

mon" Church are disfranchised. They neither vote nor hold office. They do not figure in political gatherings or utter political speeches. They mind their own business, and attend to such affairs as are of right under their direction. Such power as they exercise no Governor or other secular authority, small or great, can strip from them. It is all legitimate, view it from either a spiritual or secular standpoint.

The majority of the people of this Territory, whom the Governor assails in this wholesale way, are quiet, peaceable citizens whose attitude towards the Government cannot be truthfully impeached. They are better citizens of the United States than any place-hunter who seeks to steal from them their sacred franchise that he may become an autocrat.

This attack of Governor Thomas upon the "Mormon" Church and people is particularly mean, contemptible and despicable. It reveals the small soul in its true size and quality. There was no cause for it and no excuse. It doesn't matter much, of course. It was but a malodorous effervescence from a diminutive bottle. It is of no more force or consequence than a little froth, but it manifests what is within and sizes up and fixes the value of that from which it came. The Governor may be a big Methodist—for the occasion, but he certainly is not much of a man.

#### A VERY SMALL MAN.

THE laying of the foundation stone of the Methodist Episcopal University, at Ogden, August 5th, was made the occasion for an overflow of anti-"Mormon" bile. The Rev. Sam Small has been selected for president of the institution. At the ceremonies he showed that he was deficient in three important pre-requisites—education, refinement and Christian charity. To prove this we give an extract from his speech:

"The Morimons are a low, ignorant, degraded set. Corruption and rottenness are a delight to them; and are handed down from father to son, from generation to generation. But the light is beginning to break forth, Christianity is beginning to spread, and like the dirty, stinking, filthy waters of Great Salt Lake on which the pure air of heaven is having its effect, Mormonism is being gradually purified."

He talks about the "dirty, filthy waters of Great Salt Lake," which everybody knows afford the most invigorating, health-imparting and

pleasant bathing of any waters in the world. A person as ignorant as he on a subject so simple is utterly incapable of judging of the quality of "Mormonism" and its adherents. His opinion is as valuable on the one subject as he has shown it to be on the other. By the way, would it not be a sound business move on the part of the U. P. and R. G. W. Railway companies to pay something to the reverend ignoramus to induce him to keep his mouth shut on the bathing facilities of Great Salt Lake?

August 6th we saw a portrait of Sam Small in a local contemporary, and imagined that it amounted to a libel on the original. Since reading his speech we have concluded that it may possibly be a correct likeness, although to say this is casting quite a reflection upon him. He also creates the impression that his name is suggestive of the size of his brain, while his speech indicates a vacuum where the heart should be located.

It is impossible for a Christian to come into a community and begin to abuse them; consequently he is not one, no matter as to his profession. So much for Small.

#### THE TAX ROLL.

THE assessment roll of City Assessor and Collector Clute is completed. It shows a valuation of \$54,353,740. The Council decided upon an ad valorem tax of four mills on the dollar for 1890. This will give a revenue from this source for the present year of \$217,414,960.

The Council decided that, as compensation, Mr. Clute is to receive 2½ per cent. of all he collects. In case he should succeed in raking in the whole amount, which is, however, as near an impossible feat as need be, his personal income for the year would be \$5,435.35. Allowing a reasonable margin for uncollectable taxes, through the removal of owners of personal property and other causes, would reduce the amount to about \$5,000, which, considering the rather laborious work of the assessor and collector is not excessive, but reasonable, when clerk hire and other expenses are weighed in connection with the question of remuneration.

The assessed valuation is enormous, and has an inflated appearance. Assuming the population to be 45,000—it is not probable that the official report will show it to be much in excess of that figure—if the \$54,353,740 were equally divided

among the people it would give to each individual soul the sum of \$1207.88. If the tax were made per capita, it would require a payment by each woman and child in Salt Lake City of the sum of \$4.83. From this fact and the enormous assessed valuation as a whole, property holders are liable to have cold chills succeeded by hot flushes when they receive their individual tax notices, and the impression will be deepened that "Liberal" rule is expensive and burdensome, with a liability to be ruinous.

#### TOO TRANSPARENT.

THE following, which was introduced in the City Council on Tuesday, August 5, should go "thundering down the ages," as a piece of the most transparent trickery ever sought to be perpetrated upon a discriminating and intelligent people:

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug., 1890.

"To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of Salt Lake City:

"Gentlemen.—We the undersigned citizens of Salt Lake City respectfully petition your honorable body to insert a clause in the contracts of agreement in the joint city and county building that said building shall be erected by union men only and Salt Lake work for Salt Lake workmen, your petitioners will ever pray."

The leading signer of this alleged petition was O. W. Powers, the Michigan trickster and chief "Liberal" political boss of Utah. It was written in a scrawling hand on a single sheet of paper originally apart from these on which the signatures were written. The latter were on a number of sheets bearing evidence of having been separately circulated. The whole were fastened together with a paper tag. It was evident that the genius to whom the work of manipulating the unique petition had been entrusted had failed to get it completed in time to have it "go through" the Council a week ago last Tuesday. This failure caused it to be useless for the purpose for which it was designed—to influence the vote of the working men at the election of last Monday. Consequently it was like "a last year's birdsnest."

It is appropriate to ask whether or not it would, even if it had not been an after-birth, have had the effect which Powers intended it to produce? We are of opinion that the result would have been the opposite of the one he desired, for the reason that those who take the workingmen to be an aggregation of fools are bound to find out their mistake. The alleged petition was formulated