

his ecclesiastical position, advised the people to dwell in peace together; to refrain from abuse of each other, of a political or any character, and advised them not to read or take into their families publications of an offensive personal character; because he denounced crimes by politicians against society and good order, though his references were general and applied to all parties alike, the *Times* writer takes them to himself and parades these utterances as direct evidence of warfare against the party whose defeat at the polls he is trying to explain. Verily, to say that the slanderer out-Herods Herod falls far short of depicting the villainy of this traitor to the best and kindest instincts of humanity, this foe to the noblest sentiments of American citizenship.

Again, the utterances of the *DESERET NEWS* are used as a basis of accusation, because forsooth this journal defended Utah industries and Utah people from the base libel of politicians who sought to destroy them by schemes and falsehoods of the most despicable character; then the *Times* writer displays a personal affront because the author of those falsehoods was not permitted to use the columns of the *NEWS* as a vehicle through which he could extend the field of his deceit. Yet this independent action of a newspaper in behalf of truth and of Utah's welfare is charged against President Cannon and paraded as a terrible crime for which he is to be visited with the severest punishment known to public sentiment!

Thus it goes to the end of the chapter. The denial of the chairman of the Republican committee that placards had been prepared in advance stating that President Woodruff had voted the Republican ticket, or that telegrams to that effect were forwarded throughout the Territory, or that the Church contributed or aided the Republican campaign in any way, is as emphatic as language can make it; and President Cannon's refutation is complete and unequivocal. Even if these had not been made, every honorable, discriminating citizen would recognize in the *Times* article a web of falsehoods of the darkest hue, concocted for the basest purposes.

The calumny may receive still further attention at our hands. In the meantime, we understand that President Cannon contemplates the preparation of a statement to be used over his own signature.

#### SUGAR!

With the writer and first signer of a communication that appears in another column, giving the views and experiences of the Spanish Fork farmers and others in the southern part of Utah county on the matter of sugar beet raising, the *NEWS* has an excellent acquaintance, and for him it entertains the highest esteem. But, while we are pleased to publish his letter, we are still forced to differ with him in some of the conclusions which the document wishes to have reached. Far be it from us to question or impugn the motives of those in Utah

county who think industrial improvement for them will come in the establishment of another factory; at the same time we ask that they do not misjudge us, as is done by inference in the request that we "open our columns to the farmer's side of the controversy,"—as though in fact the farmer's side of it had not already occupied two-thirds to four-fifths of the frequency and space our columns have given it!

One great obstacle seems to us, in our simplicity and our limited understanding, to prevent the acceptance of all the charges against the sugar factory for refusing to buy beets. If the sugar factory was established for anything it was to make sugar. If it makes sugar it must have beets. The more beets it uses, the more sugar it can make. The more sugar it can produce the more money it makes. All this seems to us so apparent and so indisputable that we confess we are unable to reconcile with it the stories of the factory's refusal to buy the very product that gives it the only basis for existence and all the profit it can hope to make. Biting one's nose off to spite one's face would be an act of prudence and propriety compared with the deliberate rejection by any corporation of the one and only element that could contribute to its success. We cannot escape the conviction, therefore, that if the sugar company refused any beets grown by the farmers of southern Utah county and offered at a fair price or that agreed upon, the beets must have been lacking in the qualities required, or that the sugar factory people at least must have thought so.

#### NOT A MISSING LINK.

Of great scientific interest is the announcement of the discovery of an extinct species of animal, a few remains of which have recently been unearthed in the central part of Java. According to the account given in the *American Journal of Science* by Prof. Marsh, the fragments found were a tooth, a skull and the left thigh bone. The discoverer, Dr. Dubois, gives to the creature the name of *Pithecanthropus Erectus* and also the following characteristics: Brain cavity larger in proportion to the size of the body than in the *Simulæ* but less than in man, the capacity of the skull being about two-thirds the average of that of man; teeth decidedly simian; thigh bone equal in dimensions to that of man and adapted for walking in an upright position. The skull is elongated, larger and more arched than in any known family of apes. The tooth found is the last upper molar of the right side; it has a concave, grinding surface. The thigh bone is said to be perfectly similar to a human femur, the shaft being slender and nearly straight.

To those who constantly have been looking for "the missing link" between man and apes, this newly constructed creature will, of course, be accepted, without further proof, as the demonstration of their theory as to the origin of man. Cautious and conscientious searchers for facts, however, will form no unwarranted conclusions but look forward to

further discoveries that may be made in the same regions and shed light on a subject at present necessarily shrouded in darkness. More than once, scientists triumphantly have announced the discovery of "missing links," but they have finally been forced to acknowledge their mistake.

With regard to the bone fragments now found—supposing them to be the remains of one individual creature—they prove, at present, nothing more than the existence at some time of an ape, physically superior to any now known species of that interesting group of animals. Its connection with the human race has not been established; nor is it apparent how any relationship between the two can be proven from bones found in the ground. From the very first when the evolution theory became the subject of serious thought it was pointed out that no savage tribe of men had ever, so far as history goes, by any process of evolution, developed into a condition of civilization. On the contrary, by revolutionary processes or otherwise, the tendency of mankind is to degenerate, unless the struggle for progress is constantly kept up. Civilization has always, as far as known, come to nations as the result of teachings from someone else and through educational processes. If, then, it is evident that savage man has never "evolved" into civilized man, how unreasonable is the supposition that a monkey by evolution gradually changed into man! That argument still remains to be answered, and for its refutation more potent facts are required than those now at hand.

THE FOLLOWING personal item concerning a gentleman well-known to many in Utah, is going the rounds: "Gen. John A. McClernand, whose person claim recently aroused considerable feeling in Congress, is living at Springfield, Ill., in comparative poverty. He is between 80 and 90 years old—he will not give exact figures. He was released from command by Grant while before Vicksburg for issuing a vainglorious address."

OFFICIAL LIFE in St. Paul has recently been enlivened by the successful attempt of an alderman to saw, split and pile a cord of oak wood in eight hours. He accomplished the task with an hour and eleven minutes to spare, and has furnished welcome proof that once in a while an alderman can be found who is good for something.

CHAUNCEY DEPREW says, "My ideal woman is not a great talker." Another glowing example, one cruel man says, of the difference between the ideal and the real.

The incorporation of a beet sugar company on Thursday, says the *Denver News*, marks the revival of manufacturing building for the city. The members of the company are mostly men of means, and all being men of push and energy means much more than would at first appear. The men at the head of the company have spent months in thoroughly investigating the subject and see money in the establishment of such a factory near the city.