

"A STAB IN THE BACK."

UNDER the above suggestive title the Salt Lake Times ("Liberal") publishes the following in its issue of Saturday, Dec. 6th:

"The Tribune pretends to be a Liberal paper when in fact it is nothing but a Mormon-baiting sheet. Its policy, so far as it has any, is to devour an assortment of Saints for each meal and top off the feast with some chestnuts for dessert. Otherwise the Tribune represents a ring and not a party. The former is the source of its perpetual solicitude, the latter merely an incident. Coupled by the inevitable logic of circumstances to support the Liberal city ticket last winter, the government-closet was no sooner installed in office than the Tribune opened its mud batteries loaded with foul insinuations upon it. When challenged for the proof the Tribune spiked its guns and slunk into a corner. Still its object to cast discredit upon the city officials was accomplished."

"In the August election the Tribune was responsible for the partial defeat of the Liberal county ticket, pitting as it did its ring against the party."

"Go with the Tribune clique wittingly or not, and you will be lauded to the skies; go against it and you will be damned to perdition." This is the rule or ruin policy applied to every man be he poundmaster or chief justice.

"Yesterday the organ of spleen and hatred was happy. It discovered a discrepancy in the recorder's office, and without inquiring into the circumstances proclaimed the fact to the world with ill-suppressed glee. Here was a slender pretext on which to base an assault. The guerilla sheet promptly seized upon it to stab the Liberal government in the back. Recorder Hyams is evidently not one of the Tribune ring, and the opportunity to crucify him for that was too tempting to miss."

"In fact, there was a discrepancy found in the license accounts of the recorder. Whether it is apparent or actual, whether clerical or criminal, is unknown and will remain unknown until the finance committee reports. This committee is investigating all the offices in the departments, and not Mr. Hyams's alone. It would be manifestly improper to fasten upon any one at this time the guilt for the shortage, if a shortage should prove to exist. Of course everybody knows that the recorder himself does not issue licenses, though they bear his signature, and he is not expected to personally keep all the accounts. All that is required of him is to be responsible to the people for the honest administration of his office, no matter what his relation to his subordinates may be. This responsibility Recorder Hyams does not shirk, and in the case of the discrepancy it was immediately made good by him pending further developments. That is the part of an honest officer, which Hyams is. The city is not particularly concerned in a difference between chief and subordinates, and except for the brutal innuendo of the Tribune the molchill would not have been raised to the proportion of a mountain."

"But the dull axe of the paper must fall upon somebody outside its clique."

ELLIS ELLIS, a native of Wales, was denied citizenship by Judge Zane December 15th.

DISCREETLY SILENT.

WE hear no more about the "Liberal" overthrow in Tooele through "frauds in the People's Party." Why is this thus? Did the "Liberal" organ venture too far in placing the responsibility for its falsehood and foolery upon "a lawyer from Tooele?" Has the inventor of the nonsense failed to find the Justice of the Peace who charged five dollars a piece for hearing objections to voters? Has he found out the fact that if there was anything illegal about the election of 1878 it must necessarily have been the fault of the "Liberal" officials, who had charge of election affairs and full control of the county? Has he managed to open his eyes to the truth that the whole business was ventilated in the courts, and that it turned out to be a fraud and a failure on the part of the "Liberals," instead of the People's Party. Continued silence on this Tooele business would show more sense than has been exhibited for many months in the columns of the apologist and defender of political fraud and villainy.

"THE WORLD'S" NEW HOME.

WE acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to the opening of the Pulitzer Building in New York City, Wednesday, December 10th, with a ticket for luncheon at 10:30 p. m. This building is to be the new home of *The World*, which under Pulitzer's management and proprietorship has become the greatest newspaper in America. By this we mean not the greatest journal but the most comprehensive and extensive collection of news from all parts of the globe. We do not agree with many of its editorial utterances, and we think it descends too much to the sensational, but as a newgatherer, it is simply immense, and has, perhaps, the widest circulation of any paper on this continent. We cannot be present at the opening of the new building, but we wish continued success to the *World* in its new home in Gotham.

WEST GONE EAST.

AS USUAL when the "Mormons" are concerned, the press of the country has gone off on a tangent, and the announcement is made that a strong "Mormon" lobby is at Washington to work for Utah statehood and to prevent the passage of any disfranchisement bill. This false

news is occasioned by the dispatches that have been published to the effect that an anti-"Mormon" lobby is to operate during the present session, for the purpose of urging disfranchisement measures and thus preparing the way for the admission of Utah as an anti-"Mormon" state.

There is no "Mormon" lobby at the capital. But ex-Governor West has been selected to represent the anti-"Mormon" element in this city at the seat of government, and it is well known where he stands. He has been there before. While he was the Governor of the Territory he spent considerable time at Washington, trying with all his might to induce Congress to pass a bill giving him power to appoint nearly all the local officers in the Territory. He failed, as was proper. He is now engaged to work in the same direction for the benefit of others. We think he will fail again. He is not much of a success at anything.

It is given out that he is going into a law partnership at the capital of his partner or partners are no better qualified for this profession than the ex-Governor—judging from his Utah career—it is not likely the firm will secure any extensive or extended practice.

It appears he has been presented with an umbrella and a pair of eyeglasses as a full equipment for the position he expects to fill. He needs the glasses that he may be able to see straighter and clearer than in the past, and we think he will need the umbrella to keep his head from the cold rains and snows that are foreshadowed in his professional horoscope. Mr. West has done well to go east, the days of his usefulness, if he ever had any, are gone by in this Territory.

A NICE LEGAL QUESTION.

JUDGE MINER has granted the application of the Ogden City Electric Light Company, and has issued an injunction restraining further action of the City Council, in its efforts to confer powers and emoluments upon the Citizens' Electric Light Company, of which the Mayor and some members of the council are the main stockholders. The particulars of this deal have already been given to our readers.

Of course this injunction is only temporary. The restrained company will have opportunity of presenting fully their side of the