

The Herald's Strategy.

Brigham's organ, the "independent" *Herald*, is still painfully exercised over crimes committed in far distant places, but is dumb as an oyster about the bloody doings of the Mormon priesthood. Yesterday the virtuously indignant scribe poured the vials of his wrath upon a gang of ruffians in Colorado who a month or so ago assassinated a probate judge named Dyer. No one disputes this was a heinous crime, and all who take any interest in the brutal homicide, look to the officers of the law to bring the perpetrators to punishment. But there is no need for public opinion to be aroused, because in every law-abiding community the courts have power to act, and the officers of justice may be trusted to perform their duty. But in Mormonism the case is widely different. Here the heads of the Church who usurp civil office are instigators and participants in crime, and perversely oppose every effort to bring offenders to justice. The Mountain Meadows Massacre was committed eighteen years ago, and until the passage of the Poland bill in June, 1874, Mormon legislation and Church influence were exerted to hinder and impede all judicial investigation into the harrowing crime. The testimony elicited in Beaver during the Leo trial has stirred up the indignation of the American people, and this feeling will not be allayed until the butchery is traced to its real instigators and those men are brought to justice. The *Herald* sees harm to its masters in this, and thus does its feeble best to divert attention from the real criminals, by pointing to the wicked doings of people thousands of miles away.