

tirade of folly and abuse again for the DESERET EVENING NEWS; we shall have no space to spare any more for such rubbish.

A PROMISE AND A THREAT.

THE candidate of the so-called "Liberals" of Utah has been stumping the Territory in company with other Federal officials, who it appears to us are not paid by Uncle Sam to abuse and vilify the "Mormons," and after denouncing them as "rebels," "disloyal," "slaves of a hierarchy," "nullifiers" and calling other pet names, has earnestly requested them to vote for him on the 7th of November, that he may go to Congress as their savior. His entreaties have been accompanied by a promise and a threat. The promise is that he would get Utah into the Union as a State in a very short time; occasionally it is reduced to twenty days. The threat is, that if the "disloyal, rebellious, treasonable nullifying slaves of Mormons" do not send him as their Delegate to Congress, Utah will be governed by a Commission.

Passing by the beautiful consistency of pleading for the votes of such a class as he represents the "Mormons" to be, let us look at his false promise and his deceptive threat. He is the chosen champion and accepted standard bearer of the so-called "Liberal" party and swears by their platform, which, however, he is very careful not to read to the public. Now if the Prosecuting Attorney candidate for Delegate were to endeavor to procure the admission of Utah into the Union as a State, he would bring upon himself the wrath and cursings of the alleged party which he represents. That is just what they profess to be most afraid of. That is really what all the "Liberal" government paper-suckers in the Territory view with terror. If he does not fight all attempts towards Utah's statehood he is a traitor to his own party and a foe to its chief efforts. How, then, can he have the hardihood to stand up in public and offer such a false promise in the hope of catching a few "treasonable," "disloyal," "slavish" voters?

As to the threat. That is equally insincere. If he does not work for the very thing which he threatens if not elected, and which he promises if elected to save Utah from, he will again be a traitor to his party. The platform upon which he poses before the people, contains as one of its rotten planks the assertion that a Legislative Commission is the one thing needful for Utah. He has personally advocated its establishment. This pretended lover of liberty and equal rights, of "exact-ing justice to all citizens, without regard to nativity, creed or sect," while pretending to the "Mormons" that he would save them from a "Commission," is pledged to labor for it and has this to say, outside of the present campaign, in a virulent letter which appears over his signature in the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* of October 19th:

"There was great rejoicing here when the Edmunds bill was passed, but it don't go far enough, but it is an excellent law as far as it goes."

"Turn over the Territory into the hands of loyal, true Americans, no matter if it falls into the hands of but ten men."

"And now do not let us discuss or find fault with non-representation of majorities in this Territory if we find that the majorities are disloyal."

What does this promise-and-threaten candidate advance in proof that every "Mormon" is disloyal—for this is what he claims in the letter from which we have quoted? The hackneyed cry of "polygamy!" Because some of the people of Utah have married more wives than one under the religious conviction that it was right to do so, ALL the "Mormons" should be deprived of a voice in the management of their local affairs, and TEN of their enemies ought to have the government of the Territory turned over to them. "Mormon" citizens, are you not anxious for the 7th of November to come that you may vote for him? After all the individuals who have ever been connected with plural marriage are prevented from casting a ballot, over thirty-three thousand registered citizens have the right to vote. And these, according to this champion of "Liberal" ideas, ought to be placed under the absolute power of TEN per-

sons irresponsible to them, because a minority who are practically disfranchised have at some time in their lives been in polygamy!

Now, which horn of the dilemma will Philip T. Van Zile, U. S. Prosecuting Attorney for Utah and aspirant to the position of Delegate in Congress choose for a seat before the public? The "Liberal" platform or his bait to "Mormon" audiences? His letter to the *Inter-Ocean* or his stump speech offering to be Utah's savior from a Commission? Take which he will he is false. If he stands by his platform and his letter he is false in his public utterances and promises. If he stands by his bait for votes he is false to his own avowed convictions. Oh! he is a fine specimen of a politician, and a likely candidate for "Mormon" votes. We don't think he has succeeded in pulling the wool over the eyes of any members of the People's Party, nor scaring any of them with his cowardly threat; but we think he has succeeded by his double dealing in turning over a few "Liberal" votes for John T. Caine.

A "LIBERAL" LETTER.

A "HIT BIRD" FLUTTERS.

Editor Deseret News:

Some years ago the indiscriminate murder of peaceful emigrants, men, women and children, at "Mountain Meadows," in this Territory, roused a feeling of horror and indignation throughout the civilized world. One man only (and he a priest of the order of Aaron or Melchisedec or both,) of all the murderers engaged in that massacre, suffered punishment.

Last Saturday, in your paper, a wholesale assassination of character was attempted by one or more of the same priestly order and with a spirit akin to that which prompted the first named slaughter. You parade a list of thirty-three citizens of Salt Lake as "Anarchists who have and are plotting against the liberties and lives of the law-abiding Mormons." In endorsing this mendacious statement editorially, you denounce these citizens indiscriminately for their "falsehood, their impudence, their baseless brag, and stigmatize them as "non-producers and non-taxpayers, and their contribution to the general growth consists merely of "gas" giving forth no light, and darkening counsel by words, words, words without knowledge and without truth."

Now, as one of the private citizens named in your proposed "black list" I care but little for the "bosh" about "plotting against the liberties and lives," etc., but I resent the baseless imputation of being a "non-producer and non-taxpayer," and at the risk of appearing egotistical, I demand as a matter of justice, space in your columns to repel the charge. For over twelve years, most of which time I have been a resident in this city, I have been actively engaged with what of means, of time and influence I could command, in mining operations. In all that time, instead of being one of the "prominent and mouthy liberals," you prate about, I have been so much occupied in wrestling with the "bread and butter problem" that I have not been so earnest and outspoken against the "twin relics of barbarism," polygamy, and the union of church and state as a loyal American should be. I am safe in saying that three hours would cover all the time occupied by me during the foregoing twelve years in public utterances for or against the dominant church party. So much for your "mouthy" charge.

In 1870 and '71 I organized two mining companies for the purpose of buying and working Utah mines, contributing one-fifth and one-tenth respectively of the cash capital required to build for the first a mill, and for the second a smelter, in connection with corresponding work in opening the mines. In connection with both these companies from forty to fifty thousand dollars were disbursed in Utah, largely for the benefit of members of the Church party of which you are the self-elected champion. While the laws taxing mining, milling and smelting property were in force, my proportion of taxes was large enough to satisfy the most rapacious tithe-eater in Zion.

The time came when a polygamic legislature (a monstrosity now buried so deep that the hand of resurrection can never reach it) sought to drive every miner from the Territory by taxing

their unproductive mining claims to death. If I mistake not, the present wonderfully productive and generous tax-paying editor of the *EVENING NEWS* tried his legislative hand at this crushing out business. Governor Emery promptly interposed his absolute veto and the mining interest which by its disbursements and its outcome of over sixty millions of hard cash has lifted your vindictive priesthood from abject poverty to competence and wealth, was saved from disastrous overthrow. What was sport for you would have proved financial death to us miners. Under the protecting hand of the United States government and its official representatives in this Territory, as against the hostile hand of a disloyal hierarchy, I hold interest in over two dozen mining properties in Utah, on which an aggregate amount of from thirty to forty thousand dollars have been expended. In the estimation of intolerant non-productive scribblers and leeches, I presume this contribution to the support of a home market, and with whatever of addition it may prove to the productive resources of the Territory, goes for nothing. True, I have no house of my own in the city to be taxed, but I have paid over three thousand dollars rent to landlords who are or were members of the Mormon church. Year in and out at the mines and at my rented home, my Mormon friends come and go with their labor and supplies. They receive good pay for their commodities and there is nothing owing between us except good will. I presume that with permission, my dear sir, these good people of your fraternity will continue to furnish me their products with as much pleasure as though I was as large a producer as the Editor of the *NEWS*, and as generous a taxpayer as Bishop Sharp.

When, as a tax payer, I am accorded political representation in Utah, I will agree to offset the taxes I have already paid and, if necessary, resume the payment of a poll tax now outlawed by age, as a necessary consideration for guaranteed freedom from the abuse of a disloyal press.

J. F. BRADLEY.

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