

What editors do *not* know about the "Mormons" would make several large and interesting libraries. The *Democrat* says:

"The fact that the Republicans polled a large vote in the Mormon counties of Wyoming creates no surprise. The Wyoming Mormons were known to be Republicans when the State was admitted, with a constitution that gave women the right to vote, and the Idaho Mormons were known to be Democrats when that State was admitted, with a constitution that disfranchised all Mormons, male and female. Republican rules never work both ways.

THE "MORMONS" IN CANADA.

THE following appears in the *New York Sun* as a dispatch from Ottawa, Canada, September 20, and gives the true inwardness of the attempt to create a furor against the quiet little colony of Latter-day Saints in Alberta:

"A gentleman who has been visiting recently the Mormon colony at Lee's Creek in the Canadian northwest says the Mormons there do not practice polygamy and are thrifty and enterprising settlers. One of the main charges preferred against them by the leaders of Gentile society is that 'they never spend a cent over a bar.' Another is that 'they have reduced the price of hay to \$20 a ton, butter from 40 cents to 20 cents a pound, and potatoes from 6 cents a pound to 75 cents a bushel.' Furthermore, 'when they come to town they bring crackers and cheese with them,' instead of buying a meal at the hotels. He is very positive polygamy does not exist among them. They themselves say that while they regard polygamy as scriptural, they do not practice it in this country and do not intend to do so."

WELL AND PERTINENTLY PUT.

THE *Rock Springs Independent* of last Thursday contains the following:

The *Salt Lake Tribune* continues to get a scolding from Wyoming newspapers for its unfounded charges in regard to the Mormon vote. The *Laramie Republican* of Monday devotes nearly a column to it. Regarding the *Tribune's* old woman's fears that the Mormons desire to set up a kingdom of their own here the *Republican* says: "Well, it may look that way to the *Tribune*, but we don't think anyone outside of Utah is alarmed about any kingdom being set up in this country, and when that sort of argument is used, against any class of citizens, it is simply a waste of time to undertake to reply to it. Wyoming will make this pledge to the citizens of Utah. Whenever that kingdom is set up and you can't manage it, we will send down to your relief an army of mountaineers that will be invincible and in the front rank will be found a full quota of the proscribed class whom the *Tribune* so despises and who in a tolerant and progressive commonwealth have imbibed the pure spirit of loyalty, patriotism and equal rights to all men, which makes the truest and best American citizen."

A BETTER WAY.

THE *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* has an editorial on the alleged report of the Utah Commission, and makes some comments on the statement that the leaders of the Church "stimulate the members to violate the law." The assertion is untrue, whether it was made by the Commission or by the Salt Lake manufacturer of falsehood for the Associated Press. And the papers which receive the misrepresentations of the dispatch fiend as facts are grossly deceived, and by their repetition of the errors telegraphed aid in misleading the public.

But the *Post-Dispatch* concludes with these sensible remarks, which before long will be repeated by conservative people and papers throughout the land:

"After all it is not so certain that legal measures outside of ordinary bounds framed to suppress polygamy are not blunders. Anything which savors of injustice or special legislation against particular persons is repulsive to the people of this country. They believe in sound general laws and moral suasion."

THEY DON'T WANT A SOLUTION.

THE declaration by President Woodruff is arousing the anti-"Mormon" element on every hand. Efforts of different kinds are being made to break the force of its effect upon the public mind.

It is the old story. No matter what the "Mormons" do they are wrong. If they take any stand on any question it is denounced, no matter though what is done by them has been demanded of them by those who declaim against it after it is done.

Among other local methods adopted to work up popular sentiment against the declaration of the President is the publication of bogus statements about young girls being asked to become plural wives and "recoiling with horror" from the proposal.

Even if such absurd concoctions were true, what on earth would they have to do with Pres. Woodruff's manifesto. They would only show, so far as they go, that plural marriages had not occurred. Such stories are also full of actual impossibilities, showing that the manufacturer of the fabrications exhibits the falseness of his own statements by his glaring ignorance of the doctrines of the Church. Such fellows have no use for the truth, and the filthiness of their productions indicates the foul condition of their minds.

The anxiety shown by the enemies of consistency and human rights manifests beyond the possibility of doubt that the obliteration of the feature of "Mormonism," which has been deemed objectionable by the country, is exactly what they do not want. Such a situation destroys the handle of the political pump they have so long and vigorously manipulated.

NO RELIGIOUS MIXTURE IN HIS.

SOME sectarian religionists of this locality are saying hard things about Mr. Patrick Henry Lannan, World's Fair Commissioner from Utah by the grace of the Governor of this Territory.

One of the prerogatives of the Commissioner is that of presenting the names of ladies from the Territory for appointment on fair committees. In these presentations some people are uncharitable enough to assert that Mr. Lannan's selections have been founded on religious preference.

The basis of this unkind imputation is that the gentleman himself is a Catholic, and it so happens that all of the ladies chosen by him for appointment are also of that religious faith. But may not this be the result of accident, or because the commissioner acted only on his idea of fitness? The gentleman has been in the habit of animadverting upon what he imagined was "Mormon" exclusiveness; consequently to intimate that he himself should be guilty of such narrow-gauge conduct is not to be thought of.

Now, while sectarians are complaining of what they call the narrow prejudice of the great commissioner, the "Mormons" of either sex make no complaint. Indeed, blessed is the "Mormon" who expects nothing from such a quarter, for he will certainly not be overwhelmed with disappointment.

However, it appears a little ungrateful on the part of Mr. P. H. L., considering the source from which he received his appointment and to which he owes much of his prominence, shrewdly not to have thrown in a lady or two of the Methodist persuasion. Be this as it may, we did not imagine that the fair was a strictly religious institution. Some people, however, appear to regard it in that light.

What does all this fair-religious-discordance mean anyhow? We move that the whole subject be referred to a committee of one, consisting of Judge Powers, and that