

from the purity of virtue into the slough of immorality is called freedom! Heaven save the youth of the community from such liberty as that. It is the most degraded and utterly disgusting bondage—enslavement to the worst human passions and vices.

Only think of a lecture on morality proceeding from such a source as an advocate of such a damnable theory. After this it may be appropriate to expect to find Satan assuming the role of a dispenser of Christian truth.

THE DEEP CREEK RAILROAD FRANCHISE.

THE granting of valuable franchises to the promoters of the Deep Creek railroad project was greeted by them with joyful acclamations. Of course. It was worth heaps of money to those who have secured it. They have been active and shrewd and were evidently acquainted with the most likely means to effect their purpose. They are to be congratulated on their success.

This railroad ought to be of great material benefit to this city, as it will be, no doubt, to the country through which it passes and the mineral regions it will tap. Salt Lake ought not to complain of more railroads, for competition in these lines will in all probability cheapen transportation, and help to increase the sum of the city's wealth by opening new avenues of communication with people and places that will contribute to its trade.

We think, however, that a mistake was made in not giving heed to the protests against granting the new railroad the right of way along Eighth South Street, which is already occupied by one line and will be made still worse than it is now for the traveling public to and from Liberty Park. If it had been given passage on Tenth South, we believe the public interests would have been better preserved without causing great detriment to the railroad enterprise.

The numerous protesters against giving up the Old Fort block, among whom are many prominent "Liberals" who are property holders and permanent citizens, will doubtless feel highly complimented by the comments of the "Liberal" organ. It calls their sensible petition "the sorriest humbug on earth." The City Attorney will also be delighted with this sort of "Liberal" argument (?) against his opinion that

the granting of the petition for that block would be "illegal."

We hope the blocks intended for parks—such as remain to the city—will be held for the purpose, even though the municipal authorities do not feel justified at present in spending money to beautify them. They will be needed for the object intended and time will show the wisdom of keeping them for the public and not devoting them to private uses.

And a warning just here and now will be timely. The Deep Creek railroad people still intend to push for depot grounds. That is all right on their part. But it will not be all right if complaisant city councilors become too ready to move as these shrewd men desire. The new railroad must have a depot somewhere, of course. But it does not follow that the City Council should defy public opinion to please them, or give away valuable land for private purposes.

A union depot in some proper and convenient place will be a good thing. All the railroad companies are interested in this. One should not be favored above the rest. As far as possible the traffic should be limited to certain localities, that the public streets may be preserved from obstruction and the property adjacent from deterioration in value. The public will do well to keep open eyes on this matter and the protesters to keep from falling asleep on the Old Fort block question.

We hope the Deep Creek project will be successful in every way that will not infringe upon public rights and the general welfare. We favor the enterprise much, but we regard the public interest more. Let us have railroads by all means, but let us not lose sight of that self-preservation which, in public as well as private affairs, is the "first law of nature."

A JOURNALISTIC BUZZARD.

Wednesday, October 22d the anti-"Mormon" organ, of which the "Liberal" candidate for delegate to Congress is the editorial head, made a bitter and brutal assault upon Mr. C. P. Huntington, of San Francisco, and directed toward that gentleman a homily on morality. The displeasure of the "Liberal" organ was excited against Mr. Huntington because of his saying a good word for the "Mormon" people. We took occasion to point out that a moral lecture from such a source was both absurd and disgust-

ing. To prove the point we made the following quotations from the columns of our foul and inconsistent cotemporary:

"Apropos of the new and petty war recently started by the municipal government on the women of the town, the liquor dealers and the gambling fraternity, one of the 'enemy' said to us the other day: 'It may be a hard thing to say, and perhaps harder still to maintain, but I believe that billiard halls, saloons and houses of ill fame are more powerful reforming agencies here in Utah than churches and schools, or even than the *Tribune*. What the young Mormons want is to be free. So long as they are slaves, it matters not much to what or to whom, they are and they can be nothing. Your churches are as enslaving as the Mormon Church. Your party is as bigoted and intolerant as the Mormon party. At all events I rejoice when I see the young Mormon hoodlums playing billiards, getting drunk, running with bad women—anything to break the shackles they were born in, and that every so-called religious or virtuous influence only makes the stronger. Some of them will go quite to the 'bad, of course; but it is better so, for they are made of poor stuff, and since there is no good reason why they were begun for let them soon be done for, and the sooner the better. Most of them, however, will soon weary of vice and dissipation, and be all the stronger for the knowledge of it and of its vanity. At the very least they will be free, and it is of such vital consequence that a man should be free, that in my opinion his freedom is cheaply won at the cost of some familiarity with low life. And while it is not desirable in itself, it is to me tolerable, because it appears to offer the only inducement strong enough to entice men out of slavery into freedom.'"

The foregoing remarks, made by a "Liberal" to the editor of the organ of that party, were thus editorially endorsed:

"Freedom is the first requisite of manhood, and if it can be won without excess so much the better. If it can't, never mind the excesses, win the freedom. It is not you who are responsible, when it comes to that; it is those that have enslaved you."

It needs no argument to prove that a moral lecture from a journalistic source from which could issue a theory so utterly and horribly repugnant to every sentiment of purity, is simply a piece of unadulterated hypocrisy. The same paper, in this morning's issue, makes an attempt to set up a defense. It need not be said that it is totally abortive. It is more than that; it still further proves the main point made by us yesterday. We here insert what it presents as an apology for advocating a curriculum selected from the programme of vice to enable young "Mormons" to graduate into "Liberal" freedom:

"At that time a high official of the Mormon Church, who had been a prominent member of the Mormon community for many years, was convicted in a priestly court of a series of crimes so loathsome that it is impossible to state what they were. He was convicted in a Church court, made to give up his office, and sent out of the city. He ought to have gone to the penitentiary, but his crime was concealed until he got away, as is every other crime among Mormons when it is possible to keep the matter still."

That there was an instance of immorality on the part of a local Church official is admitted. It is also true that he was put upon trial for his fellowship before a Church