

the greatest happiness of any people on earth, a celebrated Prophet, by the name of Mormon, a righteous man, distinguished among his people for his virtues, his intelligence and his power of Priesthood, received instructions from the Lord to write the history of his people in an abridged form, before destruction should come upon them. He did so, and wrote it upon plates of pure gold, and in the language called the reformed Egyptian—a language which the people knew very well; and he being a Prophet and having the Urim and Thummim, hid it up with these plates, so that in due time these plates should come forth and the means to interpret the record, on them." The discourse is full of the same kind of credulous trash which goes to make up the system of Mormonism.

Just why a Christian should denounce as a myth the fulfilment of a prediction of the Lord that He would visit "other sheep;" that He taught them the same Gospel He declared was essential to the salvation of those in Judea; that He called disciples to follow Him; that he instructed a record to be kept of His teachings; or that when the people became wicked destruction came upon them, does not appear clear—certainly it is not consistent. And as to the "credulous trash which goes to make up Mormonism," it is in believing that Christ did exactly what He said He would do, and also that the principles and ordinances He taught as necessary in the first century of the Christian era are equally essential for the salvation of those who live in the nineteenth century. Mormonism does not conjure up such myths as the supposed wrecking of some Christian preacher of early centuries to account for the evidences of a former knowledge of Christianity on this continent. It takes the consistent, plausible record, authenticated by the Divine witness not less fully than is the New Testament account of Christ's ministry; it is "on speaking terms" with the Lord, insisting that He still possesses the power which revealed Him to Paul and gave to the beloved John the Revelation on the Isle of Patmos. Our professed Christian friend might be greatly benefited through a sincere and thorough investigation that would open his mind to Christian revelation and a recognition of the great truths which the Lord is revealing in a dispensation of His providence. Bitterness, bigotry and abuse are not Christianlike.

#### INCURRING PUBLIC DEBTS.

The statement of Judge Tuley the other day regarding Chicago might afford a suggestion for a little nearer home. Speaking of the windy city's municipal expenses, he said it was "a penal offense for officials to incur a debt for which no appropriation has been made, yet this thing has been going on from one administration to another until the city finds itself in debt to the extent of \$6,000,000." In this State the law provides a limit of indebtedness on cities and counties, yet some of their affairs have been so extravagantly administered that legislation to increase the borrowing capacity has been a necessity to keep the public credit good. The new State should put a stop to this

business at the outset, by an effective suggestion to officials that they should obey the law. No administration should be permitted to proceed deliberately in making expenditures in excess of its revenue, in anticipation that when a crisis is reached the Legislature will help it out. The rule of the law may bring hardships under some circumstances in administering certain public departments, but after all it is the safer guide. It is better for the public business to be pinched for a while even to an inconvenient point than that affairs should be allowed to drift from bad to worse, increasing an indebtedness from which coming generations will find it almost impossible to extricate themselves. Officials should conduct public business affairs according to law.

#### MISUNDERSTOOD IN FRANCE.

The Paris newspaper, *Eclaire*, commenting on the Monroe doctrine, asks: "Does the American government think it is strong enough to appropriate in its own interest one of the two hemispheres and forbid Europe to have access to at least one half of the world?" This would prove that the French editor is but indifferently informed on the question at issue. By the Monroe doctrine Europe is not excluded from America. That doctrine only places this continent on the same level with Europe, closing it to foreign intruders and protecting it from the fate of Africa. It prevents European cabinets from slicing up these continents or the benefit of their countries, as they are doing with Africa, and the United States have a right to insist on the recognition of America's place beyond the reach of foreign greed or hand. In case the United States should adopt the policy of acquiring portions of France or Belgium or any other European country with a view of enlarging its dominion, the Monroe doctrine would promptly be vindicated against the United States, whether its principles be formally announced as applying to Europe, or not. Nothing more is asked for this side of the world than the recognition of America on an equality with Europe in this respect.

#### UTAH AND HER PEOPLE.

A physician, Dr. Kjerby, now a resident of Salt Lake City, has written a series of correspondences to one of the leading papers published in Copenhagen, Denmark, in which he endeavors to place Utah, its people and conditions in the true light, as from personal observations they appear to him. The writer is the possessor of a highly finished education and commands a facile pen. On a number of the Danish paper referred to, *Peltiken*, we give the following paragraphs in translation:

How very little we, beyond the ocean, know about the man [Brigham Young] and how wrongfully his work all this time been judged—this man, who transformed the desert of Utah into a garden and who with his all-conquering genius kept the people from looking for the flesh pots of California and held them in

the desert, where in the sweat of their brow they drew their food from the barren soil! With his seer-eye he saw that the more toil a man spends on the soil, the more strongly he becomes attached to it, and the better would the community be protected against the nomadic tendencies that characterize most immigrants.

Concerning the Mormons the Correspondent remarks:

It is impossible to take an impartial view of them without—if justice is to be done—lowering the flag for this denomination that soars away above most religious shades by their magnanimous liberality as regards other religionists.

The correspondent closes by a suggestion that prominent leaders of the religious movement in Denmark take a lesson in the application of the principle of religious liberty of the Saints in Utah, in order that certain conditions in that little European kingdom may become more tolerable.

UTAH WILL send a Mormon and a Gentile to the United States Senate. The Mormons are in the majority in the new State on a popular vote and will largely dominate the laws which the new Legislature will enact. It is pretty well understood that plural marriages are out of the question, as the State Constitution forbids polygamy. Cannon, who will be the Mormon Senator, is discovered to be a Republican. It was presumed until quite recently that he was on the other side.—Wilkesbarre, Pa., *Union-Leader*.

Senator Frank J. Cannon, who was the Republican nominee for delegate to Congress in every Territorial campaign by that party in Utah, ought to appreciate that last sentence. But, then, the *Union-Leader* is a Democratic paper.

OGDEN AND Weber county are now on the project of a great tabernacle choir in that place. There is no reason why Weber Stake should not have such an organization, with five or six hundred of as good vocalists as can be brought together in the community. There is room for more big tabernacle choirs to emulate the example of the Salt Lake organization in its effectiveness for good to the people of Utah.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND tons of starch have been made from potatoes this season in Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota. This enormous output necessitated the use of nearly three and one half million bushels of potatoes. And yet Utah "spuds" have no starch factory to utilize them.

UTAH LETTUCE, raised at Bountiful, is now in the Salt Lake market, and is as cheap and pronounced to be of better flavor than that shipped from the coast. This growing of winter vegetables offers a profitable field which the Utah gardener is just figuring upon entering.

THE FIRST lot of cattle fattened on the sugar factory refuse has been placed on the market, and shows that in mild winter weather the experiment is a most gratifying success.

UTAH NOW has three votes in the National Legislature. May they always be cast for the right!

ONE WAY to keep out of trouble is to avoid giving others unnecessary trouble.