

condition has been gradually growing worse from then till now.

The fact of a gambling den being in full view of the temple of justice where Judge Zane delivered his charge is of itself a flagrant and lawless insult to the court. Fifty men can be seen from the court room, his Honor remarked, plying their illegal trade any night when the window blinds are up.

Gamblers and blacklegs who are driven out of the larger cities where the laws on the subject are more or less vigorously enforced, are seeking refuge in Salt Lake, where they have a fair field and practically no interference. The action of the chief of police in arresting a few members of the gambling fraternity last night, before Judge Zane's charge had time to get cold, is almost absurd in the spasmodic aspect it presents. It has the appearance of a spurt, superinduced by a vigorous thrust from a sharp judicial stick. It will be duly credited to the account of the police department, however, providing the sudden blaze of official zeal does not flicker out as quickly as it spluttered into life.

There is one thing that can be said of Chief Justice Zane—that in his official career he has sought to sustain good government, and has set his face against lawlessness and crime of every description. In taking and maintaining this position, or rather in pursuing this course, he has manifested a fearlessness that has won for him the respect of all classes of people, including those who have had occasion to dissent more or less strongly from some of his views. The attitude he assumes in relation to the present lawless condition of Salt Lake will be sustained by every intelligent and respectable citizen. As stated by him, the fact that the city officials are guilty of neglect furnishes no excuse for the grand jury pursuing a similar line of conduct. And should the jury choose to ignore their sworn duty in the premises, it is clear that the judge has cleared himself of responsibility connected with the sorry plight into which the city has been plunged by a conscienceless official administration. It is to be hoped the instructions of the court will be strictly followed by the new body of inquisitors.

SHERMAN AND SILVER.

It appears that the political destiny of John Sherman, as well as that of Major McKinley, is involved in the pending election in Ohio. Though Mr. Sherman, it is said, has been thirty-eight consecutive years in office, he is not yet tired of official life. But should Ohio go Democratic and elect a

Democratic legislature then the chances for the re-election of Mr. Sherman are next to nothing.

It is said by many Republican organs that the free-silver plank was inserted in the Ohio Democratic platform to "down John Sherman." Whether this be a fact or not, Mr. Sherman has taken up the gauntlet, and is making active war, on the free silver proposition. He has dropped, in his speeches, all allusions to the tariff, and confines himself absolutely to financial and currency issues.

That John Sherman is an authority on American finance no thinking persons will deny. His long experience and matured judgment are of value to the country and should be so viewed even by a Democratic Legislature. He may be wrong in his opposition to free-silver, but as a statesman whose forte is finance, his opinions are one worthy of thoughtful consideration. In the Senate of the United States he would still be a beacon light, and if danger were apprehended from radical financial reforms he would be the first to sound the alarm, and preserve the nation from financial chaos.

This free silver scheme like all other questions has two sides to it. Some of the brightest and most patriotic citizens of the nation are ranged for and against it. Its utility can be demonstrated in no other way than by actual practice. The services of such men as Sherman would be invaluable in case its adoption should prove an injury instead of the blessing which its friends insist it will be to the nation. There are not many John Shermans in the world and the United States senate will lose a strong and able mind if Ohio should determine to make a change.

THEY ALL DO IT.

WE clip the annexed paragraph from the *Chester, Pennsylvania News*, so that the acquaintances of Miss Burton, who has been teaching in Utah, may know what kind of stuff she deals out to the eastern people as news about the "Mormons." It seems as though "a lying spirit" takes possession of most of the good "Christians," so-called, who come to Utah on a salary to help evangelize the "Mormons" and, making a dismal failure of the work, get angry and open the way for the influence of that Evil One, whose character "from the beginning" is described in Holy Writ. The *Chester News* says:

"Miss Burton, a home missionary, gave a very interesting talk in Madison Street

M. E. Church last night on life among the Mormons. She told of some things sad and others that amused. Speaking of the religious customs of the Mormons Miss Burton said that after the church meeting, tickets were sold for a dance. It very often happened that the dance ended in all the men getting roaring drunk and the fellow who opened the dance with prayer sometimes organized a free fight before he reached home."

EUROPEAN ARMIES.

REPORTS from Europe are full of war alarms. The situation over there is, to put it mildly, critical in the extreme. The manoeuvres in which the French army is being exercised at present occasion serious comment in London, as well as in European capitals. The sham warfare of today is contrasted with that of twenty-one years ago, when General Lebouf assured the French Emperor that his army was ready to march on Berlin. History tells us how little right the Gallic soldier was, and what a humiliation the French people experienced shortly after. However, it was not all clear loss. The empire was subverted and replaced by a republic.

It is said the French army of today is a perfect one, and the evolutions being performed at present are stated to resemble actual warfare with Germany. But so was it said at the opening of the Franco-Russian war that there was not even a gaiter button missing in the whole French army. It took only a few months to prove how fallacious were the opinions of French army experts, and the miserable fiasco at Sedan brought a nation to its senses.

But what adds interest to the situation at present in Europe is the fact that French bankers have loaned Russia 500,000,000 francs. The Czar has obtained the loan which the Hebrew bankers of Europe refused to contract. This shows that the Russian Minister of Finance is no neophyte in political economy. He availed himself of the fraternal feeling between France and Russia, begotten of the reception accorded to French vessels at Cronstadt. He arranged with a group of Paris bankers for the issue of his loan on very favorable terms.

Sham warfare is the order of the day in every country in Europe. Should this be the prelude to actual war, what a horrible probability presents itself; We are all more or less superficially familiar with the size and efficiency of the armies of Europe. We rarely stop to contemplate actual figures, but when we do we are appalled at their dimensions.

The armies of the various countries of Europe as now organized are divided into four departments. There