enization of unsettled portions of the surrounding Territories by the "Hormons?" They are acknowledged to be splendid pioneers, uncom-monly industrious, adopts at bring-ing uafruit/ul sections into cultivation, and able by their union of labor and incrests to build up waste places where individual non-"Mormon" effort has failed? Is there any iaw or regulation requiring the "Mormone" to keep within the limits of this Territory? Are they not as free to settle upon the public domain in Idaho, or Arizona, or any other part of the land as in Utah? It is well known that the cultivata-ble area here is quite limited, and as families increase it is surely better for the young men, when they marry and commence life on their own account, to spread out and take up farms, thus becoming self-support-ing and at the same time building up the country, than to remain around the family homestead, dependent upon their parents and remaining landless laborers.

But how about this union in poli-tics; should not that be broken up by fair means or force? For what by fair means or force? For what reason? Is union forbidden by national law or national policy? Why, the very motto of our country speaks to the contrary: "E pluribus unum." That is also a "Mormon" motto. If we choose to vote as a unit, what reason is there against our doing so? It is claimed that "individual opinion has no opportunity to assert itself." What arrant nonsense! Individual opinion has instead against to assert to a sert just as much opportunity to assert twelf in Utah as anywhere in the Union. Speech is free; a little too free sometimes, for men as well as measures are frequently assalled by vile and venomous opposers beyond the bounds of all reason and decenthe bounds of all reason and decen-cy. What is meant by "the asker-tion of individual opinion?" Is it desired that individual opinion shall prevail? Why, that would be chaos. If every man had his way add h candidates, what sort of a society or government would exist? If freedom of every person to express his views and to work for the men and measures he thinks best, is meant "the accertion of individual opinion," we say that is fully and freely accorded.

accorded.
But it is objected, "you Mormons all vote one way at elections." That is not exactly correct, but true enough to pass without dispute. And what of it? Why, that is the very thing that Democrats try to effect in their own ranks and Republicans in theirs. They do not succeed quite so well as the "Mormons," that all. "We practice what the politicians talk about. They whoop up the rank and file, and urge, and canvass, and orste, and sometimes bribe and bring pressure to bear to effect union bring pressure to bear to effect union at elections. The "Mormons" unite in favor of their friends, as they have a right to, and of course their enemies don't like it. But what babyism it is to complain of this very unity which every party strives to bring about among its own adherente! They all preach unity and yet hate the "Mormone" for pracyet hate the "Mormone" for practising it, and want our system broken up because we lawfully and easily carry out the very policy which they strive by every means possible, lawful and unlawful, but unauccessfully, to bring about.

It would be refreshing if anti"Mormon" journals would utter a little common sense when they touch upon these questions. How ridiculous it would appear to them if we complained about the "growth of Methodism," or wanted the in-

of Methodism," or wanted the in-terference of the Government to prevent Episcopalians from spreading into the Territories, or called for to infringe upon the rights of others. It inclured with partizanships or any force to break up Catholic If a man robe, or murders, or takes unity at the polls. Yet there another's wife, or commits any act would be just as much sense by which he tresspasses upon per- of conveying and recording the in either of those demands as in the howlings of anti-"Mormons" about the spread of "Mormonism," the colonization of adjacent Territories by Latter-day Saints, and "Mormons" voting together at elections. Pshaw! Messieurs editors, do try and talk less like babies on the "Mormon" question!

INVASION OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

If there is a field for the legitimate exercise of national authority in a summary and absolute manner in any part of the United States, it is in that district called the Indian ponhuman rights, being nothing but an attempt at robbery. The Indians should be protected by the

even force of arms would prevent its extension?

What objection is there to the collection of unsettled portions of this character have been cured therein by national treaty, its extension?

National Government in the peace-able possession of their homes and able possession of their homes are able possession of their homes and ab fitted out to march into that region and settle upon land that belongs of right to the tribes now in possession. The plea set up is that citizens have a perfect right to move into any section of our common country. Payne has induced people to band together for the purpose of settling upon the soil and obtaining rich farms without cost. Attempts were made some time ago to gain the con-sent of the Government to the movement, and delegates tried their best to obtain authority from Congress to accomplish this end, but they did not succeed. Last year Payne and his armed followers were compelled by the military to retire. This year they are at it again and have formed a kind of religious organization, with chanof religious organization, with chap-lains and prayers and Bibles, to go with the rifles and other weapons of war needed to force their way into the Indian Territory.

The district of country in view is called Oklahama, and is not organ-ized as a State, nor in the same way as the Territories. It is bounded by Colorado and Kansas on the north, Missouri and Arkansas on the east, Texas on the south, and Texas and New Mexico on the west. A num-ber of civilized and semi-civilized tribes reside there, and some of them are well advanced in the education and better customs of the whites. They have schools, col-leges, churches, newspapers, ecientific institutions and homes, and are prospering and progressive. They till the land, own large herds of stock, have some manufacturing in dustries, cut large-quantities of lumber, and export many agricul-tural commodities in considerable quantities. The Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Seminoles, Quapaws, Sacs and Foxes are smong the most advanced tribes, but there are many remnants and bands, and many other tribes there in different degrees of civilization.

This Territory belongs to these tribes by virtue of solemn treaty. It has been somewhat curtailed, however, by encroachments upon its area in the formation of new states, but in the main the terms of the compact made by the Government have been maintained. If other agreements, entered into with as much legal authority as the treaty with these tribes, had been maintained in good faith, the country would have suffered far less from the outbreaks of the savages, and the stigms which that a treaty which the stigms which the stream which the stigms which the s the stigma which justly attaches to the administration of Indian affairs would not now darken the fair fame of the hation.

But this respect to the compact with the tribes in the Indian Territory must be still maintained, and an effectual quietus ought to be put upon the pretensions of Payne and his horde of invaders. They are accompanied in many instances by their families, and several clergymen have joined the crusaders to give countenance to this scheme of robbery and lawlessness. General Pope informed the leaders of the movement that the skirts of the women and chil-dren with them would form no shield to protect them from the bayonets of the soldiers if they persisted in their aggressions. In this he should be sustained by the national

Some irrational person will proba-bly suggest that as Payne and his free-booters claim to have religious motives, we ought not to object to their movement, seeing that the "Mormons" claim great latitude for the free exercise of religion. But we have never claimed that any body of religionists have the right sonal or property or community rights, he should be amenable to the law and be subject to its penalties upon conviction. Religion is opposed to such invasion of human rights, would place the marrying of a plural wife in the same category as offen-ces that are of the essence of crime

is only sophistry and nonzense.

The invasion of the Indian Territory to grab the lands of the red

lands, because they are legally so-cured therein by national treaty, and those who seek to deprive the tribes of their lawful possessions thus become not only the enemies thus become not only the enemies of the Indians but of the Government that made the treaty with them. No baby play ought to be indulged in on this question, but Payne and other ringleaders of the white mob invading Oklahama ought to be treated as the criminals that they are, while such a determined policy should be pursued as will deter any other would be land will deter any other would be land thieves from taking such a course in the future.

BANCROFT'S HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC STATES.

THE fourth volume of Hubert H. Bancroft's "History of the Pacific States" is ready for the public. The reason for the publication of volume four previous to the issuing of volumes two and three, is that the work is being given in chronological order; thur, instead of continuing the annals of Central America, as presented in the second volume of the series, the fourth volume of the series is next issued, which is the first volume of the history of Mexico. The three succeeding volumes will bring the histories of Mexico and Central America, side by side, down to about 1,800. These will be followed by several volumes on regions toward the north, for approximately the same period; for exampie, the earlier volumes on the North Mexican States, California, the Northwestern Coast, and Oregon, New Mexico and Arizons, Nevada, Utah, Washington, Idaho and Mon-tans, British Columbia and Alaska, may be issued at any time.

The reasons adduced for this plan are these: First, the territorial pecuflarities of the subject seem to demand it. There is a natural order in which to present events, an order alike best for the author and for the a whole constitutes a more continuous and unbroken story and therefore better holds the at tention of the reader. Again, this method gives to the people of the several sections, parts of their own history at much earlier dates than would be possible otherwise. Were the History of the Pacific States, in its several parts issued strictly as one work, the volumes would be numbered in about the order of their proposed publication; but in that case they would not be so numbered that when completed the volumes of Central America, or of Mexico, or of California, etc., would stand together each as a complete history and separate set.

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The life of the conqueror Cortes is given from his chidhood to the

and no plea of religious authority great victory he achieved over the may be properly respected unfortunate Mexicans, and all the when it interferes with such rights. The pretended logic that dition are described, with his Captains, plans, councils, difficulties, reverses, marches and triumphs. The ill-rated Montezuma is presented in his true character, and his ca reer until death is given with fidelity. The investment and capture men under the specious plea of re-ligion, ought to be treated without tractive feature of the volume, and the allebiest regard to such a pre-are a fitting finale to this part of

EASTERN ARIZONA.

The other day we were gratified at receiving a call from our old and greatly esteemed friend Brother Lorenzo H. Hatch, formerly Bishop of Franklin, Idaho, but now First Counselor to President Jesse N. Smith, of Eastern Arisona Stake. He resides at Taylor, A. T., and left home for the north on the 15th of January, traveling by team convey-ance to Milford, where he took train for this city.

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