

SENATOR WILSON HAS MADE A SPEECH!

Not a few very silly things are sent across the wire in the dispatches, with many which are exceedingly obscure, in meaning and difficult to be understood. Among the latest of these "items" is the announcement that Senator Wilson has been "speechifying" to the freedmen of Raleigh, North Carolina, and denounced the Latter-day Saints, cautioning the colored population against them. Would it pay the nation to provide honorable Senators with walking lexicographys, to explain what they mean when uttering their mysterious sentences?

There must be some very profound meaning hidden under the announcement, that the colored population of North Carolina should beware of the white population of Utah. The old State and the young Territory lie so contiguous to each other, that it is possible we might pass over the boundary line some night, and convert our colored brethren to the doctrine that opposite races do not produce a superior race by amalgamating, and that it is better for colored ladies not to admit the promiscuous attentions of gentlemen of a lighter hue!—we like to speak of all these things in the most polite manner. The practical observation of such a doctrine would, perhaps, come hard on some who advocate miscegenation on purely personal grounds; and it may be that the freedmen of North Carolina should be warned on the point by an honorable Senator, who is paid for giving the nation the full benefit of his wisdom.

But, it may be that the gentleman cautioned his audience against our endeavoring to prevent their having the full use of their freedom. The dispatches do not say, and the thing would be no more absurd than many others which are of almost daily occurrence. The Senator, doubtless, knows so much better than we do what our particular views are on freedom, manhood suffrage, woman's rights, and similar disputed points. He was, perhaps, afraid we might not be quite orthodox on some of these matters; and as we lay so *very close* to the Southern States, and might exercise such an *overwhelming* influence in Southern affairs, it was perfectly relevant, and not at all traveling out of the way, for the Senator to denounce us, and tell the freedmen how far we might lead them from the gospel of radicalism into the heresy of thinking that *all* men have a right to do right.

But the gentleman labors under a very heavy amount of ignorance,—staggered under it, and perspires with the labor. Like others of the same school of politics, and their opponents, he is, we have no doubt, somewhat prone to accept the advanced ideas of his party as their original inspiration, and think that they are the first of the human race who ever preached a gospel of liberty so broad and so generally applicable. But the gentleman, and the

party he represents, will yet have to admit, that the heretical Latter-day Saints, whom with majestic burlesque he denounces to the colored population of North Carolina,—the anathematized polygamists of Utah, actually out radical the most advanced of the party in broadness of views and liberality of thought. They would give suffrage to the freedmen, and would take praise from all the world for the very liberal policy which would place all mankind—where the Creator never did—on an exact level, as they declare. But we, as a people and community, have taken a stride far in advance of the most advanced of the forward party in the nation. Socially and religiously we grant suffrage to all colors and shades of color, and to both sexes; for there is not today a man holding office in the church who has not been placed there by the votes of the entire people, male and female, black and white. And more, our Constitution as a State, forwarded to Congress, is one of the most advanced ever laid before that body. Read it, and compare it with others, and see if it be not so.

Senator Wilson, like other men, denounces the Latter-day Saints without knowing or caring whether they deserve it; fancying it a political "cry" which can be shouted with impunity. Shame on the burlesque of manhood, honor or honesty, that could so far forget every principle of right for the sake of endeavoring to make political capital. Friend Senator "honesty is the best policy," even though that is contrary to the politician's creed.