

instances they have exhibited such utter lack of ordinary backbone, that they are to be despised almost as much as the double-tongued demagogues whose word is not worth a dime.

Certain Republicans who want office are endeavoring to make another anti-"Mormon" issue in Idaho, similar to that by which they formerly beguiled some timid Democrats, and bribed some venial Democrats, and so gained Republican ascendancy in a Democratic Territory. They will play this for all it appears to be worth, but there is absolutely nothing in it, as the returns of the State election will demonstrate.

We invite the Indianapolis *Journal* and other papers that have echoed the lies on this subject, forged in the falsehood factory in this city, to watch the official reports of the Idaho election, and then to tell the established truth in regard to this anti-"Mormon" story, which we denounce as utterly without foundation or excuse.

#### A METHODIST INSTITUTION.

THE corner stone of a Methodist University was to be laid at Ogden Tuesday, August 5, and Methodist preachers were to attend and rejoice over the opportunities which it is expected to open up in this Territory.

Chief among them is the Rev. Saml. Small. This is now his title, as he appears to have settled down as a regular minister of the Methodist persuasion. But if his own announcement is worth anything, he is not to give up his peripatetic oratory or that essential to Methodist services, the taking up of cash collections.

This is one of the great opportunities which the laying of the foundation stone will afford to the eminent plate-passers who attend. A tour is to be made, embracing not only the United States but portions of Europe for the purpose of enlisting the sympathies, which means getting the money, of "Christian" persons who desire to aid in putting down the "Mormons." For, absurd as the idea is, multitudes will be made to believe that this university will be instrumental in accomplishing that much desired "Christian" end and object.

When on his way here, Small was interviewed by a Kansas City *Star* reporter, and stated that "one of the objects of the college would be to

counteract a great deal of the evil which the Mormon schools produce." He said he had already received communications from different parts of the world on the subject, among them this from Hon. W. E. Gladstone:

"I congratulate you upon the inauguration of your university enterprise. I am in hope you will do much towards delivering your countrymen from a most degrading delusion."

This shows how noted people will be deceived in regard to this institution to be established in Ogden. Methodism has had full and free scope in this region for many years, and has had no more effect upon "Mormonism" than has the braying of the mules or the lowing of the cattle that roam upon the hills of Utah.

The benevolent will be bled for funds, and donations will come in from all directions, under the deceptive plea that it is to convert or suppress the "Mormons." While some of the money will be used for the building, and thus Utah will derive a little pecuniary benefit, most of it will go to the industrious persons who pass around the hat or the subscription list, and those who depend upon the institution for salaries. But "Mormonism" will remain untouched.

However, Small says:

"We hope the bill will pass disfranchising the Mormons. If this is done it will be the first step toward breaking up the Mormon Church."

So it is Congress, after all, upon which Methodism depends for "breaking up the Mormon Church." And Small's piety, humanity and love of liberty are manifest in his "Christian" desire that people who do not believe as he does shall be summarily stripped of the sacred right of franchise, simply because of their membership in a Church that he desires to be "broken up."

The Ogden University would be hailed with pleasure by "Mormons" as well as "Gentiles" as an institution of learning. We desire to see facilities increase in these mountains for liberal education. But started in this anti-Christian spirit, we can give it no word of welcome, nor do we believe that those who seek to deceive the world for the purpose of drawing abundant supplies, will gain the pleasure they anticipate, or reap any other reward than will come to those who teach falsehood and worship Mammon.

France has sent an ultimatum to Dahomey demanding the cession of Kootonon and Whydah.

#### DO NOT WANT TO BE "SAVED."

WE notice that the press of the country is at last "catching on" to the imposition figuring as the "Industrial Home" of Salt Lake City. The debates in Congress over the appropriation demanded for this snide affair have developed its true character. And the bitter attack of the Vermont glacier upon the Senator from Missouri, did not serve to cover up the fact which the plucky exposé of fraud brought prominently to the surface.

The following article which appears in the *Scranton, Pennsylvania, Times*, is a sample of many others in different papers, some of which are more prominent than the *Times* but do not put the matter so tersely. It is "boiled down" so well in this paragraph that we choose it in preference to others:

"That the Mormon women have no particular desire to escape from what Gentiles are pleased to call the 'horrors of polygamy,' is made the more evident since the efforts that have been made by Congress to 'save them,' have gone for naught. Suffrage was given to the women of Utah with a view to permitting them to vote against the hierarchy and thus help the Gentiles to overthrow it. But instead of doing anything of the kind, the Mormon women voted with their husbands, and this more than doubled the polygamist strength. Then Congress took the suffrage away from them, and established an 'Industrial Christian Home,' to which women desiring to escape from polygamy could go. It now appears that this appropriation has been used to pay salaries to a lot of persons connected with the Home, and that it has never had all told, including children, over twenty inmates. It is plain, therefore, that these women do not want to be 'saved,' and Congress will do well to abolish the 'Industrial Christian Home,' and find some other sinecure for the pets who have been having an easy time out among the Mormons."

#### IMPORTANT LAND SUBJECT.

A WASHINGTON special to the *Denver News*, dated August 1st, speaks of a subject of much importance to the people of the entire West. The matter was presented to the Senate by Mr. Teller in the form of a petition, numerously signed by the citizens of New Mexico, urging the repeal of the irrigation provisions in the law of October, 1888, which they say are onerous and damaging to the interests of all honest, bona fide and enterprising settlers in that Territory. The obnoxious law referred to is the one which, under the construction given by the interior department, segregates about two-fifths of the United States as sites for reservoirs, dams, etc., for irrigating purposes.