

VOLUME THREE.

INSPECTION of the third volume of the DESERET WEEKLY, completed with last week's number, is invited, and if bestowed intelligently and fairly, the result will be complimentary to the magazine. The six months of time covered by the closing volume have been prolific of interesting historical events and developments, among which may specially be mentioned the most remarkable campaign that ever took place in municipal politics in the United States; decisions of the highest tribunal in the land upon certain vital principles of the American Constitution, with an account of the legal contests leading thereto; the plots and schemes of the enemies of the Saints which have developed within the half year, and a vast quantity of other matter relating to the current history of the Saints and of the world in general.

The closed volume will reveal to the future reader how, inch by inch, the Latter-day Saints contested the ground of their liberties, and the light in which they viewed the means adopted for their overthrow.

When bound the volume will be found to contain, in addition to the features above referred to, a large quantity of matter of a miscellaneous character, which has been selected with care and is both interesting and instructive.

The volume which opens with the present number will, it is intended, fully equal if it does not surpass, in general excellence, the one which closed last week.

INEXPLICABLE TO THE PLOTTERS.

"While the ballot is still in their hands, that there should be a disposition on the part of any who do not belong to their organization to divide off on party lines, and thus give to them the real control of affairs, is inexplicable."

This is the "Liberal" argument offered to conservative "Gentiles," to obtain their support of the Culom bill and any other measures for the disfranchisement of the "Mormons" against whom no offense against the law can be alleged.

The object in view all through the assault which has been kept up against the "Mormons" in Utah, has been the establishment of minority rule, the very reverse of republican government. The pretext which prevailed for years and led to the disfranchisement of the polygamists, and then to the destruction of woman suffrage in this Territory

is now obsolete. It will not answer the end in view.

It was claimed by its promoters that all they asked was for the "Mormons" to "come within the laws." They were fighting for "a holy principle." They were anxious that polygamy should be suppressed. That was all. They did not want any one oppressed. They only desired to see the laws executed in Utah as they would be elsewhere. And with law-abiding "Mormons" they had no controversy. With their beliefs they did not wish to interfere.

Now the full intent of the conspirators is confessed. The control of affairs by the minority of the citizens is wanted, and to effect that, the majority are to be deprived of the ballot. And the chief movers in this infamous scheme call themselves Americans, and howl for the prevalence of "republican principles."

But there are many conservative "Gentiles" just as much opposed to plural marriage as those plotting fellows pretend to be, and who cannot see the justice or good policy of taking the franchise from monogamous "Mormons" under the pretense of suppressing polygamy. They do not think that the punishment of people who obey the law is likely to aid in the enforcement of the law. They have no warfare with men who are admitted to be honest, frugal, reliable and law-abiding and so they will not join in the senseless crusade against them.

This to the creatures without conscience who want to establish minority rule is "inexplicable." Of course it is. While the ballot is still in the hands of the lawful majority, the handful who want control cannot gain their ends. "The real control of affairs" by the majority, which is a feature of republican government, is to be stricken down. And "that there should be a disposition on the part of any who do not belong to the organization" of the majority to refrain from assisting in the outrage, is past comprehension to those eminent "American gentlemen."

It seems to us that every fair-minded "Gentile" in Utah who reads the sentences we have quoted above, will be filled with disgust at the barefaced infamy couched within these lines. "While the ballot is still in the hands of the majority we, the minority, cannot rule." Therefore justice, fairness, republicanism, honor and party claims should be cast to the winds, and

there should be no "disposition" to do anything but to strike the ballot from the hands that will not vote as the minority dictate."

That is "Liberalism," pure and simple. It is the nut of it, the kernel within the shell. All its affected aversion to polygamy and all its talk about lack of "fidelity" and similar stuff, is the shallowest sort of pretense. "Here is a rich Territory. We are only a few, but we want it, and the only way to get it is to procure the political death of the majority of its citizens." So, in effect, say the place-hunters and their crew. And they cannot comprehend why every "Gentile" is not ready to join in their plot.

We have reason to believe that other things will happen which to them will be "inexplicable." For we have honorable men in our midst, who are willing to let other people enjoy their beliefs while they live within the law, and who would scorn to rob a citizen of the ballot because he does not worship at an orthodox shrine.

ANOTHER GRUMBLE.

THE police force has been greatly enlarged since the new City Council got down to steady work. That was all right. But though there are many more men employed, public safety has not been enhanced. On the contrary it is unsafe for citizens to walk the streets a short distance from the business blocks, at night.

Reports of people being "held up" come to us repeatedly. Some of them are published, others are not, by the request of the victims. But a large number of people have been stopped on the streets and robbed of various sums from a quarter up to many dollars and of various valuables that happened to be on their persons.

Revolvers are being brought out from their hiding places of long ago and, failing the police protection that ought to be given to other places than a few central blocks, citizens are preparing to protect themselves. Some of these night prowlers will be found on the ground in the morning full of lead. Perhaps no good citizen will complain.

But the people demand and ought to have police protection. We hope the City Council will give heed to this grumble. It is well founded. The city should be cleared of a number of gentry who have no visible means of support, and there ought to be detective ability enough here to trace them up and clear them out or place them in jail. "Where are the police?"