

ing of the license to state their reasons, that it might be placed on the Council record. Some of the Councilmen nearly fell into the trap and came near the verge of giving the cunning attorneys the club they so bluntly demanded, and which they intended to use as a weapon to split the action of the Council into "smithereens."

The gentlemen who made the demand know that they had no such right as they claimed. The action having been taken, it was a legal question on the basis of the bare action of the Council, all the pros and cons being matters for the respective attorneys to formulate and present. That is what they are employed and paid for doing.

After the farce had been worked along to the appropriate point, a motion was made that the license be not granted. The members were equally divided on the question—seven to seven. This being a tie vote, the Mayor decided it by casting his on the side of the non-issuance of the license. Now, just look at this spectacle of ignorance and imbecility! The same question was decided at a former session, precisely in the same way—a tie vote of the members, the Mayor deciding by his vote against the granting of the application. Without even the formality of a vote and action for reconsideration, the same question, involving the same conditions, comes up again, in the same shape and is disposed of in the same way. Consequently, speaking of placing matters on record, this double-barrelled action "beats the Dutch." The record must show the same action on different dates on the same question, without any intervening action for reconsideration of the first.

These exhibitions are of such a character as to cause the blush of shame to mount the cheek of every intelligent citizen, when he reflects that these are the proceedings of men claiming to represent a community like this.

Doubtless City Attorney Merritt will enter heart and soul into the whisky case in question. He is armed for the fight. "Thrice armed is he who hath his quarrel just." Heart and soul does not express the amount of energy and enthusiasm which he feels in the cause of law, order and morality, involved in the Variety Theatre question in combination with whisky. He stated his position in a clear, lawyer-like fashion when he announced

substantially that he personally did not care a rap whether Perry & Co. obtained the license or not. But he was going to fight the case. Of course when he enters the arena in this mental condition, with a leg on each side of the fence, on one aspect of the question, the slaughter will be terrible. The record does not state, however, that when he enunciated his dual position he winked with his left eye at Hall, James et al., while he furtively snapped the other in the direction of Powers and Dickson.

When the city attorney thus strengthens his position by the unnecessary proclamation of the fact that he has no heart in his work, what constitutes the necessity for the engagement of Mr. Varian to assist him in conducting the case in point in behalf of the city?

A PLEA FOR TRUTH AND FAIR DEALING.

THE following article appeared in the *Ogden Union* (Liberal and non-"Mormon") under the head of "Work for Utah:

"The lies and misrepresentations with which the people abroad are being regaled concerning the moral, social and political condition of affairs in this Territory are calculated to work an injury which can hardly be measured. A duty which devolves upon every patriotic citizen of Utah, no matter what may be his political or religious belief, whether he affiliates with any party or sect or stands aloof from all of them, is to labor to the end that the Territory of his birth or adoption shall have a fair chance with its neighbors in the struggle for a place at the head of the most enlightened of them all.

No honest, well-meaning citizen can look with aught but disfavor upon the evident purpose of a coterie of malcontents, not to use a harsher term, to give to the outside world an erroneous impression of the existing situation and of the bright promise for the future which all of us here in Utah can see if we are so disposed. None are so blind as those who will not see; but, comparatively speaking, the class of the people in Utah who are blind from choice is gradually but surely growing smaller, while the ranks of the patriots are being increased as the days pass by.

"Friends and citizens of Utah—ye fathers and mothers, business and professional men, manufacturers, agriculturists, orchardists—you of every calling and condition in life who know what Utah is and realize what great possibilities are in store for her if the new era of progress which has dawned shall not be checked, you cannot afford to remain passive while the Territory and her people are being slandered, vilified and misrepresented abroad by hired lecturers and mountebanks. We have in our mind at this writing the vapors of one Cook, Joseph Cook, with the prefix Reverend, who not long ago passed through Salt Lake City and while there consented to deliver a lecture upon the subject of the political con-

dition of this Territory. Now, this man Cook may be an eloquent speaker, but if his lectures upon other subjects are as thin and devoid of truth as the one above mentioned, we can safely say that they are unreliable and strike a direct blow at the best interests of Utah. Perhaps Mr. Cook does not consider truth a necessary element in the writing of an interesting lecture; or may be that in the case of his lecture upon the conditions obtaining in this Territory he was willing to lie for a consideration; but whatever his reason may have been, the fact is patent to all that he wilfully lied, if the interviewer in Chicago reported him correctly as saying "that polygamy flourishes just as much as ever;" * * * that "it will take more radical measures to stamp out the cause."

"Does anyone who is familiar with the past history of the Territory believe this? Doesn't every man of sense know it is an absolute falsehood, and that those newspapers and people who permit such reports to be circulated without protest are the worst enemies that Utah has? Just look at it. If polygamy flourishes here as it did a few years ago there would be almost a reign of terror, as at that time. There would be unrest, a feeling of insecurity, capital would be timid and its possessors would hesitate about embarking in business; bitterness of feeling would crop out every hour of the day and neighbors and citizens would continually have their hands raised against each other. But is that the present condition? we ask all candid, fair-minded men. We answer, no. Those things exist only in the imaginations of the little class of malcontents who furnished Cook with the material for his slanderous and untruthful lecture. Such falsehoods keep a great many good people and millions of money from coming to Utah, for inasmuch as the heads of American families and the men with capital desire to live in peace in communities where harmony prevails among the people, where the people are thrifty and industrious and all unite in building instead of pulling down the fabric of civil government. In other words, desirable immigrant always seek for a country such as Utah really is, but never come to such a country as Cook and other slanderers represent Utah to be."

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Bank of England today reduced the rate of discount from 5 to 4 per cent.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Cables from Buenos Ayres announce that a revolution has broken out in Chalis.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 8.—The legislature has organized. The House elected Richard H. Doughton, speaker. The legislature is very largely composed of members of the Farmers' Alliance, but they are conservative democrats as well.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 8.—The republican members of both branches of the legislature held a caucus last night and unanimously renominated Leland Stanford for United States Senator. The democrats decided to give a complimentary vote to Stephen M. White.