

Fansler being the only one who made any attempt to hold the fort, and even he taking alarm at the activity of the officers, retreated to what he called his mountain place, about fifteen miles further south. Here he was traced by Marshal Miller, who spent seven days in getting to the place from St. George. Miller was fortunate enough to find Fansler at home, and, walking suddenly in upon him, told him the best thing he could do was to give himself up, as he had men outside who would take him, and resistance was useless. Fansler surrendered and started off quietly with his captor, but when they had gone some distance without meeting any other officers, Fansler turned upon Miller, and a fierce fight ensued. He was finally overpowered and everything went well until the Dry Fork of Cheat River was reached. The two men started across the stream in a skiff, but Fansler, watching his chance, caught the detective by the shoulders and threw him out of the boat. Fansler then jumped into the swift current himself and tried to escape, but Miller caught him by the legs and his narrowly escaped being drowned. Fansler again surrendered and the two reached the shore. Fansler made no further effort to escape, and is now under lock and key. There are three bench warrants against him and many capias, and he is sure of a long term in the penitentiary. A strange feature of the whole matter is that the members of this gang were not vagabonds or criminals in the common acceptance of those terms, but all owned fine farms, and as an evidence of this, one of the party arrested some time ago was released by United States Judge Jackson on \$5,000 bail on his own recognizance. The "queer" and "moonshine" departments of the business were managed with skill and energy, and they were assiduous and successful in their live stock operations, frequently stealing as many as 200 sheep or thirty or forty cattle at once. Many are the stories told by the people of Randolph, Tucker, and Barbour counties of the wild orgies with which they celebrated at their camp in the mountains the successful issue of a raid of this kind on the barns and pastures of the farmers of that portion of the State. Until recently no attempt at punishing the outlaws ever succeeded, as they were quick to take either legal or illegal proceedings to protect themselves.

BADLY RATTLED.

THE exposure of the lying report in the editorial columns of the *Tribune*, of President George Q. Cannon's remarks in the Tabernacle Sunday, Nov. 16 has set the writer of the atrocious falsehoods into a phrenzy. To justify his libels he says "A *Tribune* reporter was there and took down carefully what he said." Quite likely. We have learned of *Tribune* reporters having taken down carefully what was said in the Tabernacle, and when it was overhauled in the *Tribune* office, so we have been told, it has been changed, the meaning reversed, and the text loaded down with vile and infamous expressions. What the reporter "carefully took down" and what appeared in the editorial com-

ments, may be totally different in language and meaning.

Next, the libeller says: "The *Tribune* reporter is a truthful man." If that is the case, he is a different person from the contemptible falsifier and blasphemous blackguard who usually furnishes the pretended reports of Tabernacle services. Everybody who reads them after being present at the Tabernacle knows that they are not only indecent burlesques but positive and intentional misrepresentations.

The rest of the *Tribune* editor's screed is rant and rubbish, incoherent and without reference to the matter in dispute. He is badly rattled, and the whole editorial page shows the muddled condition of the writer, and the absence of the hand that sometimes pens an article worth reading.

DISHONORABLE DUPES.

WE have several times exposed the swindle known as the "green goods" business; that is, the offer of bogus greenbacks so near like the genuine article as to defy ordinary detection. The victim is as guilty in intent as the victimizer is in action, and richly deserves the fate which is inevitable if he bites at the bait held out to him. The recent prosecution of one of the most successful of the New York "green goods" swindlers has only served to stimulate the trade. Letters are being sent over the country purporting to come from the person who was prosecuted, setting forth his escape from punishment as evidence of the safety of the business and the undetectable character of the "goods." Some of these missives have been received in this Territory, both in the north and in the south, and it is possible that some unsophisticated but not over honest individual may fall into the trap unless warned in time. The whole scheme is a trap and the intending receiver and passer of counterfeit bills will simply lose all he invests, with his self-respect, and obtain at most a bundle of blank paper or a box of sawdust.

The recent discovery that seven of New York's letter carriers, who are now discharged from the service, have been engaged in promoting the fraudulent schemes of the swindlers, by turning over to them letters which could not be legally delivered, is somewhat startling. It is surprising to the public, especially in New York where faith in the honesty of the letter carriers is very

strong and deservedly so in reference to the majority of that class of public servants. It also shows that this nefarious business finds a host of dishonorable dupes throughout the country and illustrates the saying, "The fools are not all dead yet."

SLIGHTLY MISTAKEN.

THE Mormons who carried the election for Congressional Delegate in Utah on Tuesday, went to the polls as one man for the Mormon Church candidate. Last Sunday after the sermon at the Tabernacle at Salt Lake the preacher declared that it was the wish and command of the Mormon Church that every member of the Church vote the straight ticket from top to bottom. A church which relieves its membership of the obligation of thinking in religion, naturally passes on further to rest the mind of its communion from thinking at all. When consistency ceases to be a jewel, it does not cease to be logical.

The foregoing, under the heading of "Mormon Intellectual Recreation," is from the *Lewistown, Maine, Journal*, of Nov. 5. It was inspired no doubt by a dispatch from this city, sent by a notorious anti-"Mormon" who would rather lie by light-alug than speak the truth with his lips.

The *Journal* has been misled, no matter from what source. The "Mormon" Church gave no command or counsel of the character described. It does not give such commands at any time. No one in the Tabernacle on the Sunday before the election or at any time made any such declaration or said anything on the subject. The "Mormon" Church does not attempt to prohibit "thinking in religion" by its members, but promotes it and teaches that it is essential to the salvation and exaltation of man. "The straight ticket from top to bottom" contained but one name. Many members of the Church in this city did not vote at all, but some non-members, straight Gentiles, did vote for that ticket, namely for Hon. John T. Caine as Delegate to Congress. Will the *Journal* be honorable and consistent enough to acknowledge its error?

MEXICO AND "MORMONS."

A VERY interesting and carefully prepared letter on the progress of Mexico in trade, mining and manufacturing, appears in the *Boston Herald* from the City of Mexico and signed F. R. Guernsey. He dwells chiefly on the development of Sinaloa, where large numbers of Americans have gone into business as miners, smelters, timber cutters, sugar makers, etc.