

scale of humanity when they seek to further the interests of their trade at the sacrifice of hundreds or perhaps thousands of lives of their fellow creatures.

The same paper speaks correctly when it intimates that it would be the worst kind of malice for the Indians to seek to enter upon the warpath at this season of the year, especially in the Dakota country, which is liable soon to be swept with the destructive blizzards common to that region, and to be exposed to which is as certain death as to be confronted by a phalanx of soldiers in hostile array, armed with the most improved weapons of modern warfare. If the Indians of this country desired to be wiped out of existence they could not, according to all appearances, adopt a more thorough or speedy plan of producing the work of extinction than by committing any act that would form the basis of a reason to have the military forces of the United States hurled against them. We hope that they will not be induced by any demonstration toward them, to commit any act of revolt that would open an Indian war, which would be a great misfortune. Any white men, be they post traders or any other class, found working toward the production of such a sanguinary outcome of the present agitation ought to be summarily placed under effective restraint.

#### A RELIGIOUS "CHEAP JOHN."

WE HAVE had occasion to notice, once or twice, a religious mountebank who is making a begging tour in the interest, partly of the Ogden Methodist University and largely of Rev. (?) Sam Small—its nominal president—himself. While in New York he was interviewed by a *Mail and Express* reporter, and according to that paper delivered himself of a stream of falsehood and vituperation which, on the Savior's rule, denote a heart in a most depraved condition.

He appears to be desperately savage over the Declaration of President Woodruff, and its acceptance by the Church, which he calls "tricks of word jugglery" and "a political dodge," and says:

"THE DESERET EVENING NEWS, the official organ of the Church, commenting on the proclamation, says it is simply issued to test the good faith of the Americans who have said that a recognition of the laws of Congress was all that would be required of the Mormon authorities."

For this free advertisement, even from so disreputable a source, it may be thought we should be thankful. But we do not appreciate anything of the kind that is based on falsehood. This paper has not said anything of the sort. Small is up to his old tricks which are in keeping with his name.

Following are a few choice extracts from Small's utterances through the *Mail and Express*, a fitting channel for their expression:

"Only the devil and the priests truly know the wide-spread extent of the polygamous mongrelism extant in the Territory."

"Any one who will read that scandalous and rebellious sheet [the *DESERET NEWS*] will soon discover that the Mormons are more rebellious in spirit than the Anarchists of Chicago. They only lack the courage and numbers to rise in open warfare and make a new rebellion. But they hate the Government with all their strength."

"They look upon the Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and all other denominations as interlopers and political enemies. They accuse us of being the instigators of the persecutions which they love to mouth over, and lose no opportunity to denounce us as spies and godless bigots. While they thus heap upon us all the vile epithets at their command, and threaten with boycott and bludgeon our missionaries, they are for ever harping upon their own saintliness and sufferings. Their inconsistencies are only paralleled by their infamies."

"Because their system involves the crimes of polygamy, bastardy, indiscrimination, harlotry, destruction of marital relations, mongrelization of domestic life and their nameless forms of pollution, we submit that these things cannot be recognized as worship of God and entitled to legal sanction and constitutional protection."

After this and more of the same sort of slander, Small goes on to tell what progress Methodism is making in Ogden, and here he gets in his fine work to draw in the dollars. "The prospective endowment" of the University is the great desideratum and that is to give the decisive stroke against "Mormonism." Then nothing will be needed, he says, but this:

"We need the enlargement of the authority of the Utah Commission to sift the loyal suffragans from the polygamous and perjured Mormon masquerade; the devolving upon the governor of the Territory of the power to appoint the subordinate Territorial officials; the imposition of the Idaho, or a similar test oath; the perpetual disfranchisement of every Mormon who does not under oath recognize the laws of Congress and repudiate all allegiance to the revelation of polygamy and the popish supremacy of the priesthood in secular affairs. These acts are needed; are warranted by our system of government, and are demanded in justice to the loyal people of Utah. We have been trying to get these measures enacted for some time, but the Mormon lobby and their lunch house in Washington City, with its stores of cash, champagne and corruption, have thus far thwarted us. We do hope, at

the next session, to get such a representation of the truth as it is in Utah before Congress and the country, as will force these necessary safeguards of decent republican government into the statutes."

Small pretends to be terribly angry over "Mormon" influence in political matters. But Methodist influence in politics is all right, of course. "We need" this, that and the other. "We have been trying to get these measures enacted." "We hope at the next session," etc. This is very modest from a religious adventurer, who is unable to establish a legitimate standing either in the Methodist or any other denomination, and whose residence in Utah is so recent that he is not yet a legal voter. Small knows nothing, personally, either of the Territory or its people. Of "Mormonism" he is as profoundly ignorant as the ground on which the university that is to find him a living is to be erected. He could not, to save his soul from the perdition that awaits them who love and make a lie, give an intelligent answer to the question, "What is Mormonism?"

Small exhibits neither the characteristics of a Christian nor the instincts of a gentleman. He talks like a coarse blackguard, totally regardless of truth, in an inordinate craving after money and notoriety. We would have treated him in nothing with the silence of utter contempt, but for the fact that they have been copied into other papers from the New York sheet which is a fitting receptacle for such villainess. His ravings are not modified by a syllable of truth and are what might be expected of such an itinerant religious "Cheap John" as the Rev. (?) Sam Small.

#### AN IDAHO CURRENT TOPIC.

THE Idaho Senatorship forms a subject of discussion, not only in the new State but in this Territory and the country surrounding. One Senator has been practically decided upon. It is conceded that Governor Shoup is the man. He is fit for the position according to the judgment of all parties and factions, and from what we learn of him will make a proper representative of Idaho anywhere and in any position.

The other Senatorship is demanded by Northern Idaho, Gov. Shoup being from the South. The people there think they should have a man to represent their special interests, and also that the honor of his selection should be theirs, as their political due. If this