The New Mormon Alphabet.

It was announced, some time since, that the Mormons had prepared a new Alphabet for use in Utah. Two founts of the type have been east in St. Louis, of different sizes of letter. By the favor of the type-founders, we present a complete specimen of the small plea fount which has been finished and shipped to Great Salt Lake City. In this Alphabet there is no difference in form between the large and small letters; the lower case type are merely smaller in size than the upper. The number of the characters is forty, including the new figures: or, six more letters than in our Alphabet. The resemblances to English letters, it will be seen, are very distant:

POPPESCOLOPHUCON TOOWABLECOKE LOPERICET

The purpose of the Mormons in the preparation of this type does not appear, nor is there any ciplier known to the Gentiles by which its meaning can be told. The characters, in part, resemble the Phonetic, and in part the Ethiopic and the Arabic. The third line of the specimen given above, is evidently intended for the figures of the fount---two or three only being like those in commonuse. It is understood to be the intention of the Mormon leaders to issue their notices to the Saints through the medium of those types; and if the Descret News does not share the fate of the Mormon, the proclamations of BRIGHAM addressed to the faithful, will probably make their appearance through the columns of that paper in this type-and necessarily in a way that Mormons only will be able to understand.

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