to the conduct of this people—if an an-
gel should come here and speak his feel-
ings as plainly as I do, I think he would
say, "O, Latter-day Saints! Why don't
you see, why don't you open your eyes
and behold the great work resting upon
you and that you have entered into? You
are blind, you are stupid, you are in
the dark, in the mist and fog, wander-
ing to and fro like the boat upon the wa-
ter without sail, rudder or oar; and you
know not whither you are going." But we
run first this way, and then that way,
turning here and turning there, strew-
ing our ways to strangers and doing that
which we should not do. I will refer to a
little incident.

I used to travel this road running
through here several times during the
season. I recollect, not many years ago,
there was a little gold found in Mon-
tana. The inhabitants of Utah, called
Latter-day Saints, took everything that
the Lord caused the earth to bring forth
that they could pack in their wagons,
and carried it away to those who would
not even speak a good word for them.
Brother Staines referred to and related
facts to us yesterday. He told us that
there were a great many people in these
mountains, and a great many had been
here, who had become acquainted with
this people, whom they acknowledged
to be an industrious and honest peo-
ple; that some had said to him they
would rather trust themselves with the
people of Utah than any other com-
community, feeling safer with them. But
when the hue and cry was raised that
the "Mormons" were rising against the
law, and against the rules and regula-
tions and all that is good pertaining to
the society of this great republic and
were in open rebellion, where could be
found the man to open his mouth or
to write a word saying, "This is false,
it is not true." Did you find or hear of any
such men? But very few, and they will be
blessed for so doing. Are we at all aston-
ished at the silence of the great majority
under such circumstances? No. It has
always been so; it is so now, and will con-
tinue to be so; for there is no union, no
affiliation, no fellowship between Christ
and Baal. Baal will fight the Savior, the
enemy will fight against the law of God,
and he will never give up the contest un-
til he is taken and bound and cast into
"the bottomless pit." And these honor-
able men, these good men who with their
families have received the blessings from
the hands of this people; those to whom
we have given our substance, our flour
and breadstuffs, our money and what-
ever we had, were there any of them who
opened their mouths in justification of
the innocent, the pure and good, and de-
nounced the falsehoods and the slanders
of those that raised the cry against us? If
there were any I do not know it. But they
say to the liars, "Lie on about those 'Mor-
mons,' we like to hear it." Whilst on the
other hand these Latter-day Saints are
giving everything that the Lord bestows
upon them just as fast as they receive
it; not resting satisfied until they hand
everything over to the laps and hands
of our enemies. A great many will say,"But we are not your enemies." Why then
do you not speak out and tell the truth
about us?

Regarding the brethren carrying
their substance north to Montana, I will
say I knew a man who undertook to head
off all this, by trying to organize the
Elders of Israel into a society to raise
an influence by which they might con-
trol the northern market; but no, they
rebelled against it. But what I was
going to mention, go into the north-
ern settlements, and you would see the