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THE FORTY-THIRD VOLUME.

THIS number commences the Forty-third Volume of THE DESERET WEEKLY. It comes to its readers with full confidence that it will meet with a hearty welcome wherever its predecessors have found their way. The WEEKLY is the pioneer paper of the Rocky Mountains. It is a "Mormon" paper. It is published in the interest of the "Mormon" people and has battled for their rights from the beginning. When the leaders of the "Mormon" Church have anything official to publish it appears in the DESERET NEWS and is sure not to be omitted from the WEEKLY, which also contains all the leading editorials and most important items from the daily and semi-weekly editions, besides original matter written especially for its columns. Yet it is not confined to Mormon subjects or Mormon interests but supports the cause of right among all peoples and all parties. As an epitome of current thought and general news in form suitable for binding and preservation, THE DESERET WEEKLY is not excelled in this region and may be said to be almost without a rival. In the change that is taking place in the political situation THE DESERET WEEKLY will be independent but not neutral. The movement will be faithfully chronicled without party bias and the doings of both Republicans and Democrats will be impartially reported. The welfare of Utah and its people are paramount with this paper, and we invite our friends everywhere to send us contributions to add to its interest. Grateful for past support we look cheerfully to the future, which is bright and promising, not only to the "Mormon" people but to their never failing champion and representative THE DESERET WEEKLY.

NO PARALLEL.

WE have been expecting that the "Liberal" apologists for the illegal seizure and retention of six seats in the City Council by "Liberals" who were not elected, would attempt to draw a parallel between their case and that of

the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer, who held their offices until the Supreme Court of the United States decided against them. We anticipated this, because we knew that "Liberal" ring argument consists of just such sophistry as that, and that those who use it never miss a chance to avail themselves of it. We have not been disappointed; the effort has been made.

But there is no similarity between the two positions. The Auditor and Treasurer were elected by the people, the bogus Councilors were not. The former knew they were so elected, the latter knew they were not. In contending for their offices those territorial officers set forth the law and the facts and claimed their positions by right of both. The city pretenders did nothing of the kind, but simply resorted to the tricks which legal technicalities make possible. There was no fraud attached to the first case, the second was tainted with it from the beginning and covered with it to the end.

The law under which the Auditor and Treasurer were elected was duly passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The question as to the conformity of the law to the Organic Act was an open one. Many eminent lawyers differed about it. That Governors took opposite views upon it is evident from the signature of the Executive who approved it, as against the claims of others who considered it void. The Auditor and Treasurer did their duty in holding places to which the people had elected them until the highest court decided that their offices were appointive and not elective.

The bogus Councilors were not elected at all. This was understood by both parties. Before as well as after this election, it was judicially determined that the election for Councilmen was to be by wards or precincts. And the scheme to seat men who were not so elected was concocted by "Liberal" leaders and carried out by "Liberal" officials, and was an intentional piece of political chicanery. It had not the shadow of a principle involved in it.

The question is asked, "Has the News forgotten that it denied the authority of Congress inasmuch as a Mormon Legislature had ignored it?" We answer, it is impossible to forget that which we never knew and never performed. Neither the DESERET NEWS nor the Utah Legislature ever denied the "authority" of Congress in this matter. Both, and many learned lawyers, disputed the claim that Congress had exercised, by the Organic Act, authority to the extent of making

certain offices appointive that were not created when the Act was passed.

If the DESERET NEWS is a "reformed harriidan" it has some advantage over those creatures who never reform, but remain the same mendacious, sophistical, unregenerate and ungentlemanly defenders of fraud and corruption as ever.

WHERE IS HIS GREATNESS.

A REV. MR. BOYD, in a recent Presbyterian assembly at Pittsburg, made some entertaining observations on Dr. T. De Witt Talmage. In the gentleman's opinion Talmage was not an orator and there was strong doubt in his mind that the great preacher had any dramatic power. The distortions of countenance which he assumed were a pitiful failure if intended to be dramatic. Indeed, Talmage had not, as he would judge, "a single gesture, posture or movement of the body that pertains to the true orator." On the contrary, his manner was "awkward, uncouth, unnatural and to many absolutely repulsive." Those who have beheld the grimaces and bodily antics of the noted pulpit contortionist will readily coincide with these remarks. But hark at this:

"The first and most important element of Talmage's popularity and power is his Christian earnestness. He believes, and therefore speaks. He is a man of God. A second element of his power is his staunch orthodoxy. He has not been carried away by any of the theories of the new school of theology. He believes in heaven and hell, in a First God and a Divine Savior. He believes in the Bible; the whole Bible. He believes in the Church of God and the ordinances of religion."

Talmage's kind of "earnestness" is of a sort most useful among shallow brains. It will wring tears from the eyes of simpletons, and exalt minds that are morbid with superstition into an ecstasy of admiration for his "genius." But what do the intelligent think of it? We suspect it is they who look upon him as being "awkward," "uncouth," "unnatural," and "absolutely repulsive." Genuine earnestness does not manifest itself in distortions of countenance. It does not roar like a mad beast or tear its hair like a maniac. That is the trick of a pulpit mountebank who without the natural impulse of truth in his soul endeavors to substitute in its place the antics of the practiced buffoon. Earnestness recognizes the power of truth unembellished. It is falsehood that resorts to monkey-shines for the purpose of diverting attention from its feeble disguises.

As for Talmage's Christianity, it is piquantly described by Preacher Graham, who answered the Rev. Mr.