

on this street, we will say that the Salt Lake City Railroad Company have an old franchise covering this extension. That being the case any opposition to it will be futile. The line is a necessity, the public want it, and if the franchise is good, having never been forfeited or annulled, there will be nothing substantial in the way of its completion.

The general public are not so much interested in the claims of competing corporations as in the conveniences and comforts arising from a good street car service. The electric system now inaugurated meets with universal approval. It is efficient, cleanly, well manned and as good as any in America. More cars are needed, and we understand they are ordered and that before long a ten minutes service will be established, the remnants of the mule car outfit will disappear, and the city will be in complete inter-communication.

A company which has shown so much vigor and progress cannot fail to receive popular support; and we are glad to see the extensions and improvements that are being made, which are sure tokens that further developments in a similar direction will certainly come in due time. Let the good work go on.

#### DELIBERATE AND PERSISTENT VILLAINY.

THERE is no need in this community to exhibit the shameful conduct of the chief anti-"Mormon" organ. Its character is well understood even by its friends. The way in which it keeps on repeating scandalous falsehoods leads one to a belief in at least one instance of total depravity. It resurrects, this morning, the alleged murder by "Mormons" of William Green in 1862, which wicked fiction formed a leading feature of the notorious anti-"Mormon" examination held before Judge Anderson some time since. Here is what it says:

"Now one word about the Green River butchery. It was testified to by a witness in open court. \* \* \* There was no contradiction except an affidavit purported to be signed by Wm. Green, coupled with the statement that the said Green was not killed as testified to, but was at the time of the making of the affidavit in a little town three hours' ride from this city. It all had a fishy look. It seemed then, and still seems to us entirely certain, that had the business been honest, the Church would never have resorted until the man Green was brought into court and the utmost publicity given to his testimony. Nothing of the kind was done. An affidavit was secured signed by the name of Wm. Green.

For some reason the Church would not permit its man Green to come into court in a matter where a vital issue to the political power of the Church was on trial! The unsupported affidavit, under such circumstances, will not count with any man who is familiar with Mormon methods. This paper never makes a mistake that it does not hasten to correct it frankly and fully."

Perjured Wardell was the witness who testified that Green was murdered. The contradictions of his evidence were so overwhelming that Judge Anderson, as everybody here knows, said that he did not want any more testimony on the subject, Wardell's murder story having been disproved. The witnesses who contradicted Wardell were persons who were on the spot at the time and place stated by Wardell, and included the latter's wife and children, one at least of whom is not a member of the Church. William Green, the man alleged to have been murdered, is an ex-"Mormon" and a member of the political party of which the slanderous journal whose infamy is now being exhibited, is the organ. He has, however, a sense of honor, as shown by this affidavit from him:

TERRITORY OF UTAH,  
COUNTY OF UTAH } ss.

William Green, being duly sworn on his oath says: I am an Englishman by birth, fifty-five years of age, and now a resident of Spanish Fork city, Utah County, Territory of Utah. I crossed the plains in 1862 in Captain Dame's company; I knew a man by the name of Wardell; he crossed the plains and came to Utah in the same company as I did. We traveled together until the company arrived at a point near William Kimball's ranch in Parley's Park, where I left the train ahead of the company, being anxious to meet my wife, who was then in Salt Lake City, she having traveled over the plains the same season with Captain Hoyt's company. I have lived in Salt Lake City and Spanish Fork City since I came to Utah. I was the only man by the name of Green, that I know of, who came over in Captain Dame's company. No man was killed in that company by the name of Green, or of any other name, nor did I ever hear of any rumor of any one being killed in said company, until I saw the statement of Wardell recently in the papers. I am not a Mormon nor have I been for several years. I am not a believer in Mormon theology, but do believe it wrong to have any religious sect or body of people assailed by falsehood.

WILLIAM GREEN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of November, 1889.

WILLIAM GREER,  
Notary Public

[SEAL.]

Mr. Green was not produced in court because the proceedings were closed before he stepped forward like a man and proclaimed the story of his being murdered a wicked falsehood. Besides, Judge Anderson had declared that the murder had already been disproved. The alleged victim of "Mormon" assassination can be found at any time at his home in Spanish Fork. Hence the unparalleled miscreancy of the *Tribune*.

#### NECESSITY FOR CARE.

EXCEPTIONS have been taken to our criticism, published on Monday, on portions of the draft of a proposed health ordinance prepared under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. The News article showed, to our thinking, that certain conspicuous and important provisions are impracticable.

Because we are not willing to swallow with closed eyes the prescription of the framers of the health ordinance, we are characterized, in so many words, as opposed to the adoption of needed sanitary measures for this city. It does not appear that we are under any obligation to pronounce a thing as good that in our judgment is the reverse, and do not intend doing it anyway.

It is urged that the measure should be accepted for the reason that it was framed by able physicians. It surely will not be claimed that because a man is a capable M.D. he necessarily possesses the qualifications of a legislator; or that because he can construct a prescription that he can formulate a law. It is granted, however, that he is likely to be able to make many valuable suggestions in relation to sanitation, but he is liable to make others that are useless because impracticable.

Some people seem to imagine, from the positions they assume, that the merit of a measure depends on who produces it, instead of its own intrinsic value. We have no personal reflections to cast upon the formulators of the proposed ordinance but we do question the value of the thing itself—or rather portions of it, there being doubtless a great deal of good in it.

Our only object in treating upon the proposed measure is to subserve the public weal. It is desirable that the City Council should scan the elaborate paper with great care, that they may not, by ill-advised work, place themselves and the people in an undesirable position.