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MONEY LENDERS AND NEWSPAPERS

We do not know what particular mission of misrepresentation Mr. Evans of Weber county referred to in his remarks yesterday when he put the members of the Constitutional Convention to work and we were informed of their public and only as the chairman of Committee, not of the newspapers of this city, for reasons of money extended. It is to be regretted that in giving publicity to a statement of so much importance to which care has been paradoxed to which almost total neither responsibility is lost by the power in explanation that "some of them" made the claim referred to. Where a man takes position in the mouth of representative men of the whole Territory to repeat a falsehood for which, when challenged, he simply disclaims authorship, there ought to be some way of requiring less than a confession of the authority for the manner he speaks. Failing to furnish this, or to prove its truth, he ought to see the need of doing what those made pretensions and powerful newspapers are generally willing to do—retract and apologize.

But whoever Mr. Evans's informants and authorities are, they have taken them unduly working against the folly of talking unwisely. We are bound to say that the tactics of a class are not given to that folly. They do not so much hunting—they do not need it in their business, and the less advertising they get of the sort Mr. Evans is providing for them in his connection the better they like it. As with successful men in other lines of business, they sometimes have lines which are valuable and which if imparted to the public are of great benefit. If the uttering of those is to control the newspaper which prints them, then by the same token, owners control the newspaper, for they are quoted quite as much as anybody else, and the same logic would place any number of different persons in control. All of this is absurd—and yet we are safe in saying it is the extent, and the whole extent, of the control of any rich or banker, or anybody else except in his own management, over any present newspaper in Salt Lake City.

In the nature of every-day business, careless mind of necessity is asked and extended. But under no circumstances that have ever been been heard of have such conferees as Mr. Evans alludes to carried with them the obligation of power or control. No Salt Lake newspaper would enter into such a contract or abide such an arrangement; no Salt Lake banker would wish it. Furthermore, the Salt Lake bankers know quite as well as the Stewardess, and probably a great deal better than Mr. Evans does, that these conferees are not all on one side by any means. They never are; and yet they are as common and customary as the current of the day's business itself. The banker who boasts of his "control" of any newspaper must, therefore, either be very ungraceful or have a very short memory; for his associates will easily recall instances wherein the press happened to see and echo a patriotic duty when a failure to do so would have cost him and perhaps other rich people heavily in time and his class, and of course ultimately to many others.

No, the moneylenders do not control the Salt Lake newspapers; nor do those newspapers (since none of them is edited by nihilists) devote their time and space to ceaseless invective and dire muttering against the legitimate business of banking or money-lending. Neither class, we are happy to believe, has to depend for existence upon loud mouthing or inconsiderate misnaming. They try to get along harmoniously as friends and fellow-citizens, believing that the interests of their respective constituencies are best conserved in not only allowing but encouraging each to mind his own business in a manner calculated to secure the approval and support of all fair-minded and honest friends.

THE GERMAN DUEL.

The socialists of Germany are making some good points now over the Hohenlohe-Kotschubey duel on Saturday, in which Lieutenant von Hahn was severely wounded by Lieutenant von Hintzenkamp. They give a home thrust to the government by pointing out that, while an anti-socialist bill is now urged by it to keep order among the people, hardly a week passes without open violation of the law by persons of the upper classes. "Where is respect of law, order and religion when Count Kotschubey and Count Pillar and Count Lehndorff, the king of the emperor's pages, and so forth, are known to be, for instance, in the habit of cheating at cards, and when