

concerned, as it did before it was made a State.

These being indisputable truths, where is the ground for the alarms about "Mormons" in Arizona? And what becomes of the objections to the admission of that Territory that the *Press* has expressed without giving the subject due consideration? There is another question, why should Arizona be dubbed a "Mormon State" because it is alleged one-fifth of her population are of "Mormon" connection? If one-fifth of the population of a State are Republicans, does that make it a Republican State? Or if they were Democrats, would that constitute it a Democratic State? The *Press* furnishes another illustration of the fact that whenever the average American editor touches the "Mormon" question, he seems to lose his common sense.

Arizona is entitled to admission into the Union fully as much as Wyoming was. If she is excluded it will not be on any other than party grounds. The "Mormon" question cuts no more figure in the affairs of one than in those of the other. And it would look a great deal more natural and would certainly be more truthful, if those who oppose statehood for Arizona would say her party politics are not right, than to try to mix up "Mormonism" with the actually objectionable matter.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC.

THE indications are that New York State has passed into the control of the Democrats. That means that the vote of New York will go for the next Democratic candidate for the Presidency. This does not decide the question as to which party will gain the victory, because the Republicans may be able to do without New York, while the Democrats certainly can not.

Neither does it decide the question as to the nominee of the party. Of course the voice of New York will be potent in the national convention. Its choice of a candidate will have weighty consideration. And it is not improbable that if New York delegates agree upon a man he will become the standard bearer of the party. Who he will be is not yet clear enough to decide.

While the turn of affairs in New York does not necessarily signify defeat to the Republicans, whose success does not depend on that State, it cannot be denied that it is a great encouragement to the Democrats, and makes the two parties more nearly equal for the coming struggle.

Three men died in Gjovik in two days because they had been drinking too much whisky.

GOVERNOR THOMAS' OFFICIAL REPORT.

THE report of the Governor of Utah to the Secretary of the Interior for 1891 has been issued in pamphlet form from the Government printing office in Washington, D.C. We reviewed the document when it was first prepared. It contains a vast amount of statistical information that is valuable and worth preserving.

On local issues the pamphlet is comprehensive, as the whole political situation is therein set forth. In this respect it is superior to the first draft of the report, on which we passed some criticism. We objected to the omission of the Democratic and Republican platforms—with the exception of a paragraph or two—and the publication in full of the "Liberal" platform. There were some expressions, too, that we considered did the "Mormon" people an injustice.

In looking over the printed official report we find that these objections have been in great measure removed. The three platforms appear in full, and with other modifications the report is much fairer than it appeared before the corrections were made. The Governor has evidently endeavored to render the report fairer to all parties than it appeared at first, and we take pleasure in making this statement as we desire to do no one an injustice.

GARZA IS GROWING.

GARZA, the Mexican border ruffian revolutionist, promises no end of trouble, both to this country and his own. It is reported that 4,000 Mexican troops have revolted, killed their commanding officers and joined him. If this be true the subject is becoming serious. So large a body of men cannot live without, eating. Most people might say that there is no special necessity for them to live at all. But they will survive as long as they can, and, having nothing of their own, will subsist on the property of others. This means a tremendous amount of robbing, plundering and, of course, murdering.

It looks a little singular that a fellow like Garza and his horde of roughs can for months, almost with impunity, dodge from one side of the border line to the other, committing all kinds of depredations, including assassination. Surely the United States in combination with Mexico, ought to be able to muster strength enough to corral the desperado and his followers and deal out to them their just deserts. The present forces engaged in looking after the audacious brigand are too small,

hence the dispatches in relation to the situation on the border are all of the "hot pursuit" order. The public are anxious to be informed that the bandit has been caught up with.

FAREWELL NINETY-ONE!

THE eventful year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-one will end to-night, and before we can again communicate with our readers a new year will have begun. To recapitulate the important events which have occurred during the past year would fill more space than our columns afford. We shall not now attempt the task.

It has been a year of advancement for Utah, and the steps taken during its passage have been in the direction of future liberty and happiness for its citizens. The treasures of the earth have been abundantly brought forth for the enrichment of the people, an abundant harvest has rewarded the toils of the husbandman, the flocks and herds have increased and the elements have been propitious. Everything points to continued prosperity and abundance.

In this city the year has developed a great deal of evil. The effects of misrule and the results of corrupt party control have taught the citizens something which they will not soon forget. The burdened taxpayers and the unprotected victims of lawlessness and violence will surely profit from what they have endured and be careful that their influence shall not aid in perpetuating the causes which are responsible for the ills with which the past year has been crowded. The only good that can come out of such evil is the provocation it stirs up to prevent its spread and its perpetuation. Eighteen ninety-one should thus prove a warning and a deliverance for Eighteen ninety-two.

The Church to which the majority of Utah's people belong, has, during the year, taken a stand which must to some extent at least, soften the asperities with which it has been regarded by the world. In this it has moved forward, not backward, and placed itself in a position which will afford it greater opportunities for good. Openings have been made anew among the nations for the spread of its principles and they have become more rooted and grounded in the hearts of its members. Union has been increased among both the leaders and the people, and the peace that has come upon the Church is greatly appreciated. The virtues of the Saints are better understood by those who dissent from their views, and a disposition has been created to accord