

seuted, however, to exhibit its character and intent.

This "pernicious defamation of an entire people," was of course, completely exposed, the general, if not universal, understanding being that the bogus address was manufactured in the office of the Salt Lake Tribune. There was at the time, no Bishop named West in the "Mormon" Church; there was no meeting held at the little hamlet of Juab on the date given, and no such address nor anything of its nature was delivered. With these trifling exceptions it was genuine.

The infamous paper which committed this outrage upon "an entire people" states this morning that it was deceived and "admitted the truth." Here is how it qualified the admission that the "address" was bogus at the time. We quote from what it said:

"There was not a thing in that bogus sermon that has not been taught in the Tabernacle harangues."

The alleged apology was more villainous, cowardly and unscrupulous than the forging publication of the fabricated address, as any reasonable person will admit. This heinous crime is repeated by the same journal this morning, when it says that it closed the mouth of the News "by the publication of half a dozen real Mormon sermons." It is now a matter of notoriety that for many years the Tribune has been engaged in wholesale manufacture of alleged "Mormon" sermons and the publication of them for outside political effect. This was the object of the bogus West sermon. It appeared in the columns of the sheet referred to the same morning that ex-Governor Murray left this city for Washington to lobby for anti-"Mormon" legislation to enable him to appoint all officers instead of their being elected, Governor Thomas being, in that respect, a worthy official successor, of the two gentlemen who preceded him. Mr. Murray is said to have carried away with him on the morning of his departure at that time a whole carpet-bag full of copies of the Tribune bogus address fabrication, that he might use them where they would do the most political good for the extinguishment of popular rule in Utah. The exposure of the forgery, however, crippled the utility of the fabrication for the purpose it was intended to subserve.

In support of our statement to the effect that the paper whose infamy is now under criticism has been in the constant habit of manufacturing and misrepresenting "Mormon sermons," it is appropriate here to introduce a pungent piece of non-"Mormon" and "Liberal" testimony. We quote the following from the Salt Lake Times:

"We are heartily ashamed of a species of journalism not to be found outside of Salt Lake City that revels in the most infamous, outrageous and blasphemous travesty in its reports of certain religious worship. We are ashamed of a species of journalism that ignores the difference between a devotional service to God and a political mass meeting. We are ashamed of it because it is calculated to advertise us broadcast as a horde of barbarians without sense of honor, decency or reverence.

"When occasion requires it the Times does not hesitate to strike the most powerful blows at the Mormon hierarchy, and they are all the more effective because they fall direct; but it would no more think of invading the sanctum of the people with foul language and cheap sport, than it would of desecrating the graves of its dearest friends. It takes a human jackal to do that. We would not even quote, in order to show the total depravity of Lannan's Own, any part of the report printed therein upon the Tabernacle services held last Sunday. It is by all odds the most contemptible piece of journalism ever perpetrated in America.

"Of course Pat Lannan knows no better. Graduating from a beer bar and a butcher block to the position of an editor does not necessarily elevate one's morals or sense of decency. Besides that, he is in distress. He has built up his organ on venom and when that fails of effect, as it lately does, the circumstances having changed, he ascribes this failure to a lack of malignity and whoops up the boys to 'such vile, base practices.'

The wonder is that Lannan's amanuensis does not rebel against this degradation of a newspaper; this prostitution of a power; this defamation of a city. For shame!"

The course of the Salt Lake Tribune in sustaining "the pernicious defamation of an entire people" given to the country through the columns of the *Illustrated American*, is consistent with its course for ten years or more. The effect of such vile slanders as the bogus Bishop West address on the business interests of the Territory goes without saying. Were its statements believed, who would imagine Utah to be a desirable place in which to live, and who would consider it a safe field in which to invest capital?

It is a matter of congratulation that there begins to be an awakening among the non-"Mormon" part of the people regarding the real status of the situation. The comprehension of the injury done to the vital material interests of Utah by a bevy of political intriguers is becoming daily wider and more vivid. And, strange as it may seem, there even begins to be a faint glimmer of recognition from the same quarter of the fact that the "Mormon" people have been most cruelly and abominably slandered and misrepresented. Let the maligners be snowed under a healthier public sentiment beyond the possibility of exhumation.

The Storting (the Norwegian Congress) was opened by King Oscar February 2nd

OUR CUNNING EXECUTIVE.

LET the gentlemen who started the movement to counteract the effects of the anti-"Mormon" libels in the *Illustrated American* say, if they can, that the Governor, in his manipulation of their resolutions, has not materially changed the purport of what they framed, so as not to clash with his attacks upon the "Mormon" people. The resolutions are well enough as far as they go but do not meet the issue fully and fairly. And will the Governor have the audacity to say now that he has only corrected grammatical errors and mere peculiarities of diction? The new resolutions will be found in another column.

THOSE SLANDEROUS ARTICLES.

WE copy today from the *Illustrated American* a communication from President Wilford Woodruff, which that paper announces as "A spirited plea from the leader of the Mormon Church." We invite special attention to it. Every person of every shade of opinion who is acquainted with President Woodruff knows that he would not put his hand to anything that is untrue or improper. His refutation of the calumnies published in the New York magazine is complete, and his exposure of the falsehood that they were written by a "Mormon," shows up the fraud of that miserable pretence in a manner that will bring conviction to every reasonable reader.

Of course the *American* has to say something by way of attempt to justify its meanness in trying to palm off upon the people of this country its collection of old slanders as the confessions of a "Mormon." But it does not meet the issue, as any one can see who reads the letter from President Woodruff and compares it with the reply of the *American*.

That paper speaks now of the "ex-Saint," instead of "the oldest Mormon in the Rocky Mountains," as the author of the rubbish concocted in its own sanctum. That is a step down from its first position. The *Illustrated American* has been very clumsy in its management of this fraud, and seems not to be gifted with a sufficiently good memory.

We believe its editors are ashamed of their meanness in foisting their old slanders revived upon the head of an "old Mormon," for they dodge this issue with evident haste and chagrin and direct attention in another direction. In trying to make a conflict between President Woodruff's declaration and President Harrison's message, they say: