

course with such a paltry and contemptible crown of villainy as to stamp him a craven as well as a perjurer.

Whether the paper that has accepted his effort understands the deception practiced on the public, we know not. If it does, it is equally despicable with the author. In either event it will not gain in favor with the American public by lending itself to this low and indefensible scheme.

The article is designed to be one of a series. The object is defined in the editorial comments. It is to bring about a collision between the Government and the "Mormons," resulting in the "extermination" of the Saints. The editor is evidently ignorant of the situation or he is destitute of common sense. "The fighting power" of the "Mormons," their "defiance" and throwing down of the "gauntlet," their being "driven into the field in defense of polygamy," and other nonsense with which the editorial abounds, is all purely imaginary, and in view of the actual state of affairs here is utterly absurd and ludicrous. If a little light shed upon the editor's mind and the publishers' responsibility does not bring about a change in the intent of the illustrated paper, in our opinion legal steps should be taken which may be a little more effectual.

We have not mentioned the name of the paper, because we do not wish to give it additional publicity, and we do not take up the article in detail, because its falsehoods are too old to handle at this date and have been too often exploded to need refutation. We merely wish to express our views as to the cowardly author and the deceived or deceiving publishers, and to expose the statement that a "Mormon" penned the literary hodge-podge which forms an excuse for the illustrations that accompany it. It is as contemptible a falsehood as ever emanated from the infernal regions or—even from the Salt Lake Tribune.

PREDICTIONS OF A NOTED SCIENTIST.

IT HAS already been shown in these columns that in predicting the approach of an overwhelming and sanguinary strife in the United States, and universal war in Europe, Professor Joseph Rhodes Buchanan, of Boston, has but supplemented prophecies enunciated by the Prophet Joseph Smith more than half a century ago. The

solon not only foretells dire disaster from the social and political commotions developing among the people, but nature, in unison with the agitated condition of human affairs, is to add its chapter of horrors to the terrible catalogue of calamity. We here introduce a quotation from his article in the *Arena*:

"In the midst of our coming civil war, the Atlantic coast will be wrecked by submergence and tidal waves from the borders of New England to the southern borders of the Gulf of Mexico. There shall be no safety below the hills. The destruction of New York and Jersey City will be the grandest horror."

So assured is the professor of the certainty of his forecast that he says: "Do not remain longer than fifteen years on the coast," and "do not build for permanency."

Again the learned gentleman says:

"In the midst of these horrors of war and floods a terrible climax will be reached in a geological convulsion, compared to which the earthquake of New Madrid, of Java and Lisbon, will seem unimportant."

"Cyclones will prevail. The warmth of summer shall fail and the bounties of agriculture be denied us."

All these conditions are merely supplementary parallels to prophecies given to the world through the founder of the "Mormon" Church more than fifty years ago.

In a revelation given through Joseph the Seer Dec. 28th, 1832 (see Book of Doctrine and Covenants) the following passage occurs, in relation to the effects of the hearing of the message of the Gospel to the nations by the Elders:

"For after your testimony cometh the testimony of earthquakes, that shall cause groanings in the midst of her, and men shall fall upon the ground, and shall not be able to stand. And also cometh the testimony of the voice of thunders, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of tempests, and the voice of the waves of the sea, heaving themselves beyond their bounds. And all things shall be in commotion; and surely, men's hearts shall fail them; for fear shall come upon all people."

There is a striking coincidence in the special mention by the professor of the submergence, by tidal wave, of the city of New York, the destruction of which was predicted by the Prophet Joseph Smith in September, 1832, as shown on page 299 of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. Subsequently Parley P. Pratt, in a hymn which appears on page 244 of the Latter-day Saints' Hymn Book, defines the method of the disaster—submergence by the sea:

"When this mighty city shall crumble to ruin,
And sink as a milestone, the merchants undoing."

This makes an exact parallel between prophecies heretofore uttered and the more recent enunciations of the Boston professor.

Prof. Buchanan foretells the failure of summer, which means that cold weather will prevail out of season, when the sun should give warmth to render the earth fruitful. The result of this transposition of atmospheric conditions is failure of the productivity of the soil. This will precipitate famine. From this very cause—the existence of winter weather out of season—Joseph Smith predicted that there would come an immense failure of crops. On page 144 of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants the following words occur:

"And there shall be weeping and wailing among the hosts of men. And there shall be a great hailstorm sent forth to destroy the crops of the earth."

This practically amounts to the same as the statement of Professor Buchanan, being similar in relation to both cause and effect.

There are numerous other prophecies that were delivered by the Prophet Joseph Smith upon all of the subjects to which Professor Buchanan's predictions have reference. In some instances the parallel is so exact that it might be inferred that the scientific Prophet of the City of Boston had perused Joseph Smith's productions and been influenced by them in making out his own portrayal of future history.

THE PARNELL QUESTION.

IN THE history of the American Republic, perhaps no transatlantic issue has occasioned more comment in this country than the Parnell imbroglio in the British isles. The consensus of opinion inclines to the belief that the action of Mr. Parnell will work injury to Ireland.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Parnell did not make a defense in the divorce case, but then, as he says, he was not the party directly interested, he had no occasion to go into the witness-box. However, as the matter now stands, and judging from the information obtained through the divorce court, the turpitude of Mr. Parnell's conduct is disgraceful and reprehensible beyond question. That there is some mystery behind this case is as certain as that there was a mystery behind the *Times*' article, "Parnellism and Crime." Whether the solution of this mystery will sink Mr. Parnell deeper in filth, or clear