

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

Parsons on Nelson—An assemblage of mail contractors—Utah men in the capital—Beadle after Dakota—Schurz mistaken about Utah—No Statehood for the Saints—The only canon—He is having a hard row to hoe.

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I told you a short time ago that Capt. E. H. Parsons was here working to take off Marshal Nelson's official badge, and that he intended to remain until he had accomplished this feat. It seems from present indications, that his stay in Washington will be for an indefinite period, as the tide is this

WAR ON THE MARSHAL

has changed, and his official annihilation becomes more doubtful each hour. Indeed the Marshal has become the assaulting party. It seems that Parsons has some sort of claims against the Government for beef furnished the Utah Indian agency, in which there is alleged by Nelson to be

AN ELEMENT OF FRAUD.

This was Parsons' vulnerable point, and the Marshal went for it, which resulted in overtures from the former for an armistice, but this did not win; on the contrary, Nelson threatens to "kick" the beef contractor the first time he comes in his path.

THE MAIL CONTRACTORS

of the Pacific are all here and the last bid has been put in. Mr Hugh White is reaching out for his share he having put in 350 bids for lines extending from the British Possessions to Mexico. His bonds securing the faithful performance of these contracts if awarded to him, amount to nearly \$1,500,000. Messrs Gilmer & Salisbury and M. T. Patrick are here on the same business, and the contest for these contracts promises to be a desperate one.

Mr. Charles Popper is in Washington on business connected with the title of his land near Camp Douglas.

Mr. John W. Lowell is also here on business.

Mr. Beadle, formerly of your city is in the midst of this people. As soon as he arrived

HE TOOK A HAND

in the contest with the Saints of God and their inspired representative in Congress. It takes to it you know, just as instinctively as a duck takes to water. But that is not the object of his mission here. He is an applicant for the Governorship of Dakota, and will in all probability be appointed. I suggested that he would fit the gubernatorial chair of Utah much better, and he was of the same opinion; but Schurz says his appointment to that office would be an open declaration of war by the Administration upon the Saints.

Hence you may not hope for Beadle for your next Governor, though you know he would make the best Governor the Territory ever had, excepting, of course, the late lamented Brigham.

The House sub committee on Territories have agreed to report

AGAINST THE ADMISSION OF UTAH

as a State, having been made fully aware of the fact that to give your Territory with sovereign Statehood would result in the final expulsion of every American citizen from its borders, and the complete subversion of all civil to ecclesiastical power.

Without being able to definitely state at this time, it is the opinion of your correspondent that the Election bill will be reported by the committee at an early day, with some modifications. Cannon, in the meantime, has been making use of the bill recently introduced in the Mormon Legislature amending the Utah Election law. He has exhibited a draft of that bill to the members with the assurance that it would surely be passed. But the members of the committee do not appear to take kindly to this assurance, as they have all had their attention called to the words of the prophet by which he declared he could produce the greatest and smoothest liars in the world, and they seem to make an application in the Smooth-bore's case.

THIS SIX FLY JUDAS

of the Mormon Church was interviewed by a representative of the Post of this city, yesterday, and the result of the interview was published to day. He tarred General Maxwell and Judge Hemingway with comparatively a light brush, but he daubed it on to Young as thick as possible, using such

INSPIRED APOSTOLIC SLANG

as to astonish the reporter, who asked:

"What do you know of John O. Young?"

"That he is utterly beneath the contempt of an honorable man. A man who will not only sit by and bear his own father abused and slandered, but join in the attack himself, is, in my opinion, a 'snoop.' [We are not certain of the orthography or meaning of this word, but, judging from the tone in which it was uttered, a snoop must be a very mean sort of thing in the opinion of Mr. Cannon.—Rep.] I consider the fellow without character, who deserves kicking and would not resent the insult if kicked. He and his gang have been slandering me in their paper at Salt Lake for years, and, though a journalist myself, I have never replied, for the simple reason that they were not worthy of it. This fellow, Young, got his position on their paper out there because of the facility his relationship to Mormons gave for acting the part of spy on his own kindred. My main reason for not defending myself in the papers here, and my reluctance to appear in print, even in this way, arises from my contempt for this fellow, who only wants some one to do so in order to give him an opportunity to make himself prominent by replying. I don't like to gratify him. How beneath contempt."

I said it was apostolic slang, but who knows that the word "snoop" was not made known to George by revelation, and forms a part of the language of the Desert alphabet. George ushers in another word for the benefit of the Washington reporters. It occurs thus:

"Not long since, by some 'shonannigan,' as we thought, thirteen out of fifteen jurors drawn were anti-Mormons."

But this one of the noble fourteen prophets takes a gloomy view of the future of Mormonism, considered from a Mormon stand point, and yet in the light of the fact that he was working hard for Utah's Statehood, it was a perfectly natural thing for him to say, because he is one of those "greatest and smoothest liars" which were the boast of the prophet. But this is the dialogue referred to by the reporter, who asked:

What has been the effect of contact with the Gentiles on the Church membership? Has it been productive of much apostacy?"

"Yes, sir, and viewing from a natural, a non-Mormon stand-point, the influences now surrounding the church, must ultimately destroy it. With a free hostile press constantly attacking the Church, with the railroad, the telegraph, the various proselyting efforts of all the different denominations, through their free schools and other agencies, working against it, nothing but the interposition of Divine power can prevent the ultimate downfall of the system. This will, as any one can see, be the natural result, but as a Mormon, firmly believing in the faith, I have no doubt of divine success, and, in common with my fellow religionists, I look for the promised protection from above."

Yes, he looks for the Lord to bless the priesthood with Statehood, so the apostacy may be violently dealt with; but he may look in vain for such Divine interposition this winter, as the House committee on Territories have agreed to count Utah out once more.

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