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"BY THEIR FRUITS," ETC.

The majority of the people of Ariz-
ona desire the United States. They do not wish to be joined
with New Mexico, as proposed in the
measure to that end now before the
Congress at the United States. We be-
lieve they are right in their objection,
and all go in their desire. Arizona, in
our opinion, should itself become a State
in the Union, with all the rights and
privileges that are enjoyed by the now
existing States. There is a prejudice,
however, against giving any further po-
litical power to the West, and therefore
the project of attempting to unite the
two Territories into one commonwealth
will probably be pushed with the ex-
pectation that it will be defeated.

During the discussion on this subject
endeavors have been made to drag the
"Mormon" question into the dispute. It
is well known that this is only a ruse
on the part of wire-pulling politicians
to prejudice Congress and the country
against the independent Statehood
movement, and has no real bearing up-
on the claims of that Territory and no
relevance to the debate on its admis-
sion. However, it may be expected,
just now, that some importance will be
attached to it, because of the feeling
that has been aroused throughout the
nation, by the preachers and the women
who think they are performing a
great service to God and the country
by fighting that which they imagine to
be "Mormonism."

One of two Arizona papers have men-
tioned the "Mormons" and the influ-
ence which they exercise in the political
affairs of the Territory, and have to
some degree joined in the hue and cry
concerning the power of the Church,
and this has been interpreted to mean
that "Mormon" colonization is not in
so great demand as it was in years
past, but that the States and Terri-
tories adjacent to Utah do not want an
influx of "Mormons" into their domain.
This is very amusing in the light of
present and potent facts. We have in
our possession a number of recent
propositions for the transportation of
"Mormons" into surrounding regions,
with urgent offers of land and facili-
ties for its cultivation, showing the de-
sire to procure our people to build up
the country and establish towns and
villages and agricultural enterprises.

Scarcely a day passes without simi-
lar propositions to the First Presidency,
asking that colonies be sent to differ-
ent points designated by the writers,
and showing the desire of the people in
those neighborhoods to welcome "Mor-
mons" into their Territory. Land is of-
fered at extremely low figures, and in-
ducements of all kinds are held out
with a view to obtaining numbers of
our people to settle upon the soil and
extend their influence in building up
communities which will be of the same
temperament, industrious, moral and frugal
character as that of their corre-
spondents, whose virtues have already
been made prominent by contrast with
the usual kind of settlers migrating
from other points. There never was a
time when "Mormon" colonizers were
in greater demand than at present.

Some of the most virulent anti-"Mor-
mon" papers in the country, while at-
tacking the "Mormon" religion, as they
view it, and showing by the by that
they do not understand it at all, at the
same time utter words of praise con-
cerning the utility of purpose, the fi-
delity to their faith, the diligence in
their labors and the good results of
their combined efforts in building up
new colonies, exhibited by the "Mor-
mons," and make a very favorable con-
trast between their works and the ef-
fects of their system with those of
their neighbors who are not of their
faith. So that the notion that there is
a change of public sentiment in re-
gard to the desire for "Mormon" colo-
nization is altogether a mistake, or, in
some quarters, an absolute and wilful
falshood.

The truth is that the "Mormon" sys-
tem of converting the desert into a
fruitful field, and making habitations
in the wilderness for civilized humani-
ty, and equipping them with the mod-
ern conveniences, facilities for educa-
tion and all that art and science can
afford and the means at hand will per-
mit, is superior to anything of the kind
that has been tried by theorists and re-
formers and social scientists. It is so
because it is a feature of the "Mormon"

religion. The notion that this neces-
sarily includes a multitude of wives is
one of the great blunders of the age,
and which will take a long time to
remove from the minds of the American
people.

The Troy Press, for instance, which
cannot let this "Mormon" question
alone, recently in the course of a long
article, which is but a repetition of
mouldy old stories revamped about "Joe
Smith," etc., etc., makes this remark:
"The great and distinguishing feature
of Mormonism, separating it from all
churches claiming to be Christian, is
polygamy." And yet it was not until
1843 that plural marriage was promul-
gated to the Latter-day Saints, and
not until 1852, that it was published to
the world at large, and its
practice has been but comparatively
small since that time. It has been for-
bidden by its recognized authorities,
"Mormonism" therefore is to be viewed
and discussed, if at all, separate and
apart from that which most people im-
agine to be its one particular and
"distinguishing feature."

"Mormonism" is a religious system
differing vitally in many respects from
all others. It is practical in the fullest
sense. It enters into the lives of its
votaries, and influences them to the
accomplishment of the good works
which have so signally held them in
view before the world. While thinking
people who are informed as to that
which the "Mormons" have accom-
plished and are effecting and are likely
to bring about for the good of man-
kind, temporarily as well as spiritually,
cannot but admire the results of "Mor-
mon" labor, unity and brotherhood, it
is yet remarkable that they do not ap-
ply to the Latter-day Saints the great
redeemer, "By their fruits ye shall
know them."

RUSSIAN CONDITIONS.

The news from Russia proves that the
situation is as grave as has been sus-
pected, if not worse. And the massacre
of the unarmed workmen, and women
and children, will act as oil poured
on flames. The news of the occurrences
in the capital will be kept from the
people in other parts of the country as
far as possible. The censors will see to
that. But in some way the facts will
be made known, and as the rumor goes
from village to village it will add in-
tensely to the existing discontent. It
is absolutely certain that the Russian
masses are now pretty well prepared
for a revolution. If among them should
appear a capable, fearless leader, he
would obtain a following formidable
enough to make the throne tremble.
Without leader, the movement must
inevitably spend its fury in vain against
the murderous arms of the soldiers, as
the roaring waves that dash themselves
into spray upon the immovable rocks
of the shore, but if the tremendous
force of those popular, stormy seas is
intelligently directed, it is enough to
make the rocks crumble and fall.

The czar has for a third time shown
himself utterly incompetent to lead
the vast nation entrusted to his care.
First, when the faithful Finlanders in
the hands of cruel oppressors sought
him, as children their father, he closed
his doors and heart against them. Then,
when the Russian middle classes, rep-
resented by the zemstvo presidents,
asked for liberty, he gave them a stone
for bread, serpentine promises for sub-
stantial food. And now, in reply to
the petition of a hundred thousand Rus-
sian workmen, he orders his soldiers
to kill them like dogs. The czar has
missed the grandest opportunity a
monarch ever had, of making
himself the idol of the people,
their leader, their father. If finally,
another leader should arise and turn
the people against him and his house,
where would the responsibility rest?

There is, apparently, no more mys-
terious person on any throne today
than the Russian autocrat. He is by
some described as kindhearted, well-
meaning and amiable, while others say
that he is utterly impotent for good or
for evil, the tool of clericalism and women.
All seem to agree that he is
nervous, weak and timid.

It can hardly be but that the family
history of the Romanoffs must be
stamped upon this heir of their position.
It is a record of bloodshed, violence,
and disaster. The Emperor Paul was
murdered in 1801, and Catherine II,
his mother, certainly hid under the
imperial vestment an utterly depraved
nature. The great-grandfather of the
present czar, overwhelmed with the
disasters of the Crimean war, probably
committed suicide. His grandfather was
assassinated while driving in the streets.
His father died a natural death, but
he was a victim of crass superstition
and completely under the thumb of
Pobiedonosteff. With such ancestral
history, the czar cannot be the man
needed in the present Russian crisis.

If he would trust himself loose from
the oligarchy and trust himself entirely
to the people, as modern ideas of gov-
ernment demand, he would still be a
savior of Russia, but if he continues
on the dangerous path of despotism,
which he is too weak to sustain, his
country will meet with disaster.

DESPICABLE TACTICS.

It is a common practice with a certain
low class of dialecticians when they
have no facts on which to base any at-
tacks upon their victims, to be all the
more abundant in epithets, in the hope
of keeping the prejudices of the mob
alive. They always aim at enlisting
the sympathy of the mob. Without
that they are lost. So they must pre-
tend to some resemblance of argument.
They are the wolves in the well known
fable. They act somewhat like the
holy inquisitors of ancient times, who
pointed devils on their martyrs, in or-
der to give the mob the impression that
the holocaust was well justified.

We have an illustration of the same
cunning, sneaky tactics in the efforts
of the enemies of the Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints, to pre-
judice the public against it, by daily re-
petitions of the falsehoods that that
Church is "ruled" by a hierarchy, that
her members are "slaves" politically
and religiously, and that the very exist-
ence of that Church is a "menace" to

civilization. The tactics are not un-
known in politics either; for, very often
political pygmies fancy they can over-
throw opponents by hurling "names"
at them. When they designate them as
"crazes," "imperialists," "despots," and
"traitors," they presume that they are
absolved from all obligations impos-
ed by reason and arguments. It is well
that they know not how puny they ap-
pear in their efforts to take heaven by
assault. But Milton very truthfully
characterized that class, when he said:
"I did but prompt the age to quit their
clothes."
By the known rules of ancient liberty,
When straight a barbarous noise en-
genders
Of owls and cuckoos, asses, apes, and
dogs.

It is absolutely impossible to argue
with such a conglomeration. But for
the benefit of those who may desire to
know the truth, it should be said that
all this noise about a "hierarchy" in
Utah is entirely without excuse. The
origination of it know perfectly well the
Church has no hierarchy, no priest
caste, no class of reverends. They
know very well that the "Mormons,"
as any man or woman in the land, and
freer than many who are under undue
American party and partisan control.
They know that they are wilfully mis-
leading the "Mormons," by their state-
ments, but they are condemned by the
very misdoings of which they are the
authors; for, if they had any true
grounds for accusation, they would not
need falsehoods as weapons of attack.

There are evils today, that threaten
the American home, and other Ameri-
can institutions. "Mormonism" is not
one of those evils. The enemies of the
country can do it no greater harm than
by distracting popular attention from
the real evils, thereby causing the peo-
ple to neglect to search for the remedy
that is needed. In the war in Asia the
Japanese have repeatedly made attacks
on certain points in order to cover up
their important movements against other
points. Sometimes they have been
aided by spies in this work. The ene-
mies of this country—for they are noth-
ing less—are doing the same, in agi-
tating against an unoffending Church.
But their plans and schemes will, no
doubt, ultimately be known every-
where, as they are here. And we can
afford to wait.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Pearson's Magazine for February
contains an interesting assortment of
short stories and special articles, num-
bering in all nineteen. The leading
article is an up-to-date history of
Washington, one of our most promising
States and already well under way in
taking the lead in agricultural produc-
tion. The decline of our New Eng-
land and mackerel and lobster fisheries is
the subject of another article which
points out the reasons for these failures
and suggests remedies. How the play-
wrights place their plays and the trials
and tribulations of playwrights is an-
other article, by Hyman O'Malley. Still
another is the pen picture of the life
of the late Louis Deliber, the headman
of Paris, a social outcast, a man fore-
doomed as the executioner of men, yet
a man with intensely human feeling.
"The Mounted Police of the West,"
"Winter Pastimes," and "The Water
We Buy in Solid Foods" are three ar-
ticles handsomely illustrated. Of fic-
tion, there are a number, chief of
which is Acropolis Island, one of H. O.
Wells' clever scientific-adventure sto-
ries. Besides, there are a detective
story, a Wall Street story, an East
Indian love story, and six other stories,
fairy, nature and clever—Astor
Place, New York.

The leading article in the February
Suggestion discusses Christian Science
theories, and endeavors to prove that
Mrs. Eddy's theories are unscientific.
A complete exposure of the methods used
by Anna Eva Fay in her alleged mind
reading feats is also promised in this
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Long's brief speech on taking the chair
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pression. The other speakers were all
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President Roosevelt's letter to the
Senate, the subject of the arbitra-
tion treaties, received in December, but
only now made public, reveals the im-
portance the Chief Executive attaches
to the proposed conventions. Although
personally favorable to somewhat more
comprehensive treaties, he regards the
tentative forms as a long step toward
the safety of international relations. He
was certainly unprepared at that time
for the surprising position taken by
certain members of Congress that the
treaties should be further limited by
making the contest of two-thirds of the
members of the House necessary in or-
der to refer a given international con-
tention to the Tribunal of The Hague.
Such a requirement would practically
nullify any virtue that the proposed
treaties would have in the way of safe-
guarding the nation against the dan-
gers of popular clamor.