe, which forms less than even a nine days' wonder.

Astrology has tried its hand at figuring out the influences of the planets under certain combinations at given dates. Its prognostications, while appearing to bear a grain or two of truth, abound with errors and form neither a guide to coming events nor an explanation of the causes of the troubles which afflict mankind and appear to be impending. Even if astrology were founded on correct principles, there are conditions and influences in the astral universe of which it gives no particulars, and on which it cannot calculate. It is, therefore, unreliable and delusive, and usually leads its dazzled votaries into the swamps of discomfiture and disappointment.