persecuting the Latter-day Saints.

Many scores of our people were wasted away, and their blood soaks the soil of this great government, crying aloud to the Heavens for vengeance on those who shed the blood of the martyrs, and who persecuted God's people and sent them forth, as Great American Desert.

deeds be brought to jadgment, but those also who stood back, behind the screen and said "How glad I am, Joe. Smith is now dead, the Mormon Patriarch Hyrum Smith their followers, men, women and children. They have been driven five times from their locations and settlements and been robbed of millions of dollars worth of property and we are enjoying it, and it is all right. Joe. Smith ought to have been killed

before, long ago." This seemed to be the feeling of a great many people in the American nation. They sanctioned the shedding of innocent blood, if they did not actually shed it themselves, and God will require it at their hands. Will He require anything at the hands of our nation, in a national capacity, in regard to this matter? Was it not within their power to protect us on the lands which we purchased from the General Government? We did not purchase, to any extent, land from the Missourians, but we took up land that belonged to the General Government. We paid our money into that Government Land office. Did they protect us in the possession of that land which they guaranteed by their deeds to us and our seed or heirs for ever? They did not. Did they protect us in our citizenship? No, they did not. Did we appeal to them for protection? Yes, we laid our case before them. What was their reply? Martin Van Buren, who sat at the head of the government at that time said, "gentlemen, your cause is just, but I can do nothing for you." He saw the testimony; there was no getting away from it. His reply indicated that he thought we had been persecuted so many years that they had the right to persecute us; and when we asked "can you protect us according to the Constitution, in our just rights? Can you not restore us our property,our houses and lands?" the reply was, "No, we can do nothing for you."

Then, according to our ideas of the justice that dwells in the bosom of the Almighty, who is the Judge of all the earth, we must suppose that He will not only hold the actual murderers of the Saints responsible, but all who sanctioned the deed, and the nation for not punishing those murderers and for not protecting us in our rights, and suffering us to be exiled unjustly to a foreign territory, for Utah then belonged to Mexico. When we could not find safety in the United States we fled to Mexico for protection; but we ultimately assisted in redeeming the land we now occupy from the Mexican government and securing it to the United States government. After sending five hundred of our men to redeem this country the United States formed a treaty with Mexico and this became United

States Territory. By and by, after having secured this soil to our government by the Mormon Battalion, and having redeemed it from its sterility, and built upwards of a hundred towns and fault at having to pay for it? No. When the land office was opened in this Territory two or three years ago we considered it all right and we were willing to pay our money for it. But what now? A bill is before Congress the object of which is to deprive us of the lands which we have paid for. The government has got our money in its Treasury for lands we have bought and paid for, and for which it bargained to give us a deed and entered into a compact that we and our children after us should possess this land forever, and now Congress has got up a law to deprive every man in this Territory, whose religious faith happens to differ from Congress, of these lands. Because we happen to differ on certain religious points with the General Government we are to be deprived of our homestead rights, guaranteed to us and to the people of all the Territories of the United States, by the laws of Congress.

handed justice? It does not seem to agree with my ideas of justice any more than the proceedings of the mobocrats in Missouri, | Senate Territorial Committee can satis-Ohio or Illinois. When, therefore, the American nation, as a nation, by the voice of her Representatives, Senators and President, sanctions a law to deprive American citizens of their citizenship, to rob them of their houses and lands, and then deprive them of their liberty, because of a difference of religious belief and practice, I think the nation is pretty well ripened, and that it will not take much more to prepare them for the fulfilment of the prophecies which I have been repeating. I do not know how longsuffering the Lord is. It is a good thing that He has wisdom, knowledge and understanding, that He is not a human being, or He would get wrathy and swallow up the people in a moment. It is a good thing that you and I do not have people to deal with according to our feelings. God is a long-suffering being. He has fulfilled a great many things pertaining to this people during forty years past. There are a great many more to be fulfilled in relation to us, and in relation to the nation which is persecuting us; but whatever the final result may be, whether the American Congress pass laws to persecute us or not,

Does this look like justice? Is this even-

to this day boast of their bloody deeds in whether they rob us of our houses and lands or not; whether they imprison us and send us for five years to a Penitentiary or a military camp or not, there is one thing sure: as sure as the sunshines forth in yonder heavens; so gard to this people. What is that? He will The sure will the Lord fulfil one thing with re they supposed, to perish in the heart of the | western part of the State of Missouri they will build up a city which shall be called Not only will they who committed these | Zion, which will be the head-quarters of this Latter-day Saint church; and that will be the place where the prophets, apostles and inspired men of God will have their head-quarters. It will be the place where is shot down; and we have killed many of the Lord God will manifest Himself to His people, as He has promised in the Scriptures, as well as in modern revelation.

"Do you believe that?" says one. Just as much as we believed, long before it came to pass, what has taken place. The world can believe what has taken place, because it has been fulfilled. The Latter-day Saints believe in prophecies before they take place. We have just as much confidence in returning to Jackson County and the building of a great central city that will remain there a thousand years before the earth passes away, as the Jews have in returning to Jerusalem and re-building the waste places of Palestine. In fact we have more faith than they have; for they have been so many generations cast out of their land that their descendants have almost lost their faith in returning. But the Latter-day Saints are fresh, as it were. There are many of the old stock, who passed through all those tribulations I have named, still living, whose faith in returning to Jackson county, and the things that are coming is as firm and fixed as the throne of the Almighty. We know the future destiny of this Kingdom as well as we know its past history, that is concerning the general events which are to transpire.

I am taking up too much of your time. May the Lord bless us as a people; bless us with with wisdom, with understanding, with power with the heavens, with union, with peace among ourselves; bless us with righteousness, and joy in the Holy Ghost; bless us with the spiritual gifts of His Kingdom, multiply His favors upon us and upon our generations after us, forever and ever, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CULLOM BILL AND ITS AMENDMENTS.

By reference to our telegraphic dispatches, it will be seen that the Cullom Bill has been reported by the Senate Territorial committee with half a dozen additional sections. Lest there should be any doubt about who the "regularly established ministers" are who, in the bill as it originally stood, had the authority to solemnize marriages, one of the amendments, as proposed by the Senate committee, expressly prohibits officers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from performing such ceremonies. If they do perform them, they expose the mselves to fine and imprisonment, and the marriages thus settlements, it was sold to us. Did we find solemnized will be, according to this bill, incestuous and void. Persons present as witnesses, or consenting to such marriages, are also to be punished.

If it is the determination to pass this Cullom Bill anyhow, the form in which the Senate Territorial Committe report it suits us much better than as it passed the House. Let there be no chance to mistake its meaning. Let its provisions be so plain that there can be no possible misunderstanding of its purport. Let God, angels and men know that a distinct issue is raised against the religion of the Latter-day Saints; that this Bill means open and undisguised war against them and their faith. If the line must be drawn, let it be so broad that the people of this Territory and the whole world may see it.

The issue as now raised in the proposed amendments, is not between Congress and the Latter-day Saints, but between Congress and the Lord. If the fy Him that marriages solemnized by Federal Judges, Justices of the Peace or what are called "regularly established ministers," are all right and just what | enttastes. they should be, we have not the slightest objection; but we are of the opinion that He will be hard to convince.

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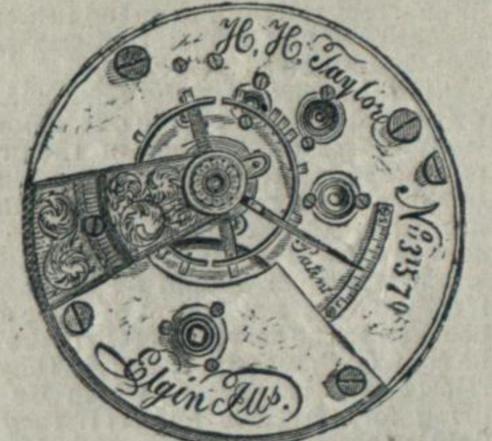
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