

600 wells without a single failure or variation as to depths and supply of water, and has the endorsement of the highest dignitaries of the European country. He is reputed to make his surface explorations by certain test instruments by which he can ascertain the depth and volume of under currents of water with great accuracy. It is also stated that he declares that a five foot stream of water exists only 150 feet deep at a certain locality within 300 yards of the 1800 foot well which was drilled by the citizens of Raton, in which little or no water was found.

"Two well boring outfits are at work to demonstrate the accuracy of the Professor's judgment in locating water, and thus far water has been struck nearer the surface than the Professor promised. It has been clearly shown that Raton can obtain illimitable quantities of water at a small expense."

The Los Vegas Optic states that the Professor has already located fifty-six wells, and he was to be engaged in that line on the immense tract of the company named till the 5th inst.

If anybody in this section should wish to test the Professor's powers, he can be communicated with by addressing him in care of R. V. Martensen, 44 Broadway, New York. We know nothing of his abilities further than can be gleaned from California papers.

AID FOR THE DISTRESSED.

The movement in this city to raise a fund for the relief of the sufferers from the floods in Pennsylvania commends itself to all classes of the community. The most important feature of it is the projected concert in the Tabernacle. The free use of the building is offered by the Authorities of the Church, and the sale of from six to ten thousand tickets at one dollar each, will of itself secure a snug amount in aid of the afflicted. Collections of provisions will be systematically taken up, and, altogether, the donations for this purpose are likely to reach a handsome and satisfactory sum. We hope the interest in this praiseworthy effort will not be slackened until the desired result is accomplished.

Notwithstanding the lengthy and detailed reports received through the Associated Press, the full particulars and sad results of this tremendous catastrophe have not been made public. The number of victims is now estimated at from 12,000 to 15,000. These figures represent only those who lost their lives in the swelling floods. The living homeless and destitute and

bereaved are a host, and they call for the sympathy and help of the benevolent. This whole nation will respond. That is, the needful succor will come from all parts.

The alacrity with which help is afforded when great calamities occur, illustrates the progress that has been made both in the spirit of humanity and the means by which assistance can be rendered and conveyed from distant points. Truly "the world moves." Utah does well to join in the work of comforting the distressed, and this is all the more Christian because her people, in their afflictions from famine and other disasters, have never received a dime from any State or Territory by way of material help. We hope the Latter-day Saints will never close their ears to the wails of the suffering, nor their pockets when money is needed to relieve the afflicted. By the blessings of kind Providence they have enough to spare of the necessities of life, and they will lose nothing by works of charity either to their own poor or to the needy stranger.

The concert will be the chief means of raising funds in this instance, and we hope and believe it will be a grand affair with results that will be pleasing to all. The interest should not be allowed to flag as the sense of the great horror of the calamity subsides. It must be kept up until the useful aid is secured and forwarded to the scene of distress. Then it will be time to comment on the cause of the catastrophe and moralize on the mistakes it has brought to light. Now let all hands come to the needed relief.

DESPICABLE WORK.

"The creed of the Saints is, that while they have a Celestial kingdom, which pertains to the life to come, they likewise have a kingdom of God on earth, which is a purely temporal affair, relating entirely to the daily business and politics of their people, and, moreover, that is the only legal government on earth, and the only legal government that has existed on earth for hundreds of years."

The foregoing is clipped from a long article in a recent issue of the organ of slander, which is continually hindering the progress of this Territory while pretending to desire its advancement, by willfully misrepresenting its people and their belief and sentiments. The above extract is but a sample of the many untruths which the article contains.

We have tried on several occasions to attribute the misstatements of the creed of the Saints which appear from day to day in the vilest paper that was ever printed on this planet, to the dense ignorance and perverse obliquity of the writer. But it is clear that this is too charitable a view to take of the matter. Intentional falsehood, malevolent distortion of the truth, a fiendish spirit of wilful mendacity are so palpable that one's eyes cannot be closed to them.

To any one who has read the creed of the Saints as embodied in their articles of faith and in the books which they accept as standards of doctrine, there is no need to say that the statement we have copied is not "the creed of the Saints." But the article of which it is a part was written for people at a distance who do not know what the Latter-day Saints believe nor what manner of men they are. It was also intended to still further blind the eyes of some people nearer home, who, though close at hand, are as sadly uninformed as their friends afar off as to the true creed and sentiments of the "Mormons."

There is one fact which should of itself give the lie to such absurdities as those in the clipping above, and that is, the submission of the great body of the Latter-day Saints to the laws and authority of every government under which they live. As a body of citizens they are the most law-abiding people on earth; they pay more respect to "the powers that be," wherever they reside, than the same number of individuals not connected with them anywhere, and this respect comes from their creed, which enjoins it as a sacred duty.

"Until He comes whose right it is to reign," that is, Jesus Christ, the King of kings, they are commanded by what they regard as divine revelation to be subject to the governments and laws that are established. And as regards this government, it is expressly stated to have been instituted by wise men whom God raised up for that purpose. That is in the creed of the Saints, as any one may learn who chooses to read it, and we need not mention the only fitting epithet which applies to the author of the fabrication we have copied.

Here is another from the same article:

"There is not a Mormon in Utah who is true to his faith who does not hold that a command of his sovereign, President Woodruff, is