

that this preaching and gathering are perfectly lawful, that they do not imply the inculcation nor practice of any principle that is forbidden by the law.

A "Mormon" missionary has as good a right to promulgate the doctrines he is sent to preach as a Methodist or Baptist, and he is not authorized by the Church to preach anything but those tenets which are within the lines of the laws of the nation to which he is sent. He is forbidden by the Church to violate their laws or to inculcate their violation.

A "Mormon" convert has as much right to leave Europe, or the Southern States or the Northern States, to make his home in Utah or Colorado or Arizona or elsewhere as a Catholic or a Presbyterian or an infidel has. If not, why not?

The "Mormons" make no secret of the fact that they are endeavoring and intend to preach faith, repentance, baptism, the gathering and other principles of their faith against the practice of which there is no law human or divine, to every nation and people where there is liberty to do so. This does not conflict with anything that has been said by advocates of Statehood for Utah, and writers who pretend that it does, simply expose their own ignorance.

The trouble is—what we have had to complain of for many years—writers for the press on the "Mormon" question do not understand it at all. And they do not seem to desire to understand it. They only want to say something against it. This is very pitiable and in many instances very contemptible. If writers for the public will not investigate, common sense to say nothing of fairness, would suggest that they keep silent on the subject.

IMPURTURBABLE.

AN entertaining incident occurred in the church of St. Carlo, Rome, on Sunday last. Some irreverent anarchist exploded a bomb inside the building while the service was in progress. It had a similar effect upon a number of ladies in the congregation to that produced upon the fair sex when a mouse puts in an appearance. A number of them screamed while others fainted. The affair did not appear to have any appreciable effect upon Father Agastino, the self-possessed preacher. He did not seem to notice the explosion any more than he would had his atten-

tion been arrested by a sudden snort from an expert snorer among his auditors. Doubtless the devoted man was reeling off a cut and dried discourse, had not yet reached his peroration, and was determined that the trifling circumstance of the bursting of a bomb in church should not deter him from reaching the explosive part of his harangue. Father Agastino is evidently a cool and imperturbable individual.

ONLY AN IMPORTATION.

AN INTIMATION from Washington to the effect that President Harrison would probably depart from the rule followed in relation to other Territories, in the matter of the selection of residents to fill Federal positions in Utah, has created almost a tornado among the political intriguers in this locality.

Under ordinary conditions the appointment of residents is eminently proper and just. Circumstances very frequently alter cases; the lines which divide classes here are drawn more strongly than in any other part of the Republic. Those who are hunting for the offices belong to the group that have been aptly designated "active politicians," who have kept Utah in a state of constant ferment on account of the rabidity of their processes, and the excesses of which they have been guilty. Their course is naturally of a character to bring the government into disrepute, because of the harshness and illegality of the measures they institute or favor.

They are seldom, if ever, consistent with their professions. The scramble in which they are now engaged after the offices is no exception in this regard. They profess to be animated with a desire to see the policy tending to the operation of home rule established. This is the reason why they have practically saved the President the trouble of making nominations, his prescribed part of the programme being merely an approval of their suggestions.

In unison with this professed home rule *regime*, ex-Chief Justice Zane is being "boomed" for re-instatement in his old position. The question is, how much of home rule is there in a nomination of that kind? The gentleman named came here with his carpet satchel as a Federal official appointed by the late President Arthur, and served his term. He but recently left his

office, having been supplanted by another.

How much of the tendency to home rule is there in the movement for his reinstatement, seeing that Judge Zane came here as a Federal official imported, and the present effort is simply to perpetuate the incumbency of the importation, with a break of only a few months?

The difference between an appointment of that kind, so far as residential qualification is concerned, and the appointment of a person now residing outside of the Territory is so fine as scarcely to be discernible to the naked eye. Yet those howlers for the selection of residents are scraping the Territory with a fine tooth-comb, so to speak, in order to get the signatures of people who probably never investigated the subject in point for a moment with regard to its justice or consistency, that a showing may be made at Washington favorable to the gentleman whom certain "active politicians" are seeking to foist upon the people against the will of the overwhelming mass of them.

There is a cogent reason for this extra effort for the re-appointment of an imported Federal official. It is well understood by the whole community who have given attention to the subject, that the recent inquiry into the conduct of Receiver—or rather Marshal—Dyer and his attorneys was a mere political plot. It was instituted for the purpose of securing the removal of the Marshal, and, if possible—by implicating the entire bench of the Territorial Supreme Court—assure the removal of the Judges also, and thus effect almost a clean sweep of Federal officials, to make way for the nominees of the political clique who have disturbed the peace of this Territory for years. A fund was raised for that purpose, the school trustees being mere figure-heads in the matter, and Judge Zane the chief active operator. Notwithstanding the utter failure of the proceedings from every standpoint, it appears to be necessary, in the estimation of the "active politicians" who raised the fund to carry on the project, that the principal and most active agent of the scheme should be rewarded for the part he took in connection with it. If the reward were to be commensurate with the absurdity of the figure he cut in the affair it would be positively prodigious.

This attempt to reward Judge Zane is an insult to the President