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ture before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and quoted by the best journals and periodicals of the country as fully authentic and praiseworthy as a literary effort.

The perversion of the historical facts set forth by that authority, which are indulged in every now and then by the paper in this city that cannot long resist the temptation to defame the leaders of the "Mormon" people, misrepresent their motives and cast a cloud over their brightest deeds, are not to be relied upon by any person who desires to learn the truth. Indeed they have become so stale, flat and unprofitable, that they have ceased to attract much notice in these parts and are only repeated for outside deception. We have paid some little recent attention to them by special request, and that people at a distance who may, perchance, see the Tribune's falsehoods, may be able to detect them by the light of the historical facts we have presented.

Because an eloquent orator, who is not a "Mormon," paid a fitting tribute, on a proper occasion, to the patriotism of the "Mormon" Battalion and the great leader Brigham Young, through whose wisdom and energy it was organized, the Tribune went into a fury and hurled at the gentleman and the "Mormons" the following base falsehoods:

"These five hundred men were enlisted on a petition sent by Brigham Young to the President. They were accepted when the government did not need soldiers."

"It was understood from the first that they would not one of them be called upon to fire a gun on the whole journey they were sent to make, except they fired it at a jack rabbit or a buffalo to get fresh food for themselves. The country they were going through had already been appropriated. There was no foe before them. They simply had to march armed to the country which they wanted to go to. The knowledge that the Battalion had been ordered enlisted was hailed with joy by all the Saints."

We have demonstrated from historical evidence cited by the Tribune itself, the absolute untruth of every statement in the quotations here repeated. We have also proved the exact truth of everything the "News" has said in reply to those errors. There is nothing more to add. The Tribune writer will doubtless continue to hurl maledictions against the "News," and the malevolence which inspires his magazine and editorial libels against the Saints, distortions of their doctrines and denials of their faith, will still be exhibited in the same bitter spirit, though with a manifest debility in tone and style. It does not matter much. The truth will come uppermost, and the efforts to obscure it will eventually go down with their author into the depths of endless oblivion.

CONGRESS ADJOURNED.

The Fifty-sixth Congress has ended its arduous labors, and its work now goes to history, to be passed upon as to its merits or defects. Questions of great moment have occupied the attention of the legislators, from the first hour of their session. At times the controversies have been bitter, and conclusions have been reached the wisdom of which may be questioned; but impartial history will pass on that, and even the mistakes, when seen in their true light, will be for the avoidance of future assemblies.

Among the most notable acts of the session was the passing of the currency law, which placed this country among the gold standard nations. Local governments were established for Hawaii and Porto Rico, and legislation was enacted for the benefit of the Territory of Alaska. Appropriations were made for the addition to our navy of several new war vessels, among which were five submarine boats.

On the other hand, the legislators failed to provide for the construction of the Pacific cable and the Nicaragua canal. The problems involved in these enterprises will be taken up in the future, and solved one way or another.

KRUGER STILL DEFIANT.

From the dispatches, it would be impossible to form a correct idea of the future plans of the Transvaal president. He is reported to have said that the war will be continued, as long as there are 500 men in his service capable of bearing arms. He is also said to have refused to consider an alleged offer of an asylum in this country for his burghers.

From these circumstances, the inference would seem to be warranted that he still has some plan, some resources, and some hope of possible success. But as for the resources, the rest of the world is in complete darkness.

It is true enough that the Boer army is still at large, and it took the guns and supplies along, when Pretoria was evacuated. But in all human probability they will never be able to re-take their capital, or turn the tide of invasion in another direction. Lord Roberts is in a position to establish British sovereignty over the Transvaal, and when that is done, the burghers that still may be found carrying arms will be hunted down and treated as outlaws.

Kruger cannot be blind to the facts. And when he, notwithstanding the crushing defeats he has sustained, lifts his venerable head and breathes defiance to the irresistible force that is overpowering him, this can have but one explanation. Kruger must still be hoping—apparently against hope—for some interposition of divine Providence in behalf of him and his people.

He must be waiting for some development, something of a nature similar to events recorded by the sacred writers of ancient Israel, with whose literature he is so familiar. If he is still relying upon the scattered Boer forces, his defiance is unaccountable; but if he looks to the Ruler of the universe for inter-

ference in favor of his cause, his position is perfectly natural, even if later events prove him to have been mistaken.

We believe the best act of friendship to the Boers now would be to counsel them to lay down their arms and sue for peace. To those who would prefer to remain in the country British rule would be no more oppressive than it has been to the Boers in Cape Colony, or Natal. They would lose none of their privileges. They would be protected by a strong government in the enjoyment of life and liberty.

To those who would prefer a change of location after British occupation, the United States would offer a desirable place of refuge. The Boers are an agricultural people, and there is plenty of room in this land for rural settlers. The United States have been an asylum for the oppressed classes of Europe, and the entire Transvaal population would find room enough here, to dwell in peace and prosperity. For a short time only they would be strangers in a strange land. Their children, enjoying the inestimable benefits of American citizenship, would bless the hour of the expatriation of their fathers to a land where everyone can pursue unmolested his peaceful calling, and worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. It should not be necessary to remind Paul Kruger of the fact that the dark hour through which he is now passing, may prove the beginning of great blessings to his people. The word of the Almighty is not confined to the "still, small voice." It sometimes is heard in the thunderstorms and the cyclones that overturn everything in their path.

SPOTS IN CIVILIZATION.

There should be no reason to doubt the ability of the American people to set the world an example in all that which is best in the civilization of which this century boasts, and yet, sometimes the question whether civilization itself is not more or less of a failure forces itself upon one's mind.

Not long ago a Chicago mob wrecked a dispensary, because a rumor had gained currency to the effect that the medical men in charge of the institution were stealing children and murdering them in the interest of science.

It is curious to watch the way such evil reports obtain a hearing. A boy was temporarily missing—an incident not unusual to boy life—and the story was at once started that he had been decoyed into the institution. A fellow in the crowd then discovered that the boy, too, was missing, and in a moment a frenzied mob was gathered. The police were summoned, but before their arrival on the scene the building was wrecked.

St. Louis furnishes another instance of the wicked folly of human beings when breaking loose from reason and following the guidance of blind passion. There is a strike on. A few days ago a mob of 2,000 persons assaulted an unprotected woman, tore her clothing from her body and nearly killed her, because she rode on a street car belonging to the company that is the object of the animosity of the strikers.

The experience of the woman is all the more remarkable because in this country women are generally treated with much consideration. She says as soon as she left the car she was approached by a young man, 17 or 18 years old, who abused her for riding on the cars, and told her she deserved to be treated as a scab. A large crowd of boys, men and women gathered. They assaulted her with cries "scab" and vile names. She was knocked down and beaten while the crowd tore off her clothing and forced her. Her hat was thrown to the boys and torn into shreds. Her dress and undergarments suffered the same fate. Her pocketbook, containing \$15, was wrested from her grasp and stolen. When the bruised and begrimed victim managed to regain her feet she ran from one house to another begging shelter. But in vain. Men and women were standing in the open doorways watching the scene, but they refused to give the woman a refuge. Finally, she found a little dark alleyway leading to the rear of the house at 916-918 Allen avenue. She ran in this alleyway and down into a dark cellar, where she sank into a corner, hysterical from fright.

Were this the story of a missionary lady who had ventured too far into the interior of China, or Thibet, it would be perfectly clear; but when it comes from an American community where Christianity, civilization, and law are supposed to rule supreme, it is difficult to understand, or to reconcile with our high aims and claims.

This country has at sundry times been the scenes of acts of brutality by mobs. It is not easy to account for the frenzy that in times past has demolished the peaceful abodes of "Mormons," driven them from one place to another; hunted them to behind the prison walls and the gates of eternity. But when in our own day, American common sense can be stunned by a silly rumor, and American gallantry can turn into abuse of an unprotected girl, there is nothing fanaticism is not capable of performing. Then it is no wonder that American soil is, in places, sprinkled with the blood of martyrs. But the question becomes a serious one, whether our boasted civilization is all that is claimed for it. It has often been said that it but a thin veneer. It may be that it has worn off in spots, and that the entire piece needs looking after and repair.

Gouster, O., had a coal mine accident today, but fortunately all but a few of the 200 men imprisoned were rescued alive.

Mr. Kruger talks of the Boers retaking Pretoria. The retention of the capital, when the burghers held it, would seem to have been the easier conquest.

The Chinese trouble gets no better as a probable cause for a big war, but there is some question whether either of the great powers of Europe wants to tackle anything near its own size.

In justice to the bicyclists who behave themselves, as well as in the interest of safety to pedestrians, the city

ordinance should be enforced vigorously against "scorchers" and those who fail to carry lights at night.

Ex-President Cleveland says he is not in politics now. A man who has been twice elected to the chief magistracy of the nation ought to be able to rest from partisan strife as a reward of his success.

It is said of a New York firm which failed recently that it will pay all its debts, and then will have a quarter of a millions dollars left. There is one good example which comes from Gotham, in all creditors getting the full amount due them.

Gen. Funston has captured a lot of Filipino rebel archives. Their chief value is to confirm what is already well known, namely, that from the first Aguinaldo had in mind a scheme to betray and butcher American soldiers at the earliest opportunity.

A Lorenzo Marquez dispatch says the United States government has urged President Kruger to treat for peace with Great Britain. The probability is that the United States has done no such thing, but is following the policy of minding its own affairs.

The high school in this city needs a principal, and there are several capable Utah men available for the position. The latter fact is respectfully called to the attention of those members of the board of education who are straining their eyes to discover someone afar off, that he may be imported hither to fill the place.

Twenty out of twenty-two States that have selected delegates to the Democratic national convention, have given express instructions for the nomination of Wm. J. Bryan as the Democratic candidate for President. As there is no doubt of enough other States being in line, that nomination is as definitely settled as anything political can be in advance of the actual occurrence.

German activity in South America does not appear to lessen. Yet it may figure on a different achievement than German aggrandizement of territory on this continent, since the Kaiser ought to know that the United States will not consent to it, and Germany is not in possession of facilities to compel acquiescence.

The Rough Riders are to be congratulated on the success achieved by General Torrey, with the aid of Congressman King and other representatives from the West, in obtaining the pay due to those valiant men for traveling expenses. The unanimity in which the bill was finally passed is very gratifying. The "boys" deserve every cent they will receive.

While it will be admitted that a good set of natural teeth is worth many thousands of dollars, indeed is beyond price, it is difficult for anybody but the exquisites in the art of providing artificial for the mouth, to understand how any manufactured set of grinders can be really worth a sum reaching beyond the limit of the hundreds. It appears that dentists can differ as well as doctors.

Admiral Kempff's announcement that a battle had been fought between "Boxers" and Chinese troops Thursday near Tien Tsin, and that the "Boxers" were expected to reach the city on Saturday, would indicate that the Chinese army has been defeated; and further, that the next two or three days will witness an engagement between "Boxers" and the foreign troops who are guarding the foreigners at Tien Tsin. The situation is an