construction to them so that the Mor-mon husbands of plural wives, who mayried before there was any iederal statute against polygamy, may know Low to govern their lives and to dis-pose of their families in accordance with what the Supreme Court shall say the law requires. The territorial courts have so construed the act which publishes cohabitation with more than one woman that there are now many of the best me now many of the best men in Utah in the penitentiary profer conviction for unlawful cohabiare. men ander conviction for unlawful cohabi-tation, although, since the law went into operation, they have dwelt only with one wife, but have continued to support and care for the others and their children. If these constructions of the law cannot be revised and cor-rected by the Supreme Court, the greatest hardship, misety and injustice will continue to be inflicted without any necessity. As to the Church of the latter-day Saints, it cannot be at-tacked in its property rights without puting every other denomination that holds property in the 'Territories for religious purposes in the same peril. religious purposes in the same peril. LOOKER ON.

Washington, June 26.

The foregoing appears in the Bostou Post, and bears evidence of being writtep by a man of thought and liberality who has given some attention to the subject. Usually, correspondence on us question exhibits such ignorance d is merits that informed persons mome disgusted with effusions of that and pay very little attention to

We believe that the opinion of fooker On" in regard to the cessity of devoting time aud atention to the consideration of the Tucker-Edmunds bill, when it shil come up in the House, is shared by many members of both political parties. The act of 1882 has made a creat deal of trouble for conscientions parties. The act of 1882 has made a grat deal of trouble for conscientious "Mormons," and some money for un-conclustions officials, but it has done nothing material towards the solution of the "Mormon question." It was rashed through Congress without carefolseration, and that is just what is wanted by unwise and reckless abti-"Mormous" in regard to the newly proposed legislation. There is uo dou

There is up doubt that the new bill was designed for campaign material in the fall elections. The Republicans prepared a measure of so radical a character that they believed the Democrats would not enderse it, and they intended to fling this in the face of their opponents, claiming that the Demograts favored the "Mormons." The woeful lack of information on the subject and the un-reasoning prejudice that prevails arainst "Mormonism," were relied then to ald the politicipants in their asown weapons. So a much more drastic and indefensible measure was concocted, to be championed by the Democrats, and thus, whether the Republicans supported it or not, it was expected that no advantage would be gained by the latter on this ques-bon

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Take the case of an aged gentleman from Beaver who, baving married two wires many years ago, would not re-pudate either of them. Feeble, sick, futured, infirm, unable to dress him-

construction to them so that the Mor-been pressed against good men who contracted their marriages in the men who contracted their inarriages in the long ago, and who are now bounded and persecuted and oppressed, because they will not pledge their word to ut-terly and everlastingly cast off and degrade the wives of their bosoms and mothers of their children. These are the facts and they cannot be contro-matted. The streament concerning this with verted. The statement concerning this here made by "Looker On." is the actual best truth that no one can successfully dis-

Truth that no one can successfully dis-pute, and his conclusion drawn there-from is irrelutable. The hardship, misery and injustice to which he alludes must continue, until the court of last resort shall take up a question that needs an au-thoritative answer, namely, what is the meaning of "unlawful cohabita-tion" and what must the "Mormons" do with their wives whom they have married at a period too remote to come within the law against polygamy? The local courts chauge their defloitions with each differing case and are not united among themselves. And the people are left a prey to a set of hua-gry cormorants, rayeuons for fees,

united among themselves. And the people are left a prey to a set of hun-gry cormorants, raveuous for fees, who care nothing for haw, proce dent, usage or justice, so that they may fill their pockets and at the same time vent their malice against a people who-cannot but despise them. The property rights of the Latter-day Saints are aimed at in the bill, and it is clear that the principle once es-tablished against them can be made a precedent for proceedings against other religions bodies, whenever it is deemed necessary to commence them. But we do not think the adversaries of the "Mormons" will ever take much com-fort out of any Church property they will tlich from the people who have de-voted it to religious purposes. We commend the letter of "Looker On" to the consideration of the thoughtful, and believe that if Mem-bers of Congress, between the ad-journment and the next session, will examine the subject as fairly as he has done, there will ce litelihation as is desired by some unrepublican Repub-licans and undemocratic Democrats.

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"BUNGLING" AND "PER-JURY."

SALT LAKE society was startled on Tuesday by the news that two gentiemen, against whom no evidence had been adduced, were discharged by Commissioner M'Kay. Usually the lack of evidence does not count in such proceedings. If there is a breath of suspicion against a person accused of unlawful cohabitation, that is suffiarainst "Mormonism," were relied upon to aid the politicians in their as-sails. But the Democrats, perceiving the design, thought they would meet their solversaries on their own ground able adversaries on their own ground charged without further annoyance and expense. As Mr. Dickson was not able adversaries of the ground the committee of Gillespie, the defendants were dis-charged without further annoyance and expense. As Mr. Dickson was not present to demand the committal of the parties, that may have had some-thing to do with the disposition of their set. tbcir cases.

The Commissioner took occasion, however, to express his opinion that theimatter had been mauaged in a very

doings of persons charged with break-ing the law as he pretends, be ought to be produced as a witness for the pros-ecution. He should be the chief wit-ness. If he does not know anything he should be compelled to disclose the sources of his alleged information. And the authors of complaints sworn out to put innocent persons to trouble, expense and discomfort, should be punished for their malicious mischlef. Those creatures who are all the time Those creatures who are all the time nosing into other people's private affairs, with the view to breed disturtance in families, to make a few cents, or to curry favor with fee-hunters, are, in our opinion, en-gaged in very dirty business, which brings them down to a level far lower than that of dogs. And those who swear out compliants against peacea-ble and respectable men of whom they know nothing, although they may be shielded by the technicalities of the law, and be protected in their work by the law's admini-trators, are not the kind of persons whom any honorable or even half decent man would care about associating with. Their moral status would be difficult to define in language if for the ears of the refined. When complaints are made and no avidence to substantiate them is forth-Those creatures who are all the time The country should know that the prosecutions about which so much has such ineffable joy in so many kind "Christian" souls, have the source of the competition of the

swearing ont the complaints, and at least to give his reasons and name his informauts, when it turns ont that he knows uothing about the matter him-self. There will be less "bungliug" if the bunglers and the false-swearers are made to some extent responsible for their canseless accusations. Why did not the Commissioner get up a little special lecture on perjury for the benefit of the "bungler" who swore ont the untruthful complaint against Bishop McRae?

Woman is now declared by law to possess, in South Carolina, one right that is not always accorded to her; that is to say, the right to kill a man who speaks ill of her. Nearly all com-munities accord to women, with more or less limitation, the right to shoot, stab and kill, when man has done an irreparable lujury, but South Carolina is the first to formally put calumny in the category of irreparable injuries.

We have occasionally heard a queery expressed as to whether those who are actively and mercilcssly engaged in the work of breaking up tamilies, causing distress untold among old and young of both sexes, and overriding every principle of good law and justice in producing such results, ever feel any computations of conscience re-garding their conduct. We certainly believe they do. To reach this belief one has but to believe they are human, and vludictive though they be, it is not to be presumed that the last spark of humanity has been extinguished within We have occasionally heard a queery In multy has been extinguished within their contracted souls. The operators of the raid don't lie ou beds of ease, although they lie under other circum-stances with astounding facility.

It is remarkable that people will tesp coulting chickens before they are hatched, notwithstanding that calcula-tions of that character usually resolve themselves into thiu air. Individuals' of the rabid type are considering what they shall do when the control of af-fairs in 11th passes completely out of they shall do when the control of af-fairs in Utah passes, completely out of the hands of the majority into those of the meagre minority. The revolu-tions are to extend even to the re-naming and re-numbering of the streets of this city. Hold on friends---"there's many a slip between the cup and the lip." Eternal Justice has not entirely given this part of the globe the slip, and prospective rascality may not have so prolific a field here as its vo-taries seem to anticipate. Should it ever get full swing we venture the pre-diction that its reign will be shortdiction that its reign will be shortlived.

Inved. In the Investigator and Truth Seeker, Mr. S. P. Putnam, a short time ago, undertook to reflect upon the veracity of Mr. Dyer D. Lum, because the lat-ter said a good word for "Mormon" co-operation in business. With charac-teristic meanness the reverend gentle-man endeavored to break the force of Mr. Lum's statements by counter as-sertions unsupported by evidence. Mr. L. responds with a telling array of facts and figures, which he publishes in Liberty.For unadulterated smallness evinced by the discoloration of the condition of the Latter-day Saints, commend us to the smooth, sleek and olly professed gospel dispenser. The lower part of his counterance puts on a benignant smile which his cyes—the oliv professed gospel dispenser. The lower part of his countenance puts on a bealgnant smile which his eyes—the human eye never lies—flatly contra-dict, and while from the pulpit be preaches charity with his mouth, he labors otherwise to spread bitterness. If Mr. P. were really imbued with the spirit of his professed calling, even if the Salnts were getting some credit for rood traits more than was their due, his soul wound not worry over it. He should eschew jealousy and be gov-erned by more lofty motives than seem to inspire him. As Mr. Lum aptly states, in forming an opinion about the merits of the Latter-day Saints, he should not do it by "leading a capacious car to avowed enciles and bigots." We will say it to the credit of clergymen that they are not all of the class to which Mr. Put-uam belongs. A noted, one, of national reputation, on a visit here, said, the other day, that he did not think it fair to seek information about the "Mor-mous" from their enemies. But he is a man of extensive culture, ripe intel-lect and wide sympathics. lect and wide sympathies.

Yale has couferred upon a young woman who has just finished the law course at the university the degree of L. L. B. There is something of an anomaly in making a woman Bachelor of Laws. Why not Spinster of Laws? will be observed by a dispatch that President Cleveland has nomin-ated Henry P. Henderson, of Michigan, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Utah. It is presumed that the appointee is to succeed the un-principled Powers. A barrel of whisky exploited at the South End in Boston last week. It was fortunate that the accident oc-curred before the liquor found its way into the interior of the customers for whom it was procured. It would have been terrible to see human beings ex-buding in all directions like so many ploding in all directions like so many tire-crackers.

John Ruskin is noted for his brusque manuer as much as his learning. He-cently he was asked for aid in paying off a church debt. The following is the mildest portion of his reply by letter: "I am sorrowfully amused at your ap-peal to me, of all the people in the world, the precisely least likely to give you a farthing. My first word to all men aud boys who care to hear me is: "Don't get in debt. Starve, and go to heaven; but dou't borrow. Try first begging. I dou't mind, if it's really needful, stealing. But don't buy things you can't pay for.' And of all manner of debtors, plous people building churches they can't pay for are the most detestable nonsense to me."

Moralizing on the character of the Moralizing on the character of the times, an influential journal thus coa-cludes an article: "In the meantime the other signs of a social convulsion are not wanting. While the upper classes of society are stolidly indiffer-ent to everything but their own plea-sures, the lower classes are seething like a volcapo. The indications are seen in the frequency of strikes, hoy-cotts and disruptions. In Chicago the the sociatists have been put down by cotts and disruptions. In Chicago the the socialists have been put down by the strong arm of the law, but their influence is felt in the difficulty of get-ting a jury to try them. The avowed reason is that it will be dangerous for any man to act aud execute the laws, lest the vengeance of this class over-take hun. A more striking commen-tary upon the times it would be diffi-cult to furnish.

cuft to furnish. Place hunters are in pursuit of the position of Fred T. Dubois, U. S. Mar-shal of Idaho. There will be no weer-log among the people when he is de-posed, although there may be gaushing of teeth with Dubols should he fail to gain the present object of his ambi-tion—the delegateship of Idaho. We doubt, however, that a man of his stamp—who boasted about having em-paneled a jury that would "convict any Mormon, innocent or guilty, who might be tried for unlawful cobabita-tion," and would convict the Savior If he were charged with that offense-will ever be elected to an office in the gift of the people. For such men the plank of Providence is placed on a steep decline and is greased to increase the velocity of his descent.



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