

## EDITORIALS.

## A RELIC OF BARBARISM.

THE *Hebrew Leader* justly complains of the barbarous custom of using the appellation "Jew" as an epithet. This it rightly denounces as "a relic of barbarism." Judaism, it claims, is not a nationality, for there is now, no Jewish nation and no Judea. Yet if a Hebrew is in court under arrest, or as a party to a suit, no designation of religion or nationality is made in regard to any one else, but he is described by his religion. If a Baptist or a Methodist happens to be charged with an offense, no mention is made of the denomination to which he belongs—and, indeed, it would be thought extremely discourteous to do so; but if he is a Jew, the fact is at once made known to the world, though his ancestors may have settled here in colonial days, and members of the family have shed their blood for their country a hundred years ago.

The same remarks apply to the custom of using the term "Mormon" in a similar manner. That word is substituted for Latter-day Saint by persons of a contrary faith. It is a nickname. And it has reference to a person's religion, not to his nationality or occupation. If a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is accused of anything criminal or improper, it is announced to the world that he is a "Mormon." But if he is a non-"Mormon," the public are not enlightened as to whether he is a Methodist, a Congregationalist, a Baptist, an Episcopalian, a Catholic or of any other religion. The *Leader* rightly says, "To use a man's religion as an epithet is contrary to the tolerant provisions of the Constitution of the United States, to enlightened journalism and to courtesy. It is a legacy of old-time prejudice which ought to be peremptorily banished from the use by tongue or pen."

Those who are fond of the phrase, "a relic of barbarism" when speaking of the system of plural marriage, should reflect on the *Hebrew Leader's* application of the term. It is of the same nature as the injustice of holding a sect or society responsible for the acts of a few of its members, when the rules and tenets thereof are contrary to such doings. There are a great many relics of barbarism left in what is called civilized society, far more deserving of such designation than the practice to which it is so often applied.

## A BASE SLANDER REFUTED.

A few weeks ago the public were informed through dispatches to the press, that the "Mormons" had murdered some settlers in Arizona, on the San Pedro River, in order to prevent "Gentile" colonization in their neighborhood. We refrained from making any remarks on this evident falsehood until we could learn the facts in the case. The following letter gives the particulars, and the clippings from Arizona papers below should be sufficient to refute the slander. It is not likely, however, that the paper which published the libel against the "Mormons" will now make the correction which truth and justice demand of them. It is in accord with the spirit of the times to say all manner of evil falsely against the Latter-day Saints, and then to remain silent, or else answer with jeers and jibes when the refutation comes, no matter how completely it may overturn the first report:

St. David, March 29th, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

"Murder will out." Sometime in February two or three men located a piece of government land about two miles below my house on the San Pedro, and commenced digging a well. On the 14th, while I was absent on a tour through Sulphur Springs and Gila Valleys, two of the above men were murdered, and you will see by a clipping from the *Daily Epitaph*, March 28, that the "Mormons" came in for the blame. Also by a clipping from the *Tombstone Daily Republican*, 29th inst., that the murderers, two Mexicans, are now in our county jail, for which the good people of St. David feel thankful.

The depredations of a few Apaches, driven from their strongholds in Sonora into Arizona, continue, but the warfare will be short, and if we count the public sentiment of the papers there will be few Apaches left in a few months. Yours truly,

D. P. KIMBALL.

The annexed is from the *Tombstone, Arizona, Epitaph* of March 27th:

The *Chronicle's* telegram from this place in reference to the murder of Mahson and partner, near Benson, does great injustice to the Mormon colony on the San Pedro by attributing the murder to them to prevent any Gentiles from getting a foothold in their neighborhood. The *Epitaph* has no love for the Mormons, but, barring their beastly religious dogmas, believes them generally to be peaceable and law-abiding citizens, more especially the members of the colony mentioned.

And this is from the *Tombstone Republican* of March 25th:

It appears that the mystery of the killing of Mahson and his partner on the San Pedro, on the 14th inst., has come to light, and that two Mexicans from Benson were the murderers. In a drunken moment they confessed their crime to a negro by the name of George H. Bush, who informed Deputy Sheriff Breckenridge, who was in Benson on business. He brought word to Sheriff Ward, who started out on Monday last and went to Benson, where he met Bush, whom he took in a wagon and started after the criminals. He found them at St. David's, where they were arrested. Their names were Robles and Garcia. Sheriff Ward brought them in last evening. Their examination was set for to-day before Justice Swain.

Although the tenets and teachings of the "Mormon" Church are directly opposed to the taking of human life—except in legal punishment for capital crime—it is difficult to make the public understand that the "Mormons" are the last persons likely to engage in any such outrages as those attributed to them. If any person calling himself a Latter-day Saint or "Mormon" is guilty of any of those deeds of violence which are properly condemned by the law, as they are by all people who respect each other's rights, he cannot claim and the world cannot fairly charge, that this lawless act is inculcated or permitted by his religion. It is a principle of the "Mormon" creed that "a murderer hath no eternal life abiding in him." "Thou shalt not kill" has been renewed as a direct commandment of God to the Latter-day Saints. And they have been further instructed that if any of them shall kill, they shall not only be dealt with by the Church authorities and judged on their fellowship, but "he or she shall be delivered up to the laws of the land."

Our people who are building up the waste places in other Territories are not disposed to interfere with the rights of other persons whether of person or property. They will respect the laws of the Territories or States in which they reside, and no one need be under any anxiety concerning them. They will be found to be the very best colonizers of all the new comers in those regions and the most valuable of citizens, not only bringing with them material wealth in the means and ability to develop the natural resources of the country, but exhibiting all those qualities which are essential to an orderly and progressive community. Every "Mormon" who settles in Arizona is a source of riches to the Territory, and so with those of our people who settle in other places.

As to the "beastly religious dogmas" of the "Mormons," they consist in making criminal in the highest degree, any sexual intercourse out of the marriage relation, and in encouraging matrimony for the purest and holiest of purposes, permitting men under certain strict regulations of a religious character to marry more than one wife. We are willing to compare our religious dogmas with those of our traducers at any time and have no fear of the results. We commend the refutation of the slander about the Arizona "Mormons" to the kindly consideration of those who published the falsehood, and trust that some of them will have the manliness to make the needed correction.

## THE WORLD'S DANGER.

ENGLAND is in a state of alarm over the plottings and deviltries of dynamite fiends and assassination conspirators. And this is not without reason. There is no room for doubt that the promoters of sedition in Ireland are ready to adopt any measures, however incendiary, for the furtherance of their schemes. It is not surprising either that there should be a feeling of impatience and vexation over the security with which Irish agitators can openly advocate, in this country, the most extreme measures against the British Government, and even collect money and procure munitions of war for the avowed purpose of attacking England and spreading destruction within her borders.

The New York *Herald* prints a document received from London by Jeremiah O'Donovan, who declares that it "means business."

## "IRELAND'S DECLARATION OF WAR."

"Whereas, the English Government has been for centuries the murderers, robbers and persecutors of the people of Ireland, and as that Government feloniously, unlawfully, wilfully and with malice aforethought, dispossessed and drove from their homes a great many of the people, thereby depriving them of the means of living, that they might become the victims of famine or helpless wanderers upon the face of the land, which the Lord their God gave them for an inheritance; and as that Government lately shot down men, women and children in Ireland, thereby tempting (but in vain) to provoke an unarmed people to open rebellion that they may be blown from the mouth of the cannon or slaughtered by the bayonets of their hireling army and navy; therefore, the English Government is found guilty in the eyes of the civilized world as a mere legalized assassination society, its object being the destruction of the lives and property of the defenseless people around the world, but especially in Ireland. Therefore, we, the members of the Robert Emmet Epitaph of the Fenian Brotherhood in counsel assembled, hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a government of the people, for the people and by the people, with perfect civil and religious liberty and equality before the law, according to the noble principles of that great bulwark of human freedom, our own beloved Republic of the United States of America.

"As the English Government still continues to rob, terrorize, murder the people of Ireland, we hereby declare war against that pirate power in the name of the Irish Republic and Liberty. We are firmly determined to use every means in our power for the overthrow of that Government in Ireland as the most powerful means and the greatest liberating agent of the resources of civilization."

"Our bosoms we'll bare for the glorious strife,  
And our oath we'll guard on high  
To prevail in the cause that's dearer than life,  
Or crushed in the ruins to die.

Then rise, fellow-countrymen, stretch the right hand,  
And swear to prevail for your dear native land.

"Our battle is not against the people, but against the English Government, and we call upon those desiring to enlist in this glorious struggle for liberty to communicate with O'Donovan (Rossa), to whom the English Government may apply if they wish to make an unconditional surrender. We now offer to the English Government their choice of two things—that is, the destruction of the British Empire or the independence of Ireland. If they refuse to comply, then the war must go on and the destruction of all the life and property that must follow be upon the guilty heads and blood-stained hands of the English Government! Down with the corrupt and slaving British Empire! Up with the Republic of England, Ireland and Scotland!!! Away with the Queen, poverty and aristocracy!!!!

"God save the people."

"Issued by the Chief Secretary this ninth day of March, 1883, by order of the Captain commanding the Legion."

This may be only another device to draw money from the pockets of Irish laborers and servant girls in America. But it is not unlikely that the "Declaration of War" is intended in earnest, however Quixotic it may appear to the coolheaded and rational. Ireland is in a deplorable condition and is likely to remain so, because the measures which Ireland's friends would urge for her amelioration cannot be adopted while assassination and the methods of the bravo, the robber and the suffian are resorted to by her alleged patriots.

But not only is England in a ferment over the treason brewing within her domain and aided from abroad, but all Europe is in danger from the desperate men and measures which are at work in every part of the Continent. The motives that lead to these commotions are diverse. On one hand are people driven to desperation by poverty, lack of employment and the oppressive laws and regulations under which they live. On the other are depraved scoundrels who revel in riot and gloat over bloodshed and destruction, and who live by schemes of violence and sedition. Added to these are ill-balanced, but patriotic persons with some means and ability, who see no other way to needed reforms in government and society

but through anarchy and revolution.

The secret political societies of Europe and America are the great danger to existing governments. While they are permitted to continue there will be no peace for the civilized world. To break them up should be one of the chief objects of national vigilance. By their oaths and agreements and bonds of mutual support in diabolism they train men to deeds of blood and rapine, and make the vilest acts appear praiseworthy, because perpetrated in the cause of that which is falsely called liberty. They are inspired of him who is called the "father of lies," and by his spirit (Satan) work and plot for the overthrow of nations and the demolition of law and order.

They are prophetically exposed and denounced in the Book of Mormon. They existed in times of old and wrought mischief in ancient kingdoms. Moroni, in giving the history of the Jaredites, refers to them and thus warns the Gentile nations of to-day what will be the consequences of permitting them to grow up and prevail in their midst:

"And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed, for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of his saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance upon them, and yet he avenge them not;

Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain, and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the eternal God shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction, if ye shall suffer these things to be;

Wherefore the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you, that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you, or ye be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it up.

For it cometh to pass that whose buildeth it up, seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies; even that same liar who beguiled our first parents; yea, even that same liar who hath caused man to commit murder from the beginning; who hath hardened the hearts of men, that they have murdered the prophets, and stoned them, and cast them out from the beginning."

These societies not only threaten the peace of Europe but they are spreading in the United States, and while the Old World is more immediately threatened with their conspiracies, the time will come when even this free land will have cause to mourn because of their plottings. If governments would seek to be just and strive to promote the welfare of all classes of the people, these secret combinations would perish. But because craft and cunning are used to get gain, and politics is debased into an art for spoliation and personal aggrandizement, society will be honeycombed with evil designs, and destruction will come until a full end is made of the kingdoms of this world. Then will come the era of divine rule, when oppression and wrong, conspiracies and cabals, rebellion and revolt, bloodshed and strife will be swept away, and righteous government will establish universal and perpetual concord and peace.

## THE "MORMON" SECRET.

The Mormon leaders, without having a monopoly of certain secret causes which are operating in this latter quarter of the robust nineteenth century both in shaping politics and religion, are fairly entitled to a keener appreciation of those causes and also modes of controlling them in their own favor. The Mormons clearly see what all other hierarchies and sects either do not, or, seeing, refuse to recognize—namely, that the materialism of the age has undermined reverence for old religions among the multitude quite as much as new discoveries, or pretended discoveries in science have among the comparatively few who can be claimed as thinkers and philosophers. There is no reason to believe that the Mormon leaders are a whit less avaricious, covetous or ambitious of fame and reputation than average worldlings of the Christian or Mohammedan type. Joseph Smith and Brigham Young

had as lively an appreciation of the ornate and luxuries that wealth secures, as V. B. or Gould, or Stanford, or Crocker, or any other ever reached out after money. At the time of his death Smith was acknowledged the richest man in Illinois and Young more wealth to tempt the Church corporation when he died than any one man born in Virginia City and the Platte River valley. The difference between the use of riches by Mormons and Gentiles is the main difference. The former uses them to strengthen their archy and its influence; the latter to build a family and a family name. Mormon priests have the means to preserve that, while the individual and the family must soon go down the church has a fair prospect of continued growth and existence, and adopting the code of Loyola, they operate, and with secrecy as impenetrable as the mystic Eleusis, upon the idea that the end justifies the means, if the means but build up and strengthen their order and their Church. Impracticability of making civil laws the blind such people is gradually dawning upon the statesmen and politicians of the age. As this class is in the main materialists, more facile of them have either taken Mormon bribe and accepted the situation are preparing to do so, probably, as an intercourse with the railroad corporation standing out for a higher price. That mon secret in political corruption and its idation accounts for their quick conquest of Idaho Territory and its legislation, a strange perversion of the Acts of Congress. Gentile Judges in Utah, and we may say on it that the same influence will be in Wyoming, Montana, Arizona and Mexico.

The religious and political conquest of the regions bordering on the Rocky mountains is now proclaimed as the scheme of some ambition. The region is mainly bleak, arid and inhospitable. But let no man think its conquest would be worth the score. It is a better country in most than Arabia, the home and strength of hammedanism, and utter for the brutal and perpetuation of a resolute, warlike, aggressive race of men. The Mormons do not, if we do, forget that the rich heirs of Persia undermined the rich heirs of Caucasus and the inhospitable Caspian overcame the Persians, and the poor mountain men of the Throes of Montenegro are in turn threatening the yards and corn fields of the Turk.

The denso ignorance of the average mon is the chief and mallet in the hand the priest to cut and polish every stone builds up the Church. There is no day with such spying out and close watch are kept over the movements and action of the common deliver of Utah, the can go astray into the paths of irreligion and scientific unbelief, which are the hall marks of modern churches. He believes he is taught by his Bishop, and he believes because the Bishop tells him to, to doubt or demur. If he is poor, they help him; landless, they give him land; if they take a part of his wealth for the Church, his rigid discipline keeps him in and his rigid discipline keeps him in. His crimes against the Gentiles they look and rather encourage. His treason and disloyalty against the country they reward as a virtue. Treason to them on meets the swift detection and punishment that can only come from a society whose are made in secret and whose orders of caution cannot be forfeited to their respective source. And if by any chance, such as the trial, conviction and execution of the Liza for the Mountain meadow massacre is condoned by the Prophet and Elders, the surety of apothecia. If any one of the Mormon problem of easy solution error. Those who think the solution essential to the preservation of the civil authorities will in the end be compelled to ord to the Governors and Federal Government hardly less power than those human pronouncements and prophecies.

ABOVE is an editorial from the *Francisco Chronicle*, in regard to "Mormon Secrets." It bears marks of the same pen which wrote an article reviewed by us some time ago, and of a different stamp to the bitter and reckless paragraph that frequently appear in that paper. But the writer misapprehends the "Mormon" question, the "Mormon" motive and the "Mormon" policy altogether. We do not imagine that anything we may say will correct his views, but for the benefit of others we shall offer our remarks in denial of his assertions.

The "Mormon" leaders are alternately charged with stupidity, ignorance and cupidity, and credited with astuteness, wisdom, statesmanship and self-sacrifice. The mass are usually set down as uninformed and credulous, and moved like a flock of sheep at the will of a tyrannical priesthood, without reflection or personal choice. The success achieved in the face of so much opposition are supposed to be brought about by the free use of money by way of bribe and the union prevailing among the people is thought to be effected by espionage and coercion. The object in view is imagined to be political control, and to accomplish it is concluded that the Jesuitical doctrine of the "end justified the means" govern the "Mormon" both leaders and people.

The real truth never seems dawn upon the minds of persons who, perhaps honestly, form above conclusions. That is, that "Mormons" are simply and scientifically working out a system which has been revealed to them from heaven for the temporal and spiritual salvation of mankind; that this comprehends the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as proclaimed by Him and His Apostles when on earth; the gathering of His elect—those who obey His Gospel in the love of the truth—from all parts of the earth; the preparation of His people for His coming