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The assumed powers of Congress over the Territories are in violation of the spirit and letter of the Constitution and of the American system of government altogether. ' They are not warranted by any legitimate authority. They are subversive of the rights claimed for all people in the Declara-tion of Indepence. They are only to

be patiently tolerated while the citizens of the Territories are so numerically weak that they cannot successfully resist their tyranny and bondage. The whole territorial

relic of colonial vassalage and unwor thy of the times; in which we live. We do not believe, however, that the

tremity i contemplated in the action of their Legislature. The right of their position and the troubles likely to arise from national resistance to their course, even on the plea that they are in rebellion, will be recognized by wise men and Dakota will be, admitted before the time comes for such a crisis. The movement advocated by

ent, will no doubt be devised to offset the increased advantages to the Republican party which would accrue from the admission of Dakota, and other States will be" organized which will either add to the Democratic representation in both Houses of Congress or at least preserve the present balance.

While the legislators of the country are about it, they should settle the vexed question for ever. All the Territories should be so grouped that they will be sufficiently populous and self-sustaining as to be fit for the responsibilities of Statehood. The Constitution provides only for free and independent States, Territories are not contemplated in that declaration of supreme law. They are after-thoughts, creations of emergency, mere temporary [arrangements. The system was an expedient and has outlived its purpose and its necessity. It is a living contradiction to Democratic 'principles. It should be the work of the Democratic party to abolish it for good. Free States should cover the The only supposed difficulty in the way of this consummation is the "Mor-mon" question. Ignorance of the facts in the case [make ithat an obstacle. There is no earthly reason that will

statesmanship, why Utah should not come in with the rest of the Territories, that are ready for the duties of selfgovernment and anxious ito swell the power and strengthen the unity of the igreatest sigovernment in the world. Statehood for Utah is only true solution of the "Mormon problem," even looking at it in the common light. It is really a local not a national question, and under Utah's statehood would speedily solve;itself.

We do not say this because we anticipate any such wisdom on the part Even the proprietors and editors of of our national lawmakers as the the Tribuns ought to be ashamed of

that the authorities at Scotland Yard have decided to make extensive use of it. A detective who wishes to secure





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