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A DISINTERESTED DEFENSE.

THERE are a great many people wh have visited Utah, and some who have resided here for a const have resided here not in any way con-nected with "Mormonism" or favor-able to pur religious stows or insti-tutions, but who are as much dis-gusted with the folly and falsehood of the traducers of the "Mormons" any of our people can ey are quite free to expr their dissent from the attacks that are made upon he when conversing with a "Mormon," but they rarely, if ever, make any public demonstration on the side of truth and justice. If all the ladies and gentlemen who have been to Utah and declared that their opinions concerning the Baints had been changed by seeing

faith and our people, stand up for views the proceedings which have the truth when they return to their been unexpectedly brought to light: homes. It is so unpopular to speak in defense of the "Mormons," and so difficult to swim against the tide, that they say little or nothing when they hear us misre-presented, and quietly glide into the presented, and quietly glide into the grams addressed to the public by Hon. Walter Evans will surprise and startle the friends of Governer Ell H. Murray. Mr. Evans accompanies his state-ments with a letter and two tele-grams addressed to the President

nothing when they hear as minto presented, and quietly glide into the general current. Once in a while, however, some one who has sufficient courage to brave the popular anger, and regard enough for truth, though unpalat able, to speak in its defense, comes out in the public prints with a refu-tation of the slanders so plentifully heaped upon the devoted heads of the Latter-day Saints, and a word in favor of men and principles usually denounced and viewed from only one side. Of this honorable class, is a gen-tleman who signs himself W. McC, and, in the columns of Truth, a daily newspaper published in New York, makes a vigorous defense of the

the offices in the gift of the people of Uinh, and in view of the way in which the Gentiles run af-fairs in this State, I think the Mormons are right in keep-ing them out of office there. The Result of the result, three or fair steamers plying thither staty. The Finterics ing them out of office there. The lengthem out of office there. The made her last trip at p.m. with a large load variously estimated at 400 to 800. The boat shipped water on the down trip but all went well un-the down trip but all went well un-til the return. When over half way the the some prants of the playful

ars and groans. They may be able home some pranks of the playful make political capital with their hipolygamy cry, but while the formon Church is conducted as at

Mormon Church is conducted as at present, no power but war and de-struction can even shake it. We have not reproduced the erro-neous parts of the article, although in many respects they are very favora-ble theory people and cause, as we do not wish to give any color of sup-port to arror, nor to assist in paint-ing sampling too viridiz. Several do not wish to give any color of sup-port to arror, nor to assist in paint-ing anything too vividly. Several remarks made by the gentleman with its load of human beings have the elements of truth, but are stated in such a way as to create an incorrect impression. The tenor of the article, however, is admirable, and the intent, that is, to stand up in defense of a people who are gross-ly and continually misrepresented, cannot be too highly commended. Whoever Mr. W. MoC. may be, we are grateful for his endeavor to do justice to a community which it is the fushion to calumniate. have the elements of truth, but are who were safe were powerless to the fushion to calumniate. extend. The utmost exertions wer

that their opinions concerning the Baints had been changed by seeing this place and people for themselves, would openly express abroad the fa-vorable sentiments uttered while here, they would do much towards correcting popular errors and estab-lishing a proper estimate of the peo-nia who have done so great and good a work in the vales of the Rocky Mountains. But it is rare that any of those who admit while here that the world is mistaken in regard to our faith and our people, stand up for

NEW YORK, 26. — The Herald gives a history and map of the newly projected western grain route, show-ing the plans and prospects of the Hennepin canal. The canal as pro-posed will cut through 60 miles of country, thus connecting the Mis-sissippi River with Illinois, and car-goes of grain entering the canal from the Mississippi River will, by the canal and the Illinois river, be floated to Chicago, and there fall floated to Chicago, and there fall into the already established grain routes to the Atlanic.

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## LIST OF LETTERS

GENTLEMEN'S LIST. were eagerly scanned by a hundred anxious friends looking for their were eagerly scanned by a hundred analous friends looking for their missing ones. A goodly proportion of the drowned are mon in middle life and many children. Many were the wails of sorrow which fol-lowed the identification or relatives. One man was heard enquiring for four children. As fast as the corpses were claimed they were taken in charge by friends and removed home. The utmost confusion pre-vails. It is impossible to secure a complete list of drawned but it in-cludes many prominent citizens.

An Inter-State Canal Scheme, NEW YORK, 26. - The Herald

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" Mormons " from a "Gentile ' standpoint, in answer to some state ments made by that paper. While the gentleman, who is well known the editors of the paper his well written which article appears, has made some his intentions are evi dently to present facts not generally known to the public, and show the side of "Mormonism" that has not been looked at by the world. He shows that "polygamy is not the magnet that draws so many souls into the Mormon net," in which he is eminently correct, and speaking further on that subject he says:

further on that subject he says: "Christian people need not shud-der" at this, for they have only to look into their own Bibles to see the justification, and they have only to real the biblical history of the men whose names are held sacred for a precedent. Then why blame the pioneers of Mormonism, who were deeply imbued with what they had read in sacred history, if they saw their way to a quicker growth by the practice of polygamy? The Mormons at Nauvoo were tossed about from pillar to post, un-til at last they resolved to turn their backs upon a civilization which par-secuted them because of their faith, and be it understood that at this time they did not practice polygamy but worshipped their Maker in a different manner from other sects. That was their crime, and that

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He gives an epitome of the exodus from Nauvoo and the journey of the Pioneers to Sait Lake and asks:

her arrival at Dundas St. At Ward's Dock, the first stopping place after leaving Spring Bank, she was all right, but the dock men say that she was overcrowded and shaky, and it is learned from other sources that she and her sister boats took down far more people than it was possible for them to bring baca again in the evening without over-loading. At 7 o'clock, there being no word of the Victoria, the people at Dundas Street dock became ex-tremely uneasy, and officials of the time were unable to relieve their anx-iety. A few minutes afterwards, a massenger from Woodlawn Park "What do you suppose was the reason these people suffered such terrible hardships? Was it that they might practise polygamy? No! The cause of their going so far west was the same as brought the TH grim Fathers to America—to find homes and a place in which they might worship the Creator in their own way, but principally to find homes. These homes they now have, and I wish that every other re-ligious sect on earth could say the same for their people. The method of government in the Mormon Church is a very simple one—the Church is a very simple one-the only objection being that it does not need lawyers to assist in its admin-

He speaks of the Tample as "probably as substantial a piece of archiocture as there is in the world," cribes the manner in which disputes are settled among the "Mornons" without the aid of polic and lawyers, pictures the change experienced by poor people who come here from the old countries and obtain homes and independ-ence, and continues:

"Here is one little thing which it might be well for our ministers to ponder over, in which the great strength of the Mormon Church liss: trongth of the Mormon Church liss: "here is not a Mormon-man, wo-man or child—in any of the twon-y-one stakes of Zion who does not mow where they will get their upper and a bed at night. In all he Mormon cities and towns there is not a hungry Mormon to be found, Beggars are unknown aknown among them. daho, Montana

BY TELEGRAPH PAR WINTERS UNION THE BORAPH LINE. AMERICAN. THE ILL-FATED "VICTORIA."

MORE PARTICULARS.

Mexican Hailroads. PHILADELPHIA, 28.—The Ledger says: Probably very few realize the magnitude and importance of the projects now being worked out in the southwest by the union of the American and Mexican capitalists and engineers. The Mexican Na-tional railroad is not a simple line between two points, but is in reality a system of roads designed to open the whole country. What may be called the two trunk lines lead north from the City of Mexico to Laredo, where connection is to be NEW YORK 26. - The World' pecial has the following details the steamer Victoria, of the River Thames Navigation Co., whose boats ply between this city and Woodland Cemetery, Woodland Park, Wards Park and Spring Bank, Laredo, where connection is to be made with the American system of railroads, west from capital to Man-Woodland Cemetery, Woodland Park, Wards Park and Spring Bank, capsized on her return trip. It is believed at least 180 persons were drowned, but up to this hour it is impossible to get full particulars. On Monday evening the boats of this company, viz., the Victoria, Priscase Louise and Forest City, took a large number of people down to the points mentioned to spend the Queen's birthday holiday. That day they took down a bigger crowd, tic kets being reduced to 75 and 70 cents. Spring Bank is one of the favorite suburbs of the city and the grove in the neighborhood was crowded all day. Early in the evening three boats began to carry the excursionists home, landing them at Dundas Street dock here. The Victoria left Spring Bank at six, with about 400 on board. This was her first day's work this season. She was an old boat, but her ma-chinery was repaired this spring, and her trial trip, day before yesterday, was performed to the entire satisfac-tion of Mr. Parish, manager of the line. She was due here here at 6 20 anilla, on the Pacific coast, which latter line will comp route from ocean to ocean, to carry freight and passengers from Vera Crus to Manzanilla. An immense amount of preliminary work has been and is being done in surveying and laying out the lines, and in the actual work of construction. It is bable that within two not impr years, the City of Mexico will be connected by rail with all parts of the United States and the next transcontinental line be open to

The Baptists Resolving Against Polygamy,

INDIANAPOLIS, 26.—The Baptist Home Missionary Society anniver-sary closed its session with reports from the committee as to the mission among the Mormons. The report favored church and school work being vigorously prosecuted and au-thorized the executive board to ad-dress a memorial to the President tion of Mr. Parish, m mager of the line. She was due here here at 6.30 dress a memorial to the President and Congress calling for early mea-sures to remove and prohibit the practice of polygamy and its accom-panying vices wherever practised. Hon. Geo. W. Williams, colored, of Ohio, stated, in the course of a discussion on New Mexico, that 84,000 colored people of Louisiana and many from the other Southern States, were preparing to emigrate and a large crowd of people awaited her arrival at Dundas St. At Ward's States, were preparing to emigrate to that country the coming sum-

mer. Horrible Death. - The particulars of a dreadful accident are chron INA V. BROWN icled in the the last issue of the Sil-WILLIAM G. BROWN,

massenger from Woodlawn Park arrived with news that the vessel had sunk with all on board. A ter-rible scane ensued at the dock, the cries of those who had friends on the cries of those who had friends on the boat being distressing in the highest degree. Word was at once dispatch-ed to Spring Bank to send the Lou-iss and Forest City to the scene of the disaster. But they had left for home. Two tug boats were dispatch-ed from here, carrying Drs. Street, MacLaren, Hayes, Graham, Mitch ell, Campbell and every other avail-able doctor in the city. From the mengre particulars as yet obtainable here, it appears that the Viotoria was going at a slow rate of speed when the disaster happened. A tand was on board, said to have been a detachment of the band of the 7th shed repairing a pan belt, and was proper pulley, when the belt caught on a perfecting-set bolt and war winding upon the line shaft. While indeavoring to free the belt his arm was caught in it and he was carried around with frightful velocity. Engineer Perry chanced to be looking in the direction of Thomas at the time, and observing tand was on board, said to have been a detachment of the band of the 7th fusileers, and the people' on board had cleared a space on deck for danc-ing, thus throwing the crowd on the forward part of the boat. The evening was i fine, but foggy. On Treaching Woodlawn Park dock, two hundred more peo-ple crowded on board. As the ves-sel awung out from cover of the rail-road bridge a mile below the city, the excursionists now numbering is hundred, maked to the the hospital, where Dr. Mantor was summoned to attend him. Upon examination it was found that both arms were broken in several places, and his wrong, instantly shut down the



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