

ers. Many small owners will have to borrow money in order to pay the taxes upon it. The law does not justify the ridiculous and exorbitant figures of the assessor, and the definition given in the law as to the meaning of "a fair cash value" has been ignored, in order to wrest the words quoted so as to make them mean "boom" prices.

The taxpayers, fearing the disposition of the City Council to back up this enormous assessment in the interest of real estate speculators, petitioned the Council to reduce the rate of taxation. The Council obtained an absurd and self-refuting opinion from the City Attorney that they hadn't the power to reduce the rate—equivalent to saying they could not rescind or amend a resolution—and having made up their minds to rake in all the revenue possible without going too far in their rashness, they refused the petition of the great mass of the taxpayers of all parties in the city.

If telling the facts and pointing out the hardship that is being unnecessarily, and in many instances cruelly, imposed on the taxpayers is "brutal abuse," we have abused both the assessor and the Council. This city has heretofore maintained an enviable reputation for low taxes and good order. Under "Liberal" rule—"rule" in its fullest sense, domination instead of service from the city officials—that reputation will soon be changed, and we are of the opinion that the change will so disgust the majority of the citizens that a change of management will be the result as soon as it can be legally effected.

The "Liberal" organ may call names with its accustomed courteous and refined manner of "argument," but it cannot cover up the facts in the case with ever so great a flood of Billingsgate nor throw dust in the eyes of the taxpayers by quoting a lot of figures which effectually refute its own assertions.

#### A TRUMPED UP CHARGE.

On Saturday last we published a dispatch announcing the arrest of President William Budge of the Bear Lake Stake, on the trumped up charge of "conspiracy." The "Liberal" organ, in this city, has a special announcing the same event, which is rather stale news. This arrest is part of a real conspiracy to aid in the election of the Republican ticket in Idaho. The charge is absurd and rests upon no substan-

tial basis. Two years ago some members of the Church in Idaho withdrew that they might exercise the elective franchise. Their withdrawal was unsatisfactory to the "Mormon"-haters of that region, and was pronounced unreal. They were not allowed to decide whether they were Church members or not. The present arrest is made on the hypothesis that President Budge counseled and procured this withdrawal. It is done to make a sensation and aid in the pretense that the "Mormons" of Idaho intend to vote, in spite of the test oath. We do not believe that those who express the greatest alarm, or indignation, on this account have the remotest idea that the "Mormons" intend to do anything of the kind. There is no ground of such a notion, but it suits the purpose of certain demagogues to keep up the anti-"Mormon" agitation and so these extreme measures are adopted. The gentleman was only put under bonds of five hundred dollars and his numerous friends need be under no apprehension as to the final result.

#### BRAVE WORDS FROM JUDGE ZANE

"IN A government which rests on the will of the people, the people should see that that will is expressed—that it shall not rest upon deception and fraud, nor on the action of a rascal and a wretch who attempts to overthrow the expression of the people's will and thereby commits a crime akin to treason itself under the government which protects him."

The foregoing is a sentence from the decision of Chief Justice Charles S. Zane in the case of Young vs. Williams, particulars of which will be found in another column. They are brave words. The sentiments they express will be echoed in the hearts of all citizens who love justice and despise trickery. They are brave words because they reflect upon the party which is now running things here with a high hand, which shelters every rascal who will do its bidding, and which is murderously vindictive against all who oppose its villainy and expose its methods.

There is little doubt in the public mind that Richard W. Young was elected to the office now held by Parley L. Williams, and that he was swindled out of his seat on the Board of Education by "Liberal" trickery, and a concerted scheme in which the substitute judge of election was but one of the parties.

The strong and pertinent language of Judge Zane smites every partici-

pator in the election frauds that have been perpetrated under "Liberal" auspices. It reaches back and falls with crushing force upon the retired executive who certified to a lie, "to overthrow the expression of the people's will, and thereby committed a crime akin to treason." It strikes with paralyzing power the wretches who unlawfully registered men outside of this city that they might swell the "Liberal" vote at the municipal election. It darts fire into the souls of those persons who have usurped the places of the chosen city officers of the people. It reaches by its sweeping strokes every "Liberal" registration and election juggler and all who have championed or condoned their criminal conduct.

There is another point made by Judge Zane that is worthy of special attention. It is this: "The people should see that if [government] shall not rest upon deception and fraud." This indicates the duty of the people when they are made the victims of political conspirators. They ought not to accept the situation quietly, nor permit such villainy to go unexposed even if they feel convinced that in spite of their efforts it would go unpunished. It is the duty of men and communities to contend for their rights, and to throw light upon deeds of darkness, even though they may have no prospect of immediate success. The truth is bound in time to come uppermost and justice is sure eventually to be done.

The complainant in this case is to be commended for his perseverance in a just cause. The rightful claimants to the city offices for the Third and Fourth Precincts should continue in their struggles to gain the seats to which they were elected by the people, and out of which they have been cheated. And the citizens who desire that elections shall be so conducted that the will of the majority of the legal voters shall prevail, should see to it that the party which has fostered, applauded and rewarded "wretches who have attempted to overthrow the expression of the people's will" shall no longer hold evil sway, but shall be broken to pieces and buried out of sight and smell.

#### THE "MORMON" PHANTOM IN IDAHO.

IN SPITE of their repeated announcements that they do not intend to vote at the approaching election, and their openly expressed disgust at the so called Democratic