

through transgression in that important and vital particular.

So when "Mormonism" and immorality are coupled, it is through ignorance or malice. The commerce of the sexes outside of the marriage relation is and always has been strictly forbidden in the "Mormon" code. And now that plural marriages have ceased, the law of chastity remains in force as before, and it is a deadly sin and a grave crime for any "Mormon" to commit offenses that are common in the world, and that are winked at in all Christendom so long as they are not exposed to the public gaze.

Male chastity is required in the "Mormon" Church just as much as female chastity. Any violation of the rule is to the detriment of the individual offending. While there is pardon for the repentant, there are strength and glory to those who preserve their purity, and the garment that is unspotted will shine with that whiteness which is "the righteousness of the Saints," in the day when the clear light of the celestial world exposes every stain.

No, Mr. Bee, the licentious farmer of Henry County exhibits no "Mormon tendencies" in the course which has so ruffled the good people of Napoleon. And if they can justly "cast the first stone," they should look a little closer in their own vicinity for a place to cast another, and not be influenced by the buzzings of the Toledo Bee to be diverted in the direction of the "Mormons," with whom fidelity to the marriage vow is a sacred obligation, and whose lives, as a rule, will bear comparison with the best and purest upon earth.

#### VACANT SEATS IN THE CITY COUNCIL

WE understand there is a growing sentiment among some members of the City Council in favor of filling the places of two Councilmen who have long been absent from their posts. There is nothing against either of them, so far as we can learn, but the fact that they are away and that their presence is needed, and failing that, some other persons ought to be selected to fill their places.

The power of appointment to fill vacancies rests with the City Council. It can be exercised, we suppose by a majority vote. But it is beyond dispute that no vacancy can be filled until it exists, and the charter defines how that can occur. It must be "by death, resignation, removal or otherwise."

We hear that some members propose declaring two offices of Councilor vacant and then filling by appointment the vacancies thus created. We

are of the opinion that it cannot be done. If the Councilmen who are absent die, or choose to resign, or are removed or expelled from office, the vacancies would legally occur and appointments to fill them could be legally made. But there is no process that we know of by which a vacancy can be created by official fiat.

In order to expel a Councilor from office, cause must be shown, the offending member must be duly notified of the charge against him and must have an opportunity of defending himself, and then it will take the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Council to make the expulsion legal.

Mr. Smith was kept out of his seat by "Liberal" fraud for nearly a year and a half and during that time became engaged in business matters that took him out of the Territory. We do not know when he will return or what his intentions are, but his presence in the Council is desirable.

Mr. James has been absent for some time, also. We are told it is for the benefit of his health. He is an efficient member and as soon as he is able he ought to be at his post. But the expressed intention of declaring his office vacant appears to be founded on a misapprehension of the powers of the Council.

In these critical times when important questions are at issue, although a majority can transact public business, every public officer is needed in his place and the people look for his presence and his services.

#### HOPEFUL INDICATIONS.

THE country papers in the various States have not yet finished their comments on the Utah general election. Usually they are but echoes of the big city dailies and sometimes they are simply thefts from metropolitan columns. However, they have a certain amount of influence where they circulate and aid in forming public opinion.

It is gratifying to notice that as a rule they convey the idea that Utah is advancing, that the division on national party lines is a potent fact, that the dissolution of "Liberalism" is only a question of a little time, and that nothing can prevent the admission of this Territory into the Union as a State when it has been demonstrated satisfactorily that the end of plural marriages has been really accomplished.

There is of course some trepidation exhibited over the possibility of some deep "Mormon" scheme at the back of recent movements, and an evident lack of understanding of the situation

in Utah. But nevertheless the tone and tendency are vast improvements over the past, and they are indications of a better understanding in the future.

Our contemporaries may rest their souls on the assurance that there is no present plot to make Utah a "Mormon" State. That immediate statehood has not troubled anybody of late but the "Liberal" faction, and that the expression of their organ on this matter is without good reason, and is felt rather because of the conviction that "Liberal" ringleaders would not have a large share of the "spoils of office" than from any sense of danger likely to arise from Utah's acquirement of her political rights.

If the press of the country will treat Utah affairs a little more rationally, and without regard to the absurd sensations that are manufactured to scare the timid and the uninformed, it would be much better for all parties concerned. We are hopeful of a brighter and better day for this oppressed and much maligned people, and trust they will still possess their souls in patience, for the day of their redemption is surely drawing nigh.

#### THE WAR IN CHILE ENDED.

THOUGH the dispatches from Chile relating to the revolution in that country are somewhat conflicting, yet it is almost universally accepted that Balmaceda is defeated, and the Congressionalists triumphant. That unfortunate country has been torn asunder for the past seven months by a fearful and desperate civil war. On both sides the conflict was characterized by scenes of ruthless and savage ferocity.

Balmaceda was elected to the Presidency just five years ago. He was the candidate of the Liberals as opposed to the Conservatives or the oligarchical party. The latter was composed of the prelates of the church, and of the wealthy families of the country. For years it controlled the political affairs of Chile, and ruled with a rod of iron. Balmaceda was one of the first to inveigh against its abuses, and he did so fearlessly, vehemently and effectively. He succeeded in welding together the dissatisfied and discontented elements of the nation. A party was thus formed and Balmaceda elected President.

Shortly after his election the party fell back into its original factionism, and the President found himself opposed by his former supporters. The quarrel then commenced between the Executive and Congress. The latter went so far as to declare the Presidential chair vacant, though it had