

gration from the British Isles. However, Mr. Murray gives it a more comprehensive mission. Speaking broadly, he says its aspiration is for a separate national life. "There are many of its members, and growing in numbers, who hate England and all things English."

There are seven provinces or colonial forms of government at present in Australia. They are New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. The aggregate population of these provinces in December, 1890, was a little less than 4,000,000; the actual figures are 3,898,500. The area in square miles is 3,075,030. The aggregate annual revenue from customs is about \$45,000,000. The proposed representation in the new or projected commonwealth, as fixed by the Sydney convention of last March, is 132 in the House of Representatives and fifty-six in the Senate. But later accounts from Australia state that New South Wales and New Zealand are opposed to the commonwealth idea, unless it embodies, in a political sense, something like absolute independence of England.

Sir Henry Parkes is the guiding star of the new movement. Though at one time he opposed federation of the colonies, he is now its most vigorous and earnest promoter. He sees that unless Australia is bound by ties partly political and partly sentimental with the mother country before the spirit of independence grows too strong, the colonies will ultimately proclaim their absolute independence.

In the *Contemporary Review* Sir Henry has a very exhaustive article on Australia. He dwells particularly on the homogeneity of its people. It has a people thoroughly British. The sprinklings of Germans, French and Italians there he regards as infinitesimal when compared with the 4,000,000 of British nativity and descent. He says the vast majority of the present population are native born. They "are more than double the total number of English, Scotch and Irish."

Sir Henry Parkes, like Mr. Murray, dwells on the spirit of patriotism now possessing the Australian mind. He says that the very conditions of life in that country breed and foster independence of spirit and mind. As the situation now stands, there is more probability of a vast Democratic republic in the antipodes than there is of a commonwealth in union with Britain.

#### BOOMERS ADVERTISEMENT.

A REAL estate boomer at Ogden has some lots to sell in the so-called Grannyway addition to that city, and the method by which he is endeavoring to do it may be inferred from the following paragraph taken from a circular which he has issued:

"From Lehi to Salt Lake City, the [Salt Lake] valley is almost entirely devoted to grazing and much of it is white with alkali, and other portions covered with sage brush. It is much to be regretted that nature with drow her patronage from this section, but such is certainly the case."

This piece of information is vouchsafed to the public by

one Mr. Miller who signs himself agent for the aforesaid "Grannyway Addition." Upon what theory of trade he expects to benefit his business by the publication of such senseless falsehoods about Salt Lake County we cannot begin to comprehend. The reading of his description of what he has to sell would persuade almost anybody so gullible as to believe him that in "Grannyway Addition" there was enough to occupy his exclusive attention and genius.

We have no disposition to interfere personally with these speculating individuals. The figure they cut in the community is not one that would invite so very much attention from a self-respecting source, public or private. But our interest in the good name of the Territory constrains us to suggest to them that the publication of such libelous trash, while in no degree helping their business, stamps them as a class of itinerants that ought to be despised and avoided by any truly progressive community. However, they may swell the note of praise of their temporary location, their behavior demonstrates that they have not an iota of patriotic interest even in the city that harbors them, and that having made all they can out of it they will be ready to abandon it and move on to the next new town and begin over again their diabolical profession of booming their last location and slandering the one they had been formerly praising.

We hope sincerely that Ogden will begin to see the folly of booming upon any such a plan as this, or of foisting the names of such persons upon her banners. We hope the self-respecting people of that city will think more of the fact that they, like the people of Salt Lake, of Provo, of Nephi, of Logan and the rest of our ambitious towns, all of which want and are entitled to recognition according to their importance, are citizens of Utah, and that the sale of lots in the "Grannyway Additions" of that or any other city is not of near so much importance to them as is the good name of this Territory.

The town that encourages through its public press the systematic slander of other portions of its Territory under the utterly foolish expectation of gaining some sinister advantage thereby, shows that something is seriously wrong with its patriotism. We do not mean to infer that Ogden is such a town, but the conduct of some of its newly landed residents — we will not say citizens — without its emphatic disapprobation would certainly justify people acquainted with the facts in making such a charge.

#### NEW YORK POLITICS.

THE nomination of R. P. Flower for governor of New York by the Democrats brings to the front once more the old Tammany organization. This powerful association has come so near running both the city and State government of late years that men who run for office in New York in avowed opposition to it, understand that success will require on their side all the influence within the scope of their candidacy not in accord with Tammany.

Mr. Flower by not bringing Tammany

into his campaign leaves the gap open for his enemies to do so, thus compelling him to carry its name as a distinguishing feature of the principles and promises of his nomination. The characterization which his opponents give to this assumed backer of Mr. Flower's nomination fills the campaign to say the least, with much romantic interest.

Tammany, as they regard it, is ruled by a junta, at the head of which stand Crocker, and Grant (the present mayor). Crocker is notorious for being one of the worst toughs in his district in his younger days and for having been put on trial for his life for a murder committed in an election row. By the influence of Tammany he was afterwards made an alderman and as such was an instrument in making his friend Grant sheriff.

Grant afterwards became mayor of the city as the Tammany candidate, and in his turn picked out Crocker for the most lucrative office in the city. Grant is described by his New York opponents as an "every day horsey sport, with money got through liquor selling and pawnbroking by relatives, unable to fill with dignity or passable ability any of the roles to which his office assigns him. Ill-tempered, profane, he is ever ambitious to be thought nice, with the nicety of the social veneering of the upstart. As sheriff, the confessed extorter of immense sums in unlawful fees, he rendered raised accounts in order to divide the proceeds with accomplices without decreasing his own share. As mayor he is arrogant, narrow, intolerant and incompetent in everything except a habit of cunning to cover up delinquencies and escape the consequences of misrule."

Those who have followed the crooked and obscured path of New York City rule during Grant's incumbency will recognize all these allusions to his career. They are on the books and came there through a public investigation of his misdoings.

It is certainly not complimentary to Mr. Flower to be patronized by such an organization. But the Republicans have demonstrated that the corruption in their ranks plays quite as conspicuous a part. They started out with the most incorruptible man in the State for their standard bearer, but before the climax was reached the claws of the "bosses" got hold of him and in less than no time he had to give way for the tool of the ring politicians. So that between the two rules the honest voter who is earnestly desiring honest and economic government has very little choice. Whichever way he votes is for ring rule and for systematic jobbery.

#### GOOD WORDS FOR UTAH.

THE New York *Herald of Health* makes this complimentary reference to Utah as a health resort:

"Last month we mentioned Florence, Arizona, as a most suitable climate for consumptives. Col. W. L. Woods, of Washington, writes us that the finest climate for patients with this disease is in Utah in the Fish Lake region. He calls it a paradise for them, and says: There is no better apple and peach country in the world than in the valley of the Sevier, and the smaller fruits grow there in