

### "NO IRISH MORMONS."

THE stupid story is going the rounds of the American press again that, "It is a remarkable fact that no Irish man or woman ever joined the Mormons." The *Irish Monthly* has a paper purporting to be written by "an Irish nun," in which it is stated that "Brigham Young sought earnestly among Irish settlers in England, Scotland, Wales and America; he sent his most eloquent apostles into the highways of the world to compel them, so to say, to come to his banquet, but none of them came." This is stated to have been "a very great grief to him."

To save our contemporaries from further absurd errors on this point we will state, that there are many Irish men and women in Utah belonging to the "Mormon" Church, and others in Ireland, Scotland and different parts of the world. Few of them, however, come from the Southern part of the Emerald Isle, or from the strongly Catholic portions of Erin's population. Many have come from the North, from the Protestant Irish people in Scotland and elsewhere.

No special effort is made to convert people of any particular race. The latter-day Gospel is to every nation, tribe and tongue. The Elders are sent to all people of every country, class and creed. Perhaps the Celtic tribes have furnished fewer converts than most other divisions of the human family, but the revamped story about "no Irish Mormons" is entirely untrue.

### UNFIT FOR THE PLACE.

To assert that the nomination of Joseph Lippman for clerk of the Board of Trustees, which are to have the supervision of the public schools of Salt Lake City, is an insult to the community is placing the matter in its mildest light. Men who are connected with the education of the young should be of the highest moral repute. Under the existing situation this is not likely to be the case, but no glaring instance of the opposite of this condition ought to be permitted. The repute of Mr. Lippman in this regard has been damaged by himself. Last November, in the Third District Court, Judge Anderson presiding, he made a statement to the effect that 999 out of every thousand males who reached maturity had committed a sexual offense. Of course he must have meant of the

class to which he belongs, as it was a question put to one of his own kind that drew forth the remark from him.

The incident created a good deal of comment at the time and made the individual in question more or less notorious, and he was designated as 999 Lippman. We do not believe the people want such men as he to have anything to do with the manipulation of the moral and intellectual training of their children, and his nomination in that connection was nothing short of an insult to the parents of the community who furnish the money to conduct the public schools. They do not wish to employ such men as Lippman, and if the Board of Trustees elect him they will consummate an outrage and contribute toward rendering themselves obnoxious from the start.

### IF ALIVE.

SENATOR VANCE, of North Carolina, while opposing an anti-"Mormon" measure in the upper House of Congress, recently, delivered himself of the following strikingly true and pertinent remark:

"Moses, the leader of Israel, if alive today, could not be mayor of a cross-roads town in Idaho, and King Solomon, in all his glory, could not issue a warrant for fifty cents."

He might have added, by way of antithesis: If alive and in Idaho today, Balaam would have a good chance to ride to the highest place in the State, and Judas Iscariot to sit in the United States Senate.

### THE "LIBERAL" NOMINATION FOR RECORDER.

The fight for the "Liberal" candidacy for the recordership of Salt Lake County was lively, almost to the verge of ferocity. The unmitigated snub administered to H. S. McCallum shows that even the party of fraud draws the line somewhere in its manifestations of appreciation of those who have helped them into power by political trickery. The limit is placed at self-interest. In the event of an unscrupulous or incompetent person being in the position of recorder, the interests of all classes of citizens are jeopardized. Mr. McCallum at no time received a vote of the convention sufficiently strong to reach one-half the number necessary for a choice. Seeing that the "Liberal" organ had asserted that he and his friends had been jobbing and conspiring beforehand to secure him the nomi-

nation, this showing is all the more humiliating.

The snub was shared by O. W. Powers, as McCallum was his favorite for the candidacy for recorder. But he got partly even by a *coup d'etat* which secured the nomination for his next choice—Colonel Page. When he saw that McCallum's case was hopeless, he arose and stated that he was authorized to withdraw the name of his favorite and to express a wish on his behalf that his friends vote for Col. Page.

This was a sortie into Kimball's Camp, as the McCallum supporters were undoubtedly committed to a thumbs up or down process at the dictum of the Powers-McCallum combination. It was evident from the beginning that Mr. Kimball was the real choice of the convention, but the unscrupulous political manipulator from Michigan was equal to the occasion and managed to defeat the real favorite.

We wonder whether poor old P. Edward Connor really believed he could get the nomination. If so the fact that he had not the ghost of a chance from the start must have been a source of mortification to the misguided man. The "Liberal" party have shown beyond doubt that the only use they have for him is to head a street parade in the midst of red fire and the rattle of snare drums. Last winter the chief "Liberal" organ used to speak of him as the "Gladstone of Utah," and the "Grand Old Man of the West." It was too cruel to thus tickle the old man's vanity and then demonstrate the hollowness of the flattery by giving him a corporal's guard vote for the party nomination for county recorder. A Gladstonian type of manhood hunting a county recordership is rather a remarkable spectacle anyway. So consistency may after all demand that failure should be the result of the effort.

There is much dissatisfaction among the "Liberals," so it is reasonable to expect that Mr. Powers will soon be at work cracking his whip and threatening to have dissenters drummed out of the party ranks, thus following up the tactics of last spring.

### A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

IS IT possible to drill a little common sense into the heads of the men who make mud in the street, or of the contractor and his associates, or of the City Council who should have control of the matter?