

"THE BITTER END."

This land jumping furor which prevailed in this city a few days ago is taking a rest. It would have been better had it been strangled outright and buried out of sight. The head and front of it very foolishly, in our opinion, prefers to keep breath in what comes as near as possible to being a dead issue by pouring legal stimulants down its throat. The very means taken to prolong animation will, however, secure its ultimate dissolution by the extinguishment of the last vital spark.

Mr. Linck, of Colorado, is suing in the courts for possession of the land located on Arsenal Hill belonging to the corporation and consequently the people of Salt Lake City. One would suppose that the revenue of that gentleman would have been completed by the results of the trials of the Mayor, Marshal, Sheriff of the County and others before Commissioner Norrell. True the charge preferred against the officers in the first case was not sustained. It was clear to the magistrate that they did no more than their duty in ejecting Mr. Linck, in the persons of his aids, from the property of the city, to which he had no more claim than if he had been a native of and just come over from Alaska in place of from Colorado.

But look at the triumph he attained in the second suit! Robert Heywood, forlunately upon relinquenting a cedar post, upon the city property after it had been torn out by the officers, was placed under arrest for a few moments and at once released. Marshal Solomon and Officer Pickett, the latter did the arresting—were for this reason charged with illegal arrest, because the act was performed without a warrant. It was held by the Commissioner that the defendants were technically guilty, and he fined them fifty cents each, and yet Mr. Linck is not satisfied. He is credited, with asserting that he purposes pursuing the matter to the bitter end. It is a pity that he is unable to see, even at this promising juncture, that he has been chewing the bitter end of the stick from the beginning, and the prospect of his continuing that masticatory process to the wind-up is exceedingly flattering. The law is against him and the sentiment of every respectable citizen, without distinction as to class, is in line with it.

We have been informed that a certain idea acted as a kind of spur to Mr. Linck, and some of his few adherents, about the advisers in what we view as a scheme of plunder. It is one that has been tried in a number of instances. It is to the effect that a large non-Mormon sympathy was expected to support the cause; also that, in consequence, the courts might in some way be influenced in the same direction. If this anticipation existed to any extent it has been and will be vigorously blasted. We will repeat what we have before said on this question, that the non-Mormon population, as a whole, have not only taken the consistent stand by antagonizing what is generally denominated as use of the most barefaced attempted steals of its character on record, but have expressed their disapproval of the subject in a way that could not be mistaken. The matter has not yet gone very far in the courts, but so far as it has traveled in that direction, it is fair to assume that they will treat Mr. Linck according to the law and his deserts. The incident cases that have been tried before Commissioner Norrell, have been treated intelligently and in a spirit of fairness which does that official credit.

It is not necessary to advise the people not to lose much sleep over the continued efforts of Mr. Linck. The powers that be will see that the side of right will win.

COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

With a view to meeting the demands of the times respecting the control of county affairs, Mr. Richards, some time ago, introduced into the House a bill "to establish a uniform system of county governments." It was referred to the committee on counties, and after daily considering it, that committee reported favorably upon it, and it was ordered printed.

It is a lengthy document, and aims to be a complete code for the government of counties. Apparently it had been drawn with great care, intelligent consideration of the subjects to which it relates, and an intention to provide for every need or contingency in connection with county affairs. It is too long for publication in full in our columns, but we will state some of its principal features:

It provides that counties having a population of 15,000 or more shall be of the first class; all others of the second class; all others of the first class shall have a board of commissioners; those of the second class a board of three. At the general election of the present year a full board of commissioners shall be chosen in each county. After classification by lot, so that in counties of the first class, two commissioners will hold office for two years. Future elections shall be held on the first of July next, to have a census of the county taken, and on or before that date, to divide the counties into five or three districts, as the case may be, and the commissioners are elected by district, and not at large. When the population of a second class county becomes large enough, which is ascertained by a census, to be taken by the commissioners, it is divided into five commissioners, and becomes a county of the first class.

The board of commissioners elects a chairman, who presides at all its meetings; the county clerk in ex-officio clerk of the board of commission. The duties of the clerk and of the board, and the books, records, etc., required to be kept, are specified with explicitness; all meetings of the board must be public, and all its books, records and accounts must be open to public inspection.

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