

TO PROMOTE PROSPERITY.

"DOUBTLESS in the interest of Salt Lake City and to attract investors and investments to Utah, the *Tribune* this morning prints a leader from which the following is a characteristic extract:

It says: 'The *Illustrated American* got most of its material from the *Tribune*. We wish to say that whatever it got from the *Tribune* was the absolute truth; truth that can be established by testimony that would convince any jury on earth. We wish to repeat that an Elder of the Mormon Church, assisted by three others, probably all of them Elders, one of them we believe to be a Bishop, tried to kill a Deputy United States Marshal in a dark alley in this city, that when he failed both the *News* and *Herald* did their best, by the most shameful and palpable falsehoods, to incite this people to riot; that when the Marshal sent the deputy marshal to the penitentiary the Mormon thug police tried to get him, and that an Apostle of the Church ordered the Chief of the Police to take the man from custody when he was brought in for examination, that the Chief of the Police weakened and told the Apostle that was too much of an undertaking, and that if it was tried and failed and there was an investigation, and he was called upon, he would tell the whole facts. The *News* sneers because we cannot establish this by a proof that all the world can see.

"And so on. When did this happen? Was it yesterday or was it in the dead past? Could anyone not possessing historical knowledge of Utah; could any stranger, upon reading the editorial quoted, tell? What is the sense of keeping the old embers of hate aglow, and what is the impression that this and similar incendiary articles, which form the stock in trade of the *Tribune*, must make upon the people of the country at large? Would the Chamber of Commerce, the Real Estate and Stock Exchanges; would our merchants and citizens like to have the paper circulated conveying, as it does, the news that treason against the United States and murder of the government officers are rampant here, who knows, for aught the *Tribune* says to the contrary, whether today or yesterday? Did the *Illustrated American* essay to do worse?

"And by the way the introductory sentence of the extract concedes boldly and brazenly that the *Illustrated American* secured part of its material villifying Utah in the sanctum of the *Tribune*. Re-read it and see.

"As a promoter of prosperity at a time when all our people are bent upon that consummation, the *Tribune* is a hummer, no mistake about it."

The foregoing appeared in the editorial columns of the Salt Lake *Times* on Wednesday evening. It is a non-"Mormon" paper, and has no more affiliation or sympathy with the "Mormon" Church than the *Tribune* has. But it has more sense and less venom, and it is, we believe, earnestly engaged in assisting to advance the material interests of Utah. If we do not mistake its position, the *Times* favors that unity of purpose and action among various classes of the community which will best promote the welfare of all, leaving to each church and party that freedom which belongs to it of right in its own peculiar sphere. If that is correct, such controversy as may arise with it on questions about which men are likely to differ, can be conducted in a friendly way, devoid of that bitterness and those disgraceful personalities which are the principal stock-in-trade of the libellous local

anti-"Mormon" organ. And it will take facts and the exact language of an opponent as the basis of discussion, instead of manufacturing events and attributing to an antagonist words he never uttered, which is the common course of the libellous *Tribune*.

The paragraph quoted and commented upon by the *Times* bears to readers at a distance the impression intended to be made by the writer. That is, that life and property are unsafe here, and that the "Mormons" are a set of assassins, full of hatred towards "Gentiles" and particularly towards United States officials. It delights in taking up some ancient occurrence, drawing upon its imagination or large stock of invention for lurid coloring, and so transforming facts that they are in effect almost the same as pure fiction. When challenged for proofs it responds "Oh! of course we cannot establish this by a proof that all the world can see, but it is true all the same, for a reliable person told somebody so and he told it to some one else and it was brought to us; what more would you have?"

Nearly everything which the *Tribune* pretends to relate as well known incidents of Utah history is fabricated in that way. The records of the Police Court in the dead issue now revived, will show that the Chief of Police acted under a warrant from the Justice, on a complaint duly sworn to and in accordance with law in every particular. The myth about the Apostle's "orders" has no substantial foundation and is an absurdity on its face. The other so-called facts are garbled, twisted, painted out of the semblance of truth and brought out of their mouldy obscurity as a pretext to justify still further attacks upon the "Mormon" people of today.

The original charge against the *Tribune* which these perversions of ancient history are intended to cover up, remains the same, unrefuted, half-confessed; namely: That the misrepresentations published as "Mormon" utterances in a New York illustrated paper are chiefly echoes of *Tribune* falsehoods. And the reasoning which it attempts to obscure still holds good; that is: It is all very well for public men to protest against the vile attacks upon Utah of a paper at a distance, but consistency would suggest a stronger protest against the libels of a pestilent strife-breeder and bullying obstructionist at home.

The welfare of the Territory and the progress of its people demand a change as to these matters and a unity of effort for the general good. But this cannot be effected while falsehoods that require refutation are being constantly

uttered, for the very purpose of rekindling those smouldering animosities that if left untouched will of themselves die out. To promote prosperity we must have peace.

A TERRIBLE CRIME.

THE account given by American Horse of the account of the massacre at Wounded Knee, which will be found in our dispatches from Washington, confirms the dreadful story that has already reached the public ear.

In spite of the sneers and sophistry of the apologists for those soldiers who committed the slaughter, it is clear that the shooting down of women and children was inexcusable. The plea of avenging the Cluster affair is entirely unavailable. There is no parallel between the two cases. The pretext that squaws and boys can shoot and stab will not meet the issue, for the evidence shows that groups of unarmed women and little babies were slaughtered by the bloodthirsty troops.

It is a terrible episode in the needless and shameful conflict provoked by the whites. And the complaints of starvation, short rations and poor supplies, showing the rapacity and callousness of the white agents and others, are a sad commentary upon the policy pursued toward the unfortunate remnants of the Indians tribes.

It is useless to belittle or attempt to palliate these crimes. They are without excuse before the Almighty and all just men. Eternal retribution will be found to be an abiding principle, and the nation which commits or permits these things will be sure to reap the consequences of such a course.

HUNT THE RASCALS DOWN.

SEVERAL arrests were made in Ogden during the election, for illegal voting. The ring "Liberals" were up to their old tricks. There was considerable bogus voting. Old residents went to the polls and found that unknown persons had been permitted to vote in their names. Salt Lake voters will recognize this as a "Liberal" dodge with which they have become familiar. We need not particularize as to the shameful methods by which the ring "Liberals" have worked to effect their ends from the beginning of political contests in Utah.

We hope and believe that the respectable portion of the "Gentile" element abhor these proceedings as do the members of the People's Party. If this is so, we may reasonably expect that something more will come of the Ogden arrests than the shutting up