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in Arizona, and that there was no nebe perpetrated upon decent men. I was sorry to find that things had been ind equal rights, and boasted of as be-ng "the land of the free, the home of the brave, and an asylum for the op-pressed." These foolish men are now pressed." These foolish men are now seeking to carry out the enormities that existed among what was called the civilization and intelligence of ancient barbarism, then, as now, under the name of Christianity and other eupho-nious appellations which are common to us and that we are well acquainted with. I was in hopes that things were not so bad as they were represented to be, but I found that I was mistaken in that matter, and I was sorry to find myself so mistaken. In relation to this anomalous form of proceeding they are now copying the example of Russia, which is generally considered an arbitrary government, and where despotism has been supposed to reign supreme; they have in that nation a place called Siberia, to which they banish mer, under a des-potte rule, without much formality of trial. I was hardly prepared to-day to suppose that we needed an American Siberia under the form and in the name of liberty and the rights of men. But this is the fact. We have here in America to-day an American Siberia in Detroit, to which place, upwards of two thousand miles from their homes, men are banished for a term of years; and what for? Because they have the temerity to worship God a cording to the dictates of their own conscience, and cannot fall down and worship before the Moloch of an effete Christiani-

These extraordinary proceedings that have been going on in this Territory, la Arizona and in other placessimply exhibit the very principle that Brother Snow has been speaking of. I need not tell you about affairs that have transpired here. You are quite as well acquainted with them as I am, and ought to be better: for I have been away from here for about four weeks isiting the Saints in our southern setlements, and we have had a most pleasant visit. Outside of these ex-traordinary proceedings, we found the people prospering very well, with pleasant homes and bright prospects before them. We had with us several of our best brethren, and we visited many of our settlements in that district of country, the residents of which were very much gratified at our appearance in their midst, and for the counsels they received. But I found that such had been the outrages committed that it was impossible almost for any man standing in an honorable position to maintain his position un-less he broke the law by resisting the officers, and they thought it not pru-dent to do so, and so did I. It may suit others to violate the law, to trample upon human rights and desecrate the sacred term of liberty, and this is frequently done by the arbiters and minions of the law in the name of justice; but we profess to be governed by higher, by nobler and more exaited principles, and to move on a higher plane : and if Jesu: could afford to enlure the attacks of sinners against Himself, we, if we have the Gospel that we profess to have, ought to be able to endure a little of the same taing. There is nothing new in these affairs, nothing strange in this at all. Many of you have had much to do with these matters. Some of these grey-headed men that I see before me know a little men that I see before me know a little more about those matters than some of the younger portion do. Many of you have been driven from your homes, robbed of your property, dispossessed of your possessions and had to flee from your homes to these mountain valleys, and seek an asylum among the red asvages which was denied you by your so-called Christian brethren. Be-fore yog came here you were honished

the first of the post of the p conducted in this unusual and vindic-tive manner, and without any ostensi-ble reason for such extra-judicial acts. Not only because injustice had been heaped upon honorable men, but also because of the position in which it places the nation, which was once the pride and glory of all lovers of freedom things according to the counsel of His own will. These are my feelings in re-gard to these matters. But then I feel down the barriers and tamper with the fundamental principles and instiinterested in the welfare of my brethren and sisters, and when I see their rights interfered with and tramtutions of our country they are playing a very dangerous game and are severing the bonds which hold society together, and the beginning of these irregularities is like the letting out of water. The next step that followed the Edmunds Act was the istroduction pled ruthlessly under foot, I feel that there is something at work that ought not to be, and yet that is quite neces-sary to teach us some of the principles of human nature, that we may be able to discern between the good, the vir-tuous, the upright and the holy; and the of a test oath. The legislation al-ready provided was not good enough for some of our officials here and animpure, the foolish, the vindictive, the other portion of the Constitution must be broken to introduce a test oath without any authority. I think this was introduced by our Governor. Then corrupt, the lascivious, and those who are trampling under foot the laws and principles of eternal truth. God has revealed unto us certain principles pertaining to the future which men comes another class of men called Commissioners, rather a new idea in may take objection to. He has revealed unto us certain principles pertaining to the perpetuity of man and of American Government. Yet it was thought necessary that extraordinary operations should be entered into in woman; pertaining to the sacred rights

relation to the Mormons. Why? Beand obligations which existed from the beginning; and He has told us to obey cause it is necessary that they should be dealt with differently from anybody these laws. The nation tells us, "if you do we will persecute you and pro-scribe you." Which shall we obey? Now, I have seen some of my breth-ren shot to pieces in cold blood and would like to obey and place myself under the protection of the State Gov-erament, and the promise of the Govin subjection to every law of man. What then? Am I to disobey the law ernor made to myself and Dr. John M. of God? Has any man a right to control my conscience, or your conscience, or to tell me I shall believe this or believe the other, or reject this or reject the other? No man has a right to do it. These principles are sacred, and the forefather of this nation felt so and so proclaimed it in the Constitution of the United States, and said tory-I want to know if any one of you "Congress shall make no law respect-ing an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Now, I believe they have violated that, and have violated their oaths, those that have engaged in these things and passed that have and these things and can tell me of any individual that was ever punished according to law for killing a Mormon. Speak it out, if you know it. I do not know of any such thing. Brother Snow says there is not an instance on record. Well, I would rather be on the side of the Mormons in that case than on the side passed that law, and those that are seeking to carry it out. Congress and the President of the United States and of those who are their persecutors and murderers, for they have got something to atone for yet which we the Judiciary and all administrators of the law are as much bound by that instrument as I am and as you are, and have not under those circumstances have sworn to maintain it inviolate. We have got through with our part of it. The other is not through with yet. t is for them to settle these matters etween themselves and their God. There are eternal principles of justice and equity that exist in the bosom of God, and He, in His own time, will manipulate these things according to the counsel of His own will; and That is my faith in relation to this matter. Yet by their action they are nterfering with my rights, my liberty and my religion and with those sacred principles that bind me to my God, to with what measure men mete, as sure as God lives it will be measured to them again, pressed down and running my family, to my wives and my child-ren; and shall I be recreant to all these noble principles that ought to guide OV.F. and govern men? No, Never! No, NEVER! NO, NEVER! I can endure Very well, what would you advise us to do? Are we suffering any wrongs? more than I have done, and all that God

will enable me to endure, I can die for the truth; but I cannot as an honorable man disobey my God at their behest, forsake my wives and my children, and trample these holy and eternal obliga-tions under foot that God has given me to keep and which reach into the sternities that are to come. I won't dolt, so help me, God. [Here the speaker vigorously struck the book on the desk, and the large audience responded with a loud "Amen."] The Constitu-tion expressly says that no law shall be passed impairing the obligation of contracts. But we have entered into covenants and contracts in our most sacred places, and that, too, in many instances, before there was any law rohibiting the same, and yet the attempt is now being made to give the Edmunds law an ex post facto applica-tion and to punish us for these contracts which were not criminal, even

done on earth as it is in heaven. And of February, 1885, at 12 o'clock M. for the Lord's sake so far as we can without violating our consciences and doing things that are wrong and im-

> proper. God bless you and lead you in the paths of life, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CORRESPONDENCE

A CHANCE FOR THE OPPORTU NITY COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, Utah. January 9, 1885.

Editor Deservet News:

Noticing in the NEWS lately the rulings of Commissioner McKay and his findings, on the opportunity dodge leads us to relate an incident which took place last Friday in our "garden spot," as the *Gazetteer* calls our enter-prising burg. The Rev. Mr. Cort calls

every Friday evening to lecture on the doctrines of the Presbyterian faith, and although he has been going pretty steadily for some years, he has failed if we are correctly informed, to obtain Bernhisel, who is sometime ago dead. In Missouri a great deal of that thing was done. In Georgia lately, and in Tennessee acts of the same kind have been perpetrated. Now, I want to know if anybody can tell me—here is a large congregation, and many thou-sands of you acquainted with our his-tory—I want to know if anyone of you ject. On Friday evening last our lect. On Friday evening last our reverend came over from St. George on horseback and had a damsel fair and gay riding benind him. Should not commissioner McKay be duly notified of this event, as Mr. Cort had opportu-nities beyond all doubt. Should our future Chief Justice feel inclined to examine this case we would

inclined to examine this case we would feel like helping him to the extent of our power. Yours respectfully. FIDES.

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