

"Special Mail Agent Thos. Orchard visited Provo today in regard to furnishing the city with two more daily mails. Everything has been perfected for the same, and next Wednesday morning will see Provo with additional mail service to the tune of seven daily mails—three north, two south, and two east. This is for Provo's benefit only. The north mail will leave at 7:45, and the mail from Salt Lake will reach here at 6:15 p.m. No mail will be received between stations en route.

"By this new arrangement Provo will be able to communicate with the northern cities to good advantage. Who says Provo isn't 'in it'?"

### INSULT ADDED TO INJURY.

WE DID did not expect that publishers who endeavored to make money by the meanest kind of misrepresentation, would try to repair the wrong they had wrought, when their perfidy was exposed. Therefore we were not disappointed when the illustrated eastern paper that falsely attributed the authorship of certain villainous anti-"Mormon" articles to an old "Mormon," added further untruths to its original deception. One false step is likely to lead to more, and it usually takes other falsehoods to cover up a wilful departure from the truth.

The paper referred to informs its readers that it has been subjected to "threats from the Mormons," and its editors state their willingness to "measure its strength against the Mormon Church." They further say: "Our offence seems to be our disbelief that the practice of polygamy has been abandoned by the Mormons."

The "Mormons" have made no threats against the greedy and untruthful publishers, and the DESERET NEWS, which is specially mentioned, has done nothing but tear away the thin "Mormon" disguise with which they clothed their dummy, stuffed with anti-"Mormon" fables and plagiarisms. Their assumption of bravery is the baldest kind of buncombe, and is of the same sort of cheap valor exhibited by boastful sectarian preachers, who come to Utah to "beard the lion in his den," knowing that they are not in the slightest danger and will have nothing to fight against but total indifference. The "Mormon" Church pays no more attention to the illustrated paper that wants to "measure its strength," than it does to the "penny dreadful" stories which romancing editors and scrub pulpiteers make their chief stock-in-trade. It simply lets them alone and goes on its way, while the great body of its members are oblivious of their existence. No person or paper should be confounded with the "Mormon" Church.

These publishers of falsehood for gain knew very well that their "offence" was not their "belief" in refer-

ence to polygamy among the "Mormons." We care nothing for what they believe, we have little regard for what they say about it. The offence consisted of falsely stating that their mess of anti-"Mormon" rubbish, mingled with a few facts gleaned from old publications, was written by "the oldest Mormon in the Rocky Mountains," thus giving it a fictitious value in the eyes of the uninformed public, and making it appear that the infamous things charged against the "Mormon" people were confessed to be facts by one of their number.

The truth is, the editors of that magazine made up this infamous lie in order to sell their paper. That is the plain truth bluntly told. They attempt now to give reasons why they have asserted that the practice of polygamy is still continued in Utah. In doing this they expose their own perfidy. They forget that in the articles complained of they pretend it is not *they* who make this assertion, but an old "Mormon." And, we repeat, this is the sole grievance complained of. We do not doubt their legal right, if they choose, to gather up stale scraps of anti-"Mormon" garbage and cull from books both fact and fiction, add opinions of their own and publish the mixture wherever they can for coin. Others have done this before them. We merely denounce their deception in palming it off as a "Mormon" production, thereby swindling the public and injuring the people whom we represent.

This, which has been the sole issue between them and the DESERET NEWS, they are careful now not to touch. They endeavor to divert attention from it, by springing an entirely different issue and pointing that out as the cause of controversy. It will not do. We care not a snap for their opinion as to the sincerity of "Mormon" action on the polygamy question. The ignorance they display as to facts known to everybody at all familiar with current "Mormon" affairs makes their views of no force or value. For instance, they say: "The Utah Commission which is the best possible authority on the subject, is convinced that the manifesto is pure buncombe."

Passing by the notion that the Commission is "the best possible authority," we will inform those novices on the "Mormon" question that the Commission has no given any opinion on that declaration. Its report was filed before the manifesto was given, and it expressed the conviction that no such official utterance would be made. We would also inform them that Judge Zane, to whom they refer as another authority, has officially recognized the declara-

tion and the action of the "Mormon" Church as sincere and binding.

We do not mention these well known facts by way of controversy with these editors, but to show them that they are sadly in the dark on matters of the commonest understanding among people at all familiar with "Mormon" affairs. We thought at first that perhaps the editors and publishers of the magazine had been imposed upon. Now we are thoroughly convinced that they have wilfully lent themselves to the fraud attempted on the American public, and that their cupid-ity is only equalled by their ignorance of the subject of which they are endeavoring to make merchandize.

The foregoing was crowded out of paper Jan. 27th. Tuesday, Jan. 27, as will be seen in our report of City Council proceedings, the municipal authorities took official action in regard to the libellous articles which we have exposed. Perhaps the publishers will think it wise to notice this action and draw in their horns. Perhaps not. As they do not seem to know much about the affairs of this Territory on which they have been descanting, it will be well enough to inform them that the Salt Lake City Council is composed of "Liberals." That it is not in any sense a "Mormon" body, nor can it be said that it is under "Mormon" control. It is not out of any regard for the "Mormon" Church or any sympathy with "Mormon" doctrines that the "Liberal" City Council has taken steps against the deceptive course of the New York publishers referred to, but solely for the good of this City and Territory which these libels are likely to injure.

We learn that a complete refutation of the falsehoods contained in the articles we have noticed, has been forwarded to the publishers and will appear in the magazine at an early date. It is from a "Mormon" source, however, and may meet with similar treatment to that which has been given to other remonstrances. It will be reproduced in the DESERET NEWS and our readers will have an opportunity of perusing it, whether it appears in the illustrated magazine or not.

### THE MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

THE annual report of Mayor Scott, giving an exhibit of the business of this city for 1890, appears in this issue. It is an instructive document, well worthy the perusal of every citizen—especially those belonging to the tax-paying portion of the population. It is pointed to with pretended "pride"