

constitution has been distinguished
 for which I honor him, and I
 feel the same persons who
 upon his arguments upon this bill
 speaks of the Mormons as a the-
 ocratic government. Why? What
 right is there for that allegation
 here? What is the argument? Be-
 cause the organization of the Mor-
 mon Church rests in religious mat-
 ters, and in social an absolute pow-
 er, another church do not want
 another church do not want
 Does not our Christian church
 one of its leading bodies, which
 has been spoken of anywhere ex-
 cept with the people of this coun-
 try, the ecclesiastical body that
 witnessed the beginning of Christi-
 anity, that certainly contributed no
 small part to its early history and
 its struggles with the heathen and
 maintained it all through the gene-
 erations of the past, assert the ab-
 solute infallibility of the head of the
 church, and the religious and social
 matters, and, what is more, the
anathema, commands the absolute
 obedience of its millions of votaries.
 There is nothing theocratic in the
 government of the Mormon Church
 that is exhibited to the world. It
 does not claim to govern the Terri-
 tory of Utah. It acknowledges the
 government of the Government of the
 United States. It does not result in
 declaring as a matter of opinion
 on the part of the American Con-
 gress that for a man to worship God
 is a religious belief, as Mormons
 is, (however correct their opinions
 and our wishes,) is a theocracy
 to be suppressed with fire and sword.

Fleeing from the Floods.
MEMPHIS, 3.—Refugees from all parts of the south and west are flocking to Memphis by hundreds, seeking families from over the river and across the moraine. Others will come tomorrow. The first installment of governmentations will arrive to-night. This afternoon Col. Manning was sent off by steamboat to succeed at Natchez, Riverton and Concordia, also to Gultaloo Co. via Vicksburg. The commissioners will appoint agents at all points where the immediate distress is felt.

The Avianchoke, Helena, Ark. special, says: The river rose six feet and the work on the levee is going ahead fast. I think it will be able to withstand the coming rise. Reports from Upper White River show great loss and suffering. Steamboats now run through the crevasses at Indian Bay, Ark., and several houses have been knocked off of place, and business generally suspended.

An Arkansas Hurricane.
First River, Ark. 2.—A cyclone

For several months I have been a constant reader of the News, but in that time I have not seen a communication from this city. I frequently find this divine service very refreshing to this city, presided over by Elders Johnson, and have the pleasure of being personally acquainted with all the members thereof, among whom are two ladies from Salt Lake and the other from a neighboring city. Each of the young ladies is pursuing a course of study here; one at the National School of Education and Oratory, and the other at the Woman's Medical College. I have also had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Elders Terry, of Mt. George, and Mullett, of Salt Lake City, both able, honest, and men, thoroughly imbued with the nature and sanctity of their calling as missionaries. The room in which the meetings of the branch are held is small, but on a number of occasions I have seen it filled to the utmost by attentive auditors who listened with rapt attention to the remarks of the Elders in charge.

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