

spread assumption has been made locally, "by Gentile leaders." For instance, it has been virtually admitted that a special train which ran from this city to the Colorado line, registering gang after gang of workmen to the number of hundreds, many of whom never lived here, but who were all expected to vote the "Liberal" ticket. "What are you going to do about it?" is, in effect, the only answer the "Liberal" managers make here. We quote again:

"What the contest really meant on the Gentile side was religious liberty, not persecution. In the end the Mormons will be the greater beneficiaries by the social revolution now going on in the Territory, for at this time they are, as they have been for nearly half a century, slaves of the Twelve, the Bishops, teachers, and other 'rulers' over 'Zion.'"

That the Gentiles of Utah have been waging a contest for religious liberty, is an astonishing statement. The overwhelming majority of them do not believe in any religion at all, and do not pretend to, and the idea that they have ever been the victims of religious persecution is grotesquely absurd. The statement that "In the end the Mormons will be the greater beneficiaries by the social revolution now going on in the Territory," we believe to be true. But the good will come to them in a different way from that expected by the *Record-Union*. The contrast between the rule of the People's Party and that of their now victorious opponents and traducers, will be of a character to cause a desire among decent people of all shades of political and religious belief to welcome the former back to power. In this way the "Mormons" will be vindicated, and their countrymen be made to understand them better.

The talk of our Sacramento contemporary about the "slavery" in which the "Mormon" people are held by their leaders, is twaddle unworthy of that paper. It knows better while it prints such stuff. The people who founded the great commonwealth which now occupies this inter-mountain region, are not the material of which slaves are made. The very contest in which they have just been overcome, and which shook the whole United States from center to circumference, would not and could not have been maintained for a single day by a people who were serfs, or served any master save their own consciences.

In portions of Russia the belief prevails among the peasantry that the Jews mix with the bread they

eat in celebrating the Passover, the blood of a Christian child slain for the purpose. For a Jew in those regions to try to correct this popular belief is a work scarcely more weary and hopeless than for a "Mormon" to try to correct many false notions that are almost universally entertained, even in this enlightened country, regarding his religion, habits and practices. But as enlightened people now scout such statements about the Jews, so will they in time learn the false and absurd character of much that is said and published about the "Mormons."

#### IT HAS A RIGHT TO.

This appeared in the leading "Liberal" organ of February 15:

"This being the case the News should not make itself the laughing stock of the city by assuming that there is any disposition to drive the Mormons out and to furiously declare that the Mormons are here to stay. This kind of rot does not deceive anyone. Mormons are just the same as Gentiles are. So long as they think their best interests are here they will remain; when they think they can do better somewhere else they will go. The News has a holy right to tell stories, but not to advertise itself an idiot."

This journal, in the article referred to, was treating on threats that were being indulged in by members of the "Liberal" party. We are pleased to learn that the organ of that class is prepared to oppose that policy, and will try to accept of the expressed intention as soon as confidence and unanimity are established among its staff, so that one part of the paper will not be a flat contradiction of the other, as witness this clipping, approvingly published in the same issue from which the foregoing extract is taken:

"The end may be far or near—no one can forecast the length of time it will take to gather all the fruits of the victory—but no intelligent doubt can be entertained that the beginning of the end has been reached. The Mormons might as well make up their minds to do one of two things, either to give up polygamy or leave the country. That alternative cannot be very far off."

According to the logic of our cotemporary it is advertising "itself an idiot." Unlike the position taken by it on this point, however, we believe it has a right to do this if it wants to; but the spectacle is uninviting.

#### POLITICAL TRAINS.

It is currently stated that on the afternoon of Sunday, February 8th, a R. G. W. train left this city, bound southward. The same train,

which is alleged to have been empty when it departed, is said to have returned about 3 o'clock a.m. on Monday, the day of the election, loaded with passengers. The report also has it that the train, in approaching and entering the limits of the municipal corporation, did not sound the usual whistle, stealing into the depot like "a thief in the night."

We do not state positively that this cargo of human freight was composed of a peculiar class of voters used on the 10th by the "Liberal" Party. We will say, however, that there exists a powerful inference in that direction. A train of that character would necessarily be the result of the one which was run to the Colorado line for registration purposes, and on election day there were in this city hundreds, to say the least, of strangers, many of whom are stated to have appeared at the polls and voted. On the following day there was a general clearing out of that class.

This train-running business has evidently been a powerful factor in producing the regrettable result of the late election.

#### IT COUNTS.

THE other day we published something in relation to the "anti-Mormon" political capital talk of Governor Thomas to an Associated Press reporter. We were not only compelled to exhibit the one-sided course of that gentleman, but also that he was showing himself to be a rigid economizer of the truth, while he dealt out its opposite in a "Liberal" spirit. The Governor's organ, in speaking of our article and of this journal says, this morning: "It picks up as not true the statement that the Church owned stock in the Deseret National Bank. A great many people say the Church did own that stock. The denial of the News does not count."

If "a great many people" make such a statement, all we have to say upon that point is that they are in the same box as the gentleman in whose defense the assertion is offered—they simply do not tell the truth. In connection with this subject we introduce the following:

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 15, 1890.

To whom it may concern: Any statement to the effect that the Mormon Church has, at any time, owned stock in the Deseret National Bank, is untrue.

L. S. HILLS, Cashier.

The denial of the News was good enough for anything. On this subject, when combined with that of Mr. Hills, it defies the world.