

do not believe in Mr. Ingalls as a political regenerator. In a speech in the Senate a short time before, he said that the golden rule and the decalogue did not belong to American politics, and to hope that they ever would was only an iridescent dream.

Commenting on these speeches, the Indianapolis *News* expresses itself as follows:

"The thoroughness, the depth-sounding, the cork-screw penetrating power of the revolution wrought at the polls in the last election, was perhaps not realized in all its extent until the speech of Senator Ingalls last week. The way in which he arrayed himself on the side of the People and Purity; the way in which he recounted, the way in which he testified that the things he once hated now he loves, and the things he once loved now he hates, has hardly been equalled since the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, which, it will be remembered, came with such power as to make him blind. Ingalls, before whom purity withered as flowers wither in mephitic vapors; who sneered at virtue as the stuffed doll or senseless plaything of a childish age; who held the covenants of public morality as the object of bitter gibe and smart phrase-making; this Ingalls now would pose as an inspired prophet who had never bowed the knee to Baal, or who had prayed daily with his face to the east amid a willful and perverse generation. Herr Most could not rave against the malignance of money, Henry George could not demonstrate the injustice of the system that makes progress and poverty, with a zeal more perfervid and a sincerity passing the performance of Ingalls. It is one of the most salutary sights that has been presented in a long time. Here was a man who entrenched in long public service had elevated it to a station. His supremacy seemed to him so absolute, his mastery so complete, that he was not as other men were. He seemed to become possessed of the spirit of Herod whom no tile could suffocate with its greatness. He posed before the country in pictures, and text, sneering at the virtue of the age, trampling on the moral standards of civilization, making sport of its beliefs as superstitions, the explosions of which were long known to superior beings like himself; and behold he has withered at a touch."

It is not generally known that Mr. Ingalls was, in 1864, the nominee for Lieutenant-Governor of Kansas, of what was then called the anti-Lincoln party. The chairman of the convention which nominated Ingalls said:

"Lincoln has damaged the country and overridden law and the Constitution. The Government is falling to pieces from inherent imbecility."

The Republican State Central Committee issued an address to the loyal voters of Kansas to pause and think before voting for Thatcher, Ingalls and Lee the candidates of the copperhead bolters.

What a strange revolution in a lifetime. Ingalls was then a disloyalist, now he depends on the G. A. R. for support, and he is the champion of the soldier and the pensioner!

It is expected that the new Commercial National Bank building will be ready for occupation early in April.

OFFICIAL REFUTATION OF ANTI-"MORMON" SLANDER.

THE articles in an eastern illustrated paper to which attention has been repeatedly directed by the DESERET NEWS, have caused great indignation among all classes of Salt Lake society—with the exception of the small coterie represented by the Salt Lake *Tribune*. They are so filled with anti-"Mormon" venom that they relish and gloat over the vilest attacks on the majority of the people of Utah, even when the injury wrought extends to other portions of the community.

That infamous sheet editorially endorses the falsehoods published in the eastern magazine and says: "The articles in the main are fair." This is because the worst portions of them were culled from its own columns. Pretending to have been written by "The Oldest 'Mormon' in the Rocky Mountains," they were chiefly the concoctions of the vilest anti-"Mormon" paper upon the earth.

It is singular that the City Council, which has unanimously adopted resolutions condemnatory of these eastern effusions, has nothing to say about the source from which they were chiefly obtained. This is a matter of public comment. It is talked of all over town. The evil originated here. Resolving against the wrong at a distance is like clipping at a bad branch and leaving untouched the rotten root. The source of these foul streams that run in the east is the "Liberal" fountain of bitterness that arises in this city.

Of course the action of the City Council is taken from a material standpoint. Injury is done by these libels to the financial interests and prospects of the city. It was not to be expected that any considerations of sentiment or principle would enter into the protest that has been made against this defamation of the "Mormons." And it is on the same ground that such action as may be taken at the meeting to be held this evening will be based.

We are grateful to see that our neighbor the Salt Lake *Times* has taken a sensible and strong position on this matter, and we cheerfully copy the annexed editorial from that paper of Tuesday, January 27th:

"Considering the intense craving for sensational news and the morbid appetite for excitement obtaining in this country, it is no wonder that an enterprising scribbler in the east should seize upon the 'Mormon question' to toll the tocsin's loud alarm and prepare the nation for another w-a-r. What of it, if we in Utah, where the conflict is to be met, don't know anything about it; what if we pursue our peaceful everyday vocation, oblivious of the danger that hangs over us? *Illustrated America* says there is going to be a war in Utah, and we might

as well know it. According to that authority President Woodruff says 'the doctrine of polygamy is still their (the Mormon) cardinal doctrine, and they are ready to fight for it.'

"The war correspondent of *The Times*, notwithstanding a most diligent search, failed to discover the munitions of war and the material of carnage heaped up in any place, and yet it must be concealed somewhere, for says not *Illustrated America* in deadly brevity that the tone of President Harrison is pacific, the Mormons warlike? 'He proposes to legislate; they want to fight.' The prospect is awful.

"Listen, ye doubting ones. 'To uphold that principle these simple farmers are prepared to butcher women and children, and as for facing troops, they are taught every Sunday in their meeting houses that a collision is inevitable, and they have long been prepared for it.'

"The *Illustrated American* receives its information at first hand, for hearken further. It says: 'Observers in Utah say that the collision cannot be delayed. The hope that polygamy would die a natural death has proved to be vain. The ulcer must be cut out with the sword.' So the doom, as will be seen, is decreed and there is no escape from it.

"Just the same, there will be no exodus from Utah. The people already here will look after their mines, and farms, and factories, and stores, and families, and will be happy. Everything in this Territory, from the ozone of the mountains to the returns of the Salt Lake clearing house is calculated to make them happy. The atrocious lies of an irresponsible scribbler evoke nothing but ridicule or indignation here. Indeed his falsehoods are so brazen and bold and so wanting even in pretense and decency that the *Times* hesitated long before it decided to notice, not to say refute them. But capital is timid and the experience of this Territory is that owing to the systematic misrepresentations of blacklegs and moral assassins, any libel however hellish and monstrous is liable to find credence with some people. And capital is proverbially timid. Hence the *Times*, Liberal in politics and Gentle in belief as it is, protests against the vile and wicked calumnies published about the Mormons of Utah. There is no more peaceful region in the union; none more remote from rebellion or war. There is no section in which life and property are safer.

President Harrison is surely better informed than the scribbler who writes for a fee to injure our interests, on the conditions of this Territory. The fool or knave."

That was followed up on Wednesday evening, January 28th with this additional article:

The resolution of Councilman Pembroke in the City Council last evening, touching upon the falsehoods contained in a sensational publication called the *Illustrated American*, regarding an impending revolution in Utah, were pertinent and timely. As the *Times* pointed out yesterday with regard to the same matter, the most senseless fabrications and calumnies, emanating from the most irresponsible scoundrels, find ready credence when they concern this Territory, because by persistent and systematic misrepresentations as to the true situation of affairs here the people at large are misinformed and misled, and thus prepared for any lie which in any other case would be spurned and ridiculed as such.

The authors of the atrocious libel care nothing for the injury they do to the commercial interests of Utah. They have no interest at stake themselves, and whether they malign us from personal motives or to subserve the inter-