

earnest zeal and his strong devotion to his faith and party.

During the political struggles which have recently taken place in Utah he rendered very valuable aid in the cause of moral and just government, the purity of elections and the rule of the majority. In business he was honest, accurate and diligent. Called to be Counselor in the Bishopric of the Second Ward, he came to the front modestly, yet cheerfully, and labored for the good of the people in that capacity. In every place he occupied he manifested those characteristics which win respect and maintain good feeling.

We deeply sympathize with his bereaved parents who so recently endured the loss of another son, stricken down by the assassin's hand within call of police headquarters. Their trials are hard to bear, but we trust they will receive that support which Divine aid alone can give.

Dec. 28th Brother Alfred H. Caine expired at his residence in the Second Ward, from typhoid fever. Deceased was born Dec. 19th, 1860, in this city. He was in every sense a most exemplary young man. He acted as a Home Missionary in this State for three years, and last spring was ordained a High Priest, and set apart as Second Counselor to Bishop L. G. Hardy. The deceased leaves a wife and one child to mourn the departure of a loving husband and father.

The news of the death of Brother Caine will be received with universal mourning.

HOW SENATOR CALL WAS "CRUSHED."

AMONG the strongest and most consistent opponents of the Force bill is Senator Call of Florida. His speech in the Senate on the 23rd of December was logical, forcible and full of facts and figures which demonstrated both that the bill is unnecessary, so far as its pretence of protecting the colored people in the South is concerned, and that it is a party scheme, intended to subvert instead of promoting that government of the people which is essential to true republicanism.

The "Liberal" organ in this city attempted, yesterday, to make it appear that the able Senator from Florida was "crushed" in the debate by Mr. Aldrich, of Rhode Island. This "crushing" catastrophe was brought about, so the organ asserts, by the statement that

"the operatives of Rhode Island have \$61,000,000 in the savings banks, enough to buy the whole State of Florida." This, in answer to the declaration of Mr. Call, that "the operatives of Rhode Island were more poorly paid than the negro laborers of Florida."

Reference to the debate as published in the *Congressional Record* shows that instead of being "crushed," Senator Call rose above the interruptions of his Rhode Island opponent, and effectually pounded the padding out of that gentleman's threatening bag of sophistry. Senator Call, alluding to the pretended sympathy of Republicans from the North for the poor colored men of the South, read from the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission for 1889, which showed the condition of the farming and laboring people of a number of the Northern States, where the land is mortgaged at ruinous rates of interest, and where the laboring people receive starvation wages. One passage of the report states that:

"The returns of actual wages paid to 248,200 employees, including both sexes, being 65.43 per cent of all the persons employed in the manufacturing and mechanical industries of Massachusetts, show that 8.99 per cent of all males receive less than \$5 per week; 4.85 per cent \$5 but under \$6, and 6.77 per cent \$6 but under \$7."

The report goes on to say that:

"Those males, principally minors, who comprise 20.61 per cent, or about one-fifth of all males, average less than \$1 per day. Of all females employed, 72.94 per cent, whether minors or not, are paid similar wages."

"On the other hand 11.11 per cent of all males receive \$9, but under \$10 per week; 13.71 per cent \$10, but under \$12; 19.37 per cent \$12, but under \$15; and 19.49 per cent \$15 or over."

Mr. Call was interrupted repeatedly by Messrs. Wilson of Iowa, Hoar of Massachusetts, Spooner of Wisconsin, Aldrich of Rhode Island and others, but with his usual courtesy and gentlemanly forbearance, he yielded to their intrusion upon his time and met their queries with such directness and force, that their intended shafts fell harmless and he remained master of the situation.

The debate showed that while the actual money wages paid the colored men of Florida appeared to be even less than those of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, yet their circumstances were so different and their perquisites so valuable, as to render their condition vastly superior to that of the poor underpaid toilers of the North. That the negroes had houses to live in, a piece of land to till and

food supplied, and their money wages were net gain, while obtaining these common necessities absorbed all the wages of the laborers of the North. Therefore this class are not the owners of the amounts in the savings banks, for their small earnings are insufficient for a bare living.

Senator Call not only dug deep into the question of wages, but he proved that the non-voting population of the North was of greater proportions than in the South, and that therefore the claim that the bill was to meet the necessity of protecting the colored voter was a vain pretence. We have not space or inclination to take up this question as presented by Mr. Call in detail, but simply reply to the untruth that he was crushed either in person or in argument by the Rhode Island Senator or any others of his fierce and rattled assailants.

The "Liberal organ" winds up its diatribe on the distinguished Senator in this way:

"By the way, Senator Call is one of the gentlemen who has always maintained a withering fear that any effort to make the sovereignty of the United States supreme in Utah would be trenching on religious liberty. He lost interest in the sovereignty of that Government thirty years ago, and not like many who took the same view then, he has been a fraud ever since. Indeed he was born a fraud."

In that paragraph lies the excuse for this "Liberal" attack upon the Senator from Florida. He is a champion of religious liberty and would extend it to the "Mormons" as well as all other worshippers in Christendom. That is sufficient to arouse the animosity of the "Liberal" vipers that would sting to death all who dare to differ with them in religion or in politics.

Senator Call's arguments on constitutional freedom which is guaranteed to all people alike, are simply unanswerable. They have never been refuted or even met by his adversaries. Calling him a "fraud" will not affect him or his position. Coming from such a source it is a compliment to his talents and his courage.

To show how he was "crushed" in this debate on the Force bill, we cannot do better than to clip from the *Record* the closing sentences of his able speech:

"Are Senators whose States and people created chattel slavery with its commercial features, are Senators from whose States a slave-trader, the importer of slaves from Africa, as in the State of Rhode Island, was sent here to represent the slave-trading interests of the Commonwealth—are Senators from States that have banished and exiled the colored people