

prise and show that Utah will annually add to the best sugar product of the country.

By the by, we notice that Arthur Stayner, to whom is largely due the agitation and inauguration of this industry in Utah, is now or was very recently in Galesburgh, Illinois, engaged in organizing another company and plant, with fair prospects of success. He is thoroughly familiar with the matter, and has spent much time and means in practical experiments which ultimately led to the establishment of the splendid works at Lehi, which it is expected will prove the biggest and best paying manufactory that Utah has had up to date.

THE ALLIANCE IDEA OF DEBT.

THE latest from the headquarters of the Kansas Alliance is probably the most ridiculous of all the absurdities attributed to that organization. The chief organ of the party in a recent issue announces that:

"Steps should be taken to abolish all laws for the collection of all debts, which would be as much a matter of economy as of justice. The public not being taken into the negotiations preceding the contraction of debts, ought not to be called in to compel their payment. Those who sell property or loan money do so in the hope or expectation to reap a profit, and often grant the credit when they would not do so if the law did not stand behind them to enforce their claim. It would also induce those who loan money to invest it in some legitimate business. The abolition of such laws would permanently destroy credit business, and coupled with the government loaning money to its own working people, inaugurate the most prosperous time witnessed since the formation of society."

What an interesting time we should have in keeping up with the progress of government, if a few such "blooming idiots" as the author of this brilliant suggestion were suddenly elevated to power.

A PITIFUL DISPLAY.

IT HAS been our disagreeable task, for several days, to pay some attention to the untruths told in the columns of the Salt Lake Tribune. We have given such irrefutable proofs of the falsehood of statements made in that paper, and have pinned its editors so closely down to the points in dispute, in spite of their evasions and attempts to divert attention from the main issues, that their only recourse now is personal abuse—the resort of the small-minded, uncultured and venomous creature when driven into a corner.

In very strong terms of reprobation, several gentlemen have drawn our attention to the personal attack upon the editor of this paper which forms the leading editorial of the "Liberal"

organ today. We can assure them that it only excites our pity for the writer. He must be in a very bad way. And he exposes himself in such a public and disgraceful manner, that he cannot fail to injure himself in the estimation of all respectable people, no matter what may be their religious or political opinions. We are sorry for him. His course must have the effect of injuring him far more than he designed to injure the object of his vituperation. It is evident that he is as blankly uninformed as to the history and character of the editor of the DESERET NEWS as he is of the "Mormon" questions on which he constantly dilates. But if every libel in his whole budget of raving slander were true, and the object were, if possible, viler than the picture he paints with mire and gall, it would not alter one iota the arguments which the DESERET NEWS has brought forth for his discomfiture, nor help in the least degree the beaten cause which the Tribune has so illogically advocated.

In that lies all the trouble. Utter failure to sustain its position, impotent wrath at the exposure of untruths and false logic brought to its aid, defeat at every turn and twist and evasion, have so exasperated the Tribune writer, that his only alternatives now are to surrender the controversy or try to bespatter his opponent with the foulest material at command. Everyone acquainted with the Tribune knows what that is.

If we desired to retaliate we might respond with personalities that would not be at all agreeable to our assailant, and we should not be under his necessity of resorting to invention either. But we are not in that kind of business, and we hope never to descend to the plane he occupies. Amusement is mingled with the pity we feel for the ignorance and rage of the scurrilous writer, but we shall not be turned aside from the unpleasant duty that occasionally devolves upon us of puncturing his bags of foul anti-"Mormon" gas, because of his endeavors to pelt us personally with his favorite muck. No better evidence of his utter defeat in the matters under dispute need be offered, than the display of his manners and refinement which he has publicly exhibited today.

THE B. Y. ACADEMY.

THE opening of the Brigham Young Academy at Provo, Monday, August 17th. We take the present occasion to say that this institution is the pioneer educational establishment of its kind, and that it stands in the front

rank of the high schools of the Territory.

It was projected by the great leader whose name it bears, as the beginning of a system for the culture of the youth of Zion in every branch of useful knowledge. A specialty of its curriculum is the study of theology.

Religious training is entirely neglected in the public schools. Indeed it is utterly excluded. So intense is the hostility of many people to sectarian notions that they fight against religion in every form as a part of scholastic training. Not only is the Bible shut out of the schools but the commonest principles of universal religion are placed under the same ban.

It is therefore needful that religious people who desire their children trained in the principles they regard as sacred, should provide some means for their education other than that afforded by the public schools. President Young established the Provo Academy for that purpose. It has done most excellent work. Under the able direction of Prof. Karl G. Maeser it has been a great public benefit. Other academies have been established after the model it furnished, and the good cause of religious education is extending throughout the Territory.

The B. Y. Academy at Provo is deserving of the highest commendation and the most cordial public support, and we recommend it to our friends in the South as a most worthy and efficient educational establishment. May it continue to prosper!

CACHE VALLEY POLITICS.

In another column will be found a letter written by Mr. Calvin Reasoner to the Salt Lake Times. It effectually disposes of the falsehoods told by the Presbyterian preacher Campbell, and amplified with enlargements and amplifications by the Salt Lake Tribune. Mr. Reasoner is a non-"Mormon" Republican, and the Times is a non-"Mormon" Republican journal. That paper, which treats public questions in a fair and courteous manner, has also the annexed interview with Apostle Moses Thatcher:

"Question—Mr. Thatcher, what in your view, if any, are the grounds for the charges made and constantly reiterated by the Salt Lake Tribune, that the authorities of the Church used their influence, either directly or indirectly, as Church officers, to induce its members to join either of the great national parties?

"Answer—I know of no grounds for such charges. I do not believe that any evidence of such influence can be produced.

"Question—Do you know of any counsel or dictation attempted by the chief authorities of the Church that tended to control or influence the choice or vote of any person in this Territory?