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ry, as is its well known habit. When all shall admit that an American citizen is not disfranchised because he devotes some of his time to the service of his Maker, the controversy in Utah will be narrowed down to a more reasonable basis. If that truth were generally understood and admitted, there would be less misunderstanding, less hatred, less crimination and recrimination among the people. But it is not understood, generally. Through the confusion of terms, false impressions have been created, sometimes wilfully by designing politicians, and words and acts, perfectly natural and lawful in every other state, have been branded as criminal here. If it were generally admitted that all American citizens are equal before the law and that no religious test is required; if it were generally admitted that the only demand that can be made is that the affairs of church and state be kept separate, so that neither the political machinery of any party is used against any church, nor the ecclesiastical organization of any denomination is employed for partisan political purposes, politics in Utah would be very much simplified. We therefore note with some satisfaction the admission of the chief assailant of the Church, of the correctness of our contention.

But, our adversary excepts from the privileges of citizenship the ministers who do not live blameless lives. Such ministers should not talk politics, nor accept offices. May we ask, in this connection, what about laymen? Are gamblers, drunkards, adulterers, profligates, fit for the public service just because they are laymen? What about grafters and bribe-takers? Is there one

"One Sunday, just after the war broke out, after administering the sac-rament to his charge, he stated that on the afternoon of that day he would the distribution on the duties men owner to their country. At the appointed time the church was crowded. The sermon was from the words of Solomon: "There was from the words of Solomon: Inter-is a time for every purpose and for every work.' It burned with patriotic fire, and every word and tone indicated the preacher's deep earnestness in what he was saying. At the close of the dis-course he solemnly repeated the words of his text, and then, in a tone of thun-der exclumed: "The time to preach of his text, and then, in a tone of thun-der, exclaimed: "The time to preach has passed; the time to fight has come," and, suiting the action to the word, he threw from his shoulders his ministerial robes and stood before his congrega-tion arrayed in military uniform. Drumming for recruits was begun on the spot, and nearly every man of suit-oble area in the congregation collisted able age in the congregation enlisted. Mr. Muhlenberg was severely censured for his course, and in defense said: 'I am a clergyman, it is true, but I am alam a clergyman, it is true, but I am al-so a member of society as well as the poorest layman, and my liberty is as dear to me as to any man. Shill I, then, sit still and enjoy myself at home when the best blood of the conti-nent is spilling? Heaven forbid it! Do you think if America should be con-quered I should be safe? Far from it. And would you not sooner fight like a man than die like a dog? The cause is just and noble. Wore I a bishop, wen a Lutheran one, I should obey

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without hesitation; and, so far from thinking that I am wrong, I am con-vinced it is my duty to do so-a duty I owe to my God and to my country." We could name others who, though

holding high ecclesiastical offices, have maintained their rights and prerogatives as American citizens. But it is not necessary. We have already menioned Henry Ward Beecher who, in the learing of the writer, in the year 1886, nade the assertion from his pulpit that no man had more earnestly devoted himself to the cause of the Union than ne, and it is well known that, in his public discourses, he did not always

THE FAIR AGAIN.

If rumor is correct there are some hearthurnings over the award of prizes in at least two departments of the State Fair. This is to be expected, because game losers are rare, even in Utah. It is, of course, to be regretted because the Fair which closed in a blaze of glory Saturday night was essentially the best to date and the promise was held out that it would be eclipsed next year.

It was clearly demonstrated last week that the State Fair has assumed proportions commensurate with the size and dignity of the rapidly developing State of Utah. The buildings were inadequate to take care of all the exhibits, and even the grounds seemed congested.

The Utah State Fair association has a splendid site for its annual exposition and lots of elbow room in which to extend. New buildings, however, are imperative. There should be an educational hall, additional space for the manufacturers, and the live stock could be exhibited to more advantage under different conditions.

The only modern show shed is that given over to the sheep department. When it comes to horses, unless the Aover of good horseflesh is on the ground when the animals are being paraded, he sees nothing of their points. The head or haunch of a noble animal may furnish some idea of its proportions generally, but in a number of instances this year the doors of the stalls containing the thoroughbred horses were kept closed like the animal ages in a circus parade. To thorough ly satisfy the patrons of the Fair modern stalls with an alley down the center along which the sightseers can walk and take in the show at their leisure would be appreciated. With standard barns for all departments the general public could view the excellent live stock exhibits in comfort and safety. Under present arrangements the Fair is too congested and it's board of directors should see that the new building abut on the boundary lines so that there will be plenty of space for future generations to turn round in on crowded days. In the meantime the management of the Fair is cleaning up house in readiness to start in immediately upon plans for a bigger and better show next year, and, we trust. In so doing they will not overlook the elimination of some of the Midway shows which this year were not only cheap but nasty.

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moral rule for the American citizen who holds an ecclesiastical office and another for those who hold no such offices? If not, the Tribune argument as to the purity of the morals is halting. If it is made to apply to all alike, it is good "Mormon" doctrine, for we, too, believe that good men only should be elected to offices in the state. As we have said before, we care not whether they be Republicans, Dmocrats, or even "Americans," as long as they are men on whose honor and integrity the people can depend, men who are willing to serve the people and who are not ir the employ of unscrupulous, selfish demagogues.

We freely admit that we do not trust the present "American" party dicta-Even if they secure a good offitors. cial, they do not permit him to do his sworn duty to the people. He must do their bidding, right or wrong, and to them there is no right, only political

expediency. That is one reason, Another is that the moral sensitiveness of their organ is a most peculiar afflic-

tion. We venture the assertion that if Utah were represented in Congress by any of the Tribune idols, it would raise no question whatever as to the past "record." It might, possibly, overlook even a great crime, or two, in a pet with plenty of money. A morality blind on one side is absolutely useless, except for purposes of deception and plunder. The hypocrites that strain at a gnat and swallow a camel are not to be trusted

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Of course, the insinuation of the Tribune is aimed at the leaders of the Church. In answer it is only necessary to say that we do not fear an individual comparison on moral grounds, between the leaders of the Church and the leaders of other churches; nor between officials, or representatives of Utah, members of the Church, and those who are not members. Bring forth the entire array from the assassing of the Prophet Joseph to the chief plotters of the present time and place them on one side; place on the other side the prominent men of the Church from the first Prophet down to the present, and everyone of their associates, and we fear not the result of a comparison on moral grounds. Let the leaders who pay for the anti-"Mormon" crusade today come forth into the light; let those who clamor for the imprisonment or exile of innocent men come forth into the light, if they cure, and let the public judge between them and the victims of their assault.

While on this subject we take pleasure in quoting another instance, or two, proving our contention that ministers have in the past exercised the rights of American citizenship. Among such ministers are Rev John Wise, who is credited with being the author of some of the most precious sentences in the Declaration of Independence;, Rev. Jonas Clark, whose ardent teachings ripened his congregation for the revo- | trade in the heart of the City. Some

A SOURCE OF REVENUE.

While the "American" party administration is frantically drumming up sources of revenue to replenish its depleted exchequer suggestions may be in order.

Since Sheriff Emery closed up Commercial street and drove the scarlet women to cover the city revenues have sustained a relapse which creates deep and abiding concern in the ranks of the reckless financiers.

A suggestion is made in all good faith that now the merchant license proposition has been duly threshed out the present City administration should turn its attention toward the billboards This is a subject which the Civic league and other bodies interested in the beauty of this City should be agitating. There is no reason why so much per square foot for advertising space on the boards should not be levied. The "Americans" need the money badly. The old system whereby a billboard concern secures the privilege of erecting unsightly boardings on vacant lots in the residence district for the consideration of a few passes to the theater, might profitably he done away with, and no business interests would thereby be injured in the least. Of course some would object. In San Francisco the validity of the ordinance limiting the height of the fences and boardings used for such purposes was attacked by injunction suit. Action was also brought in Santa Clara county, Cal. but the superior court affirmed the right of municipal governments to

prohibit altogether the disfigurement of streets and thoroughfares. Other cities are taking the lead in regulating and in some cases prohibiting unsightly billboards. It is too much to expect thus of the present administration, but the City might obtain more revenue from the business. The peanut vendors were chased off the streets, while the scarlet women remained to ply their