

Is it not about time that if there is anything more in this "conspiracy" talk than electioneering buncombe, something more specific was brought out, names given and facts definitely alleged? If this movement is "a trick of the 'Mormon' Church," how is it that prominent non-"Mormons," who have been noted anti-"Mormons," commenced it and have kept at the head of it?

It is very dirty business the "Liberal" writers are engaged in, and it is time they stopped it, or gave some reason for it other than their generalities which have not even the merit of being glittering, but are the dearest, dullest and densest of stupidities.

There has not been the slightest scrap of evidence during all the repeated nonsense of the political contest, to give support to the charge that the Church was directing affairs, or that its authorities favored any ticket or any party. The statement that they told any man how he should vote is absolutely false, and no attempt has been made to substantiate it, but it is renewed and reiterated now that there is not the faintest shadow of excuse, either in truth or expediency, for its renewal.

It looks as though the authors of these senseless libels have become so accustomed to their daily lying that they can write about nothing else. Now let them give us some evidence to justify their perpetual gabble about "conspiracy" and "church dictation" and the rest of it, or quit it, or be posted and pilloried and branded as incorrigible and irreclaimable liars, beneath every decent man's respect.

#### MAKING A MESS OF IT.

AN EFFORT is being made in this city to boom Kate Field's Washington paper. It started with R. N. Baskin, and is being worked by Jake Greenwald. Is anything else needed to stamp the character of the boom and of the paper?

The wild fanatic who is so delighted with Kate's effusions that he wants everybody to buy her weekly, would not have been stirred to this desire without something in it extremely anti-"Mormon" and misleading, and the notorious individual who is toutling for subscribers would not see any sport in his work but for a similar reason. Examination of a late issue of the sheet shows what is the cause of this new activity.

It is an article warning the public against "A Mormon Ruse," by which the lively and gushing Kate describes the movement to organize the people of Utah on national party lines.

It is intended as a reply to some remarks of the Boston *Globe* approving this political step. It is chiefly a rehash of the libels which have appeared nearly every day in the columns of the local "Liberal" organ. As a sample of the sort of stuff Kate is dishing up to her readers for original matter, we clip the subjoined paragraph:

"Polygamy dead! The tenet and the practice live and must live, or the Mormon Church will be a by-word and a blessing to its own people. Not long ago Professor Talmage swore before Judge Anderson of the Territorial judiciary that he felt it his duty to teach young girls that the ordinance commanding polygamy came from God. Elder Penrose, editor of the Church organ, himself a polygamist who escaped to England to avoid the penitentiary, only a few Sundays ago told the Saints assembled in the Tabernacle that there had been no change regarding the commands of marriage. His discourse was as open a plea for polygamy as he dared make it."

Miss Field has seen these statements in the Salt Lake *Tribune*, and so appropriates them without hesitation. We have no idea that she cares a cent whether they are true or not. As a matter of fact they are both utterly false. In plain language they are lies, invented by the creatures who are in that kind of work on the Salt Lake *Tribune*. No such testimony was given before Judge Anderson, no such discourse was delivered in the Tabernacle. Both falsehoods were exposed at the time when they were first told, but that made no difference with the tellers. And we have no idea that Miss Field will now retract her statement, though she makes it, not as something borrowed, but on her own authority.

All the rest of the article which tickles R. N. Baskin into a two dollar subscription and a recommendation to his friends to go and buy likewise, is of similar authenticity. There is not a statement in it but is either wholly untrue or tinted with the brush of misrepresentation until the truth is obscured or distorted. But that is just the kind of pabulum which certain prominent and frenzied "Liberal" zealots rejoice in and grow fat upon.

About the only original remark made by Miss Field in the paper that contains the article we mention, is this: "It is pitiable that, when women do undertake to reform the world they should make such a dreadful mess of it." This should have read "some women," Kate, and does not your history demonstrate that you are one of them? But there are women engaged in the work of reforming the world who are not making a mess of it, by any means. That is because they are good, and true, and unselfish, and do not allow prejudice to blind them, nor avarice to sway them, nor rogues or

speculators, corporate or otherwise, to buy them.

Just now it suits your purpose to work for a faction that is on its last legs, and for fanatics who in their anti-"Mormon" hate are as brutal a set of zealots as ever roasted a heretic or turned the thumbcrews on a dissenter, and who relish a lie about the "Mormons" as a gourmand does the choicest tid-bit at a banquet. In a very short time their race will be run and their spreading boastfulness will wither like the green bay tree after it has flourished for its little season. And, Kate, you will find before long that in joining their disreputable cause and copying their detestable falsehoods, you have once more indeed "made a dreadful mess of it."

#### HORR ON UTAH.

EX-CONGRESSMAN HORR who recently visited Utah and addressed several large audiences on politics in the Republican interest, has been writing up his impressions of the Territory and the people for the New York *Tribune*.

Like all writers who attempt to describe a place from the experiences of a flying trip and the information picked up in conversation, he makes mistakes. For instance he speaks twice of the Panvan valley, which he says is the largest in Utah but has only a population of about 4000. We haven't any idea what he means. There is no such valley, and Ogden valley, which he speaks of as one of the largest, is but a small specimen of the valleys of Utah.

Mr. Horr speaks well of the "Mormons" and their works, but announces his lack of sympathy with "their past history and religious belief." But he admits that "the development of this uninviting country is largely due to Mormon energy and pluck." He thinks "the long and bitter fight between the Mormons and Gentiles has injured the Territory greatly." He does not pretend to be able to explain why peculiar religions have taken root and flourished in this country, but does know that as a rule "persecutions have always ended in an increased growth of the persecuted." And he says:

"It is natural for all people to think themselves right and every one else wrong. The Mormons act as if they knew they were right. No doubt many of them really think that they know such to be a fact. The balance of the world are just as certain that the Mormons know nothing of the kind. Such a belief naturally leads to intolerance. The practical question is how best to treat such a genuine belief, even though it be all a delusion. One's impulse is to crush it out by the strong arm of the law and by