

Government claim to the Temple Block, to the Council House, the Cannon House, the property on the north-west corner of the Titling Block, and the Ogden properties, or does so virtually, and it clears the way to a final disposition of the whole matter, which we hope will be in the end, according to justice, equity and the eternal principles of righteousness.

### THE ORPHANS' HOME.

ON Saturday evening we published a report signed by three ladies of the committee of finance of the Orphans' Home. This is a worthy institution, well conducted and kept up through the indefatigable labors of a number of ladies of this city of different faiths and creeds. The institution has received much encouragement but needs more help, which we hope it will receive from the benevolent.

There are some remarks in this report, however, which is not signed by all of the committee, and which we think would much better have been omitted. The complaint is made that Utah has never appropriated one cent to the support of the Home, and the following language is used:

"We recommend that this association go before the next legislature and demand as a right some recognition for this class of children. We read in the daily press of magnificent schemes maturing to ask for enormous sums to be appropriated the coming winter. While Utah is getting ready to flaunt herself at the World's Fair, to attract the eyes of the world to her fat hogs, her squashes, her tatting and her crazy quilts, let us ask for a tenth of this sum, to buy bread for her destitute and orphaned children."

The zeal of the ladies engaged in the good cause of fostering this institution is worthy of all praise. But we think that in this instance it has run a little beyond discretion. They demand as a right something that can only be obtained as a privilege, and it is questionable whether public funds can be appropriated at all for a private establishment. By this we mean that the Orphans' Home is not a territorial or county or city institution. It was started and has been sustained by voluntary efforts and contributions. It is not like the Reform School or the Asylum for the Insane, in this respect. Reference is made to them in the report but the Home stands on an entirely different footing. A "demand" on the Legislature for aid to the Home would therefore be entirely out of place.

The "magnificent schemes" in view spoken of in the report for which legislative appropriations are to be asked, are all of a public character. The expression about Utah "getting ready to flaunt herself at the World's Fair,"

and the associated remarks, savor more of pettishness and a desire to belittle the representation which the Territory expects to make at that great international exposition, than of an earnest appeal for help in a benevolent cause. We do not think it will have the effect desired, if that is merely to advance the interests of the Home.

There is another thing which should be said in this connection. The report in this particular is likely to convey the impression that Utah is afflicted with a host of "destitute and orphaned children," and that they are neglected and forlorn. We do not believe there is any part of the United States that is less deserving of censure on this ground than Utah. Destitute orphans are comparatively few in number here. And the *bona fide* residents of the Territory do not cast their children on the mercy of the public. Most of these orphans are children of transients.

Now we do not wish to say one word in disparagement of the Home. The ladies have done astonishingly well, and their work has truly been a labor of love. They need help. They ought to have it. If the Legislature can lawfully and consistently make an appropriation for this purpose we will not oppose it. But making "a demand upon it as a right" is another thing, and casting ridicule upon Utah's proper appearance at the World's Fair is a poor way of reaching the territorial treasury.

There are other worthy charitable institutions in this city and Territory which might with as much reason make the same "demand," but which do not feel justified in even presenting a request for public money for a private institution.

We hope this kindly criticism will not offend, but have the effect of drawing such attention to the Orphans' Home as will prove a benefit to the institution, which is worthy of the donations and support of the public.

### UGHT TO KNOW BETTER.

THE Boston *Journal* is unusually fair in its comments on "Mormon" affairs, although, like other papers, it is not fully informed concerning them. But sometimes it falls into error through that very common lack of information. For instance it recently had this paragraph, under the head of Political Jottings:

"If the Mormons have really abandoned the practice of polygamy, as is claimed by those who are agitating for the admission of Utah as a State, it is singular that in Arizona they are resisting with all their might a proposition for a test oath similar to that adopted in Idaho."

Why is there anything "singular" in resistance by any people against invidious legislation that not only discriminates against their religion, but seeks to impose upon them tests that are un-American and designed to deprive them of all political rights and privileges? And what has all that to do with the abandonment of polygamy?

Does not the Boston *Journal* know that acts of Congress provide all the test oaths necessary to disfranchise persons who practice polygamy? Is it not aware that the test oath of Idaho, and that which a few fanatics want to revive in Arizona, was designed to disfranchise monogamist "Mormons?" If not, the *Journal* does not know of what it is talking about.

A people who would not resist with all their might such an attempt to rob them of the common privileges of citizens, solely on account of their religious association with others who are disfranchised, are not worthy of political liberty. It would be "singular" if they made no resistance. And this has no connection with the question of abandoning polygamy, for the test oath in either case does not affect practical polygamy at all.

But will the *Journal* kindly inform us who those persons are that are "agitating for the admission of Utah?" We have not met with any nor have we seen evidences of their agitation in print. We are afraid the Boston *Journal* is only making of itself an echo of silly anti-"Mormon" sayings.

### "GREEN GOODS" MEN AGAIN.

THE reading public will be glad to learn that the New York "green goods" fiends have been trapped, and that their affairs and correspondence are in the hands of the detectives of the Central Office. No less than 500,000 circulars were seized which had been prepared to send out for the purpose of entrapping the gullible.

A great many of these circulars have been mailed to people in different parts of this Territory. We have several times exposed the swindle. We have not heard of any one in Utah having been victimized, but if there has been such a case the swindled person deserved his fate. Any one who dabbles in the dirty work of passing counterfeit money is worthy of the disappointment and loss that follow biting at the bait offered by the "green goods" deception.

That many foolish and dishonest persons are induced to send money to the scoundrels who prey upon human credulity and cupidity, is evident from