

three of them struck the prostrate man. This was the first time that Burns screamed. His yells could be heard many feet away. He was in bed two or three days after that and when he again came out he was a wreck of his former self. When he entered the asylum Burns probably weighed 180 pounds. He was about 5 feet 7 inches tall and a man of unusually strong physique. Within ten days he had changed wonderfully. His face, formerly ruddy, became a sickly sallow, and he looked like a man who had had a long sickness.

One day the back porch or "cage" as it is called was being scrubbed. Burns wanted to go out, but the floor was an inch deep with water, and the reporter prevented him from going. He pushed Burns away from the door and the man moaned as if he were hurt. The reporter took him by the arm and led him to the wash room. He then gently pressed on his chest and ribs with the tips of his fingers. Every time the pressure was applied Burns winced and weakly groaned.

The next day after Burns received the beating in the little room the reporter was moved from that room and given a cot at the other end of the building. For two days the door of the room where Burns lay was kept locked most of the time and an investigation of his condition was impossible.

At the post-mortem examination held yesterday it was found that the body was in a horrible condition. On the abdomen was a great bruise—black, blue and yellow. This had been covered with a court plaster to conceal it. The breast-bone was broken as if it had been hit with a hammer, and the twelfth rib was fractured. In the flesh was the mark of a man's boot-heel.

Such a tale of unmitigated villainy is almost past belief. It is a striking and revolting instance of "man's inhumanity to man," and illustrates the familiar phrase that "truth is stranger than fiction." It equals if it does not surpass the villainy pictured by the imagination of the author of *Valentine Vox* as having occurred in an English insane asylum.

READ AND THEN JUDGE.

FALSEHOOD, vituperation and misrepresentation are the chief weapons of the enemies of the Latter-day Saints, and they never seem to tire of perverting facts and distorting the utterances of the leading men among the "Mormons." The organ of slander, in its latest burst of blackguardism, attempts to construe the few remarks made by President Woodruff at the centennial celebration, into disrespect to the Government. And it intimates that the only way to act upon them

and the people who listen to such teachings is to influence them "through their fears." It further says:

"On the same strain President Woodruff 'in the name of the Lord God of Israel,' assured them that they would prevail until their triumph should be complete. This coming on the day when the Nation was celebrating the anniversary of the inauguration of the Government by and for the people, it has a special significance which should not be overlooked. It means that other means will yet have to be taken to compel this people to become Americans."

We copy here the entire remarks of President Woodruff and ask fair-minded people, Jew, "Mormon" and "Gentile," to read and decide whether there is anything in them to justify the remarks made by the daily maligner, for the purpose of keeping up unnecessary strife and deplorable bitterness. Here is the one-minute speech of President Woodruff, taken, verbatim, by an accomplished stenographer:

"The remarks I have to make will be very short. I merely arise, as I feel it my duty, to return thanks to this assembly of our friends and fellow citizens, who have seen fit to lay aside their business for a few hours to come together to celebrate one of the most important events that has ever happened to the human family; and inasmuch as our orator and speakers have referred to the Latter-day Saints, I want to say to those present—and I say it in the name of Israel's God—that the history of Utah will never be completed until justice is done to the 150,000 Latter-day Saints who have gathered from the nations of the earth and from our own country, and come to these barren deserts in fulfillment of revelation and prophecy. Justice will be done yet. And I will also say that the same God who established this nation, and gave to it the best Constitution and laws ever bestowed upon any human government on the earth, will maintain those principles of human rights and privileges until all has been accomplished for which this republic was established."

Any man who will take exception to these words, spoken impromptu, by our venerable President, is either *non compos mentis* or filled with a desire to pervert and distort genuine patriotic sentiment. The daily slanderer of the "Mormons" was reduced to great straits for something to garble and mouth at, when he caught at this brief speech as a peg on which to hang his untruthful and vicious comments.

DEATH OF A CHIEF.

A DISPATCH received on the 30th of April, announced the death of Hon. William H. Barnum, who for a long time was chairman of the

National Democratic Central Committee. It will be remembered that Mr. Barnum was seriously ill during a considerable portion of the time while the last presidential campaign was being fought. It was feared then that he would succumb to the fell destroyer, but he rallied and gave hopes of recovery. However, he was too severely stricken, and the sad news of his demise came as a cloud to dim the brightness of the great centennial celebration.

Ex-Senator Barnum was one of the leading politicians of the times. He was familiar with politics in all its phases, while in the Senate of the United States he exhibited statesmanship of no mean order, and in his own State—Connecticut, he wielded a very powerful political influence, his skill and management saving that State to his party at the last presidential election.

Mr. Barnum showed his greatest abilities as Chairman of the National Democratic Central Committee. He engineered the election of Grover Cleveland in 1884, and his masterly management of the campaign won him enthusiastic encomiums. His associates had great confidence in his foresight and shrewdness, and he was devoted to the interests of his party and to the maintenance of Democratic principles, which he firmly believed was essential to the welfare of the nation.

In private life Mr. Barnum was kind, genial and approachable, and he made many friends who were closely attached to him. His decease is a great loss to the Democratic party, and the people of Utah are deprived of a firm, unfaltering friend, who understood their position and their motives and was ever ready to aid them, to the extent of his power, in their struggle for a proper recognition of their rights.

We condole with his afflicted family and with all who are bereaved by the departure of this great and good man, and trust that his rest will be perfect and sweet.

UPHOLDING THE LAWS.

IN AUGUST, 1831, the Prophet Joseph Smith received the revelation in Missouri commanding the Latter-day Saints to obey the laws of the land. In August, 1833, he received the revelation in Kirtland, Ohio, repeating the injunction and adding the words: "and that law of the land which is constitutional, supporting that principle of freedom in maintaining rights