

legitimate belief. The evidence supporting it is overwhelming.

C. C. Goodwin was in great want of an apologist when he chose—if he had ought to do with the selection—such a poor hand at the business as Hollister, whose mental stamina, judging from his latest exudation, must be undergoing a process of evaporation.

MARKED WITH HIS OWN BRAND.

THE "Liberal" candidate for Delegate to Congress has repeated again and again through the "Liberal" organ the falsehood that, "Every Mormon convention ever held in this Territory has been compelled to nominate the ticket dictated by the chiefs of the Church, and every Mormon voter has been compelled to vote for it." When the statement has been emphatically denied, and the members of the conventions and thousands of voters have been ready to make oath that it is false and without any foundation in truth, and that they have been completely free in the exercise of the voting power, the daily libeler has replied that "denial is not proof."

The burden of proof is upon the person or paper making the statement, not upon those who dispute it. We have challenged this manufacturer of falsehood, time and again, to give some proof of his assertions. The only definite attempt to do this has been the statement that "The father of Sep. Sears, when asked why he supported in convention a candidate whom he knew to be totally unfit, he answered: 'I did it because I had to.'"

We have personally interviewed the gentleman named in this invention of the "Liberal" organ's, and he emphatically denies having made any such remark; also that he ever had occasion to do so; also that he was a member of or present at the convention referred to. We published this several days ago. But since then, when pressed for proof of the daily libel about "Mormon" compulsory voting, the shameless scribe has repeated the lie about Mr. Sears.

Now let him withdraw his assertion, say he was in error, cease to repeat his baseless falsehood, or take to himself one of his many pet epithets that we dislike to repeat, but which he mistakes for argument, and stand branded with it before the public—"A hired liar."

THE price of potatoes is on the decline in local markets.

WHAT THEY ARE AFTER.

IF ANY further proof were required that the chief clamorers for some declaration on the part of the heads of the Church in relation to the cessation of polygamous marriages, are deeply chagrined and venomously enraged because such a declaration has been made, it is furnished in the outrageous attempts of the "Liberal" organ to make it appear that such marriages are still contracted here.

The dirty and contemptible stories manufactured in the *Tribune* office by creatures who can scarcely live without something salacious to roll under their tongues, to keep company with their whiskey-fumed quids, have been published with malicious intent and bearing not even a single grain of fact to excuse the mass of falsehood.

They are mad as infuriated hornets, and their huzzing and attempts to sting are indicative of their vicious wrath. Their chief excuse and ground of assault has gone, and now they will have to confine their falsehood to one thin topic—the disfranchisement of the "Mormons" because they will not vote the "Liberal" ticket.

After all, that is the great object that has been in their view from the beginning. Everybody who knows anything knows that their anti-polygamy was all fudge. Their actions now prove it. And the country will soon see that all they have been after, was the establishment of minority rule in Utah and the control of the territorial revenue.

CONCERNING THE "MORMONS" IN IDAHO.

BIGHAM CITY, Utah,
Oct. 24th, 1890.

Editor *Deseret News*;

"Would you please inform me, through the columns of your paper, on the following points:

"What are the rights that the 'Mormon' population in Idaho are deprived of?

"When was citizenship, and the other rights above mentioned, taken from them, and by what laws and processes?

"Was it through the workings of the Republican party that the 'Mormons' were deprived of these rights?

"By giving me information on the above matters you would greatly oblige.
N. A."

The rights of which the "Mormons" in Idaho have been deprived, are those political rights which are exercised by all citizens of the United States over twenty-one years of age in that Territory—the right to vote, to hold office and

to sit on juries. These are denied them by the Constitution of the State of Idaho. Membership in a certain church or association is made the test of political disability.

"Citizenship" is not taken from any person, either in Idaho or elsewhere, by law or constitution. It is certain rights and privileges that grow out of citizenship which have been taken from the "Mormons" of Idaho. Those who have thus been stripped of political power are still citizens of the United States and of the State of Idaho. Their citizenship cannot be taken away.

The right to vote and to hold office was wrested from the Idaho "Mormons" by the enactment of the test oath, which, with the history of its passage, will be regarded as the most infamous blot that appears upon the annals of Idaho. It was passed by the Territorial Legislature in December 1884. Its validity was upheld by the courts of the Territory, and finally by the Supreme Court of the United States, the last named judicial body mistaking the grounds upon which objection to it was made, and incorporating in its opinion, as arguments of counsel, sentiments they neither expressed or entertained.

At the election in Idaho of 1888, a number of "Mormons" who had withdrawn from the Church for the purpose of voting, being able to declare truthfully that they were not members of that church or association, were denied the right to vote notwithstanding such withdrawal. And some who cast their votes were prosecuted for doing so. A number of these cases are still pending, as it was alleged that their withdrawal was not actual but only pretended. Thus, whether members of the proscribed church or not, citizens were denied the right of the exercise of the suffrage, because of their affiliation or supposed sympathetic connection with the "Mormon" Church, which is tantamount to disfranchisement and punishment for belief.

The Republican party is chiefly responsible for these encroachments upon constitutional principles and privileges. But if it had not been for some two-faced and treacherous pretended Democrats, the infamy could never have been consummated. The Democratic party in Idaho could have prevented the wrong if the party had been sincere, whole-hearted and courageous. But while some of its members stood up manfully for sound Democratic doctrine and policy, others, for place or