

that the Colorado "Mormons" are rather noted for their harmless industry and mind-their-own-business thrift than for any of the evil things which Joseph Cook delights in hearing and repeating about them. And so his diatribes fell flat and repeating them in Boston, he is thus replied to by the *Denver Republican*:

"The Rev. Joseph Cook is a reckless and extravagant speaker. He makes a great many positive assertions without properly considering, in some cases, if they are justified by the facts. This was illustrated in the course of a lecture delivered by him on Mormonism in Boston the other day."

"There is a handful of Mormons in Western Colorado, and another handful in the San Luis Valley. But the Mormon Church, as such, has no more influence on the politics of Colorado than it has on the politics of Massachusetts. If Mr. Cook had not been a reckless speaker, he would not have made his absurd declaration about Mormonism in the States."

"The Mormons who come to Colorado are nearly all farmers. They understand farming under irrigation, and they have been acquiring land in localities where ditches have been constructed, and where industrious immigrants are desirable. They are not fools, and consequently they appreciate that in coming to Colorado they must accept the conditions as they find them here, and give up polygamy. These people have no more idea that they can reverse the public sentiment of this State upon the subject of polygamy than that they can elect a President of the United States in sympathy with their peculiar views."

"This foolish speech of Joseph Cook's would be worthy of a very little attention if it were not for the fact that a certain element of the population of the East looks upon him as a great man. He has a great deal of influence with that element, and we do not doubt that the majority of his hearers accepted his statement about Mormonism in Colorado as true."

The class of people in Boston who swallow Cook's messes of twaddle and verbosity as choice intellectual pabulum, may be sized up by the manner in which they received his forcible reasoning (?) on the "Mormon" question, not very long ago. He had received a book written by an eastern author, in which some views entertained by the "Mormons" were incidentally upheld. Cook cast it on the platform and kicked it with his elephantine foot, his audience showing their appreciation of this masterly argument by deafening applause.

The American people are said to be easily delighted with humbug; this accounts for the pleasure exhibited in Boston over the platform puerilities of the Rev. (?) Joseph Cook.

THERE are messages at the Western Union telegraph office for James Cullen and Michael J. Kelly.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE "MORMONS."

THE value of "Mormon" industry is appreciated not only in Colorado but in Arizona and other places where they have settled and begun the work of converting the wilderness into fruitful fields. Their religious and political enemies are responsible for the troubles that arise over "Mormon" colonization and are always the aggressors in any difficulty that arises. Every now and again some soured sectarian or disappointed politician seeks to stir up strife and emitter the people against the "Mormon" settlers. But the better portion of the community and the sensible portions of the press are now slow, at least in Arizona, to stand up for the right and speak the truth concerning the Saints.

We clip the following from the *Tucson, Arizona, Star*:

"There has been so much adverse criticism concerning the Mormons recently, and as Apache County contains more of these people than any other county in Arizona, the following from the *St. John's Herald* may give more fuel to the *Republican*, which takes particular delight in its abuse of all citizens of the Mormon faith. The *Herald* says:

"It is not generally known that Apache is the wealthiest county in the Territory, based upon the number of registered voters. The number of registered voters in the county is 1134, and the assessed valuation \$3,710,534, being an average of \$3,272 to each voter. The average represented by each registered voter in Pima County is \$2400, Mariposa \$2283, Cochise \$1800, and Yavapai only \$1665, and the average for the Territory is \$2045. Apache, therefore, stands first in wealth per capita of registered voters, and consequently pays more taxes into the Territorial treasury, according to our number, than any other county in the Territory. This is a very good showing for our county, and should be encouraging to our citizens. While our population has increased but little in the past four years the assessment rolls show that the valuation of our taxable property has increased nearly one million dollars. This shows a condition of financial prosperity that we believe to be unequalled in the history of the Territory."

"It would seem from the foregoing that the Mormons are not such a fearful blight upon the property of the locality where they locate and make their homes, but the very reverse is the fact. They create taxable property, and less crime occurs among this people in proportion to their number than among the Gentiles. Apache County is a living refutation of the mean slanders sent broadcast against these industrious, frugal and enterprising people."

"WILL THE 'MORMONS' FIGHT."

THE ways of the anti-"Mormon" are devious and disreputable. From the rise of the "Mormon" Church it has been hated and maligned and its doctrines, ordinances and

aims have been intentionally misrepresented. Preachers, lecturers and editors have combined in this evil work, and thus prejudices have been created and fostered that make nearly all the world bitter and excited against the very name of "Mormon."

But among all the books and pamphlets and press articles that have been written, and the sermons and lectures that have been delivered, with the intent of deceiving the public on the "Mormon" question, we doubt whether anything quite as mean in this line has been attempted, as an article that appears this week in an illustrated eastern paper entitled, "Will the Mormons Fight?" with editorial comment.

Not that it contains anything new by way of alleged facts or actual arguments. It is merely a rehash of old Salt Lake *Tribune* messes, dressed up to suit the times. But it purports to be written by "the oldest Mormon in the Rocky Mountains." This lie is told to give interest and an air of reliability to the villainous statements and intimations it contains.

The article was not only *not* written by "the oldest Mormon in the Rocky Mountains," but was not written by a "Mormon" at all. We could give a very close guess at the author's name. It was prepared in this city. It is full of errors, even where the design is to present historical facts, so woven into the intended fiction as to make both appear equally true. And some of these errors are such that no "Mormon," particularly an experienced "Mormon," could have fallen into them.

The purpose in concocting this collection of historical occurrences, newspaper comments, imaginary incidents and wilful perversions, and touching them up with lurid tints, is of the vilest and most cowardly character. It is to make it appear that the infamous assertions and explanations of alleged doctrine are open admissions by one who is in the faith and has been familiar with the life of the people intended to be thus defamed. The hand that edited this mess of mingled truth and falsehood, that culled from *Tribune* articles, from Col. Kane's famous lecture, and from other published works little snatches of good writing, correct narrations, erroneous items, pure fiction and mistaken opinions and then hid behind the lie that he is a "Mormon," has capped his infamous efforts and contemptible