

with such expressions as this: "The rotten-hearted and despicable literary ruffian," and "this beastly Ellis."

Here is a special sample of the polemic literature emitted by C. C. Goodwin and his gang:

"He is an outcast socially; he is a sorry fraud intellectually; he is but a whitened sepulchre morally, posing in the form of manhood, while a fire assay would develop that of real manhood there is not in all his composition one half of one per cent. And our friends, the Saints, exulting as they do, for the time being, over his capacity to call up some blackguard platitudes which creatures less debased than he invented, will, in the long run, as we said above, be glad to be rid of him and be anxious that it shall be forgotten that they ever recognized him."

It will be seen, as we have already observed, that not the slightest intimation of an attempt is made to refute or overturn a single sentence or statement that Mr. Ellis has spoken or written. His calumniators cannot do it. They have not the ability to begin with, the head and front of the *Tribune* being a total failure as a polemic writer, even if his cause were just, and it is the reverse of that. When it comes to glittering generalities, fulsome and exaggerative encomiums and vituperative personal attacks he takes the palm, but for sound invincible logic and hard facts he is far in the rear of Mr. Ellis as a writer.

If the *Tribune* scribe has any damaging truth to exhibit in relation to Mr. Ellis, why does he not present it? The fact that he does not is evidence that he does not possess anything of that nature. If he had he would only be too glad to hurl it at the object of his hate.

The subject in hand has nothing to do with the "Mormons." Mr. Ellis is, so far as they are concerned, following his own bent. He has been driven into his present position by the merciless attacks of a lot of unscrupulous libellers, whose fire has been drawn upon him because he had the courage to speak a single kind word for the most abused and misrepresented people on this or any other continent. The *Tribune* whipl has been whirled around the head of every man who has said anything distasteful to the rule or ruin gang of politicians infesting this fair Territory. Most of those who have been thus assaulted for telling the truth have succumbed to the lash and become the pliant tools of the clique. As to whether Mr. Ellis will suffer himself to be thus ignominiously subjugated we know not. We know this, however, that the brutal attack made upon him through the columns of Mr. Goodwin's paper could not well be either more cowardly or unwarranted.

THE LATEST IMPUDENT DEMAND.

THE "Liberal" candidate for the office of Delegate to Congress now demands the disbanding of the People's Party. This he regards as the only proof that can be given that "the ruling priesthood" does not "busy itself more with the honors of power and emoluments of political office than it does with the proper functions of a church."

This is coming a little closer to the object he and his party have in view than the roundabout, undefined and deceptive rubbish in which they have been dealing throughout the present campaign.

Once it was the abolishment of polygamy that was claimed to be the great desideratum. But that pretence has been abandoned, except occasionally, in places where people and papers are so far behind the times as to render it available.

Latterly it has been claimed that the only way to set the "Mormons" free from an imaginary or rather pretended bondage, is to make them political slaves. To enable them to use the suffrage like "Americans," the proper thing to do, these "Liberals" say, is to take the suffrage from them altogether.

All the charges made of "priestly dictation," the "Mormon" people know to be fudge. And the "Liberal" candidate and his "Liberal" echoes know it just as well as anybody else. Every young man who is connected, either by faith or by family, with the "Mormon" Church knows that the charge made by the "Liberal" candidate, that he is required to vote for or against any person or measure, is entirely and shamefully untrue.

Appeals to young Utah, then, to throw off "shackles" which they do not wear and which have never been placed upon them, are simply ludicrous except as they are grossly insulting.

This "Liberal" cry of "freedom" means freedom to vote the "Liberal" ticket. That is the text of liberty according to "Liberal" doctrine. "If you will not vote for C. C. Goodwin then you are a slave and not fit to vote at all;" that is the present "Liberal" platform and all there is of it.

"Disband the People's Party!" This is the latest Goodwin and "Liberal" ultimatum. Nothing less will be acceptable. If you do not disband that party, it is to be held as proof that the Church rules in politics and dictates all the votes of its members. *Tribune* logic, with a vengeance.

Suppose the lie, daily repeated, by the "Liberal" candidate were true. Suppose the Church or its leaders ordered every voter how to cast his ballot. Would the disbanding of the People's Party prove that the Church did not use such dictation? Would it be any evidence that no such coercion would be used in the future? We think not. But the "Liberal" candidate intimates it would, and the *Tribune* so argues. That is its peculiar style of "reasoning."

But why this sudden demand? Why must the People's Party be dissolved? Because it is a bond of union between voters who are opposed to "Liberal" methods and "Liberal" candidates, and is the potent means of the defeat of wrong or of its exposure and denunciation.

The People's Party contains men of different shades of political opinion. They combine for self-defense. They are and have been attacked by politicians of the baser sort, and these attacks have sunk their party proclivities and bound them together for mutual strength. The "Liberals" have employed the vilest means and the vilest men to accomplish their purposes. They have cajoled, and threatened, and abused, and hired men, to effect political unity. And yet they have proclaimed the unity of the People's Party to be a sign of slavery, a proof of bondage to a Church. And having failed to split it up by the force of their own evil combination, they now demand that the People's Party be disbanded.

There will come a time, no doubt, when the people of Utah will divide upon national issues according to their different views of national questions. But that time has not yet come, for this potent reason: The union of the people whose liberties are threatened by such men as C. C. Goodwin and his ilk, is essential to their self-protection. He says they ought to be every one deprived of the right to hold office, to vote, and to acquire title to public lands, and that he will work for their disfranchisement. They combine to resist this monstrous proposition and this devilish effort for their political destruction. And now he demands that they disband, and tells them that if they do not, it will be construed as proof that they are under "priestly dictation."

Well, we think we can say for the People's Party, that while it is assailed by such impudent and anti-American demagogues as C. C.