

court in the locality where the offense was alleged to have been committed. The court which investigated the case adjudged that the charge was sustained and the accused was excommunicated from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The action was officially published in the columns of this journal, as can be proved by reference to its files of the date in question. The person referred to had resided in this city, but was at the time the offense with which he was charged was committed and subsequently a resident of another part of the Territory. He was also indicted and tried under the law in the district where he was located. All this was a matter of public notoriety at the time, and proves the utter falsity of the *Tribune* statements quoted above regarding the case. All that paper has proved by alluding to this incident—besides showing its own propensity to falsify—is that the “Mormon” Church does not tolerate immorality in its members, and that “high officials” are not exempt from this rule.

Falsehood is both immoral and cowardly, and we will quote another alleged incident offered by the *Tribune* as an excuse for advocating the grog shop, the gambling den and the brothel as the means by which the young men of the “Mormon” Church should sink into the slough of “Liberalism.” We again quote:

“About the same time a woman was brought here, and under the process of the court the question was asked her who the father of her child was. She declined to answer. She was sent to the penitentiary for contempt. She was made a martyr at once. The News was furious in its denunciations of the barbarity of courts that would send a woman like her to the penitentiary because there was so much womanhood in her that she would go to prison rather than give evidence which might convict and send her husband to prison. The good and charitable Mormon people sent her bedding and fruits and flowers and delicate food. They made all of the case possible until it transpired that the reason she would not tell the name of the father of her child was because the father of the child was her own father.”

The unadulterated diabolism and brutality of the foregoing causes one to be inclined to the opinion that there may be individual instances which illustrate that the doctrine of total depravity is not entirely groundless, and that at least one specimen in point can be found in the office of our groveling cotemporary. There were several instances associated with cases under the Edmunds law of plural wives who were placed on the stand by the

prosecution to give evidence against their husbands. When such was the case it several times occurred that the witness declined to tell who was the father of her child, in order to screen her husband. She thus simply exhibited a womanly trait, a characteristic of her sex, planted there by the Creator, and for which she is not responsible. A true woman will defend her husband—the object of her affections—at the risk of her own comfort and safety. Hence several, in some instances accompanied by young babes, were sent to prison. The vile and utterly villainous statement to the effect that there was any such reason for refusing to answer as to the paternity of a child, as that stated by the advocate of drinking, gambling and prostitution as reformatory agents, is destitute of an atom of foundation. The court and prison officials are aware that we now speak the truth, and cannot but regard the publisher of a libel so infamous with abhorrence.

We thought at the time, we think now and always expect to entertain the opinion, that the imprisonment of women not even accused of crime and in some instances of infants, was, under the circumstances, a grave departure from civilized usage. We have never sought to disguise our views on the subject, and we happen to know that they have been and are shared by many thoughtful and consistent non-“Mormons.”

The same article of this morning contains other statements of a similar nature. They have no element of truth in them, but space precludes the practicability of taking them up and demolishing them *seriatim*.

The filth-seeked scribbler goes on in this fashion:

“And a man who had been a Mormon, who had been a Mormon missionary, who knew all about the institution, one morning, meeting the writer in the *Tribune*, declared that it would be a mercy and an act of saving grace for young Utah to take up the vices which pertain to humanity and practice them rather than to be involved in such a cursed work as was going on around us. His words were dressed up and put in print with some comments.”

Yes. The man had been a “Mormon,” and had even been a “Mormon Missionary.” He had drunk the reeking cup he prescribed for the young members of the Church. He had swallowed the horrible decoction which the editor of the *Tribune* said was good medicine, and was cut off from the “Mormon”

Church. He himself was a terrible example of his own theory, being a human wreck, and he and the *Tribune* editor call his condition freedom. What a calumny upon the sacred name of Liberty!

The very remedy which such characters would apply as an antidote to “Mormonism” is a high compliment to its morality. The claim set up in justification of such advocacy sets all the rules of reason and logic at defiance. It means that in order to cure immorality you must seduce those who are immoral into the paths of vice. It means that in order to increase moral purity you must swell the proportion of immorality in its most repulsive forms. The secret of such advocacy is this: That young “Mormons” who are seduced from the paths of sobriety and virtue, as a rule, join the “Liberal” ranks and are received with open arms by the *Tribune* gang.

A PROFFERED BRIBE.

ON October 22 the NEWS exposed a piece of “Liberal” corruption—the creation of the office of deputy treasurer with which to purchase the votes of the members of the Federated Trades Union. Such a political “dicker” is in the nature of bribery. The question of selecting a candidate for the office was under consideration yesterday. We were in hopes that the fact would be denied, but it has not been. A morning cotemporary comments upon the subject from a hypothetical standpoint; that is, “If the NEWS is correct in its information.” The NEWS is correct in its information. We are waiting to see whether the proffered trade will be consummated.

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF.

WE are pleased to learn of the general hearty endorsement, by the People of this Territory, of the nomination of Hon. John T. Caine for re-election as Delegate to Congress. The prospects are that the voters will turn out *en masse* on the Fourth of November, and the People's Party will support him with a handsome majority.

This will be a fitting tribute, both to the gentleman himself and to the cause and principles of which he is a representative. The platform on which he stands is sound and irrefragable. The liberties for which he contends are those which are essential to Republican government. And the record he has made is without blemish and without spot.