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EFFECTS OF ANTI-MORMON
MANIA.

The *Courier-Journal* in its normal
condition is an able paper, a little
extreme perhaps in its views, but
brilliant and keen in its style, and
well posted on public affairs. But
under its present attack of anti-
"Mormon" fever, it is in a deplorable
state, and its delirium is truly
pitiable. Here is a sample of its
editorial ravings:

"The new President can, in view
of the well known defiance of the
Federal laws in Utah, give the Mor-
mons thirty days to hold a session of
their Legislature, to make all their
laws conform to those in use in
Christendom respecting marriage,
divorce, adultery and fornication,
and if the Mormons refuse to comply,
let President Garfield issue a
proclamation abolishing polygamy.
The President has himself said:
'Nor can any ecclesiastical organiza-
tion be safely permitted to usurp in
the smallest degree the functions and
powers of the National Govern-
ment.' Such usurpation is contin-
ued in Utah." The President can
it can not be safely permitted."
His, duly then, is apparent."

Treating this matter seriously,
where can the President find au-
thority for ordering the Legislature
of a Territory to do anything? The
Chief Magistrate derives his official
powers from the Constitution, and
among them we fail to find any-
thing resembling the authority
which he is here declared to hold.
The idea of a legislative body being
ordered by the Executive to enact
certain measures. And think of
such a proceeding being advised by
a Democratic editor! If "an ecclesi-
astical organization," as "freely
admit, cannot be "safely permitted
to usurp in the smallest degree the
functions and powers of the Nation-
al Government," neither can the
Executive branch of the Govern-
ment be safely permitted to usurp
in the smallest degree the functions
and powers of legislative bodies,
national, state or territorial.

The Legislative Assembly of Utah
is independent in its sphere. Its
powers are derived from the Orga-
nism Act, and extend to "all rights
subjects of legislation." It cannot be
overed into the passage of laws
by any power, local or national.
Congress claims to have supreme
control over the Territories, but
even supposing the claim to be con-
stitutional, that control can only be
exercised in a lawful manner.
Special legislation for the Territories
may be passed by Congress, but that
body has no power to make a terri-
torial Legislature pass an Act or re-
peal an Act, and the President has
no power in this matter whatever.
He cannot make a law, nor compel
any one else to make a law, but can
only see that the laws are executed
after they are made.

We venture to say that the writer
of the above nonsense in the
Courier-Journal cannot define, if
required to do so, the difference be-
tween the laws of Utah and "those
in use in Christendom" on the sub-
jects to which he alludes. And if
there was any need for the revision
of our code, which part of Christen-
dom must we choose for a model?
Are the different States of the Union
harmonious in their laws on these
points? We think not. There
was a great deal of talk
made some time ago about
the criminal laws of Utah,
and the Legislature took
special pains to get up a code that would
suit the lawyers and the courts here.
The California Code was adopted
with but slight alterations, neces-
sary to adopt its provisions to this
Territory, and in that shape it met
with the approval of Federal Judges
and leading members of the bar. If
this does not please the newspaper
and other critics and carpers
what will please them? And if we
abolish our new code and adopt an-
other, shall we be any more likely
than now to escape the censure of
those who want to do nothing but
despise with the "Mormons?"

Of all the foolish recommendations
—and their name is legion— for the
settlement of the "Mormon" ques-
tion, the *Courier-Journal's* is the
most idiotic. If the Utah Legisla-
ture does not pass certain laws as
ordered by the President, that dig-
nity is to be abolished by proclama-
tion! If presidential proclama-
tions will abolish any real or
imaginary evil of the
times, the Executive
ought to have a special printing
press for the publication of proclama-
tions kept constantly at work. If
marriage can be stopped by proclama-
tion, so can divorce. If people can
be prevented from cohabiting to-
gether in the marriage relation by a
Presidential edict, so they can be
cohabitation without marriage or
the form thereof. Hadn't the Presi-
dent better issue a proclamation
against prostitution, against infan-
cide, against pre-natal murder,
against intemperance, against usury
and every one of the prevalent vices
of the age? Better mark this: We do
not class polygamy with these evils
nor with either of them. It is the
very antipodes of their corruption!
But it is denounced as an evil, it is
held up as something to be put
down, and in mentioning it in this
connection, we do so merely from
the standpoint of its enemies, and
ask them to be just a little consist-
ent. If the marriage of a few
"Mormons" to more wives than one
is an evil to be abolished by proclama-
tion, are there not much worse
evils of far greater extent that
should be treated in a similar man-
ner?

The *Courier-Journal* makes two
assumptions for which it does not
can not offer the least particle of
proof. It is not the fashion to offer
evidence when accusations are made
against the "Mormons." The usual
way is to take certain falsehoods for
admitted facts, and then save over
them and advance irrational and un-

republican suggestions for methods
of treatment. The "defiance of the
Federal laws in Utah" is a staple but
groundless charge against the "Mor-
mons." There is no such defiance,
and there has not been. Neither has
there been any of that "usurpation"
which the *Courier-Journal* says is
"continuous in Utah," of the "ec-
clesiastical organization over the
functions and powers of the National
Government." That accusation is
simply absurd. Wherein does or
can the "Mormon" Church usurp
the functions of the Government?
It simply attends to its own affairs,
and has not the power even if it had
the disposition to do anything of the
kind.

It seems as though those shares of
Moulton stock have completely
muzzled Mr. Watterson, and com-
pletely converted him to the one-man-power
doctrine. "A Governor may set aside
the popular vote, a President may
coerce a Legislature." Can such
ideas emanate from a Democratic
brain, unless it has been softened by
silver stocks or upset by anti-"Mor-
mon" mania?

We are pleased to see that the
disease has not spread to all the
Louisville papers. The *Post*, though
as much opposed to "Mormonism"
on principle as the *Courier-Journal*,
is able to discuss the question ra-
tionally and to see the real bearings
of the subject about which so much
smoke has been raised. In the *Post*
of March 12 appears the following
editorial, which we commend to the
perusal of the *Murrays*, whose
object is to divert attention from
the Governor's political crime by
rabbid onslaughts upon "Mormon-
ism."

"Governor Murray's two organs in
this city are still harping upon the
Campbell certificate, and act as if
the life of the Governor, the exist-
ence of morality and the Constitu-
tion of the United States were in-
volved in the issue. The Governor
must be vindicated. Our blessed
Church must be rescued from im-
pending peril.
The issue is simply nonsense. The
question is purely a legal one. The
Governor violated the law is plain.
That he refused the certificate to
the person having the largest num-
ber of votes, is a fact. It is to the
person having the smallest num-
ber, cannot be denied. Our
blessed Church has nothing to do
with the Campbell certificate.
There is nothing in the creed of any
anti-Mormon Church that requires
the Governor of a Territory to do
what the law prohibits him doing,
or to fail in doing what the law re-
quires him to do. We make no apolo-
gies for the Mormons. We are simply
standing up for the law. The ques-
tion is, whether the Governor has
violated the law. If Congress
desires the suppression of Mor-
monism, it must be done in accord-
ance with law and not in violation
of the Constitution of the United
States. The silly twaddle that, in-
asmuch as the civil liberties of one-
half the United States were vio-
lated for the purpose of abolishing
polygamy, is the most arrant charlatanism.
It is worse. It is diluted lunacy. Es-
tablish such a doctrine, and what
would be the result? The organic
law would afford protection to no
one. Whenever a majority con-
victed a prejudice against any class
or any individual, or any sect, the
victim would be sacrificed regard-
less of constitutional guarantees.
Protection to person would be noth-
ing. Everything sacred, everything
valuable, everything cherished
would be at the mercy of an irres-
ponsible and capricious public sen-
timent, and as Burke remarked,
"we would all be nothing more than
the flies of a summer." The Mormon
Church might go to-day. The
Catholic Church might go to-mor-
row. The Baptists might follow the
Mormons, the Episcopalians the
Baptists, the Methodists the Episcop-
alians, and so on *ad infinitum*.
If the law against polygamy is ade-
quate, enforce it. If it is not ade-
quate, amend it. But no country
can afford to disturb its organic sys-
tem to rid itself of a sect. No gov-
ernment can tear up its foundations
merely to destroy a foul bird's nest
in the superstructure."

SINGING AND SONG.

It is generally admitted that in our
Sabbath meetings at the Tabernacle
and Assembly Hall, much enjoy-
ment is derived from the singing
portion of the service, whether the
congregation listens to some grand
anthem, or follows in their affections
the words and tune of some familiar
and favorite song, or whether the
harmony is of a jubilant character,
or sad and solemn as a sacramental
hymn; there is generally a response
in every heart, and each one is
yielding to the subtle influence of
music joined to words, or even mu-
sic alone, will realize that they are
much better fitted to receive the
ministry of the word, than as
though they had not this preparatory
process which subdues, at-
tracts and tones down every way-
ward feeling, and every inharmonious
thought.

That there is wide contrast be-
tween this general service and the
service in some of our wards is
much to be deplored. A little re-
flection would suggest that as sing-
ing is by divine appointment, its
quality is as important in one place
as in another. Singing heartily, to
sing "with the spirit and with the
understanding," is good in all places
alike where worship is intended or
held.

To be sure the music or tunes
should be adapted to the capacity of
the congregation, and to the sur-
roundings. Simple when for child-
hood, more scientific and complex
when for adults. Tunes should also
be suited to the sentiment or spirit of
the words, there would be evi-
dent propriety in a jig tune to
the lofty words, "Great God attend
while Zion sings," and the beauty of
the sacred words would be lost in an
unsuited tune was undoubtedly affect-
ing words.

It is highly desirable that sing-
ing should be more general, and
more congregational. But there
are times and times in a congrega-
tional effort, it will only result in
confusion of harmonizing, and hear a
confused, irregular mass of noise,
something very different to that
unity and precision resented by a
cultivated assembly.

The improvement of our Taber-
nacle singing should bring from the
improvement of our ward singing,
and this in turn from Sabbath School
and home singing. Where the love
and practice of singing are in a home,
you will generally find a united and
happy as well as intelligent fam-
ily. Singing in a family would give
influence to the service of song in

the assemblies of the Saints, and
thus a love of music, of harmony,
would be increased, and there would
be more interest in our concerts and
more variety in other entertain-
ments.

An instrumental accompaniment
would be sought out and the violin,
the bass viol, the clarinet, the cor-
net, the organ and the piano would
be one and another be required in our
homes. So our children would bet-
ter love their own homes, or if they
visited others it would tend to infuse
into them the same spirit, and to
united families, united effort, united
achievement and united worship.

Let our young folks then (and
none are too old) cultivate music,
one of the divine arts, and wed it in
practice and use to inspiring words.
Let them study it and practice com-
position in their mother tongue. For
if this was universal, it would speed-
ily come to pass that, like the choruses
of heaven would be the swelling strains
and thrilling psalm and song in
the great congregations of the
Latter-day Saints.

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is large, but few remain to talk with
Beecher about personal religion.

A herd of cattle and horses stolen
in Mexico and driven to Texas, was
followed by the owners and recovered
through the aid of the federal and
State authorities. The thieves will
be held in custody.

A Washington special, unusually
well informed, thinks it unlikely
that an extra session will be called.
The President and Secretary Win-
dom and 30 of the 37 republican Sen-
ators are opposed to it.

The New York Co-operative So-
ciety opened its first store yesterday
at No. 141 Broadway, the stock is
distributed among 217 persons and
the store will start with the patron-
age of about 150 families.

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west Pacific R. Co., is said to be
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