

them in accord with the degree of their intensity: (1) A desire to grind, crush and rob the Church. (2) The subservience to certain political ends heretofore described in these columns. (3) Hatred of U.S. Marshal Frank H. Dyer.

The commander of the very light brigade who made the charge was ex-Chief Justice C. S. Zane, who placed the hapless trustees in front to receive the fire of the enemy. The defeat of the assaulting party has been so complete and overwhelming as to be in the nature of a rout. One might presume that the leader would now plunge into the profitable industry of hunting for a hole small enough to hold him, that he might crawl into it and pull in the orifice after him.

ANOTHER COURT SCENE.

YESTERDAY another "court scene" was enacted in the play precipitated upon the public by Judge Zane and the school trustees. The case of the latter being held in contempt was called. Mr. Baskin appeared in behalf of the trustees.

That gentleman was not quite so brash as on the occasion when he attended before the Examiner as attorney for his clients "by courtesy of counsel for the court." Still, his manner was, as usual, peculiar to himself. He assumed an air of innocent ignorance regarding the matter of the contempt adjudged against his clients. He designated the direct and pungent statements in that regard contained in the opinion of the Court heretofore published as "general allegations."

This brought upon him the incisive method of Judge Judd, who took Mr. Baskin, metaphorically speaking, by the ear, as Senator Blackburn did, physically, with Senator Chandler. He did not, however, fling him against the wall, but pulled him down in uncomfortable proximity to a figurative grindstone, the handle of which His Honor deftly turned, playing havoc, so to speak, with the most prominent feature of the handsome countenance of Judge Baskin.

The associate justice ordered him to read from the opinion of the court. He did read. The language of the document is so unequivocal and direct that a half-demented person need not fail to understand its purport. The allegations are not general; on the contrary, the charges embodied in the opinion are clear and specific. When the

reader had perused, for the benefit of his auditors, a portion of the opinion, he gaspingly asked, "Is that all?" "Proceed," was the unrelenting rejoinder!

This interruption occurred more than once with the same result, Judge Judd being determined that Mr. Baskin should swallow the soup whether he wanted it or not. It was nauseating to the stomach of the attorney, and when he had consumed the entire quantity prescribed for him he seemed considerably exhausted.

There was a little by-play besides this general incidental current. Judge Zane was also there in behalf of the trustees, and ventured a few remarks addressed to the Court. This tribunal, however, seemed to have its deaf ear turned in the direction of Judge Zane, and when he broke in upon the proceedings it evidently assumed a far-away look, as if interested in something which occupied a somewhat distant position in space. Of course the Court could not entirely ignore the fact that it was being addressed by an attorney, and gave him, therefore, the smallest possible degree of recognition "under the circumstances." The Court used Mr. Baskin as a species of vicar. In reply to Judge Zane it directed its answer to Judge Baskin. By their manner their honors seemed to say: "Judge Zane, we understand all about the political plot to get you re-instated upon the bench. We have no more to say to you, in consequence, than we can possibly help. We think we know that we have been insulted and treated contemptuously. We are not looking through a glass darkly. The trustees are a four-paned window through which we can gaze, and see in the beyond a familiar figure."

Thus the proceeding wound up, further steps in the question of contempt being delayed until Friday morning next at ten o'clock, when there will doubtless be produced another scene in one of the most peculiar melo-dramas of modern times.

PREMATURE PETITIONS.

In the early stages of the assault made upon Receiver Dyer and his attorneys, which resulted in the investigation before an examiner and made the matter so notorious, we intimated strongly that there was a political plot at the bottom of the whole affair. The attack was followed by the thrusting into prom-

inence of the names of such gentlemen as Ex-Chief Justice Zane, W. H. Dickson, and others, as suggested candidates for Federal offices in this Territory. It was necessary, in the estimation of certain "active politicians," that some steps should be taken before the 4th of March to secure radical changes in the complexion of officials in Utah. Hence the attack upon the Marshal—rather than the Receiver—as it was probably anticipated that the raising of a furore against him might also detrimentally affect the judiciary officers.

By this means it was in all probability hoped that the President with his executive broom would make a clean sweep of all incumbents of Federal offices. During the course of the examination, counsel for the respondents offered to introduce evidence to the effect that the pretense on the part of the school trustees to protect the fund derived from taking "a large amount of property from a Church" was a mere surface affair—that it was not the motive which inspired them, but the whole business was the result of a political conspiracy; that certain interested parties had raised a fund for the purpose of conducting operations for the attainment of the object in view. Judge Harkness declined to allow the introduction of testimony of that kind. If he had it is more than likely the whole plot would have been unearthed and brought to light.

It is next to impossible, however, to keep the real motives of the "active politicians" under cover. The "true inwardness" of their aims will bubble up so that they become clear to the gaze of the observant onlooker. We ventured to remark this much some time since. This prediction has been verified somewhat sooner than was anticipated. It comes in the shape of the circulation of petitions for the instalment of certain citizens into Federal offices in this Territory. Among the names are those of the gentlemen suggested in the same connection before the inauguration of the attack of the trustees, led on by ex-Chief Justice Zane upon the Marshal—rather than the Receiver—and his attorneys.

Those petitions, it appears, were widely circulated yesterday. A high tone was given to the proceedings on account of the notorious Sam Gilson taking a conspicuous and active part in forwarding the interests of the candidates. Sam is generally on hand on occasions of