

came editor of the *London Quarterly Review*, began life as a cobbler.

Among the American cobblers who achieved fame as literary men are John Whittier, Noah Worcester, Roger Sherman, the friend of Thomas Jefferson, Henry Wilson, vice-president of the United States, and later, Thomas Edward, the Scotch naturalist, whose remarkable life and achievements have been made the theme of one of the most attractive works written by Mr. Samuel Smiles, the noted English author.

### IN FULL BLAST AGAIN.

WHEN the Mayor made his assault on the Sunday saloon business, we added our applause to the encomiums passed upon his action by the law-and-order promoting people of the city. We also warned him, when success appeared to be crowning his efforts, that after awhile the cloaking down would be only in appearance unless extraordinary vigilance was used. We have reliable information now, to the effect that a very lively trade in liquor is carried on in many places in this city every Sunday.

We do not wish to find fault with any of the officials, big or little, whose duty it is to suppress the evil. We only mention the facts as declared to us. It is said that, notwithstanding the pleasant reports made every Monday through a morning paper, the Sunday liquor traffic is in full swing and the pretended enforcement of the ordinance is very much of a farce.

We are not surprised. While there is a demand there will be found a supply. The thirsty public will have drink. The question, is how much of a really strict execution of the law is going on? We accuse no one of dereliction of duty. We make no charge of political winking at certain things out of supposed political necessity. We do not want to say anything unpleasant to stir up the bile of any person or party. We only ask the Mayor to take measures to find out whether it is not a fact, that the Sunday liquor business is in full blast again even though saloon doors are apparently kept closed.

### SOME BLUNDERS OF THE "GLOBE-DEMOCRAT."

THE *Globe-Democrat*, which most people know is a leading paper in St. Louis, is very stupid sometimes in relation to the "Mormon" question. It often displays ignorance concerning it that is not justified at this late date when there have been so many opportunities for years to obtain correct information. Its latest exhibition of denseness on this matter is the following, in answer to questions from a correspondent:

"It is a mistake to suppose that polygamy is taught by the Book of Mormon. This book, which was really nothing but a romance, written by one Spaulding, teaches nothing of the sort. It was printed in 1830, but after Smith discovered that his new religion was about to attract a number of adherents, he went extensively into the work of having special revelations on various subjects connected with his new faith.

"The polygamy features were subsequently incorporated into the Book of Mormon, but that they were not a part of the original scope of the work is proved by the earlier editions, which do not contain the special revelations made to the grand Apostle at a later day."

That the Book of Mormon was not written by Solomon Spaulding; that it was not written from the manuscript which Solomon Spaulding wrote and which was alleged for years to have been its basis; that it is not in any way or manner connected with or similar to anything that Spaulding was ever known to write, has been established so clearly and for so long that the repetition of the most canard by such a paper as the *Globe-Democrat* is humiliating to respectable journalism.

"The Manuscript Found" was the title of the romance that old acquaintances of Spaulding thought was somewhat similar to the Book of Mormon. They depended upon their memory, which evidently was very faulty. They thought some of the names in the Book of Mormon such as Lehi, Nephi, Laman, etc., were used in Spaulding's story. They remembered that it purported to have been written on rolls of parchment in the Latin language and hidden in a cave.

The Book of Mormon was engraved on metallic plates in reformed Egyptian hieroglyphics, and buried in a stone receptacle with instruments prepared to aid in its translation. It does not purport to give a history in any way comparable to the account said to have been given in the Spaulding manuscript.

As a matter of fact, the "Manuscript Found" has been actually a manuscript found for many years. It is in Oberlin College, Ohio, where the *Globe-Democrat* can have it inspected and contrasted with the Book of Mormon of which we will be happy to furnish it a copy.

It will be found totally dissimilar in bulk and contents. There is no point of resemblance between the two works. The story, the language, the theme, the purport and everything else connected with the Spaulding manuscript are utterly and entirely unlike the Book of Mormon, and no sane person who sees the two works will venture the opinion that there is or ever was anything in common between them. Both are published and are open to comparison by the general public.

The *Globe-Democrat* is equally mistaken as to any additions, whether on polygamy or any other subject, to the original Book of Mormon. The present edition is substantially the same as the first, except that it has been put into chapter and verse with reference notes.

We have no objection to criticism of the Book of Mormon from any of our contemporaries if they will but write from some knowledge of the subject. The writer in the *Globe-Democrat* has never read the book. He did not understand anything of what he was writing about. He only displayed astonishing ignorance or else a wilful intention to misrepresent. We prefer to believe the former of these two propositions.

If the *Globe-Democrat* will kindly correct the mistakes it has made on this matter we shall be both pleased and surprised, because like other influential journals which have been set

right on just such questions, it has usually let the falsehood go and refrained from telling a truth which would place it in the light of having made a blunder. But it is nobler to acknowledge an error than to persist in a falsification, even if it is at the expense of an unpopular body like the "Mormons."

### A RESERVATION TO BE OPENED.

It is likely that the Northwest will be the scene in the near future of one of those land excitements which created such a furore in Oklahoma and the Dakotas recently. According to the *Helena Journal*, that part of the Crow reserve ceded to the United States two years ago will be opened for settlement this fall. A new treaty has been concluded with the tribe.

The reservation begins on the Yellowstone river, nine miles east of Billings, and runs southwest between Clark's Ford and Pryor Creek, to the foot of the Pryor mountains. Thence it runs east to the Big Horn river. The land is rich in mineral, and much of it well adapted for agriculture. Irrigation can be practiced there with little of capital.

In 1885 allotments of land in severalty were made to the Crows. The tribe numbers about 2,300 at present. They are said to be doing well. The government is constructing a system of irrigation for them. But it is thought that when government paternity is withdrawn they can not stand against the advancing white man. Disease is making serious inroads among the tribe, and it is only a matter of time when the whole reservation will be occupied by white people.

### REV. B. F. CLAY.

REV. B. F. CLAY is the name of a person who has cut a small figure in Salt Lake sectarian circles, and who is now taking his rounds, as so many persons of similar calibre have done before him, to make as much as he can out of the business of maligning the "Mormons." At Leavenworth, Kansas, lately, he delivered a lecture in the First Presbyterian church to an audience of about two hundred persons, on the misdeeds of "Mormons." He is called in the *Times* of that city "The pastor of the Christian Church at Salt Lake City." This would convey the idea that his was the only Christian church in the place. How do his fellow preachers here like the insinuation? We do not propose to follow this person through all his sinuous course, but will give an extract from the *Times* which shows that there are people abroad who know something about the people of Utah and will not swallow down all the doses of "Christian" slander which are dealt out in this kind of Clay. The Leavenworth *Times* says:

"He made it appear that the persecution of the Mormons in Kirtland, O., Jackson County, Mo., and Nauvoo, Ill., was the result of their own misdeeds.

"He drew a true and ghastly picture of the evils of polygamy, but he gave his auditors the idea that polygamy was the natural and prevalent custom among the