

scene of the most licentious orgies and the theatre of crimes of all kinds. It is to be hoped that the Andorrese will be virtuous and steadfast enough to withstand the golden bait thrown out for their temptation.

THE EARTH STILL GROWING.

NOTHING in creation remains *in statu quo*. Change is a universal law of nature. The earth continually rotating and traveling evolves gases and takes on new matter and thus grows as it moves. The following interesting article on the growth of this planet is taken from Goldthwaite's *Geographical Magazine* for May:

"On clear nights when the limpid atmosphere permits us to observe to the best advantage the innumerable splendors of the sky, we have often seen a luminous speck suddenly appear in the depths of space, and, rapidly tracing a path of light disappear as suddenly as it flashed into view. Perhaps we have had the good fortune to witness a shower of meteors, and these apparitions have been well calculated to arouse our curiosity and stimulate the imagination. It is well known that falling stars, as they are called, are not the only foreign substances which intrude themselves into our atmosphere. In addition to the meteoric stones which reach the surface of the globe, large quantities of cosmic dust become incorporated with our planet. The track which the earth follows through the heaven is to some extent filled with this powder of worlds, which is constantly sifting down upon the surface of the earth. What is the effect of these meteoric stones and this cosmic dust in increasing the mass of the earth? Of course the earth, constantly bombarded by celestial projectiles, is slightly augmenting all the while in volume and weight. One astronomer has estimated at 146,000,000,000 the number of projectiles, big and little, which annually reach the surface of the earth. Supposing that each meteoric stone has a volume of a cubic millimetre, or about a third of an inch in all its dimensions, and a density seven times as great as that of water, our globe would thus be annually increased by a volume of 146 cubic metres and a weight of over 2,500,000 pounds. In one hundred centuries the augmentation of the size of the earth would thus be equal to 1,460,000 cubic metres, and the increase in the weight would amount to over 255,500,000,000 pounds. If this cosmic dust were spread uniformly over the entire surface of the planet, it would constitute in thirty-five thousand years a bed of about a third of an inch in thickness. But these figures probably fall far short of the reality.

LET THEM ALONE.

We have been requested by friends in the East to reply to some gross misrepresentations of Utah and the "Mormon" people, which appeared in a monthly magazine last January. A new application reached us this morning. We have taken no notice of the scurrilous stuff for several reasons, among which are these:

It is the production of that notorious dealer in superficial fiction known as Rev. Joseph Cook. It is old material

revamped. It has been answered many times when coming from other sources. It relates largely to dead issues. It was concocted in the interest of local politicians who are themselves dead ducks, and whose disfranchisement project is a lost cause. It was further put forth to draw public attention to a bogus theologian and peripatetic wind-bag, who succeeds only by sensations and thrives upon oral inventions that suit the popular taste; we do not want to aid him in anyway. His reputation is small outside of a peculiar society in Boston, and his tricks of platform jugglery are known and condemned in literary circles.

If we were to notice all the nonsense and falsehood which lecturers and preachers pour forth about the "Mormons," for the purpose of raising money for themselves or their projects, we would have no space for other subjects and the DESERET NEWS would have to be greatly enlarged. We do not think that such blatherskites as the Boston bunch of grossness and mendacity can do our cause any real harm, and we do not propose to play into their hands by treating seriously their misrepresentations so as to give them an opening to make a little more capital. Silence is the best manner of exhibiting for them our supreme contempt.

THE MARCH OF THE MASSES.

It is probable that labor day—the 1st of May—will pass over peacefully. Such were the indications, according to advices from various parts of the world, this morning. The red-eyed anarchists have been for some time floating their blood-and-thunder threats and literature, promising a gory and destructive time. They are not sufficiently strong, as yet, however, to induce a sufficient number of firebrands to join them in the execution of the diabolism in which they express themselves as thirsting to engage. The only place where there appears to exist any apprehension of an anarchical outbreak is at Naples, where the dynamite fiends have threatened to shiver public buildings to pieces.

The most pronounced type of the anarchical craze is the very worst species of satanic insanity. It is singular that it should have an existence so wide and so deep in what is claimed to be by far the most enlightened age in the history of the world. It is savagery of the most appalling and degraded character, and the fact that the nations are honeycombed with this sinister phase of modern society shows how thin is the line which divides civilization

from barbarism, and how easy it would be to plunge from the former into the latter condition.

Anarchism is the extreme end of the universal movement now progressing everywhere toward the popularization of all government. And if ever there should be, in the development of this modern social growth, a time when a general overleaping of the line beyond which there shall be no recognized rules for the regulation of the society, a condition would ensue that would present a spectacle of woe such as has probably never been witnessed on the earth. Even as things exist, it is common for men to overleap the barriers which constitute the safeguards of humanity, in their lust for gain and power. What the condition would be were the hulwarks of order and consequent safety swept away by the rush of popularization toward the point of destruction be successful, no one could even imagine.

Notwithstanding the pacific assurances regarding the demonstrations of the working classes of the world today, some of the nations—notably France and Germany—have taken powerful precautions to crush out any attempted outbreak in its incipency. The former country has provided for any emergency that might arise in Paris—a European hotbed of anarchism—7000 policemen and 40,000 troops. This precaution places a popular uprising out of the question, as a revolt would no sooner raise its head than it would be crushed under such a force. In the German cities the police have been instructed to act conservatively towards the people, and the militia to keep within their barracks. The latter measure is adopted so that the soldiery might be ready for active duty at a moment's notice.

It is not at all remarkable that these two countries should resort to such potential precautionary tactics. There is a special reason behind these measures. A war between these two nations appears to be imminent. Should either permit, by laxity, an internecine disruption to gain headway, it would doubtless be deemed the opportunity, of the other to hurl its invading battalions into the distracted country.

An attempt has been made to inaugurate a universal strike in the civilized world on Labor Day, but it has not succeeded because the various national and international forces have failed to fuse. If such a movement were to succeed it would be the most striking object lesson with regard to the power of the masses that could be thought of. The paralysis of commerce manufacture and other business that would ensue would cause the world to stand aghast. But, although there seems