

CAN THE COMMISSIONERS FORMULATE AN OATH?

A QUESTION has been sprung in reference to the legality of the oath and instructions sent to Brigham City to govern the municipal election in that place. It is alleged that there were only two Utah Commissioners here at presented, to indulge in his the time when the document was usual loose and libidinous contransmitted, and it is argued that it takes a majority of the Commission to his conscience is clear and he can submske the action of that body valid. scribe and vote with impunity. Well, We do not think there is anything in this objection. It would no doubt require the action of a majority of that body to legally appoint any registration or braided for so declaring and voting in election officer in the Territory, or do support of majority rule as opposed to anything else which the Commission is authorized to perform by Act of Congress. But the Commissioners, or Leaguers imagine a vain thing! But any of them, have no more legal right let every citizen of Utah who has a to formulate an oath or prescribe reghead ou his shoulders think for himulations for the conduct of elections, than five Main Street merchants or one for his political slavery by the wouldmember of the Central Committee of the People's Party. helped to build up, and rejoicing at their

The Utah Commissioners have done a great many things for which they can find no authority in Act which created their the office and defined its duties. Some of those things were perhaps advisable under the circumstances, to secure uniformity and prevent confusion. But it is clear, not only from the wording of the law but from a ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States, that they have no authority of law for formulating an oath of any description whatever. If they do so it is not binding upon anybody ... And if it received

the signature of every member of the Commission, duplicated and tripli-

All day Sunday and 'until midnight the officer on duty at the door of the have power of action and they feel that house was kept busy answering que-ries of friends and strangers. For they would withhold nothing for the upbuilding of the Kingdom but when hours the people stood in the damp weather looking at the house, and it they were among the world, and battling its anxieties, there is a difference was not until the lights in the windows n the feeling. It was this latter eeling that the Saints were were lowered that the crowd was enfeeling that the Saints were required to overcome. There was a tirely dispersed. Even as late as one o'clock persons climbed up the steps and tried to read the last bulletin. Most of the flowers sent to the house came great difficulty in controlling this weakness, and realizing that but a short time since the Saints were in the from the members of the congregation. presence of God. If they could but have the vell removed and see what

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they had left and to what they would was in the house most of the day. He return, they would not let temporal told the circumstances connected with things turn them aside from the cause Beecher's daily occupation just preof God. Many thought that because they were weak in the flesh they were vious to the attack with considerable feeling; said that Beecher only on Tuesday hast told him how strong he felt, and how glad he was that he would be able to complete his book in time for the publishers, and what pleasure he found in writing the work. if a "Mormon," unmarried or with but one wife, does not intend, at the time the oath or affirmation is presented, to in the garden of Gethsemane, until He sweat|arops|ef blood at the trial He had In the coming September it was in-tended to give a grand celebration in honor of Beecher's fiftieth year in the o undergo, yet where was the spirit that was greater than He? The proverb says, He who controls himself is greater ministry, and the first half century of than he that taketh a city. The life of his married life; also, the fortieth year of his ministry a Brooklyn church. All of the morning from just before daylight there was collected a crowd the Latter-day Saints was one of continual contest in overcoming the weaknesses of the body. It was not possible for them to just after the of people on the sidewalk in front of the Beecher residence eagerly scanning hings of the world and have the love of God in them-they could not serve God and Mammon. He who heard and the latest bulletins. 10:30 a.m.—There is no change in Mr kept the cemmands of God was the one who received the choice blessings of

Beecher's condition. At 11:25 Dr. Searle returned to the house. He did not expect any change in Beecher's condition. Life is slowthe Lord. Jesus knew no ties of kin-dred above His duty to His Father; and it should be the same with the Latter-day Saints, who would be re-

quired to lay their all on the altar for Christ's sake and for the establishment of God's EBBING AWAY and from the reports of those who have seen Beecher it is evident that kingdom. And instead of feeling bitter toward those who brought suffer-ing on them, they should make the sacrifice cheerfully for the good of those who hated them. They were aiming for the highest glory in their the end is not far off. The condition of Beecher at this hour (12 m.), does not vary essentially from that given to the press last evening. The only changes perceptible are increasing rapidity of the pulse and respiration; these stand respec-tively 108 and 36 to 38 per minute. Res-piration is also more shallow, the temperature reaching 101 degrees. These symptoms indicate the gradual failure of vitality which has been anticipated and the consequent slow approach of the end. This

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gamy. Why is this thus? Oh! they

are "Gentiles," and "Gentile" votes

are wanted! Conscience does not

count in that case. It is only when

'Mormons" are likely to vote that the

conscience scare is to be worked for

much more than it is worth. If a

'Gentile'' of a certain sort does not

intend, at the time the oath is

duct, it will be considered that

break the law, why is he to be up-

Let the heathen rage and the

self, look at the vile scheme concocted

be plunderers of the Territory he has

failure to establish an autocracy on

American soil, make up his mind to do

minority domination?

Sunday, March 6, 1887, commenced and read therein-read the dream of at 2 p.m., President Angus M. Cannon Lehi concerning the iron rod, and

Religious services in the Tabernacle,

Father's presence, and they knew there must be a responsibility attendant up-on it. They must place themselves within the teachings that would make kings and priests to God. They would do well to take their Book of Mormon and read therein read the drawn of on thereir

