

No good that they may have performed, no meritorious achievement whereby not merely themselves but the world has been benefited, no private virtue or public worth or masterful quality or desirable accomplishment that may be theirs, can efface even for a day the preferred fact that it was not so always—there is no progress in them; the globe whirls about its axis and makes the majestic pace through the vaults of space at inconceivable speed, but it bears them not with it; they are inert, unchangeable. There is nothing on "the dead square" in such treatment, because it decides a case from not only a portion of the evidence but the smallest and most obsolete and most immaterial portion.

As to the statehood matter, like Banquo's ghost it will not down. When those who are mainly concerned would be patient, tranquil and restful, relying upon such merit as they may possess and such work as they may perform to bring them recognition in due time unattended by petty jealousies and bickerings and fault-findings, the subject is churned up by others, and those who are not at all anxious or apprehensive are compromised into a renewal of a discussion that a majority of them are heartily tired of. And this is hardly a "square deal" either. It is not that such people (last spoken of) are indifferent to the great boon of local sovereignty, that they are callous regarding the momentous issue of the day, that they are not informed up to the standard, that they would not vote strongly for statehood if the question were presented to them; it is that they realize how unpleasant a thing it is to be constantly represented as conniving and corrupting, of pulling and pushing and distorting, of filling up their waking and their sleeping hours, of buttonholing and promising prominent men consistent and conflicting things, all having in view statehood for Utah—when, as a matter of fact, all such imputations are utterly gratuitous, annoying and not fitted to any existing circumstance.

So far as the NEWS is concerned—and we are sure it voices the sentiments of the great majority of the people—if there are any underbanded schemes going on; any trickery, or deception, or corruption, or double-dealing by means of which any man or body of men is to be compromised or cajoled or led or influenced into giving their support to statehood for this Territory, we hope such scheme or schemes will ignominiously fail—more than this, that the actors on both sides may be detected, exposed and held up to the execration they deserve. With all its faults and failings in the past, with its shortcomings duly accounted for and misfortunes fully considered, Utah occupies a dignified and honorable station in the presence of the whole earth. It has gained the eminence it occupies through the patient plodding, the tireless energy, the well-directed intelligence and the honorable purpose of its people. It is in all respects entitled to sovereignty and they know it; but to gain it they would not, were the alternative eternal exclusion from the sisterhood, knowingly consent to one base, disreputable, corrupt transaction, and they do not

desire that those who assume to speak for them shall make or permit it even for a moment to appear otherwise than is herein set out.

#### UTAH WOMEN ABROAD.

The *Denver News* of the 18th has an article on the delegates to the Women's congress from Utah that contains some quite interesting statements in a gossip manner, some that are quite true, some that are insinuating with correctness, and some that are not true. In the first named class we place the following and similar paragraphs:

"And do you know," continued she, "that the Mormon women represent some of the finest women clubs and women organizations that are to be found in America? And this is all the more surprising, when you remember that the great Salt Lake valley was settled almost within our recollection."

In the second department spoken of we find a fair representation in the following:

All the Mormon delegates are fine looking women. It is said that Utah will rival Kentucky in its pretty women, if you give them twenty-five years in which to enjoy the advantages that have only recently been extended to them. They are becoming [!] intelligent. And intelligence makes beauty.

The following, except as to rare instances—rarer here than elsewhere—is not true:

They [young Mormon girls] were as ignorant as Turkish women in a harem or Japanese girls waiting for a sweetheart. But they had to work from morning until night, scrubbing, sweeping, baking and sewing, often spending days upon simple tasks which women of other states accomplish by such labor-saving machines as carpet-sweepers, sewing machines, cook stoves and wringers.

The cuts accompanying the article and which are presented as "portraits" are of like character with it; some are good, others neither good nor bad and the remainder decidedly the latter. As the matter is departmental and occurs in the midst of fashion and follies it is not expected to do any good and there is no reason why it should accomplish much if anything else. We must be talked about, and surely will not complain when no more of misrepresentation occurs than in our namesake's article, though as shown it is not at all free from it.

#### POLICY. NOT LAW.

Treasury statistics show that for the thirteen months ending with May, the government issued treasury notes to the amount of about fifty million dollars in the purchase of silver bullion; and during that time nearly forty-eight million dollars of such notes were redeemed in gold. This furnishes the goldites with the argument that nearly the whole of the silver bought is really paid for in gold, and hence that the repeal of the silver purchase act is a necessity. It is strange that they refuse to note the important fact that the treasury notes referred to are only paid in gold because the treasury

department, with its monometallic tendencies, chooses to have it so, and thus plays either unconsciously or designedly into the hands of the enemies of the white metal. Those notes are redeemable in silver as much as in gold, and in common fairness ought to be so redeemed; thus easing the treasury vaults and saving the gold for purposes where it is the exclusive medium of exchange. The innovation would be strictly legal, admirably logical, and universally beneficial. If the holder of the notes happened to be anyone else than a Wall street operator or convert he would be fully satisfied, for the silver coin would do all his business as well as the gold would. But as long as the treasury thinks its duty lies in aiding and humoring and yielding submission to the New York and Boston banking interests, just so long will it have it in its power to pile up and publish just such misleading and disquieting figures as those we have quoted.

#### DAS BUCH MORMON.

The fifth edition of the German translation of the Book of Mormon has just been published by the DESERET NEWS Publishing company, this city. It has been carefully revised and divided into chapters and verses as well as augmented with foot notes, so as to conform in every particular to the English edition prepared by Elder Orson Pratt. The text is identical with that with which German readers are already familiar, being the work of the late President John Taylor and G. Parker Dykes, except where Bible quotations occur, which in the new edition generally are taken from Luther's translation instead of from the English.

The important volume as now presented to the public is in every respect worthy of recommendation and will certainly be much appreciated by the German speaking members of the Church. It is a book to be devoutly studied at home and to be sent to friends who may be interested in obtaining knowledge of Mormon doctrine; it is a work to be brought to the attention of all as a testimony to the marvelous work of the Almighty in the age in which we live.

Much credit is due Bishop Frederick W. Shoenfeld for the careful revision and comparison of the German text with the English, as well as to the well known publishers for the excellent typographical work. The present edition deserves to be widely spread at home and abroad.

#### TALKING OF UTAH.

Mr. Thos. Catling, editor of *Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper*, London, recently spent a few days in Salt Lake City. In a letter to his journal, dated this city May 15, the able editor describes in glowing terms what he heard and saw in this Territory. The subjoined extracts will give an idea of the character of the letter:

What of the Mormons of today? It would be neither fair nor judicious for