

judice against that people, by which it is expected they will be driven from the country, leaving it to be inherited by a class who live by the sweat of other men's faces. This is at the bottom of these scares about Mormon uprising, driving out Gentiles, threatening Government officials, resistance to the law, and all the rest of it; and it has done more to cripple the prosperity and retard the development of the country than all other causes combined. Persons at a distance, who have no correct means of ascertaining the true state of affairs, are impressed with the idea that everything must be in chaotic condition; hence capital stands aloof, and they are deterred from even investigating or examining into the wonderful mineral resources of the country. For the advancement of purely selfish aims. The — ilk are shutting Utah's gates against immigration and money, thus inflicting untold injury upon the Gentile interests already centered there. But for these persistent, constant, unscrupulous falsehoods, her mining industry, under the influx and influence of Gentiles and their capital, would unquestionably be in a far more advanced condition — her mines producing millions where only thousands now see the light. So long as this course is pursued, just so long will Utah suffer in her material development. — IMLAC.

— Omaha Herald, June 9.

### General Crook on Utah.

General George Crook arrived here yesterday afternoon on his return from a visit to Utah, he having gone thither at the request of Lieutenant General Sheridan, to report upon the condition of affairs in general in the Mormon Territory.

General Crook arrived in Salt Lake on Saturday, and early on Monday morning received a note signed by the leading Gentiles of the city, stating that they would call upon him in the afternoon for the purpose of holding a conference and giving him all the information they possessed relating to the state of affairs as now existing in Utah. An interview was granted cheerfully, and the General conversed at length with the gentlemen. They informed him that they had no fears whatever of an uprising among the Mormons, and that the sensational reports sent out by unreliable correspondents and excited residents, while they had greatly injured the business interests of the Territory, were almost entirely false. They gave it as their opinion that there was not the slightest necessity for more troops, and that although the grand jury, which sits next month, might indict Brigham Young for complicity in the Mountain Meadows massacre, and thus cause some trouble, yet there was no danger of a formidable outbreak.

Another class of citizens, also Gentiles, took occasion to express their views to the General. These men were fearful of an uprising, fearful of bloodshed, and fearful of almost everything that smacked of the dangerous. Crook said, however, that the latter class consisted mainly of attaches of the Salt Lake — with a few malcontents of the same ilk.

The General obtained from General Smith, commander at Camp Douglas, an expression of opinion as formed from his personal and careful survey of affairs. General Smith regarded the situation as far from alarming. He had sent one of his most trusty officers to all points in the Territory and obtained from him full reports as to the condition of matters, and the feeling among the masses of the people, and from these reports General Smith had drawn the conclusion that there was not the slightest cause for alarm.

General Crook says that ever since their advent in Utah the Mormons have kept up a military organization similar to that which is in existence in many of the eastern States at present, and that they have been drilled at stated periods. This fact was seized upon by sensational correspondents as a basis for their wild and damaging dispatches and letters from Utah. — Cheyenne Leader.

"Oh, heavens, save my wife!" shouted a man whose wife had fallen into the Hudson River recently. They succeeded in rescuing her. And her husband tenderly embraced her, saying, "My dear, if you'd been drowned, what should I have done? I ain't going to let you carry the pocket-book again." — Cincinnati Saturday Night.

### Eli Perkins on Utah and California.

"How about the reports of Mormon disturbances?"

"They are exaggerations," replied Mr. Perkins, "and gotten up by traders and schemers simply to get troops into Utah to benefit the hard times. The Mormons are peaceful, prosperous and happy. Gen. Crook came over with us as far as Cheyenne. He had just been investigating the alleged disturbances in Utah, and he pronounces them pure exaggerations. He says he has never seen Utah more quiet than now. Frank Leslie tells you the same. Gen. Crook will not recommend an increase of the military force there, which now consists of about three companies, under Gen. Smith."

"What about the report of the attempted assassination of a New York journalist?"

"As far as I can learn, the alleged attempted assassination of the Herald man is disbelieved by the most intelligent people. The attack, if made at all, was bloodless, and no one in Salt Lake attributes it to the Mormons. It may have been instigated by wine or women, not Mormonism. Brigham Young says all his people want is peace. He denies any complicity in the Mountain Meadows massacre. He says if the government wishes to try him that one old woman, armed with a broom-stick and a U.S. warrant, can arrest him and take him to trial."

"Has there been much of a drouth in California?" asked our reporter.

"Yes," replied Mr. Perkins, "the California drouth has been something dreadful. The whole State has been burned to a blister—absolutely scorched brown, where there is no irrigation, you cannot see a single spear of grass; as soon as you cross the Sierras the State looks like the Desert of Sahara. The entire San Joaquin valley, containing almost all the tillable land of the State, is parched as dry as a pavement. A few live oaks and sagebrushes are the only green things that reach the eye outside a few irrigated oases."

"What has become of the sheep and cattle?"

"Starved, killed or driven to the mountains. I suppose there are millions of sheep now starving on the parched sides of the Sierras, waiting for the snow to melt; so that they can cross over to the green grass on this side. On our trip to the Yosemite, we passed dead and starving sheep, head on head. I've seen sheep so hungry, that they would jump three feet to catch a live limb to eat. They had a 'round-up' of 200,000 sheep the day we arrived at the Yosemite. The owners of them reported 50,000 dead ones. I can buy thousands of sheep in California," said Mr. Perkins, "for ten cents a head. If your Nebraska farmers want to buy sheep cheap, let them send an agent to the lower Joaquin Valley, below Merced. They can buy splendid droves there at one-fifth of their former value."

CALIFORNIA BIG TREES.

"What do you think of the big trees?" asked our reporter.

"They are the great wonders of the Pacific coast. I saw trees in the Mariposa Grove," said Mr. Perkins, "thirty-four feet in diameter and 300 feet high. I saw trees which, if sawed up into lumber, would produce 500,000 feet; and, at twenty dollars per thousand, they would be worth in Omaha \$10,000. Sixteen of us on horseback," continued Eli, "rode into one tree and stood there. This tree was 37 feet in diameter and 275 feet high. On the stump of another 32 people had danced the cotillon and had room for the band and spectators. — Omaha Bee, June 11.

### An Unsuccessful Martyr.

The Salt Lake Herald of last Saturday contains a full account of the investigation made by the Mayor of that city into the attempt to assassinate "J. B. S." the commissioner of the New York Herald, who has been discovering a Mormon rebellion. We are sorry to say that the investigation leaves nothing of the would-be assassin. This must not be taken to imply that we would in any circumstances have the inventive genius of "J. B. S." suddenly obliterated by pistol or poignard. But when a man becomes the hero of such an attempt; when the world credits

him with the scratch of a dagger and the discoloring effects of powder; when he is thus established as a sort of evidence of the truth of his own predictions of Mormon hostility, that heart must be indeed unsympathetic which feels no regret when a half hour's testimony strips him of his heroism and transfers his evidence to the realm of the myths.

The accusation of the Herald discoverer rested on two specifications, namely, that he had been fired at in front of a certain house, and that a man had stabbed him in his own room in a public inn. The complainant was the only witness on his own side. In regard to the shooting, the owner of the house near which it was said to have occurred testified that he could not have failed to hear a shot fired as alleged, but that no sound reached his ear. A policeman who passed by the place at about the time of the reported shooting heard no shot and saw no person near there. The disproof of the stabbing was even more explicit. The proprietor of the inn showed that the assassin could have escaped only by means of a certain fire ladder or by the main staircase. The witness, who was called by "J. B. S." as soon as the assassin fled, examined the ladder and the ground beneath it in company with another gentleman, and they could find no indication that it had been used, the soft ground being without a track. Three chambermaids who sat in the hallway all night testified that no one passed through it but the persons summoned by "J. B. S." after the "attack." All that remained, therefore, of either story was the complainant's assertions and his vest with a cut in it.

"J. B. S." has doubtless dreamed a dream; yea, two dreams. This is no more than other men have done with even less provocation. Had he not been writing to this city accounts of the terrible plottings of the polygamists? Had he not filled columns with evidence of the existence of Lee's accomplices who are still at large? Add to these a late salad, an excess of chowder, or too many raw clams, and all the "stuff that dreams are made of" is provided. "J. B. S." should no longer sleep alone. — New York Post, June 7.

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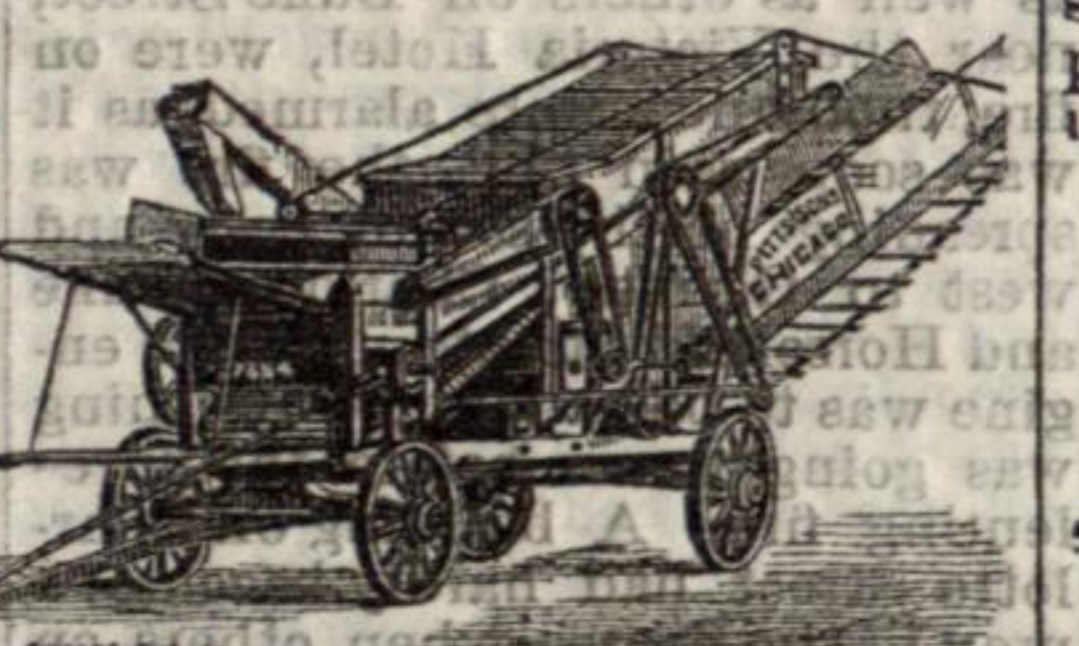
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