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THE NEW STATE OF DESERET. The Mormons have set up their own state called Deseret in the parts of Utah Territory where they live. They chose Brigham Young to be their governor and picked Senators and a Representative to send to Congress. Meanwhile, Congress passed a law to get rid of Mormon polygamy, and it looks like there might be some trouble between Brigham Young and the government over this strange practice before he is accepted as the leader of the new state. But we hope President Lincoln will handle the situation with the Mormons in a way that shows them they are wrong and helps them change without fighting, especially since the Mormons support the Union in everything else.

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THE NEW STATE OF DESERET. The Mormons have organized those portions of the Territory of Utah which they occupy into the state of Deseret and have appointed Brigham Young their governor, and have elected Senators and Representative to Congress. In the meantime, Congress has passed an act abolishing Mormon polygamy, and the probability is that there will be some trouble with Brigham Young upon this “peculiar institution” of the Great Salt Lake before he is recognized as the head of a new state. President Lincoln, however, we hope, will so deal with the Mormons in this matter as to convince them of the error of their ways and bring them to a reformation without the use of gunpowder, especially as it appears that in all other respects the Mormons are faithful supporters of the Union.

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