

ennobling the world is well nigh ended, and it will always remain a secret how any person imbued with Protestantism can embrace its doctrines and still keep up a degree of self-respect. But the mysteries of a human heart are not easily fathomed.

DEMAGOGISM REBUKED.

The DESERET NEWS is proud to be able truthfully to say that it has consistently, religiously and absolutely kept itself out of politics. It adopted the resolution thus to hold aloof when into its honored constituency division on national party lines was introduced. That resolution it has firmly adhered to notwithstanding all the tricks and devices of the various contending factions; and the sneers and insinuations of its contemporaries as to favoritism here or there, have been, because false, usually treated with silent scorn.

But no program it ever marked out for itself, either defined or implied, contemplated silence when injustice should be attempted by any party, or insult be offered to honest men. Cowardice is not related to independence, nor is blind partisanship a friend of truth. Both independent and truthful, both free and fearless, this paper claims to be. And when it takes up the cudgels, it does so from conviction, conscious that its campaign is that of the fair and the just, and its following the best elements of the whole community.

We invite attention to the two cards published in another column of this paper. They are called forth by the reported utterances of O. W. Powers in a recent political speech. He puts a series of questions to a candidate before the people, which candidate in private life is also prominently connected with the Utah Company. Mr. Powers's queries are chiefly deserving of notice because of their impudence. They are framed in malice, and derive their political importance wholly from the innuendoes they may convey. They can be answered in direct monosyllables, and, indeed, such is the extent of the answers given. The incident might be allowed to drop here, for against the words of the man connected with the Utah Company Mr. Powers is not capable of saying anything that will do him or any cause he represents the least particle of good.

We do not choose to let it drop there, however. We want to hold this man and these methods of political work up to the contempt they deserve. We want to invite the people's notice to the insulting sneers to which these leading citizens are subjected. We desire that men of all shades of religious or political belief shall be made aware of this outrage on common decency in every-day business affairs. We want to find out how many there are, either in or out of Mr. Powers's party, who are willing to take his word in impugnation of the motives of the First Presidency of the Church. We want every one who has read the newspapers and knows anything about the Utah Company, to have a chance to measure up the dirty insinuations with which his speech is characterized, and hurl them back at him. We want to know, finally,

whether, in the estimation of the people of Utah, the license which political stumpers employ is to be permitted to go to the length of maligning any and every project instituted for the public good, and heaping insult upon the heads of men whose whole life of devotion to the people and their best interests is an open book.

Upon these points we should like to be informed before the incident is permitted to pass out of mind. Meantime we should like to know what the party newspapers think of the extremes of folly and infamy to which untrammelled partisan mouthing is being carried, and how the parties themselves and the candidates appreciate the rascally procedure of which the present incident is a sample.

TO CRUSH THE SUGAR FACTORY.

The most determined efforts are being made to crush the Utah sugar factory, and the most nefarious means are being resorted to, to accomplish that wicked design. We learn that a person has been making it his business to go among the merchants of this city and represent to them that other houses were buying sugar from the Utah factory cheaper than they were; that certain houses had a "pull" on the factory by which they obtained a cut or rebate, which gave them an advantage over other dealers; and in this way a feeling of jealousy, and of hostility towards the factory, have been sought to be fomented among its friends and patrons at home.

We have it from the president of the Utah Sugar company that any and every statement to the effect that one jobbing house has been able to buy sugar of that company cheaper than another, or that cuts and rebates have been privately given to some and not to others, are absolutely false. The company has rigidly adhered to its rule of impartiality as between the jobbing houses of the Territory.

Of course the object had in view in circulating these slanderous representations is to cripple the sugar factory, and wean away its patronage. And right here is a fine opportunity for our merchants and retail purchasers to show their patriotism, and loyalty to home enterprise. Stand by our sugar factory! Don't let a powerful and unscrupulous foe come in and crush it!

ELDERS REACHING THE RICH.

From reports rendered by Elders who are now and have been laboring in the Southern States, it would seem that a marked and gratifying change is taking place in public sentiment in that region, in respect to the Gospel, and the servants of the Lord who are engaged in preaching it. Heretofore the rule has been for the Elders to be listened to and received by the poorer and humbler classes only. They have seldom been able to place the Gospel fairly before the rich and influential. But recently the latter class have begun to receive the Elders into their homes, and attend their meetings.

Elder Hunter, who has been laboring in middle Tennessee for about two years, and a notice of whose return

appears in another column, states that in the state named, the Elders make a house to house canvass in their fields, calling in person upon the people, tendering tracts to such as will read them, and seeking opportunity to converse with all who manifest the slightest spirit of inquiry. The houses of the rich, as well as those of the poor, are visited in this way, and one result is a kindly reception extended to the Elders, by many who belong to the former class, and who have hitherto been inaccessible to the missionaries. Elder Hunter states that he was repeatedly made the recipient of hospitality in the elegantly furnished houses of the well-to-do, and that chapels and churches, in which a Mormon would not, in former times, have been permitted to preach under any circumstances, are now opened to them, and in some instances an organist and choir have also been provided.

The change which Elder Hunter describes as taking place in Tennessee, is in progress in other parts of the South. The warmth of a genial but invisible influence is melting the cold and hard prejudices and animosities that have heretofore prevented the servants of the Lord from reaching, with the message of the fullness of the Gospel, thousands who, at heart, were worthy of an opportunity to hear and embrace it. The heart of every true Latter-day Saint will swell with joy at this tidings. It means that the powers of heaven are being exerted in opening the way for the spread of Truth upon earth, and that the progress of the work of the Lord among the nations will increase in rapidity.

AN HONORED MAN'S BIRTHDAY.

A custom is coming into vogue among the people of this community which is a beautiful one, and well calculated to cultivate and stimulate sentiments of a lofty and ennobling character. We refer to the observance of the anniversaries of the birth of old veterans in the Church by their families and friends, both before and after the objects of such honors have passed from this into the next sphere of action. The relatives of the honored individual meet and carry out a pre arranged program, which usually embraces good things for both mind and body. They relate incidents from the history of their ancestor and friend, and recount his trials and achievements. If he be still alive, they shower upon him their good wishes and congratulations; if he be dead, they commend his example to one another, and cherish his memory.

An occasion of this kind occurred on Saturday last, when the members of the family of Daniel H. Wells met together at one of the family residences in this city to commemorate the day on which that honored and valiant chieftain entered the world. Had he been living he would have been 80 years old. Every member of the family who is in the city was present, and this included a goodly little army of grandchildren. The program was mainly entrusted to the latter, who rendered a number of songs, recitations and other exercises in a pleasant manner. Two of Brother Wells's sons are