

to the United States Senate and his credentials are now presumably on file in that body. His term as Governor does not expire for several months yet, and a large faction of his party (the Democratic) who are opposed to Lieutenant-Governor Jones and do not want to see him take Mr. Hill's place, insist upon it that the latter can properly hold on to the office until he takes his seat in the Senate. This view is stoutly opposed by another faction, who take the ground that Mr. Hill became a United States Senator on the Fourth of March, when the Fifty-second Congress constructively came into existence. The fact that the House has not yet organized, they claim, matters not; it is chosen and only needs to come together to proceed with business; but the Senate, to which Mr. Hill is elected, is always organized; only one-third of it changes with each Congress, so that there is continuously a quorum of members. Besides, they say, Mr. Hill's pay as a Senator began on the fourth of March at noon, when the present Congress expired and the new one began, and thus the gentleman under discussion is now under pay from the National and State Government at the same time—a decidedly anomalous condition of things. The *New York World* suggests that the Governor remove this objection by not drawing his pay as Senator during the interim, and holding on to the Governorship. This gives rise to another question—the Treasury will credit him with \$400 and some odd a month from the 4th of this month, and what will be done with the money? It will stand there to the credit of David B. Hill whether that gentleman draws it or not; and when he applies for it, if he should, it will be paid without question, no matter what he may have received from other sources. It is a very nice question.

#### THE COUNCIL AND PIONEER BLOCK.

As was expected, the City Council, at session of March 3d, decided to dispose of Pioneer Block to a railroad corporation. By this action they have trampled upon three distinct conditions, each one of which, standing alone, ought to have acted as a preventive of the transaction. The reasons which were ignored by the members (and alleged members) of the Council were (1) Popular sentiment. (2) The proprietary right of the people who are the owners of the realty involved in the question. (3) The law as ably presented by the official legal adviser of the corporation.

With any other municipal legislative

body on earth, we presume that these considerations would have had weight. With the men who are ruining Salt Lake City politically, morally and financially, they do not appear to have the best of a feather. We do not hesitate to state that if such a parody on government as is enacted in Salt Lake, were to prevail throughout the whole of this country—municipal, State and General—a revolution would at once be precipitated. There would not be left in the nation a shred of popular rule any more than there is within the domain of the Russian Czar.

In what direction can one consistently look for the reason for such a course as the Council is pursuing? A speaker at one of the law and order meetings, held a few weeks since to demand of the city officials that the ordinances be enforced by them, made a striking statement pointing to the cause of the lamentable situation. The gentleman referred to was Mr. Gregg, a pronounced "Liberal," who said that the cause of all the trouble was that there was not a member of the Council who had not been approached from the outside and informed that there was no use talking to the contrary, we "must have so and so." This accounted for the situation deplored by every thoughtful citizen.

Councilman Pickard and others will carry the question into the courts. This is right. The subject is one of much importance, not only to individuals but to the people at large, and the progress of the legal dispute will be watched with the keenest interest. But what about the time pending? What will the rule and ruin party do between now and the final adjudication? The Mayor has already announced that it may be necessary to sell the Warm Springs property to obtain money, he having promised the people in his annual report that expenses would be still more largely increased. Will that property be disposed of? And in the hands of such an administration is Liberty Park or any other corporation property safe. A "Liberal" organ, the *Times*, stated last Friday that the sale of Pioneer Block was necessary to "save the credit of the city," and to meet obligations that were "family secrets." It may be that "family secrets" will require the sale of other property of the people under some hypocritical plea.

A baker of New York City is suffering from a very rare form of disease known as osteo-malacia. The whole bony structure of the body has become as brittle as chalk, and his bones break under the slightest touch. The disease is fatal.

#### POLITICAL SITUATION IN SCANDINAVIA.

THE latest news from the Scandinavian peninsula is to the effect that the people are apprehensive of war with Russia—the mighty giant on their eastern border. That the situation is grave may be surmised from the feverish activity manifested by the populace, in gathering funds for the purpose of building fortifications and men-of-war. Even the ladies are forming societies for this purpose, and the children participate in this patriotic labor. And the King is regularly asking Riksdagen for money for war ships. Sweden and Norway have enjoyed the blessings of peace and consequent prosperity so long that this warlike activity is all the more remarkable.

The Russian genius, since Czar Peter the Great, has been to extend the vast empire in all directions. This policy has been handed down to his successors as a sacred obligation, and the autocrats of the empire have never neglected an opportunity of acting in line with it. Besides this general desire for extension of territory at the cost of her neighbors, Russia has a special interest in obtaining a foothold in Scandinavia. She needs a harbor for her fleet—a place free from ice, such as the Varanger Fjord, for instance, would give her. For years Russian settlers have been moving into the Northern parts of Norway—buying up lands, making homes there, while her ships have frequently visited the coasts, and maps and charts have been drawn of the various localities.

Among the latest aggressions of the Czar has been the stationing of troops in the north and violating the treaty of peace made with Sweden in 1809, under the guarantee of the European powers. Perhaps this innovation is made in order to provoke Sweden to take some step that could be interpreted as a *casus belli* and justify the opening of actual hostilities.

#### MR. GOMPER'S VISIT.

THE visit of Samuel Gompers to this city will naturally set people talking about labor and capital, and the great issues which are involved. He is President of the American Federation of Labor. This means that he is the most prominent figure in the organized labor of the United States. His plan of organization is said to be superior to that adopted by Powderly and the Knights of Labor. Powderly endeavored to unite all trades and callings of an industrial and producing character into one homogeneous whole. He excluded from his order lawyers and whisky dealers. His idea was a