

"We are met as loyal citizens to take by the hand the gentleman called to preside over this church. There is something which makes every man here feel good when any one comes to us who thinks as we do. I for one am glad Dr. Mabry has come here. I remember July 4, 1879, when Gentile citizens of Salt Lake thought they would celebrate, and met in front of Rowland Hall. Since then the non-Mormons have gathered rapidly and we have welcomed them warmly as they came into this Territory. Dr. Mabry will find this Territory controlled by perhaps the most peculiar people under the sun, a people who think everything done by them is according to the will of the Lord. And he will find that the logic of events has no force with such a fatalistic people. They are illogical and declare what laws are and are not constitutional, irrespective of the courts. He will find also a band of people who claim they are fighting for a so-called higher civilization."

"Ultimately the Gentile majority will prevail in this Territory, and when loyalty prevails, the same men who decry it now will then claim it is for the best. On behalf of the loyal citizens I extend the right hand of fellowship to Dr. Mabry, and hope that the power of this church will become great. Let every loyal citizen stand at his back."

Just so—"There is something that makes every man here feel good when any one comes to us who thinks as we do," but "bad luck to those who do not think as we do," he might have logically added. It is evident that Mr. Thomas' goal of satisfaction would be reached if none but Methodists came "to us." So far as he is concerned, it is the State Church in Utah, and would be of the United States if such as he had the power to so order it. In reference to his bald assertions about the "Mormons," it is well known that he is even more given to uttering falsifications about them than he is to fulsomely eulogizing everybody and everything with the odor of Methodism connected with it.

Dr. Mabry, the recipient of the welcome, struck a keynote in his brief response when he remarked that

"He was highly complimented in that his excellency had the courtesy to look the new-comer up and tell him he was glad to see him. Dr. Mabry had seen it in a Chicago paper that the Governor was a Methodist, consequently it was no wonder his excellency hunted him up. The governor had welcomed him as the representative of a certain people, and the speaker wittily detailed how the executive could depend on the Methodist Church in his efforts to enforce the law."

Doubtless the proffered assistance of the Methodist Church to enforce the law was duly appreciated by the official to whom it was tendered. It is customary in other places, and where other governors exist, for that duty to be performed by judicial and executive officers of the government, there being a de-

cided objection to the union of Church and State which some Methodistical bigots are seeking to bring about.

We ought not to fail to state that the remarks of the Rev. J. B. Thrall, of the First Congregational Church, were dignified, scholarly, and appropriate. They were Christian in tone, and free from that anti-"Mormon" bitterness that occasionally marks a clergyman as a living contradiction of his profession. The neat speech by Mr. P. A. Dix, in behalf of the laity, was of the same moderate and considerate tone, being just what such an occasion demanded.

It would be gratifying to note that one Methodist meeting outside of the regular religious services could be held in this city without an exhibition of the politico-religious character of the anti-"Mormon" crusade.

WYOMING IS REPUBLICAN.

IT APPEARS that Wyoming has gone Republican. That is not at all surprising. But what will the Republican organs that are so fond of abusing the "Mormons" on the ground that "they are all Democrats" say about the Saints in Wyoming? The dispatches credit the "Mormons" of Uinta and Sweetwater counties with turning the tide in favor of the Republicans.

All kinds of falsehoods are being told about "Mormon" Democrats in Idaho. And the Republicans are moving earth and Hades to foster an anti-"Mormon" feeling, under the pretense that the "Mormons" there are allied with the Democrats. Yet they know that no "Mormons" are likely to attempt to vote for any party, and further that they are utterly disgusted with that kind of Democracy which passes for the genuine thing in Idaho.

Democratic principles and the Democratic party are two different things. And while the former are fundamental to a true republican system of government, the latter, particularly in some localities, means only a combination of demagogues for personal profit and of politicians who lust for votes but have neither principle nor moral courage to stand up for those who have stood by them in times of trial.

Press dispatchers have jumped at certain conclusions about "the Mormon vote" in Wyoming. They may be wide of the mark. But it seems pretty clear that some of our

friends there, at least, considered the Republican nominee the better men and so supported them at the polls.

But how does this agree with anti-"Mormon" Republican prognostications? If the Republicans carry Idaho, as probably they will, they will credit the victory to the disfranchisement of the "Mormons." And yet the Republicans in Wyoming credit their victory to the vote of the "Mormons." Politics is sometimes very funny. And those who pretend to know all about "Mormonism" in politics exhibit only the fact that they talk with their mouths while their brains are destitute of information.

A HEALTHFUL SPOT.

WE have heard it stated by physicians that the death rate in Salt Lake City was far above the average of the large cities of America. We doubted the truth of the statement and found on examination that it was a huge mistake. It was but the echo of reckless assertions made by malicious scribes to make "Mormonism" responsible for the mortality of the city, as well as all other ills that come to human beings in this part of the world in common with others.

Now we have a complaint from the superintendent of the census that there must be an error in the reports of the death rate from Salt Lake, as it is too low and out of all proportion with the rate according to population of other cities. The enumerators here say the reports are all right, and the chief enumerator has so notified the Superintendent at Washington, with the hint that if he wants the death rate raised, he had better send out a detachment of census men to kill off a sufficient number of people to make the rate tally with the average elsewhere. The fault, it appears, is not in the reports but in the climate and general health of the population.

Utah is a favored spot. And when it was pointed out by the finger of Providence to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and selected as the gathering place for the Saints by President Brigham Young under the guiding hand of God, it was intended to become a choice land wherein the faithful should find peace, health and general prosperity. The Lord be praised for his goodness!

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 16. — Cholera has made its appearance in Aleppo.