

"In connection with some gentlemen from New York, who are here buying asphaltum lands, I have explored some of the noted caves of this (Edmondson) country. Yesterday I explored what is known as the Hundred Dome Cave about six miles east of Mammoth cave. In it I found undoubted evidences of a race of human beings of a great antiquity. In niches of the cave I counted over 2,000 mummified skeletons or bodies of what must have been a large and very superior race of men, evidently dating back beyond our history of Adam and the garden of Eden many thousands of years. The bodies are in an excellent state of preservation and I intend to remove about ten of them at once to Boston, for the benefit of the scientific world. The Hundred Dome Cave is one of the greatest curiosities in the known world. As its name implies it consists of hundreds of domes, in some places over 100 feet in height. Beautiful pillars of alabaster, and stalagmites, and stalactites add to the embellishment. Then there is a vast subterranean lake fed by a subterranean river of many miles in extent. The lake is filled with eyeless fish and eyeless turtles. I have secured numerous specimens, which I now have in a tank at the house of T. R. McBeath, the circuit judge of this district. Litchfield, Ky., is his address. Dr. Woods, the postmaster at Litchfield, Ky., near here, and M. J. Cunningham, of Cannon & Cunningham, merchants of Litchfield, accompanied me on my tour of exploration of these ancient caves, and will cheerfully testify to all the facts above mentioned."

#### LAW AND MORALITY MEETING.

THE citizens' reform meeting, held in the Methodist Church January 12, was the second of the series. These assemblages express a healthy sentiment, with which we are heartily in accord. The movement is one in which all citizens can join, the object being the cleansing of the municipal moral platter. If the agitation is vigorously maintained some good will be accomplished in suppressing the vice and lawlessness, which have so alarmingly increased during the last year in this city.

The projectors of the meeting were too secretive about announcing it. The fact was given only narrow publicity. It is a mistake also to maintain and insist upon these gatherings having a political aspect, seeing that all good citizens are equally interested in their object.

This political taint was given the meeting of last night by the chairman, C. E. Allen, who started out by making an apology for the city government and ending with what might be regarded as an encomium. Seeing that the object of the meeting was to urge the officials to enforce the laws, and thus suppress rampant crime and vice stalking abroad at noonday, this position was incongruous as well as strictly untrue. Mr. Allen, in thus expressing himself, was not only out of harmony with the object of the meeting, but he intimated that the expressions of the speakers at the former

gathering were untrue. However, those who followed Mr. Allen indicated the falsity of his position, the complaint being that the laws are not enforced, and that there is great laxity in the issuance of liquor licenses, and other legal permits.

This anomaly was the natural result of placing a professional politician in the chair. Mr. Allen occupies his present office as county clerk by virtue of political frauds. This has been proved in the District Court, before Judge Anderson.

The genius of the political huckster cropped out when Mr. Allen said he was not in favor of criticizing the "Liberal" city government, because it put a weapon in the hands of "our political opponents." In giving expression to this reason for his position he made an unintentional admission that exposed his "inwardness." It amounted to saying that the "Liberal" city government should not be criticized because of the formulation of its political weapon, even if their conduct be such as to deserve censure. His reason was solely political, having no aspect of morality connected with it.

The speech of Mr. Wanless shows that he is not a politician, but a fearless advocate of truth and morality. He asserted that every promise that had been made by the "Liberal" candidates before the last city election had been shamefully violated, and the meeting had been called to protest against such outrages. Everybody in this city, including Mr. Allen, knows that the gentleman, Mr. Wanless, spoke the truth. This being the case there must also be a universally correct understanding of the nature of Mr. Allen's assertions, which were of a directly opposite character.

#### LYING AS USUAL.

WE hope our readers will excuse us in saying a last word with the Salt Lake Tribune on the subject of "stealing dispatches." That we have done nothing of the kind was fully shown in our issue of Monday evening. Of course the Tribune misrepresents what we said, and returns to the charge in its usual backward fashion. For instance it says:

"Last evening the Deseret News stated its opinion that it was ungentlemanly for the Tribune to mention its stealing of dispatches."

It goes on to say that the News declares it "will not stop stealing" and that,

"Tribune specials are fair plunder, and that it will help itself to them."

Reference to what the DESERET NEWS said on this subject will demon-

strate that, as is always the case when the Tribune attempts to argue, it has first misstated—in plain language lied about—its opponent's position, and then proceeded to make reply. The Tribune never yet, to our remembrance, fairly met an antagonist. It is the same on the tariff, or the silver question or the "Mormon" question; the words of its antagonist are garbled, misquoted and entirely changed, and then the dispute is conducted on these false lines.

The Tribune made up a theory as to the only way in which the News could get the San Francisco Chronicle series of dispatches which the Tribune calls its own "specials," and jumped at the conclusion that we took them from the Standard. Thereupon it says the following telegram was sent to Ogden:

"The Deseret News states that they have made arrangements with the Standard for Chronicle specials. Is it true? Please answer on receipt of this."

In this dispatch the Tribune furnishes a proof of its own shameless mendacity. Whatever the facts were, the telegram was a lie. The News did not mention the Standard or any other paper as the source from whence the so-called "specials" were obtained.

Our telegraph editor has acted in perfect honesty and expects to do so, and will give due credit for anything that may be taken from the Tribune, but will not credit that paper with information obtained from other sources. If the Tribune had been as careful as the DESERET NEWS has been to give credit where credit is due, it would have mentioned the News much more frequently and in a different manner to its common scurrilous and brutal style.

The so called "specials" about which the Tribune makes so much fuss and so many false statements, will probably appear from time to time in the DESERET NEWS, but they will not be taken from the Tribune. And only such as are of any public interest will be published in our columns. We have no space for alleged "specials," doctored from regular Associated Press dispatches of the evening before and published in some morning paper as "specials."

#### PRODUCE THE PROPHECY.

THE press of the country is still repeating the story of a wholesale hegra of the "Mormons" to Mexico. It is a peculiar feature of the "Mormon" question that any falsehood, no matter how baseless or how little sense there is in it, will be echoed from paper to paper and treated as an undisputed fact, while the truth, no matter how