

portance. The *Democrat* has had faith in the enterprise, and hopes before long to see Flagstaff and the canyon connected by rail."

NOW IS THE TIME.

THE American contributions for the relief of the people of the famine-stricken districts of Russia have awakened a friendly feeling in the domain of the Czar toward this country. The sentiment almost amounts to enthusiasm.

This shows the difference of feeling existing in Russia toward Great Britain and the United States respectively. An intention was expressed to raise funds in London to aid in relieving the famine-afflicted people. It was plainly stated, however, that Russia would not accept of the assistance if it were tendered, and the philanthropic purpose was nipped in the bud. There were two strong reasons behind this declination. One was the traditional antipathy existing between the two nations. The other was that, just prior to the movement to raise a relief fund, a petition emanating from London requesting the Czar to ease up in his treatment of the Jewish residents of his empire, had irritated that potentate, and caused him to retort to the effect, that he knew enough to attend to his own business, without outside assistance.

In his last general message to Congress, President Harrison commented upon the situation of the Jews in Russia, and suggested the propriety of requesting the Czar to deal less harshly with them. The subject has been, in consequence, before the present Congress, but no petition or representation to the Emperor of Russia from this government has yet reached him. In view of the present condition of Russian feeling toward this country, this would be an opportune time to make the proposed appeal on behalf of the unfortunate remnants of Israel residing in that country.

UTAH WEATHER.

THE monthly review of the Utah Weather service in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture for February is just issued from the office of George N. Salisbury of this city. The report says the month was not severe. Half of the days were cloudy, the snows melted gradually, and the water soaked into the ground instead of running off. This should have a good influence on the coming season's crops.

A new feature of future reports will be the "weather crop-report." Pertaining to it the following address is promulgated:

"In order to subserve the agricultural interests, it is contemplated issuing from this office, during the coming crop-growing season, a weekly bulletin showing the effect of the week's weather on the crops throughout the Territory. This will require several reporters in each county, and it is requested that all reading this pamphlet lend their hearty aid in securing such crop-reporters. The names of those who are willing to report should be sent in at once to this office, and necessary blanks will be furnished. A supply

of the blank cards has been sent to each of the present observers, and it is hoped that they, at least, will report, as it will require but little time to fill out the cards. The importance of the information is apparent, and it will be widely disseminated. The bulletin is to begin with the first week in April.

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NECESSITY FOR PROMPTNESS.

WE have just received from points in this county, a number of reports of ward Relief Society Jubilee celebrations. The proceedings, they describe, were conducted on Thursday of last week, yet the senders expect the accounts to be published. While we are always willing to accommodate our friends to the outer limit of consistency, we are hardly prepared to place a premium on tardiness displayed by correspondents and thus give the current issues of this journal the appearance of "back numbers." No live newspaper can afford to do that by publishing long a ter date matters that are of local rather than general interest. We deem it necessary to give this explanation, the force of which will be seen at a glance and appreciated by all sensible people concerned. In view of what is here stated, we hope no exception will be taken if reports of the kind referred to, received from now forward, do not appear in these columns. Exception may be made in the cases of settlements that are distant from this city, and where mail facilities are not of the expeditious description. We must draw the line somewhere on this subject.

A SEA OF TROUBLE.

THE dispatches today state that a civil war is in progress in Venezuela, and that the German ministry is rent in pieces over the education bill. News from various other points is equally gloomy. In England half a million men are out on strike, not for higher wages, but to prevent a reduction. In Paris anarchists are active with dynamite. In Austria the unemployed seek relief from starvation in suicide. In Germany furious mobs threaten the King. In Russia 30,000,000 people are famine stricken. In Spain reformers are being hunted down and garroted.

At home it is said that there are 30,000 unemployed men in Chicago. In Indianapolis rioting and bloodshed have not as yet entirely subsided. From Pennsylvania comes the report that miners there were practically slaves. They are compelled to live in company houses, to trade at company stores, and take whatever wage capital wishes to give. In New York Dr. Parkhurst, the Presbyterian minister, charges the city officials with being in league with brothel-keepers, saloons, gambling places, and so on. He employed a corps of detectives and trusty volunteers from his own congregation to ascertain the true state of affairs. In his sermon last Sunday he stated the results of his investigations, and held

up a huge bundle of type-written documents signed by responsible witnesses testifying to the accuracy of the charges.

"SCRUBS."

THAT estimable and consistent organ of the "Liberal" faction, commonly called the *Trib.*, is aggrieved at the *DESERET NEWS* because it has been "ready at a moment's notice to supply two columns of proof that what they [the Legislature] did was not only legal, but manly and high-minded and in the best interests of the Territory." These remarks have reference to the dispute between the Governor and the Legislature over the World's Fair bill.

This is of course a terrible offence. To furnish "two columns of proof" against the position taken by the *Tribune* is evidence of total depravity. And what makes it worse is, that paper cannot find anything rational to say in reply, but is compelled to fall back on its favorite, unanswerable argument—"scrubs." Who can overcome such profound reasoning and so gentlemanly a retort as "scrubs?" As an answer to "two columns of proof," it is simply irresistible.

But if furnishing "two columns of proof at a moment's notice" is evidence of the "perversity and meanness" of the *DESERET NEWS*, does the production of a third of a column of spite and falsehood and vituperation at two or three days' notice, establish the *Tribune* as a pleasant, truthful, generous and logical paper.

Its pet epithet—"scrubs" is meant this time for the Legislature, who, the *Trib.* says, "permitted themselves to be handled by an unscrupulous lobby just as before they were handled by the priesthood of the Mormon Church." Well! well! what "scrubs" they must be not to permit themselves to be handled by the *Tribune* lobbyists! If they had only done that they would have been "high-minded," "loyal" and "American gentlemen." But alas! they would not wear the "Liberal" collar nor be led in "Liberal" strings and so they are all "scrubs!"

One admission here is pertinent. They are not now "handled by the priesthood." That the *Tribune* admits is a thing of the past. We need not stop to dispute its existence at any time, let it go as "a dead issue." These perverse and misguided legislators should be thankful that they are not any more charged with being "handled by the priesthood." And if they would only consent to be "handled by the *Tribune*," their "transfiguration" into public-spirited statesmen would be complete.

The only attempt to meet our "two columns of proof" which the *Tribune* makes is this, and it is a direct and palpable falsehood:

"The *News* continues to thresh over old straw to prove that two or three courts have held in *State*, where the conditions are all different from here, that outside of the regular officers who carry on the business of the State any other people serving the State in an official capacity are not, in technical parlance, State officers."