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DESICABLE DOINGS IN IDAHO.

THE record of the doings of the

Republican anti-Mormonists in Idaho

is enough to cause an honest man to hold

his breath. Bear Lake County has been

swayed clear of every officer elected

by the popular vote, and a new lot

installed by autocratic decree, in

flagrant opposition to the wish of the

people.

The Federal official clique in the

Territory to the north of us are "traders

in public office," and have doubtless

clothed with local official authority,

without legal process, a lower grade of

resale than themselves, for, as our

correspondent remarks, they have been

fraternizing with, and using as tools

for the furtherance of their base de-

signs, thieves, murderers and black-

legers. These are the characters that

are supplanting the officers elected by

the voice of the people.

Doubtless the course taken in Bear

Lake County will soon be duplicated in

the County of Bligham. This will be a

large section of country and an honest

people be subjugated to a rule of official

clique such as has scarcely been par-

alleled in this or any other nation.

How long the populace will quietly

and submissively endure the killing

yoke of bondage that is being placed

upon their necks is a question that

cannot now be answered. Affairs are

not likely to improve northward unless

some effective steps are taken to check

the operations of tyranny. When such

violence the Idaho conspirators are

in possession of the power, they are

not likely to lose any opportunity

for despoiling the people, and

whatever chances in that direction may

be wanting, they will doubtless have

no scruples about making. If the peo-

ple are pushed to the wall, many may

be a thrill to the heart, but more

than they now present, for while the

Saints are noted for patience, it is not

to be expected that they can endure

everything. If they were once to re-

act against the encroachments of the

oppressor, there is no doubt that

where the matter would end; for if

the suppressed indignation were

once to find vent, a small storm would

be likely to culminate in a terrific

whirlwind. We hope that they will,

however, maintain themselves in

patience, and seek peacefully and

energetically for redress.

Every one of the Federal officials who

is adding the crusade in Idaho, should

be hurried from office by the Adminis-

tration. No action could possibly be

more legitimate under its declared pol-

icy in relation to non-resistance for

these men in the north are "offensive

partisans" of the most pronounced

type.

We are not now speaking of their

inexcusable attitude toward the

Latter-day Saints, although it is

not sufficient to justify the applica-

tion of the official pruning knife. It

is mentioned in a strictly party sense.

The entire movement in Idaho is par-

tisan, as can readily be shown.

The Republican office has been to

strip all "Mormons" of their elective

franchise and the right to hold office.

The reason for this is obvious: the

Territory must be held Republican in

politics. This is impossible so long as

the Saints hold the rights equivalent to

them under the constitution, because

it is a notable fact that as a body

they have always voted with the

Democrats. Without their votes the

REPORT

OF THE DELEGATION APPOINTED BY

THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE

TO INVESTIGATE THE

DECLARATION OF

INDEPENDENCE AND PROTEST.

THE following report has been for-

warded to the Saints for their action

thereon. At the regular Sunday after-

noon meeting in the Tabernacle in this

city, yesterday, May 31st, it was unani-

mously adopted by the large congre-

gation assembled.

The Latter-day Saints in the several

States of Zion, meeting.

The delegation appointed by the Mass

Legislature to proceed to Washington

and present our Declaration of Griev-

ances and Protest to the President of

the United States, respectively, report

that they left for Washington on Wed-

nesday, May 28th, where they arrived the

next Friday evening, and succeeded in

getting an interview with the President

on Wednesday, May 31st. The follow-

ing was made up from the report of the

interview furnished the newspapers by

the delegation, and gives a full and

correct account of what was said and

done.

WASHINGTON, May 31, 1885.—Con-

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Utah, and John W. Taylor, son of the

President of the Mormon Church, and

Mr. John Q. Cannon, son of ex-Con-

gressional Delegate to Congress, and

Mr. John Q. Cannon, who composed the

delegation, were met by the President

of the Mormon Church, who com-

missioned them to present our Declara-

tion of Grievances and Protest to the

President of the United States, and to

present our Declaration of Independence

to the President of the United States.

Mr. Caine then read the following

Declaration of Independence:

"We, the Latter-day Saints, do hereby

declare our independence of the United

States of America, and do hereby

pledge ourselves to maintain the same

to the last gasp of our lives. We

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