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## ITS REAL NATURE APPEARING.

THIS city was founded, and for a long period of years was inhabited almost exclusively by the adherents of a religious organization. Under the discipline administered by their leaders, the members of that body received thorough training in what are called the Christian virtues, and had deeply impressed upon their minds the necessity of being governed by those virtues in public as well as private relations.

Under the genius of the public opinion thus created, a policy of municipal control was pursued which aimed to maintain a high estate of morality throughout the city. Vice in all its forms was diligently sought to be suppressed, and if this was not completely accomplished, any degree of failure attending the efforts made in that direction was due to obstacles interposed by courts, officials and individuals who had the power and the willingness to shield wrongdoers, rather than any disposition upon the part of the majority of the people, or members of the city government, to tolerate public evils.

But the history of this city as a whole has been a very satisfactory one in respect to the vigor with which vice has been suppressed, and visitors without number have praised it without stint for its record in this regard. Its people and especially its youth have been preserved from temptation to a very great extent, and its moral atmosphere has been for the most part comparatively pure and bracing.

But a change of atmospheric conditions in this respect is at hand. The municipal government vests in the representatives of a political organization which is at radical variance with the one that formerly held sway, and the leaders of the party now in power have recently issued intimations of a change of municipal policy in respect to vice which they will insist upon. The real nature of the party now in

power, is beginning to appear more and more plainly.

In brief, it is apparent that the extent to which the training of the old residents will prevent the spread of vice among them is shortly to be demonstrated. It is soon to be shown how much power there is in the principles they have professed to prevent them from imbibing wickedness, when placed in a position that renders them helpless to prevent it from being thrust upon them and flaunted in their faces. Moral tests for "Young Utah," of a crucial character, are close upon the sons and daughters of the people who created this commonwealth.

"The 'Liberal' party of this city embraces men of honor and respectability, who would be sorry to see vice gain the advantage in a contest with law and decency. But this element is a minority so small that it will scarcely be able to even check the progress of the majority in its pursuit of the policy outlined by certain 'Liberal' leaders on the occasion when Sunday concerts were under discussion; and the defeat of the element which arrayed itself in opposition to Sabbath desecration presages its defeat when the question of tolerating worse evils shall be under discussion in 'Liberal' party councils.

As the success of the 'Liberals' in capturing the government of this city will create a contrast in respect to political probity that will reflect an effulgent glory upon the party which formerly ruled it, so also will the same change result in conditions that will show in which class of the inhabitants there resides the sternest morality, from social and religious points of view. When, in the arena with temptation of all kinds, the youth among the 'Mormons' preserve their virtue and maintain their integrity, it will be an object lesson presented to the view of the whole world, which will go far to counteract the prejudice that has been created through the efforts of the political self-seekers who are enjoying present prosperity here.

Wrong will work its own defeat, and the fact that the pioneer class of Utah are a people of destiny, every turn in whose career has a significance in connection with the purposes of heaven, will in time be amply shown.

There are big floods in the Cœur d'Alene. A train was wrecked near Mullan tonight on account of the flood.

## RELIGIOUS DISINTEGRATION.

THE following graphic yet truthful picture of the present condition of Protestant alleged Christianity appeared in the Chicago *Herald* of April 23rd, under the head of "The Church Militant."

"The Church Christian appears to be in a cyclone. Rarely have dissensions appeared in so many different precincts simultaneously. In Chicago Sunday morning a minister of the German Evangelical Church was forcibly ejected from the temple in which he was licensed to preach, and several of his sympathizing brethren were suffered to remain only on condition of abject submission to the majority. In Joliet the brethren of the Baptist communion are re-opening charges claimed to have been proved against a minister of that fold who had secured a call to another charge. Recently three bishops of still another creed were pronounced guilty of various offenses against morals and law, and deposed. One of them is running a portion of the church on his own authority and the adherents of another are going to build new churches for their own accommodation. Rev. Dr. Rylance, formerly of the Episcopalian body of Chicago, has just successfully ended the prosecution which harassed him. In Milwaukee an ex-priest has been ceremoniously deceived into the Episcopalian organization as a voluntary deserter from the Roman fold; but Archbishop Ireland follows him up with testimony showing that he had been unfrocked for dishonesty and immorality.

"Dr. McGlynn continues to harass Archbishop Corrigan, although the latter is touring in the Holy Land. Brethren are tormenting Rev. Lyman Abbott for various pronouncements of his on a middle state after death. All over the country Presbyterians are dividing on revision, and when the question comes for final adjudication, unanimity, it is feared, will be impossible, or even acquiescence in the preference of a great majority. In England churchmen hitherto held orthodox have been delivering unsound opinions about the immortality of the soul and the faith about it taught in the Scriptures.

"The church is everywhere militant; not fighting the devil, but its own mischievous spirits. It is time mercy and truth should meet together; it is long since righteousness and peace have kissed each other. The ungodly derive too much comfort from these scandals and dissensions."

The signs of weakness in the sects are unmistakable, while the strength of the Roman Catholic Church is becoming wider and deeper. This is one of the most significant indications of times.

## MAY FIRST.

WHETHER or not bloodshed will characterize the great labor demonstrations to be made on the first of May, is, at the present writing, a matter of doubt. There are grave fears of violence in Paris, and four regiments of cavalry have been ordered to reinforce the standing garrison of that city which numbers 30,000. Socialists in the French