

he profoundly ignorant of the condition of affairs here or be counted upon the innocence of the manager of the *Mail and Express* in reference to Utah.

"The Liberals, headed by Judge Goodwin," are not likely to furnish any "Republicans at all" to either party. They will oppose republican government in Utah and strive to keep her in bondage until prospects look flattering for their accession to power. All the Republicanism they entertain is the desire for the control of the Territory and its treasury. Their fight means that and nothing more. And they will work just as strongly for pretended Democrats as for bogus Republicans, provided they are "Liberals" aiming at "Liberal" supremacy and "Liberal" chances for the spoils of office.

The *Mail and Express* has been for many years ever ready to publish any nonsense about Utah that appeared to be anti-"Mormon," but has not made itself more ridiculous at any time than in the publication of the special we have copied from its columns.

### THE "MORMON" BIBLE.

"G. W. Fuller, of this place, is the possessor of an old Mormon Bible. The particular edition which he owns has long been out of print. A short time ago, while looking over the outside pages of the *Volunteer* he perceived to find an article wherein it was stated that Mormon Bibles of a certain edition were worth \$200. Mr. Fuller got out his volume and found the description in the *Volunteer* corresponded exactly with this book. The Bible, Mr. Fuller says, is not unusually well bound or printed, and he cannot see where it greatly differs in appearance from any other books, and before he saw the article in the *Volunteer* he did not think it worth more than a few dollars. The price has suddenly risen to \$200, although he will sell it to any one for \$175, if they will not give \$200."

THAT is from a Pennsylvania paper. Every now and again we hear of somebody who has a "Mormon Bible" of an old edition for which he wants a large sum of money. Usually it is represented as "the only copy of the original edition now in existence" and it is represented as containing some peculiarities not to be found in any subsequent edition.

We will repeat for the benefit of the public what we have said in substance many times before: There is no "Mormon Bible" but the regular King James' translation of the Old and New Testaments, which may be obtained at almost any respectable book store in the country, as published by the American Bible Society or the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Book of Mormon is not a "Mormon Bible," but is the work that is meant by the Pennsylvania *Volunteer*. It has passed through several editions, but they are all the same in text as the first edition. So far as that is concerned the first edition has no value above that of the last edition. The Book of Mormon can be had at this office at from \$1 to \$2.75, according to binding, and may be ordered through any bookseller in any part of the United States. Therefore whoever pays a big price for an old copy of the so-called "Mormon Bible" is simply swindled and defrauded.

### MULTIPLICATION OF INSPECTORSHIPS.

AT last Tuesday's session of the City Council, one of the members of that body introduced a motion to request certain heads of departments to report as to the men employed under them and the amounts paid them as salaries. The Mayor, from the chair, exhibited antagonism to the motion. His opposition was offered ostensibly on the ground that the reports were superfluous, because the information could be obtained from the auditor by those desiring it. Seeing that, from the character of the motion, the Council were ignorant on the subject of the proposed inquiry, why would not such reports have been eminently proper, in place of it being necessary for the members who wished to be informed, to make a personal application to the auditor? Besides, the public have some interest in the matter, the people having to furnish the money for the payment of the salaries. It is not unlikely that publicity is exactly what the Mayor and a majority of the "Liberal" councilmen do not want on subjects of this character.

The motion, which related to requiring the board of public works to make a report, was passed, but, evidently on account of the opposition of the Mayor, was reconsidered and killed. A motion making a requirement for a report from the watermaster in regard to employees and salaries did not carry.

The situation seems to be that the board of public works are a sort of independent attachment to the city government. They seem to be "padding their own canoe," and may not be interfered with in their operations to any appreciable extent. Facts point that way.

Sometime since the board notified the Council that they had appointed Percy H. Ramsden inspector of retaining walls construction on State street—notably on the block running from South Temple to First South street. They also sent in a notification to the effect that they had appointed James Austin inspector of sidewalk construction for paving districts seven and eight. They had also fixed the salaries of these appointees at \$100 a month each. As a matter of fact, the board had also set them to work. They asked the Council to confirm the appointments.

These appointments they had no right to make, much less to set the incumbents of the offices they created to work. In doing this they assumed extraordinary powers and functions.

It will be observed that we speak advisedly when we say that this board are an attachment of the city government which operate largely independent of the Council. They created two new offices, filled by their own appointment, prescribed the amount of their salaries, set them to work, leaving to the Council the bare privilege of endorsing the action and appropriating the amount of money needed to pay the expenses thus incurred. At the same time, there is as much need for these new officers as there is for a fifth wheel to a wagon. For instance, of what use is it to have a man go around to State Street and take an occasional squint at the little retaining walls—made necessary by ques-

tionable methods of the city engineer? The walls are being put up by contract. If the contractor is not under bonds to do work according to specifications he ought to be. And if he is, all that is needful is to have the work accepted, by the appropriate department official, as according to agreement; or, if not satisfactory, rejected.

Besides these two officials of sidewalk creation, there are two others of a similar character in the same department. One is A. M. Wood, inspector of State street. This official seems to have a general supervision of that street, but as to the nature of his duties, which are paid for at the rate of \$100 a month, no information has been obtained. The other is R. O. Chaney, inspector of Parley's canyon conduit, employed at a similar salary.

There appears to be no limit to the inspectorships connected with the city government. They are evidently political barnacles. They arise out of the operation of the doctrine of awards for "Liberal" partisan political work. It is not agreeable to the bosses of that party for these matters to come conspicuously before the public; hence the killing of the motions calling for special reports from the heads of departments.

### NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE.

The "Hui Tau" or annual conference of the Australasian Mission was held at Te Rahui, near the East Cape, New Zealand, on the 8th, 9th and 10th of April, 1892.

There was a large gathering of Saints from all parts of the island, and complete arrangements had been made for the entertainment and accommodation of all comers.

President W. T. Stewart, President of the Australasian Mission, called the meeting to order on Friday, the 8th inst., and all the Elders laboring in the mission, except those in Australia, were present, namely, Elders Joseph S. Groesbeck, P. P. Thomas, O. C. Dunford, W. Gibson, John G. Kelton, W. Douglas, John H. Burton, Edward Atkin, J. M. Hixson, O. Rasmussen, O. Andrus, C. W. Taylor, G. Meikle, L. Hawkes, Hans Madsen, B. Hamblin, F. Stanford, M. Bennion, George Hale, J. M. Hendry, John S. Groesbeck, B. Gaddard, O. Chipman, E. J. Palmer and J. E. Fisher.

The meeting house was well filled with attentive listeners, all seated on the floor in true Maori style. Elder C. W. Taylor was appointed clerk of the conference.

Conference was opened with singing hymn 1 by the congregation. Prayer by Joseph S. Groesbeck.

President W. T. Stewart greeted all the Saints and visitors who had gathered to attend the "Hui Tau." The Gospel of Christ has been restored to the earth, and the progress of the work of God can be observed in this part of His vineyard. Since his return to New Zealand he had visited all the