

THE QUALITY OF THE CAMPAIGN.

A NUMBER of the active politicians who run the "Liberal" party—including the candidate of the opposition for the delegateship—are visiting some of the leading towns of the Territory. At each stopping place campaign speeches are made. October 27 these prominent "Liberals" talked to themselves and a small knot of people, mostly urchins, from the steps of the Box Elder County Court House, at Brigham City. Among the excursionists is a person named J. D. Jones, an ex-"Mormon," who resides in Provo. He is dubbed, by C. G. Goodwin's paper, with the title of Judge. The reason for his being accorded this titular appendage to an unusual name is, we presume, that there are none but judges, majors, colonels and professors in the party.

This person by the name of Jones appears to be a fair specimen of the average "Liberal blowhard," and we consequently reproduce a report of his exhibition of flatulence at the city of Brigham, as reported in this morning's issue of Mr. Goodwin's paper:

"Judge J. D. Jones of Provo made a most effective speech. In fact, it was a perfect little gem in its way. He related how twenty years ago he had passed through Brigham City when going to work on the Central Pacific road. He was told that the fate that awaited apostates was degradation of the worst kind. The speaker showed the falsity of the predictions by taking himself as an illustration. He said these prophecies were made for the benefit of the aristocracy of the Church and in order to keep the masses in ignorance. He pleaded with the young men to assert their manhood, and closed by saying that while twenty years ago he traveled by mule-team through Brigham City, today, by reason of Liberal rule and the progress that Liberalism had caused he was enabled to travel in a Pullman car."

The speech was indeed "effective." It will have the effect of causing those who read the foregoing to place him as an ignoramus or a miserly economizer of the truth, or both combined. He was enabled to ride through Brigham City on a Pullman car by reason of the rule and progress of the People's Party—the "Mormons"—although no one will dispute that he would be more appropriately at the rear end of a span of mules. The association would then be harmonious. The railroad on which he was traveling was built by Hon. John W. Young, and others, including the "Mormon" people residing along the route, through Box Elder and Cache Counties. It is also

a matter of recorded history that the "Mormons" built the Utah ends of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific (now Southern Pacific) roads—the most mountainous and difficult part of the original transcontinental route. The same people built, practically unaided, the original Utah Central and Utah Southern roads—now comprising part of the Union Pacific system. Hon. John W. Young and others constructed the Utah and Nevada line which runs to Garfield and beyond, so that in whichever direction this delectable specimen of a Liberalized falsifier travels, in a Pullman or any other car, he is indebted to the "rule and progress" of the People's Party. Whether his misstatements be attributed to ignorance or a "Liberal" aversion to the truth, either would justify the belief that in his case "degradation of the worst kind" has ensued, whether it has been predicted or not.

In the face of the well known historical facts herein given, the flatulent ebullition of falsehood, called a speech by the *Tribune*, is also characterized by that paper as "a perfect little gem in its way." Correct. That is its aspect from the Goodwin standpoint. To that journal anti-"Mormon" falsehoods are gems of sparkling lustre.

This person by the name of Jones is evidently a jocular young man, full of wit as well as *Tribune* wisdom. He afforded much amusement to the party with whom he traveled. We quote from the report of that paper:

"The Pilgrims amused themselves in various ways. Mr. Jones exhibited to the Pilgrims a silver-headed cane which once belonged to his father, bearing the following inscription: 'I saw this drink the blood of the martyred prophet, Joseph Smith.' The wood is taken from the jail in Illinois where the prophet met his death. Mr. Jones says he purposes carrying the cane until the last Mormon prophet is relegated to his proper sphere. The relic was viewed with much interest."

What a fund of humor was in this cane, and what a hilarious joke was, to this delighted party, embodied in the inscription: "I saw this drink the blood of the martyred Prophet Joseph Smith." No wonder they were highly amused. How their risibilities must have been brought into activity at the thought of an innocent man having been murdered by a mob of cowardly assassins. Then this person by the name of Jones proposes to carry this cane "until the last Mormon Prophet is relegated to his proper sphere." It is to be presumed that he means

until the last one is murdered. Now if this miserable wretch who sought to curry favor with his political bed-fellows by going to such ghastly extremes has not reached a point of "degradation of the lowest kind," how much more will be needed to enable him to get there?

The amusement of the party of politicians over the relic of the assassination of the Prophet Joseph Smith reminds us of a historical incident. In 1884 Governor Murray was deputed to go to Washington as a lobbyist in his own and the "Liberal" interest. It was necessary to furnish him with some "Mormon atrocities," that he might stuff Congressmen with them. The *Tribune*, of which Mr. Goodwin is, and was then, the editorial head, published what was asserted by that paper, to be "a red hot address," delivered on the previous Sunday, at a small hamlet named Juab, by a "Mormon" Bishop named West. The latter was represented as having incited his hearers to acts of violence against Governor Murray. We quote: "His head will be placed upon the walls of our city and his entrails scattered throughout the streets of Zion." The same paper commented upon this alleged address, claiming that it was verbatim, as delivered by Bishop West.

The falsity of this production was proved beyond question. There was no Bishop West in the Church, no meeting was held at the place designated, and no such speech was ever delivered. Governor Murray left for Washington the same morning of the publication, and it was asserted that he had several hundred copies of the paper containing this bogus address in his valise. They were not, however, as far as we know, used by him, as the fraud was exposed. It is understood that the West speech was manufactured in the office of the *Tribune*.

This "red-hot address" was scattered throughout the Southern States, and was the direct means of inflaming the minds of the people of that section against the "Mormon" missionaries. A sectarian preacher, named Vandever, made use of it for the purpose of inciting mobocracy against the Elders. This agitation resulted in a meeting in a house on Cane Creek, Tennessee, being broken in upon on Sunday, August 10th, 1884. Five persons were killed—two Elders from Utah, two young men who resided in the house where the horrible scene was enacted, and one