

**GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES—THE
CORRUPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION—ITS
TREATMENT OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS—THE
JUDGMENTS OF GOD UPON THE WICKED—OPPOSITION
TO POLYGAMY PREPARATION FOR COMING EVENTS.**

SUBSTANCE OF A DISCOURSE BY ELDER ORSON HYDE, DELIVERED AT MOUNT PLEASANT,
SANPETE COUNTY, UTAH, ON SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 3, 1878, SAID TO HAVE
BEEN THE LAST DELIVERED BY HIM WHILE LIVING IN THE FLESH.

REPORTED BY UNKNOWN.

I am much gratified this morning, my brethren, sisters and friends, to meet with you in this Tabernacle in Mount Pleasant, in the capacity of a two day's meeting. From the numbers present before me, I am led to conclude that a deep and abiding interest dwells in your hearts; and you have come here to increase your zeal, and add intelligence to your present stock of knowledge pertaining to the kingdom of God.

I hope and trust that you may not be disappointed; for it is, *bona fide*, my intention to lay open to your view, in plain, simple, and unmistakable language, the facts that are presented to my mind, for I desire all to hear and to understand, especially those who may not be fully conversant with the English language.

The government of the United States, on paper, is an institution approaching as near perfection as any government ever ordained by man; but when its administration drifts into the hands of unscrupulous and dishonest politicians, it becomes an engine of oppression and very unequal

in its bearings. Any crack or deformity of the elegant mirror becomes the more conspicuous by contrast—so the cracks, splits, and crookedness in our general government become the more glaring and unwelcome in the eyes of the governed.

Great effort has been made to ferret out the guilty parties and bring them to punishment who were engaged in the horrid Mountain Meadow massacre. Had this been done in the spirit of justice and truth, free from that animus and extreme desire to criminate the whole Mormon Church, that effort would have been praiseworthy and highly commendable; but conducted as it has been thus far, it will go down to the shades, covering with odium the conductors of that campaign.

In contrast with the foregoing, I will now refer to the horrid massacre at Hawn's Mill, in Missouri, wherein seventeen peaceable, quiet, and unoffending citizens, were shot down, in cold blood, and their bodies thrown into an old well; and for what? I am at the defiance of the whole world