

from what it would have been twenty-five years ago. The national line of railroad since constructed could be depended on to pour troops and munitions into that distant country in overwhelming numbers and quantity, before which the Salt Lake settlement would disappear as completely as if it were swept by a typhoon."

There is no necessity to resort to violence in "solving" the Mormon problem."

There is no "Mormon problem" to be solved, any more than there is a Catholic problem or a Methodist problem to be solved. The only problem to be solved is the American problem—whether the people of the United States will abide by their Constitution, and its fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty, or repudiate them. That is the grand problem for the people of this great republic to solve.

As there is no "Mormon problem" to be solved, Brigham Young does not choose the worst method of solving it. He chooses no method at all of solving it.

There are already several stains on "our record as a nation," such as permitting the "Mormons" to be driven from Missouri, permitting them to be driven from Nauvoo, denying them an asylum in any State in the Union and thus virtually causing their exile into this then Mexican territory in 1847, permitting lies and slanders to cause the Buchanan expedition of 1857. These are all bad enough. There is no necessity for any further and greater stain upon "our record as a nation." There was no necessity for these stains.

If anybody seeks a war upon the "Mormon kingdom," who is it? They need sharp looking after.

There is no "Mormon kingdom," so far as we are aware.

It would be a grand thing for the Salt Lake settlements to be swept away as by a typhoon, wouldn't it? On what principle could such an inhuman annihilative outrage be justified? There is no probability, however, of any such brutal extermination. If such an improbable thing were to happen, for our part we would rather be of the swept away than of the sweepers.

By and by some of the newspaper people will regret their reckless writing concerning the "Mormons," and wish they had not done it.

THERE IS NO TROUBLE BUT LET THE TROOPS COME.

THE Corinne people do not believe in the sensational reports of "Mormons" arming and drilling, but are anxious for a few troops to come along all the same, because they bring money with them and spend it. It is not men nor measures so much as money that the Corinnites have an eye upon, as money makes many things go.

The Record of May 19 says—

"It is our impression that Governor Emery probed the matter to the bottom before taking action, and that he made the request more on the ground that many citizens were alarmed by current reports of danger than from any knowledge he himself possessed of existing or probable trouble.

"The outer world is no longer excited over the reported arming and drilling of the Nauvoo Legion, and some of our exchanges speak of the matter in such a way as to indicate that they believe the rumors to have been manufactured for purely sensational purposes. But there can be no denial of the fact that in various portions of this Territory the stories have fallen upon more credulous ears, and for weeks to come, perhaps months, the effect will be more or less evident. To allay these apprehensions—groundless, as we believe them—it will be necessary to distribute troops over the country, and for the sake of those who may have allowed fears to possess them, we hope the Governor's application to the Secretary of War will be granted. It is the duty of the Government to protect its citizens, and as it cannot be doubted that many non-Mormons of Utah have allowed these reports to fill them with fear, it is only right that the parent Government should stretch out its arm over them until their fears are dispelled. Let the troops come, by all means."

THE BOSH FROM SALT LAKE.

THE Chicago Tribune has the following—

"Salt Lake City, May 12.—All the sensational newspaper stories about a coming war, drilling of troops, the sale of guns or ammunition in Utah are utterly false. Brigham Young says all is peace, prosperity and contentment among the Mormon farmers. Hiram Clawson, the Adjutant General of the Territory, says that Utah was never more peaceful or prosperous than at present. The Mormon crops are looking exceedingly fine. I rode through the farms with Mr. Clawson yesterday, and visited Brigham's wives and children in the Lion House with the Prophet. Brigham Young asked me to deny all these rumors of drilling or trouble, and to say that the only war on hand now with his people was the war on their farms. He says his people have over 300,000 acres planted, and irrigating canals to the value of \$2,000,000 doing good work.

"ELI PERKINS."

The Boston Post talks in this way of the "Mormon Scare"—

"Although we should be glad to see Mormonism swept away with a besom, we would not wish to see it done at the dangerous cost of an inflammation of the popular passions. What has been achieved in Utah by the persistent industry of more than a score of years rightly belongs to its authors, and no reason can be claimed that they have forfeited it.

"There is a better way of pulling down the house of Mormon than by letting loose an infuriated army to go in quest of plunder. It is just as much our bounden duty to restrain that spirit as it is to study to compass the final downfall of Mormonism."

The Cincinnati Times of May 15 objects to troops thus—

"The Governor of Utah calls for troops. No, sir; not by no means. We shall send you a commission and endeavor to pacify. What you want is 'the blessed boon of local self-government.'"

Local and Other Matters

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MAY 18.

Lower.—Thermometer thirty degrees lower to-day than yesterday.

A Contrast.—It has been nearly fifty degrees hotter in New York City than in Salt Lake City to-day. Is that why they are getting so excited over there, while the people here are as cool as a cucumber?

Silk Raising.—Brother Thomas W. Winter has established a cocoonery in the Fifth Ward, for the purpose of raising silk worms and producing silk. The room is 16 x 18 feet, and he has planted out a quantity of mulberry trees. He calls the establishment "The Fifth Ward Cocoonery."

A Little Mixed.—Things are getting a little mixed. The New York Herald says there is a great insurrection imminent in Utah and the New York World says it's all bosh. By and bye we shall know all about it—if we keep track of the yarns that appear in the New York papers. Something singular, though, that we who live where all this trouble is going on should know so little about.—Corinne Record, May 16.

"Its an Ill Wind," &c.—While this may not be a very agreeable day for those whose business compels them to meet it on the outside, we observe that the stores are selling a heavily increased percentage of umbrellas, rubber shoes, &c., thus doing somebody a kindness besides the farmers, which latter class will not complain if they are compelled to be housed for a day or two on account of boisterous weather.

Why?—Why is it that the "Mormons" as a people are so egregiously slandered and belied? This is a question which may be easily answered. They are the people whom the Almighty has selected to work out his purposes in the last days—hence nothing can be too vile for the agents of the adversary on earth to say and print about them. Such trash, as all well disposed people are aware, is simply a systematic course of malicious persecution and the vilest kind of falsehood.

The Wet Has Come.—Last evening the wind blew and the dust flew in a very unpleasant manner. Then the rain commenced to fall, and the snow or sleet followed, continuing apparently all night, and keeping it up to-day. A grand thing for the young crops.

Littell's Living Age.—The numbers of *The Living Age* for the weeks ending May 5th and 12th respectively, contain Across Africa (a review of Cameron's journey); On Certain Relations Between Plants and Insects; Is the Pulpit Losing its Power? The French Army in 1877; Realism in Unbelief; Dr. Carpenter's "Mental Physiology"; Robert Herrick, by F. T. Palgrave; A Slave Hunt in Borneo; Miss Muloch (Mrs. Craik); Microscopic Extravagance; The New Asceticism; together with shorter articles and poetry, and instalments of George MacDonald's and William Black's fine serials.

Filled Up.—The scene in the Third District Court room, for the past two weeks and upwards, has been rather peculiar, and as much much like a miners' convention hall as anything else. The parties to the great mining suit of Kahn vs. "The Old Telegraph" Company, had prepared numerous maps, charts, diagrams, specimens, etc., the latter in particular filling up two of the large tables and the former occupying much of the space of the bar. The general appearance was somewhat untidy, but it probably obviated the necessity of a visit by the jury to the mine itself, by bringing the mine to them.

The Book of Mormon.—The "New American Cyclopaedia," published by Appleton & Co., incorporates what purports to be a description of "Mormonism" and the "Mormons," of considerable length, which, however, in many particulars, is absolutely untrue.

The article quotes from the testimony of the "three witnesses" to the Book of Mormon, wherein they testify "unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people," that they saw the plates containing the record of that book, which is a record of the people of Nephi, and also of the Lamanites, their brethren; and also of the people of Jared, who came from the tower of Babel; that they also knew that it was brought forth and translated by the power of God; that the plates, engravings, &c., were shown them by an angel from heaven.

The article states that the three witnesses, Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris, several years afterwards "quarrelled with Smith, renounced Mormonism, and avowed the falsity of their testimony." This statement is totally untrue. David Whitmer is the only one of those three witnesses to the Book of Mormon now living, and notwithstanding that he withdrew from the Church at an early day he has never denied the truth of his testimony, but on the contrary continues to assert its correctness. A few years ago we published the substance of a conversation that took place at an interview between him and Elder Moon, formerly Bishop of the First Ward of this City, in the course of which Mr. Whitmer declared the genuineness of his testimony concerning the "Book of Mormon." His declarations to a correspondent of a Chicago paper a year or two ago, were also to the same effect.

Oliver Cowdery maintained, to his latest breath, that his testimony relating to the Book of Mormon was strictly true, showing his faith in its validity by re-uniting himself with the Church after years of estrangement from it, being a member when he departed this life.

It was also well known that Martin Harris always asserted that his testimony was true, he also returning to the Church, and coming to Utah a few years ago. On his arrival he publicly, in the Tabernacle in this city, asserted, unqualifiedly, as to the correctness of his testimony. During his last years he resided, with his son, in Smithfield, Cache County, where he maintained the same position until his demise, a year or two since.

The fact that two of the three witnesses were for a long period of years disconnected with the Church, and the third remaining in that condition to this day, thus being, every one, in the full sense of the phrase, disinterested witnesses, and yet maintaining unflinchingly the truthful character of their testimony regarding the Book of

Mormon, serves to greatly strengthen the evidence in favor of its being what it purports to be. Nothing has yet arisen to nullify their testimony, which therefore is in force in all the world.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAY 19.

Fire Extinguishing Apparatus.—Walker Brothers have received at their establishment, from the east, about three hundred feet of linen hose and an improved iron hose cart or reel.

Homogeneous.—"The Norwich folks" are a homogeneous lot of people, given to sociability, given to fostering "old acquaintance," and have a kind of re-union party every year. The gathering for the current season, is to come off at Fuller's Hill Gardens, on June 6th, when they and their friends intend having a good time.

Harper's Monthly for June contains Contemporary Art in Germany; A Dream Land City; the Androscogin Lakes; The Niebelungen Lay; Erema, or My Father's Son; The Wheeler Survey in Nevada; Gibraltar; Moses Clymer's Business; Birds' Nests; The Professor's Victim; Popular Exposition of some Scientific Experiments; A Woman hater; Garto; Editor's Easy Chair and Drawer, and Literary, Scientific and Historical Record.

Rough.—The waters of the Salt Lake were violently agitated by the storm of Thursday afternoon. At Lake Point a portion of the pier was washed out, by the heavy surging of the waves. The spiling to which the steamer General Garfield was moored was torn out and thrown high into the air, and the vessel was driven upon the beach and stranded.

A storm on the Salt Lake, on account of the weight of the water, is dangerous to any kind of craft on it.

Pettingill's Newspaper Directory, and Advertisers' Handbook for 1877.—This is a work of about 350 pages, excellently printed on thick, tinted paper, illustrated, and embellished with portraits of leading New York journalists. The work contains—

1. A complete list of newspapers and other periodicals in the United States and British America.
2. A list of the newspapers of the United States and Territories by counties.
3. A list of daily newspapers of the United States and Canada, distinguishing those having a circulation of 5,000 or over.
4. A list of weekly newspapers having a circulation of 5,000 and upwards.
5. A list of religious weeklies, which admit advertisements.
6. A list of agricultural newspapers.

This directory gives a list of 8574 newspapers and other periodicals, and can be had of S. M. Pettingill & Co., 37 Park Row, New York, for a dollar.

The Reason.—A gentleman handed us the following, to-day—

Everyone seems anxious to know why the New York Herald, professedly the greatest American newspaper, and really the most stupendous sensational publication of the times, should so persistently seek after, publish, and give unlimited credence to the rumors of a "Mormon" uprising. The reason is not apparent, but such a course must emanate from the same chimerical cause that prompted them, several years since, to declare that the wild beasts in Central Park had escaped, that a number of lives were destroyed, and that danger impended over every inhabitant of the metropolis on account of the uncaged condition of these ferocious animals; also that led them to describe the plans concocted (?) by Gen. Grant and his ardent supporters for the subversion of the American Republic and the installation of our ex-President as Emperor; and which causes them to countenance every filibustering expedition and childish scheme.

Mr. Stillson, probably, had his instructions, and, although he is just as cognizant of the peaceful attitude of the Latter-day Saints as any fair-minded person, he probably understands that his literary head depends upon the character of his communications, and that an unbiased report of the condition of affairs in Utah would cost him his position.

The Sanitarian for May contains Influence of Civilization on the Duration of Life; School Hygiene; Sanitation in India; A City of Health; Health better than Wealth; Hip-Joint Disease; State Boards of Health; Management and Treatment of the Insane; Naval Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Health Resorts of Europe and Africa; State Medical Society Transactions, etc.

Coming Up.—The truth concerning the lying, sensational reports about the condition of Utah is floating to the surface. Among the great bulk of the non-"Mormon" population of this city, there is a powerful feeling of indignation against the bare-faced falsifiers, who, by their sensational and wickedly untruthful reports, are injuring the business interests of the Territory. Their denunciations of the scurrilous crowd are most unqualified and unsparing. If they only had the moral stamina to come out openly and above board on the subject the rabid ring would hear a good many allusions to themselves that are by no means complimentary. So far as the "Mormons" are concerned they can stand being lied about probably better than anybody else, from the fact that they have become used to that kind of treatment. They have also been used to seeing their maligners and traducers ultimately shown up in their true colors, in all their naked deformity, and they haven't any doubt that the present instance will be no exception to that most excellent rule. Truth will keep coming to the surface, when lying, exaggeration and misrepresentation have expended their forces.

Less than two years ago persons animated by the same lying, turbulent spirit evinced by the rabid anti-"Mormon" element now, created a great row and hubbub relative to a few peaceable Indians who had located upon a farm in the northwestern part of the Territory. These Indians had resolved to quit their nomadic style of living and betake themselves to the industrial pursuit of farming, and there was but a comparative handful of them at that. A foul slander to the effect that those poor harmless band of peaceable Indians were in collusion with the "Mormons" to destroy and kill off the non-"Mormons" of northern Utah was sent broadcast, similarly to the present lying rumor, relative to a "Mormon uprising." Governor Emery, just as he has been now, was thrashed into the ludicrous position of demanding troops to subdue this poor handful of Indians. The troops were forwarded to the spot, and the helpless red men, at the instance of a pack of habitual liars, were compelled to abandon their growing crops, which were ready for harvesting. It is needless to state that the troops returned as they went, without seeing the shadow of a hostile individual, and subsequently the same Indians returned to their farm and have continued to peacefully cultivate the soil and sustain themselves upon its products, by their unobtrusive course giving the lie to the rumor that was vindictively circulated concerning them and the "Mormons."

The calling for and sending of troops on that occasion was universally viewed as a grand farce, and, the lying character of the individuals who have instigated the present sensation, having been then and at many other times proved, it is indeed remarkable that men claiming to be endowed with a moiety of common sense should suffer themselves to be whipped into using any influence, official or otherwise, to have a repetition of such farcical proceedings. However, truth will assert itself in time, in the present instance as well as in that alluded to above. If men will make themselves appear ridiculous, we can't help it. It is their own look-out.

Now there is more talk of what a pity it is that the magnificent water power at Niagara should run to waste.

Architectural manslaughter is talked of since the New York Post Office and Rockford Court House catastrophes.

It is not right for a man to say that the Lord has blessed him with all he possesses. The Lord may bless a man with all that he obtains fairly and honestly, but that which he obtains unfairly and dishonestly is more likely to prove a curse than a blessing to him.