

nor should persons who dissent from such remarks hold us responsible for them or expect us to take up the cudgels on either side. The DESERET NEWS is at present on the question of party division decidedly independent.

THE WORLD'S COINAGE FOR 1890.

Bradstreet's of June 13, 1891 has a very interesting and instructive article on "The World's Coinage for 1890." According to the figures of the Deputy Master of the English mint the total coinage of the world for 1890 was about \$283,000,000. This shows a falling off of \$10,000,000 from the total coinage of 1889. These figures, however, are only approximate, because accurate statistics are not obtainable from China. There may be errors also in the reduction of the coinages to a common denomination. All money coined from gold, silver, copper and nickel is included in the above estimate.

There are three countries, Germany, Switzerland and Turkey, which coined no silver in 1890, while Holland and China coined no gold. The leading gold coining countries were Great Britain, Australia, Germany, the United States, Russia and Spain. The leading silver coining countries, on the other hand, were the United States, India, Mexico, Great Britain, Japan and Spain. There are no figures from China.

The United States coined in 1890 \$22,000,000 in gold, \$36,000,000 in silver and about \$1,500,000 in nickel and copper. Russia coined \$22,000,000 in gold, about \$1,750,000 in silver, and \$100,000 in copper. In the London mint about \$38,000,000 in gold was coined, \$10,000,000 in silver, and \$265,000 in copper. In the mints of Sydney and Melbourne there was coined about \$26,000,000 in gold, but no silver or copper. The United States coined the largest amount of silver, Bombay comes next, and Mexico a good third with about \$24,000,000.

The gold and silver coin in circulation in the United States on July 1st, 1890, was \$1,076,184,220. The amount of gold per head of the population in the United States is about \$11, and of silver about \$7. In the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland the gold in circulation per capita is about \$14.50, and the silver \$2.50. Australia leads the world in the quantity of gold in circulation, the per capita being about \$26.25. France comes next with \$22.50 per capita in gold and \$17.50 per capita in silver. Then follows in order the United Kingdom, Egypt, the United States and Belgium. France leads the world in silver, the per capita in circulation being \$17.50. The

Netherlands come next, with \$14.25 per capita. Then in order Belgium, the United States and Spain. Russia, Austro-Hungary, Greece, Japan and Mexico have noticeably the smallest amounts of gold in proportion to the population, while Japan, the Scandinavian countries and Canada have the smallest proportions of silver.

THE LOCAL POLITICAL MOVEMENT.

THE "Liberal" onslaught upon the movement to organize the people of Utah on national party lines is a pitiable exhibition of folly and mendacity. The opposers of the work seem to ignore the living present, and alternate between the deserted past and the imaginary future. Distorted pictures of what is said to have been, and alarming prognostications of what may possibly be, are the kind of "argument" used to block the wheels of progress and scare the timid from going out of the "Liberal" ranks and from under "Liberal" dictation.

All this is ridiculous in the eyes of old residents who have no particular interest in "Liberal" schemes. But new-comers find in the exaggerated and monstrous descriptions of bygone affairs, corroborations of popular notions concerning the "Mormon" people. And therefore therefore they may be somewhat susceptible to the deceptive warnings of future terrors from "Mormon" supremacy, which are uttered for their special delusion.

We ask them to investigate as to the facts, if they are interested in ancient Utah history, and they will find that the stories told of "Mormon" priestly domination are almost without texture of truth or color of excuse. They will learn that there is no union of Church and State in the "Mormon" doctrine. They will discover that "common consent" in all things is a constituent part of "Mormon" polity.

As to "Mormon rule." If the "Mormon" people were not divided into political parties; if they were all banded together under one party; if it were possible to overcome this division so that they were neither Democrats nor Republicans; their principles as "Mormons" would be utterly against the arbitrary rule and oppression of minorities, which "Liberal" alarmists are representing as the inevitable result of the downfall of "Liberalism."

It is part of the "Mormon" theory of civil government that all classes should be fairly represented. It holds that even when the Kingdom of God shall be established on earth, there will be men in authority not members of the Church. Freedom of thought

and liberty of action when it does not infringe upon the freedom of others, are essentials in the "Mormon" system. And if there could be such a thing in this republic as a "Mormon" State, the non-"Mormons" in it would be accorded their full rights as citizens and their full quota of representation in the local government.

But supposing there were any such dangers from "Mormon" unity as those prognosticated by "Liberal" alarmists, should not this division of the "Mormon" people as Republicans and Democrats be the very thing to advocate and promote as the best possible means of preventing the predicted catastrophies?

That this division into political parties is a genuine movement on principle, must be evident to every one who watches it critically and rationally. The only concern we have about it is that the feelings it may engender, on either side, will become so strong and intense as to cause unfriendliness and bitterness. This we would greatly deplore. But the steps now being taken can hardly be retraced, and the interest aroused in national politics and party principles can never be destroyed.

Those forebodings of evil, then, with which the uninformed are being terrified, are uttered without reason and, from what we know of their source, without belief on the part of the predictors that they have any foundation in truth. In the future permanent prosperity of Utah the "Mormon" people have as much interest as any of her citizens, and her political freedom is at least as dear to them as to any class or faction that pretend to be her defenders.

DESIGNED TO DECEIVE.

WHEN the alleged Republican Territorial Central Committee held a meeting in this city, nine out of the fifteen members were present. Three of these were appointed to draft resolutions which were subscribed to by eight persons, one member making a vigorous protest against them.

We published both the resolutions and the protest. The resolutions were merely a rehash of anti-"Mormon" falsehood and twaddle, and the purpose in passing them was to prevent, if possible, the division of the "Liberal" faction into the national party organizations. It was entirely a "Liberal" movement for "Liberal" party purposes and in direct antagonism to both Republican and Democratic principles and interests.

The gist of the resolutions, fixed up for eastern deception, was telegraphed