

an ordinance abolishing a portion of the public easement on the central avenue running north and south through the original plat of the City Cemetery. The ordinance provides that a single tier of burial lots be platted on the centre of the street in question, along its entire length. No provision is made for cutting through the line of these lots at the intersections of streets running east and west. The result is that a literal construction of the ordinance means the shutting out of direct thoroughfare across the grounds except by turning north or south to either terminus of the new plat, which was established "for revenue only." Such a measure could hardly be called statesmanship.

A later exhibition of the kind of brilliancy exhibited by those who ought to be "our city fathers," was the definite action taken on the issuance of a liquor license to the Variety Theatre concern, and then taking another and similar action on the same question afterwards, without any vote to reconsider the first decision. If the second action had differed from the first the question would have arisen as to which was binding—the first or second. Probably the first would have taken precedence, as it would not have been impaired by any action for reconsideration looking to its being rescinded.

Egregious blunders may be pardonable, although their frequent recurrence in the proceedings of men in responsible public positions is to be deeply deplored. But there can be no excuse for turning the legislative department of this city into a bear garden, conveying the impression that the Council is partly composed of burly ruffians instead of refined and intelligent gentlemen. When men leap to their feet, assume a pugilistic attitude, and exclaim to a fellow member, "Do you mean to call me a liar, sir?" as did Councilman Anderson to Mr. Hall on Friday evening, the Council is brought into further contempt. We use the word *further* advisedly, because there must necessarily be a large degree of that sentiment ordinarily prevailing towards a body two-fifths of whose members were never elected to the seats they usurped and retain in defiance of law and a judicial decision of a competent court.

One of the non-elected sextette—Mr. Pembroke—probably carries more weight in the Council on account of his pugilistic proclivities than because of the ponderosity of his mental acumen. He has already secured a reputation in the fistie line by knocking a fellow councilman—Mr. James—over a chair. Some time since he

arose in the majesty of the inflation which resulted from this victory over one who is, from his standpoint, a "hostile," and threw down the gauntlet to the whole Council, including we presume, the mild-mannered Mayor. He exclaimed, while his eye rolled in a "fine phrenzy"—"I may not be truthful and I may not be straight, but I am ready to fight at the first intimation offered to that effect," or words substantially of that import. We have observed since then that there has been small disposition on the part of the members generally to call forth the exercise of Mr. Pembroke's "knock-down" arguments.

The people of this city have not only a right to demand of the municipal government that those who compose it shall use their official positions for the general good, but that they shall preserve in their deliberations a commensurate degree of decorum. The impression should not go out that the council is only semi-civilized, lest the idea prevail that they are the representatives of a community composed of barbarians.

POINTS FROM PALESTINE.

THROUGH a private correspondence from a gentleman residing in Haifa, Palestine, we learn that that country has recently been visited by a hail-storm, the violence of which was phenomenal. The tiles on the roofs and the window panes were in many places broken. Fortunately, the storm came at a time of the year when the damage to the fields could not be extensive, although the vineyards suffered some.

The engineers have just finished the preliminary work connected with the projected railway between Haifa and Damascus. The projectors of the enterprise have started for Constantinople with their plans, in order to lay them before the Sultan. It is hoped that he will give his consent and approval. Should he do so the work of grading will commence forthwith.

"STEALING" DISPATCHES.

We suppose that once in a while we will be under the necessity of replying to our unesteemed and untruthful contemporary, the Salt Lake *Tribune*. We do not intend to notice a tithe of its abuse, nor to answer many of its illogical and absurd attempts at argument, in which it usually succeeds in refuting its own propositions. Reasoning is not its forte. It is chiefly successful in rostate gush and rude blackguardism, one or the other predominating as the "fine" writer or the coarse ruffian commands the larger space.

This time it is needful to notice a statement to the effect that the DESERET NEWS has been stealing *Tribune* special dispatches. In Sunday's issue it is alleged that the last column of Saturday's evening NEWS telegrams appeared as specials in the morning *Tribune*. Reference to the last column and comparison with the *Tribune*, shows this: That the dispatches contained in that column of the NEWS of Saturday evening, appeared in the Sunday morning *Tribune*. How the NEWS could steal for Saturday evening, that which did not appear in the *Tribune* till Sunday, is one of those mysteries of *Tribune* logic which even a Philadelphia lawyer would fail to explain.

We have frequently received dispatches for the DESERET NEWS which have appeared *next day* as "Specials to the *Tribune*."

Also other matter that appears in the DESERET EVENING NEWS of one day, will appear in the *Tribune* next morning without any attempt at credit. And when the NEWS falls into an error or date, or circumstance, or name, the same blunders appear in the next morning "steal" of the *Tribune*, demonstrating the work of the scissors.

Now to be frank about this matter, there have appeared and will appear in the DESERET NEWS, dispatches which the *Tribune* prints as "specials." It will be found that these appear simultaneously in other morning papers of the same date. We have an arrangement to use these "specials," not with the *Tribune*, however; we have no need to do that.

The term "special," as far as these items are concerned, is a misnomer. They are a series sent to the San Francisco *Chronicle* and used on the way by a number of papers at the same time. So that we do not steal any of the *Tribune's* so called specials.

As to the local matter which other papers take from the NEWS we say they are welcome. We would not have mentioned this common borrowing matter but for the ugly charge which, without reason or prudence, has been made by our ungentlemanly and impolite contemporary.

PREHISTORIC REMAINS.

THE wonders of Hundred Dome cave, which lies about six miles east of Mammoth cave in Kentucky are, according to a letter received in Boston, says the Chicago *Times*, are destined to produce a sensation when they shall have been made known to the world. The letter referred to was written by Peter Brizendine, of Litchfield, Ky., and it is as follows;