

**MORMON PROSELYTING AND EMIGRATION.**

Two hundred Mormon proselytes landed yesterday. Why do not some of the missionary societies send out able men to follow the Mormon recruiting agents through Europe? Better still, why do not the religious societies of the United States send out able men to follow the Mormon recruiting agents through Europe?

The above is from the New York Herald. The suggestions are good and the reasons assigned for them are bad; that is, they are based on a common misconception. The missionaries who have gone to Europe are not "recruiting agents" in the sense in which the Herald applies the term, and the people who come to Utah in the "Mormon" immigration companies, have a higher object in view than "getting a home where they arrive."

If able men were to follow our missionaries closely in their travels and labors throughout the world, they would be likely to learn something of true missionary spirit and of the real aims of the "Mormon" Elders. They would find them working in humility, yet with earnestness and self-sacrificing zeal to publish the gospel of faith, repentance and love; that for the redemption of sinners, the promise of the Holy Ghost as a result of obedience to the divine laws. They would have to go with them into the homes of the poor and the lowly, faring upon the commonest food, sometimes without a bed for the night.

But they would not find them offering any inducements of a temporal character to persuade people to come to Utah. On the contrary would they hear from men warning the Saints of the difficulties, trials and perplexities incident to new conditions in a comparatively new country. They would find that the sole inducement offered to converts in gathering with the Saints is to build up Zion, leave the ways of the Lord and devote themselves to the establishment of His kingdom on the earth. They would find numbers of people offering themselves as emigrants to these Elders, under the same impression.

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**IT IS A CANARD!**

"Dear Lodge," The grand jury has indicted ten Mormons including two bishops for unlawfully voting in Montana for Delegate to Congress. One hundred Mormons are said to have voted for the democratic candidate in Montana under a promise of protection. Deputy Marshal Marshall has thus far made no arrests. The foregoing came over the wires this afternoon. It is probably part of a plan to upset the election for Delegate in Montana. It is a most unlikely thing that any "Mormons" whose residence is in Utah or Idaho would attempt to vote in Montana. It is contrary to all the teachings and rules of their own people and party. "Mind your own business" has often been cited as the "Mormon" creed. We have no right to interfere with the politics of our neighbors, nor to break the laws of States or Territories. This is well understood by the Latter-day Saints, and we shall be greatly surprised if this dispatch turns out to be anything but a canard. However, if any "Mormons" have foolishly gone from Idaho or Utah into Montana and voted unlawfully, they are amenable to the law and should be punished accordingly. No one here will object, whether he is a Bishop or a layman, as long as justice prevails. The most will be made of this rumor that is possible, but we believe

**UTAH AND THE MORMONS.**

INTERVIEW WITH ELDER W. C. STAINES.

Chicago Times Special.

New York, April 29.—The steamship *Windsor* on yesterday brought to this city about 500 Mormon emigrants. They are the first company arriving this year, and the first installment, as the Times correspondent is informed by Mr. William C. Staines, the Mormon emigration agent, is generally smaller than the parties which follow. Four or five of these Mormon colonies are to arrive during the season at intervals of a month or so. Mr. Staines says that the Mormon emigration agent, his church report that they are having excellent success in winning converts. There are now eleven thousand Mormons resident in Utah. A party of 100 Mormon missionaries now en route from Utah will leave this city early next week for the old world, and will be scattered through Germany, Denmark, and Great Britain, where they will remain two years. Another large party of missionaries will be sent abroad in the fall.

The Mormon emigration agent, Mr. Staines, is a man of about 60 years of age, and was one of the original party which Brigham Young piloted across the "Alamosa" unknown plains to the "Mormon" colony in the valley of the Great Salt Lake. He has had much to do with the development of his church and people, and for many years has been charged with the important immigration interests of the church, spending his summers in New York city and his winters at home. "You say," he said, "that the government is interfering with the gathering of the Saints? That is why the government has interfered up to take action in the matter. With these things the Government has properly nothing to do. They have no actual connection with the absorbing question—polygamy. It is just possible that some persons converted to the faith in the old world may enter into that system in the new. But it does not follow as a consequence. This marriage question overshadows all others belonging to "Mormonism" in the minds of our active opponents, and they see no other. This is the reason why they make so many blunders and achieve continual failures.

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**BY TELEGRAPH.**

AMERICAN.

Arrest of State Senators.

PHILADELPHIA, 7.—U. S. Commissioner Smith yesterday issued a warrant for the arrest of five people charged with having committed fraud upon the government in connection with executing worthless bonds for state contractors. At 1 o'clock, three were arrested and were given preliminary hearing before the Commissioner. These were Wm. R. Carson, Joseph Funk and Joseph Blackmore. The U. S. district attorney, who represented the government, produced no evidence, but briefly gave the charges against the defendants. Funk and Blackmore are charged with being principals in the bonds executed in July, 1899, and Carson is charged with acting as surety, representing himself being worth in each case \$25,000. They are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government and also with perjury, the bonds being said to be fraudulent. All three men are poor, and Carson, who is clerk, has nothing to do, but he has a contract in the case of Funk, to carry mail from October 1st, 1897, to June 30th, 1898, on route No. 1, between Fort Griffin and Fort Elliot, for \$1,980 per annum. Blackmore was to carry mail between the same points on route No. 2, between Fort Griffin and Fort Elliot, for \$1,980 per annum. The contracts were given by other parties at greatly increased rates. There is another contract for \$4,800, which provides he shall carry mail from October 1st, 1897, to June 30th, 1898, between Fort Elliot and Mesquite Falls, Texas, for \$1,690. This contract was also fulfilled by Blackmore at a high price. The defendants were each placed under \$5,000 bail for another hearing at noon to-day. Carson was the only one who furnished bail. Warrants were issued for the arrest of Joseph E. Black and Henry C. Arbuckle, the latter a clerk along with Carson in the office of Charles W. Maloney, metal broker. Government officials are very reticent. Important disclosures are expected to follow these arrests.

**THE CUSTOMARY BOMB.**

Of An Imaginative From Reporter.

One of the President's personal friends, authority for the statement that the President is quite anxious so soon as there is any let up of existing pressure, to consider some practical and wise plan of dealing with the Mormon question. The recent arrival in New York of some hundreds of Mormon emigrants, the departure from the same port of forty Mormon missionaries, and a view of the increasing flood of polygamous emigration, have intensified in his mind the desire expressed in his inaugural address to deal with the Mormon question. The President is in his opinion that no ecclesiastical organization can safely be permitted to exist in the United States, the functions and powers of the national government. Meanwhile Senator Logan, to whom the President confided the championship of his anti-polygamy policy in the Senate, is actively considering what legislation can best be had to meet the desired end.

Pleasant People.—Mr. Hooley, business agent of the Keane Company, has made some general calling during the evening. He is an efficient and zealous worker for the interests of his troupe, and a gentleman in every sense of the word. In fact, he is a young man of players are very agreeable people, also the attaches, with one or two exceptions; the latter, if taught a little courtesy, would make a more favorable impression.

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