

brother, women killing their own daughters, and daughters seeking the lives of their mothers. I saw armies arrayed against armies. I saw blood, desolation, fires."

Another prophecy, addressed directly to this generation by Moroni, the Nephite Prophet, can be perused with benefit. It was uttered in the fifth century of the Christian era, and may be found on page 588 of the Book of Mormon:

"And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed, for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of his Saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto them from the ground for vengeance upon them, and yet he avenge them not;

"Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain, and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the eternal God shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction, if ye shall suffer these things to be:

"Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you, that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you, or woe be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who build it up.

"For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up, seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies; even that same liar who beguiled our first parents; yea, even that same liar who hath caused men to commit murder from the beginning; who hath hardened the hearts of men, that they have murdered the prophets, and stoned them, and cast them out from the beginning."

This prophecy is rapidly fulfilling. Not only will the blood of Saints be shed, but the blood of Gentiles and heathen as well. The "Mormon" people cannot be trampled upon and deprived of their rights without those who oppress them or allow them to be oppressed feeling the force of the re-rounding thunderbolt of retribution.

When human rights are assailed, all humanity are in danger. The massacre of Wyoming, rivalling in horror and atrocity its namesake of earlier American history, is but a slight verification of that solemn fact, which, sooner or later, unless justice is meted out and the blood of innocence avenged, will be written in blood and fire upon the memories of all who live to behold it.

#### A STATEMENT FROM MARSHAL IRELAND.

The following was handed in after our editorial of to-day on the subject was written. It does not materially differ from that quoted in the body of our article:

Editor Deseret News:

In your issue of last night under the heading a "Penitentiary Incident," Elizabeth Ann Starkey makes a statement regarding her treatment in the penitentiary very different from that given me. I did not learn of the affair for some days after it is said to have occurred. The day Miss Starkey was discharged from custody I called her into my office and questioned her about it. She said her cell door had been opened as usual that she might take the usual exercise, that it was raining and she remained in the room, Miller entered and approached her, holding out both hands. She did not take his hands, and he stepped outside the door, looked about, came back and again presented his hands, saying there was no one around. She refused to take his hands and stepped away from him. At that moment the turnkey, Mr. Curtiss, appeared and ordered Miller out. I asked if this was all he said or did, and she said it was all.

While I regret that the fellow should have entered the cell at all, and it is contrary to strict orders, it is plain that Miss Starkey has made a misstatement to somebody. Had her statement as published in the News, been made to me instead of the one that was made, I should have considered it my duty to put the matter before the grand jury.

Miss Starkey's cell door was opened regularly at certain hours every day so she could walk out or remain in as she chose. If she chose to remain in doors any "trusty" about the kitchen might, by watching his opportunity when no guard was in sight, have entered the room. The situation there is such that this cannot be helped. In that event a call from her would at once bring an officer.

Miller is not in the employ of this office nor was he at the time the alleged assault took place. The appointments of bailiffs are made just prior to the meeting of the Grand Jury for the term, and it does not follow because a man is on at one term that he will be the next or ever again.

E. A. IRELAND,  
U. S. Marshal.  
Salt Lake City, September 4th, 1885.

#### THE BLOODY WYOMING BLOT.

The horrible massacre of Chinamen in Wyoming and the burning of their dwellings continues to be a prominent topic of remark. There remains no doubt that it was part of a pre-concerted movement of a secret labor organization. Although it was intended to have the rupture break out simultaneously at several points along the line of the Union Pacific Railway, this intention was thwarted by the premature action of the rioters at Rock Springs. They began operations half a day before the time that appears to have been appointed.

The authorities at the other points where it was intended to do similar bloody work being on the alert in consequence of the appalling tragedy of the other day, will probably check, if not prevent the perpetration of similar atrocities at these places. The presence of troops at Rock Springs will also have a moral effect upon would-be rioters. If these checks were impotent, there is one feature at Evanston that will doubtless prove effective in that town at least—the arming of the Chinamen there for self-defense. The wholesale murder, arson and plunder at Rock Springs was the work of cowards. Men of no other class would mercilessly and barbarously make such an attack upon a lot of defenseless people. There will probably therefore be no danger of the re-enacting at Evanston of the bloody scenes of Rock Springs unless the hapless Chinese should be caught off their guard.

There is little room for doubt that the recent agitation at Ogden was a part of the movement which culminated in the Rock Springs tragedy. It is to the credit of the peaceful and law-abiding people of the "Junction City" that they promptly frowned down the blatant demagogues who attempted to fire the knights of labor there with the same murderous spirit that characterized the Wyoming murderers. It was made pretty plain that had any such attempt been made in Ogden to clear the town of Chinamen the rioters would have got all they wanted of their own medicine under lawful authority, and a little more thrown in.

As we have previously asserted, unless the perpetrators of the Wyoming murders, pillage and incendiarism are appropriately punished, such criminal laxity in relation to the enforcement of the laws for the protection of life and property will have a most dangerous effect. The lawlessly inclined will take fresh courage on account of the impunity with which such awful crimes can be perpetrated. Grave doubts about the proper punishment being meted out, however, may well be entertained. The inquisition held in connection with the tragedy concludes with a verdict to the effect that the victims of the massacre were murdered by persons unknown. The safety of the commonwealth demands that they shall not be allowed to remain undiscovered, but they probably will—at least most of them. There is no doubt that the organization under whose auspices the massacre was accomplished have within their hands the power of intimidation, not to say to terrorize. That it would be used to thwart the bringing of the red-handed criminals to justice there can be but little doubt, but what effect such a menace would have upon the legally constituted authorities in the premises, remains to be seen.

While upon this subject it may not be amiss to state here that such organizations as that under whose auspices the bloody deeds in Wyoming were evidently brought about are totally opposed to the genius of the Gospel as understood by the Latter-day Saints. No member of the Church can consistently be associated with such malevolent organizations, which engage in secret works of darkness. And no individual who will connect himself with any such order can consistently be allowed to retain his fellowship in the Church.

In reference to some of the other secret orders which have become so numerous that they almost honeycomb the social body, it may be claimed that they are strictly beneficial in purpose and operation. Without attempting to dispute that point the safer and better course for Latter-day Saints to pursue on the subject is for them to steer clear of them all. While their initiatory purpose may inculcate no sinister element, it has been demonstrated by actual facts that they are liable to be widely diverted from their original intents and principles.

#### ILLEGAL AS WELL AS OTHERWISE OUTRAGEOUS.

There is a point connected with the Wyoming massacre that is worthy of note. Governor Warren made an application for troops. This aid was solicited that order might be maintained and further bloodshed prevented.

It appears that Adjutant General Drum and Secretary Bayard, after consultation, concluded not to disturb the President upon the subject, but to proceed in accordance with the law which regulates Federal interference with the affairs of States or Territories. The result was, the ordering of two com-

panies of U. S. troops to the vicinity of the tragic riot. The object of this movement was not for the purpose of protecting the hapless Chinamen from being shot down, nor checking any further murderous brutality of any kind on the part of the rioters. The mission of the soldiery was simply to protect the U. S. mails.

The reason why this conclusion was reached was because the law justified no interference with the affairs of Wyoming. The request for troops was refused on the ground that the application of the Governor of the Territory included an informality. The law governing Federal interference with the internal affairs of States or Territories requires that such applications shall come from the Governor and Legislature combined, or if the Legislature is not at the time in session, from the Governor alone, his request to include a statement to the effect that the law-making body is not sitting.

In his application for Federal aid to maintain order Governor Warren omitted to explain that the Wyoming Legislature was not in session. In consequence of this omission his request was denied.

Doubtless this action on the part of the authorities of the General Government was proper, being supported by the law, which is very sound, because there should be no Federal interference whatever except in cases of great moment and emergency. The too ready resort to the use of U. S. troops in any matter of an internal character in the States and Territories is exceedingly dangerous. It is wise also to guard against the one-man power quality of requests for such assistance. Otherwise the rights of the people are liable to be autocratically invaded.

But how does this explanation of the law and the consequent action of the Federal Government in regard to Wyoming agree with a recent movement in relation to Utah? We need not at this juncture go over the details of the villainous attempt made by a band of unscrupulous anti-"Mormon" conspirators here to precipitate a sanguinary conflict and give an opportunity to the powers that be to settle the "Mormon" question in blood. They hatched up a wild story about what they alleged the Saints intended doing on the 24th of July. Governor Murray and others of the same stripe poured the Munchausenism into the ear of Gen. Howard, who, in his simplicity, became the conduit to convey the diabolical spawn of the conspirators to President Cleveland.

Our readers are aware of the result. The Chief Magistrate directed that bodies of Federal troops be held in readiness to pounce upon the "Mormons" at a moment's notice. Not only was the whole proceeding outrageous in the extreme, based on the falsehoods of the most contemptible body of men that ever disgraced the footstool of the Almighty, but was entirely outside of and in direct conflict with the law governing Federal interference with the internal affairs of States and Territories.

#### A DISPUTED HONOR.

SOUTH BOUNTIFUL,  
September 5, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

In your semi-weekly of Sept. 1st, in mentioning the "Hero Waltz," by Mrs. Flora S. Hill, you say: "This is, we believe, the first lady among the Latter-day Saints who has undertaken musical composition." This is a mistake; I have set pieces to music, at different times, since the year 1860, when I composed music to the words: "Sunlight of the household," "Jeannie Morrison," and others. The latter song Prof. C. J. Thomas himself wrote down from my singing and playing, in St. George. I have published only one piece, in the Primary Tune Book—"The Primary Army," and one year or more ago, I called on Mr. Daynes to learn terms for publishing one or more pieces. My latest songs are "Five o'clock in the morning," "Spring fever," "Blind Ned," and "A Crimean Song."

I have no doubt Sister Flora S. Hill's compositions are far in advance of mine, for she is a teacher of acknowledged ability, while I am only an improvisatrice, singing from my spirit and committing it to the instrument and to memory; still they are musical compositions.

Very respectfully,  
AUGUSTA JOYCE CROCHERON.

Electricity is bound to be the motive power of the future. It has taken some time to successfully harness the glans since Franklin lassoed it, but it is being done. The latest application of this principle of power is recorded in to-day's dispatches as having occurred in New York. It is no less a feat than the propelling of the cars of the elevated railway by this means, which has long been talked of and is now an accomplished fact. The test made is said to have given entire satisfaction. It has been tried to a limited extent and proved successful upon various railways in Europe and in this country within the past few months, but this is the first instance in which an attempt has been made to utilize the subtle power upon an elevated railway. Now that this point of perfection has been reached it is not unreasonable to suppose that a few years hence man will be able to navigate the air by means of this same power. That will

only be a step or two farther in the direction of the wonderful advancement already made. Well may the Prophet Daniel, when looking forward to our day, have remarked: "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased!"

On the 17th ult., Judge Payson, a member of Congress from Illinois, and a small party of his family and friends camped out for the night in the vicinity of Fire Hole Basin, in the Yellowstone National Park. On leaving the camp in the morning, care was taken to throw water on the camp fire and also to cover the embers with soil, but after they had left, an assistant superintendent of the park, who also acted as constable, appeared upon the scene and kicked the ashes about and discovered a very little fire smoldering. Notwithstanding it was on a bare place, and in no danger of being communicated to anything combustible, Judge Payson was immediately arrested for a breach of law, and a justice of the peace of Wyoming decided that he should pay \$50 fine and \$12.80 costs. The Judge utterly refused to pay anything, whereupon, after a good deal of talk, the Justice proffered to reduce the fine to \$10 and finally \$1, and at last let him go without paying anything.

It seems the constable and Justice have been carrying on quite a business in this line and this was the first instance in which their efforts to fleece the tourists had been resisted. They struck the wrong man that time.

The axiom uttered by the founders of our national government that "all men are created equal" is true only in a partial sense; indeed in a general sense it is very far from being true. Men are differently endowed by nature, and all the training and shaping that education can afford will never make them equal. The Boston Herald truly says on the subject of genius that, "The observation of Mr. Howells that 'genius, after all, is only patient application,' is true only of the plodding kind; and it is questionable if that has in it much of the 'divine spark.' Patient application did not make Napoleon a military genius before he was thirty; nor did it constitute Burns a poet, Beethoven a great composer, Raphael an artist, or Pitt a statesman at twenty-five. All men who accomplish great things must apply themselves, and often 'toil terribly,' but genius exists before the disposition or the ability to work can manifest itself. It is a gift of God, and, though it may be developed, it cannot be made."

The San Francisco Report compares the vice of that city with that of London as follows: "The ratio of our wickedness to London is, according to very excellent authority, far greater than that of 370,000 to 4,000,000. Superintendent Dooley, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, whose business well qualifies him to speak, scoffed when a Daily Report representative remarked to him upon the horrors that the Gazette had revealed. 'Why go to London for your horrors,' said he, 'when you have worse right at your own doors?' 'Worse?' 'Aye, much worse. I would not be wrong, perhaps, were I to say five times worse than the Pall Mall Gazette has written up. Were I able to tell you now even what has come under my own eye, you would not say I was exaggerating the frightful state of affairs in San Francisco.'

A project of great economy in long-range transportation is under way in Nova Scotia. Already work has been begun on a ship railway across the narrow strait where Nova Scotia borders on New Brunswick. The railway will connect Cumberland Basin, which is at the head of the Bay of Fundy, with Bay Verte on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The isthmus at this point is but twelve miles wide. The undertaking is in charge of John Fowler, the engineer in charge of the construction of the underground railway in London, and is said to be well backed by a London syndicate. If carried through, more than three hundred miles of coasting will be saved by vessels going from the north coast of Prince Edward Island to southern ports.

The Panama canal, which was to have been completed in 1888, at a cost of \$120,000,000, would not be finished in ten years, even if the present rate of excavation were maintained. More than \$100,000,000 have been already expended, and the probabilities are that if the canal is ever finished it will be after an outlay of \$450,000,000. The prediction is freely made abroad that when M. de Lesseps dies the whole scheme will collapse.

Adjutant General Drum had a conference with the President to-day in regard to the troubles in Wyoming Territory, and gave him an account of the steps already taken by the War Department to suppress the disturbance. The question as to further action on the part of the government will be laid before the cabinet at its next meeting.

The Kansas City Times Little Rock special says: Reports from the Indian Territory say trouble is likely to arise over the distribution of the \$300,000 recently paid the Cherokee Nation by the government for ceded lands. The freedmen in the Nation claim equal rights with the native-born Cherokees. It is stated that Senator Dawes of the Senatorial committee favors the negro claim. The matter will come up in the November session of the Cherokee legislature.

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A Benson, Arizona, dispatch from Guaymas, reports that Lieut. Colonel Nonego and Geo. Stevens died of yellow fever. Gen. Leibas and four other officers are down with the disease. Mild cases exist at Mazatlan and San Blas.

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