

was mobocratic and therefore all the more disgraceful to the State where it was taken. The basis of the proceeding was the proclamation of these missionaries, which was to the effect that the fulness of the Gospel has been revealed anew in this age through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith; that it was necessary that all men everywhere should accept of Christ as the Redeemer, repent of their sins, be baptized, by immersion in water, at the hands of an authorized servant of God, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Included in that message is the declaration that the judgments of the Almighty are about to fall upon the world, the legitimate result of the wickedness that exists in it.

There could be no other foundation for the course pursued by the people who expelled the Elders from the district of country referred to, because that is the character of the message carried by the missionaries to the people to whom they are sent.

It seems that these mobocratic disregarders of the commonest rights of man are persistent in their determination to drive the missionaries from their midst, as will be observed from the following notice, which reached the two Elders named at Gaffney City:

"FAIR WARNING.

To John F. Chudester and George E. Burgess, Gaffney City:

Sirs:—On the 4th day of May my company waited on you and requested you to leave the State. Have you done so? You are now sending your infamous letters to your 'good-hearted friends' here who took you in, and some of your letters (perhaps all) have been handed me for perusal. I see from them that you expect to have 'a long sociable chat with them sometime.' I now warn you that if you or any of your detestable klan ever put yourselves in Chesterfield or Darlington counties, that you will be riddled with bullets. We are bound to keep your cursed doctrine from among us and will even take life to do so. You can send as many letters and 'good wishes' as you please; they are amusing; but you and your klan will find it to your interest to heed this Last Warning.

(Signed)

CAPTAIN."

May 23d, 1889.

It is understood by the Elders that the "Captain" who sent this barbarous epistle wears the prefix "reverend" in connection with his name, which he failed to sign, showing that he was not lost to all sense of shame.

If people do not want the Gospel message and will drive and spurn the bearers of it from their midst

that is their look out. We presume that the Elders are not under obligation to insist on its reception. When they are driven from one city or county, they can go to another and soon until their whole duty is fulfilled. Any people who are so lacking, as a body, in moral and physical courage as to tamely see the laws and natural rights of man trampled upon by mobs instead of defending religious liberty, are not likely to receive the principles of the glorious Gospel. From such localities the Elders are justified in retiring, after having used due diligence in seeking to sow the seed of salvation.

In those districts that are thus left there will come testimonies of a different character from those borne by the pleading tones of the brethren. They will come in ways that will cause the ears of the people to tingle. They will be the voices of earthquakes, whirlwinds, deafening thunder, vivid lightning, and tidal waves, all accompanied with great destruction and consequent distress. The Elders are engaged in the work of pruning the vineyard for the last time previous to the coming of the Son of Man, and calamities upon the world will follow the rejection of the message which they bear.

To those who mock and laugh at these statements we simply say, watch and see, and the proofs will be forthcoming.

A "LIBERAL" OUTRAGE.

AS A sample of "Liberal" domination of public affairs look at the action of the Ogden City Council on Monday evening: The Committee on Public Grounds recommended that the use of the Tabernacle Square be granted to Robinson's circus on July 19th, and the recommendation was adopted.

This is nothing less than a public outrage. The City Council of Ogden have no more right to grant such a permit than to give Robinson's circus the right to perform in the Mayor's garden or on the lawn of any private citizen. Tabernacle Square has been the property of the Church in the Weber Stake for many years and has been in the possession of ecclesiastical authorities who hold the title from the beginning of the settlement of Ogden City. This grant to the circus is an intentional insult to the majority of the people of that city from whom the city

government was stolen by admitted fraud and violence.

It is claimed by certain Liberals in Ogden that there is a flaw in the title to this square. Suppose this pretext is founded on some show of right, we do not admit it is anything more than a pretext. But even if it is a substantial claim, the ecclesiastical authorities are and have been in possession, the dispute has not been judicially determined, places of worship are on the grounds and have been for a generation and the City Council is proceeding without color of law or any legal authority in this matter.

The people of Ogden have quietly submitted to so much of wrong and fraud that men who have obtained temporary power there imagine they can proceed to any extreme and do just as they please without obstruction. We do not think this outrage ought to be borne in silence nor without resistance. Legal steps should be taken to prevent it and if necessary the ground ought to be held if it takes a number of resolute men to hold it.

These are our private opinions and sentiments, unauthorized by anybody. If the matter is not tested to the uttermost we shall think that the influential men of Ogden have lost their backbone or that it has turned into whittleather through the softening process of life without office. Meanwhile let the people of this city take warning and prepare for that which threatens them. Forewarned should be forearmed.

ANOTHER BAD LAW.

Not a little interest was taken, in all parts of the country, in the proposed taking off of the murderer William Kemmler in New York last week. The curiosity manifested was not altogether of the idle kind, as many delvers in the depths of science and those who record from day to day the strange and novel among our species were "on the list." The fact that it was not to be made known on what day the death penalty would be inflicted had a tendency to measurably enhance the interest, since uncertainty is generally more productive of watchfulness than certainty is; and the readers of the daily papers, no less than those who put them together, scanned the matter as it came along and not a few there be who, after finding not a word regarding the execution, experienced a feeling