

upon them to hide them from the presence of an offended God? For they have made lies their refuge, and under falsehood have they hid themselves. They may scoff at these sayings, but it would be well for their own sakes that they consider their ways ere it is too late, and remember that there is a God in heaven who is no respecter of persons.

W. C. MCGREGOR.

#### The Absurdity of It.

SALT LAKE CITY, U. T.,

June 7, 1877.

Editor Deseret News.

I was forcibly struck with the inconsistency of the sensationalists on the "uprising question," on making a recent visit to the prosperous town of Bountiful. While looking at their broad acres of waving grain, their beautiful orchards, their thriving condition socially, their peace and quietude, I asked myself the question, "What object would these unassuming people have in the midst of a prosperity which depends on peace, and whose greatest enemy would be war, what object could they have in rebellion to the Government of the United States or its authority and courts?" Let common sense answer. In peace and quietness they hold their wealth, for it consists of immense crops not yet matured; in lands which they have recently purchased from Uncle Sam, and which in case of disturbance would sink to a mere nominal value. Their improvements they could not carry with them, hence with the exception of what stock and wagons they might possess, an outbreak would involve the sacrifice of every available means of support, besides the domestic felicity by which they are surrounded, to say nothing of the large amount of now valuable property, in these lands, crops, orchards, houses and improvements, which would to them be utterly wasted. Is it probable that such a catastrophe would be precipitated by their own act? Not much! It is owing to this very state of things that the "Mormon" people have endured so much from their enemies, and plodded on in silence, trusting in the great future to show what industry and forbearance may produce. Laboring under the grossest injustice, misrepresentation and knavery they work steadily on. Their apricot and peach crop bids fair to be excellent, but their apples and plums will be scarce, the latter they impute to the large crop of plums last year. The recent rains have made every farmer look joyous, for the labor saved in irrigation will be incalculable.

Their co-op. store is prosperous and in spite of sensation and malignant epithets all things seem to smile at least upon this beautiful and happy region.

#### CONSISTENCY.

Death—Frost—Crops—Co-operation—Lecture—Health.

MEADOW, Millard Co.,

June 3, 1877.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Sir—On the 31st of May we were called upon to pay our last respects to Brother Isaac B. Bushnell, a promising youth of some eighteen summers, who returned from Beaver about three weeks ago, in company with his father, was soon prostrated on a bed of sickness, the first he ever had, having been born in this country and always healthy until this sickness, which resulted in his death. The people turned out en masse at the funeral, as the young man was beloved by all who knew him.

According to our way of thinking "Jack Frost" has taken more than his share of our fruit. Still we are thankful for what is left. About a week ago we had a fine soaking rain, which made all look lovely. Our grain crop is looking well and bids fair to be a better harvest than we have had for years.

A few weeks ago a co-operative furniture and general work-working establishment was organized at Fillmore, composed of six members, three of them from this place, and three from Fillmore, all working men. One object of the company is to contract to do building, from foundation to roof, and furnish the same with good home-made furniture. We cannot do less than wish the company all success, but as it deprives us of our best and I may say, our only live,

active mechanics, we trust that when the company is in good running order and Fillmore can walk alone, then our men will be returned to us, so that we with them can do something of a like nature at home, as we know that the principle of becoming self-sustaining is equally applicable to all our settlements, and we now begin to realize our weakness in this respect, also folly, and, as "it is never too late to mend," we can see a glimmer of the potency we may attain in the future by our united efforts.

We had a good time generally through the past winter. Our lectures went off splendidly, our log school-house being crowded to overflowing at each lecture.

The health of the town at present may be called good, although we still have a few cases of sickness.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN FIELD.

#### Determined if Possible to Have a Mormon War.

The New York Herald is now making a specialty of the Mormon question. It is determined if possible to have a Mormon war. Its Salt Lake correspondent telegraphs that quantities of breech-loading rifles have been received by the Mormon authorities from the East during the last fortnight; that the Mormons are drilling in meeting-houses, stables and corrals, and finally that last Sunday Brigham Young unexpectedly broke out in the Tabernacle, in a warlike address, in which he said that if the Gentiles wanted blood they could have plenty of it—more than they would like. This Herald correspondent adds that since then leading Gentiles are quietly preparing to remove their families from Utah. This condition of affairs the Herald says grows out of the fact that the United States Grand Jury is to meet at Salt Lake City on the 21st of this month; that subpoenas have been issued for a large number of witnesses, and because it is believed that numbers of arrests will be made in a short time. The truth seems to be, if we may judge from a dispatch from District Attorney Howard to the Attorney General, and printed in the Herald recently, that the Federal authorities believe themselves to be able to connect several prominent Mormons with the Mountain Meadow massacre.

The Herald reads the President a lecture upon this condition of affairs and urges the administration to push the investigation to the bitter end. "Attorney General Devens," says the Herald, "has an uncommon opportunity to show energy and skill in this emergency. If he is slow or unequal to the task, if he suffers the whole great burden of these prosecutions to fall upon the shoulders of his distant subordinates, Young may still hope to defeat the laws; but if the Attorney General does his duty and is equal to the task, he may confidently hope to see justice, slow but sure, close upon the Mormon leaders." We have heretofore expressed the belief that while the laws should be strictly enforced in Utah as in other States and Territories, there should be nothing in the policy of the government savoring of persecution. We have perfect confidence in the administration and believe the laws will be properly and promptly enforced, not only in Utah, but in all parts of the country. And while considering this matter we are somewhat surprised that the Herald should work itself into a fever over crimes committed twenty years ago, and ignore entirely crimes committed less than twelve months ago. The Herald, when calling upon the people of the country to wipe out Mormonism, is fond of referring to the "twin relics of barbarism, slavery and polygamy." Slavery is dead, but its offspring yet exists, and must be looked after. Chief Justice Waite will open Court at Charleston, South Carolina, tomorrow. There are pending about 1,300 indictments against persons concerned in the Ellenton riots, in that State. The Hamburg riot cases will not, it is said, be reached at this term of the Federal Court.

This is a very serious matter—quite as serious as the Mormon question—and yet the Herald has nothing to say in the way of advice to the President. Why this singular silence? The whole country is interested in the South Carolina question, and but few people care anything about the Mormons. If the

Herald could find time to suggest that "Attorney General Devens has an uncommon opportunity to show energy and skill in this" South Carolina emergency, its advice concerning the Mormon muddle might be received as at least honest and sincere. We are of the opinion that the laws should be enforced alike in South Carolina and Utah, and we believe they will be enforced. There is no necessity for harshness or anything akin to persecution in Salt Lake or Charleston. Simple justice should be done, and undoubtedly will be done, as far as possible under the circumstances. Attorney General Devens believes in a strict enforcement of the Federal law. In his younger days, when United States marshal, he enforced a federal law in spite of popular opinion and the laws of Massachusetts. He is a man of great force of character and fidelity to convictions of duty. He will neither be driven nor persuaded into persecuting the Mormons or shielding the people of South Carolina, who have defied the law. It is the duty of all honest people to sustain the Administration in its efforts to dispense even justice in all parts of the country. It is in bad taste to demand persecution in one section and pardon in another. If the enforcement of the law works hardship to innocent people, the President can interfere, and the law can be amended. —St. Louis Journal, May 13.

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