

organization in Idaho, the "Mormons" of that State are still held up as a menace to the Republican party, and journals at a distance, copying the nonsense uttered by persons and papers in the new State, make ridiculous comments as to the "help which the Democrats will have from the Mormons" in the State election. The following editorial, which appears in the *Bear Lake Independent*, the "Mormon" paper of that region, ought to settle this matter in any rational mind:

"They (Republicans and Democrats) have said to the Mormons, just stand aside and see us fight as we have never fought before. We therefore find ourselves non-combatants, having no point nor lot in the matter. In years gone by we were active participants and our influence was sought after by both political parties. As a matter of political principle our sympathies were with the Democracy, and we supported in good faith their nomination at the general election. How we have been treated by that party in return for our fealty and devotion to its interests is a matter of history, and the political position we occupy today is the result of its cowardice, treachery and ingratitude. The party to which we gave our allegiance and support, and boosted into positions of honor and trust, has within the last decade produced a lot of degenerate scubs who, like unclean birds, have befouled their nests, and made themselves infamous and unworthy of decent and honest men.

"We are not vindictive although we have been insulted and abused. We think we deserve better treatment at the hands of a people professing to be Christians. We have, however, the self-respect to sever the connection and draw the line sharp and decisive between ourselves and such ingrates and dissolve our allegiance and alliance now and forever, as we have no sympathies in common.

"We wish it understood moreover that we do not take this position in view of obtaining any favors from their political opponents. In fact we ask favors of no man, or set of men. We have asked for the rights and liberties of American citizens, such as this great nation has guaranteed to every citizen of this republic, but those common rights of humanity have been denied us from time to time because of our faith in God and obedience to His Gospel. And the sentiment has been heard throughout the land, from the President of the United States, members of Congress and other classes of thoughtful and intelligent men, in answer to petitions and complaints presented by the Latter-day Saints, namely: 'Your cause is just, but we can do nothing for you.' This sentiment has been familiar to the Mormons for over fifty years, and they have learned to put their trust in the great Eternal, who made the heavens and the earth, the sea and the fountains of the great deep."

HIS OWN CONDUCT.

RECENTLY Sam Small, more appropriately known as "Small Sam," preached in the city of Philadelphia. He took for his text the first verse of the second chapter of the first epistle

of St. John, which reads thus: "My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not." He is reported to have said "that there existed a disposition among men to justify their commitment of sin by some supposed law of necessity, and proceeded to show the fallacy of such excuses. He asserted that no man was compelled to sin; that he sinned because he wished to gratify some passion and he did it against the resistance of his nature and the commandments of God."

If the reverend fraud had selected himself as a horrible example of the kind of depravity to which he referred, he could not have given a more adequate description of his own condition. We proved in yesterday's issue that he had been guilty of breaking several of the commandments of God, among them the express inhibitions against man "bearing false witness" against his neighbor, engaging in back-biting and falsehood, all of which he has been perpetrating against the Latter-day Saints. The "supposed law of necessity," which led him into this base conduct was, we presume, the need of getting "money, equipments and endowments" for the proposed Methodist University at Ogden. The hypocrisy of this religious barnacle is disgusting.

THEY CAN SEE FOR THEMSELVES

NOTWITHSTANDING the continual complaints of all classes of the community about the wretched and dangerous condition of the streets of this city, rough, rocky, rutty, and alternately muddy and dusty, spoiling vehicles and causing profanity, the "Liberal" organ persists in praising them as "smooth" and even "boulevards," thinking perhaps that a daily repetition of the patent falsehood will make some unthinking people believe it is the truth. We will just quote its own words for its own reflection.

"Men will believe their own eyes sooner than they will the statement of a newspaper that they know has no disposition or desire to be honest."

The estimate placed by the public upon the statements of the "Liberal" organ and their opinion of its character could not be more tartly expressed. Then what is the use of trying to make the people of Salt Lake discredit the evidence of their own eyes?

One Idaho preacher has sued another for slander for calling him a "pale gray ass." The prosecution does not state upon what word the action lies.—*Boise Sun*.

THE STREET RAILROAD STRIKE.

WE join in what we believe to be a general regret at the misunderstanding that has occurred between the Salt Lake City Railway Company and their employes. The difficulty should be adjusted, if such a desirable consummation be practicable, between the principals in interest—the company and their men. This failing, arbitration by persons chosen by each side of the controversy is the next most effective method. The present difference is unprofitable and disagreeable to both parties, besides being a cause of inconvenience to the public. The latter have been satisfied, as a rule, with the service of the Company, including the car men, who have, as a whole, been courteous and attentive; hence we have not joined in the ungenerous flings that have been thrown at the men from other quarters. It would have been a source of gratification to have seen the present difficulty adjusted, but appearances suggest that it has passed the possible stage in that direction.

JUSTICE ON THE BENCH

JUDGE ZANE'S special charge to grand jury, in reference to the election frauds perpetrated in the Fourth Precinct, is another proof of the stern sense of justice so often exhibited by the Chief Justice of this Territory. The respectable citizens of every party will be gratified at the course he has taken. His words are not only a scathing rebuke of the persons implicated in the crime, but of the Commissioner who, on such flimsy grounds, after hearing the damnable evidence against the defendant, refused to hold him to the grand jury. It now remains to be seen whether that body will do its duty where a "Liberal" is involved. In any event the Judge has performed his duty, and we do not believe the organ of all that is evil in the "Liberal" party will have the temerity to attack him on this ground.

THE "FILTHY POOL" IN IDAHO.

IDAHO politics comes as near to forming the "filthy pool" which is a common term of description, as anything to be found in the Union. It has developed as many slimy creatures and as much corruption in that region as in any part of this great and glorious country. The course pursued towards the "Mor-