

other grounds than that of merit. This fact will be made more and more plain in course of time, because it is an impossibility to obtain clear water from a muddy fountain.

From our familiarity with the character of the opposition, which has largely been noted for its hunger and thirst after public office, it is exceedingly improbable that the conservative and considerate views attributed to Mr. Scott will prevail. He is likely to be overwhelmed by the clamorous class of rabidists by whom he will be assailed.

If his prudent and statesman-like views in relation to impending changes are disregarded, it will serve to show, of itself, in one respect, that of magnanimity, the superiority of the People's Party over that which has snatched from it, by improper means, the reins of the city government. As an illustration, one has only to point to the complexion of the retiring council, in which there is minority representation accorded by the majority.

A kind and just course on the part of the Mayor to all classes of citizens alike will probably render his seat one of irritating discomfort, while the other course, one of unjust discrimination, would make it not any more conducive to mental serenity. Still, the gentleman who is about to assume the office of leading executive of this great and growing city, in the event of his pursuing a policy worthy of commendation would, because of its fairness, be supported by the best element of his party, providing that section of the "Liberals" would dare to face the frowns and shrieks of the rule and ruin faction. That support would come from the men who pronounced their displeasure at the selection of rewarded candidates for the positions of Recorder, and Assessor and Collector by scratching their names from the ticket, and placing thereon those of the candidates of the People. But while the noble four hundred would wield a salutary influence in supporting good government, it is questionable, in the light of recent events and developments, whether their courage would be of sufficient force or quantity to resist the clamorous demands of the rabid, senseless and unthinking cormorants of their party.

Should any attempt be made to ride rough-shod over the rights of any part of the community, the

perpetrators may reasonably expect to hear something about it, while we shall be as readily on hand to commend that which we esteem to be conducive to the public weal. Those who think that, because of recent local events, the "Mormons," who redeemed this country, are not a potent element of the population of this city will reckon without their host.

SAMPLE PRESS COMMENT.

The *Sacramento Record-Union* of the 12th instant has an editorial upon the late election in this city. This paper is one of respectable ability, has often treated upon various aspects of the "Mormon" question, sometimes with more than ordinary intelligence and fairness, and is better posted upon Utah affairs than most of the newspapers published in the principal cities of the Union. Its present article may therefore, be taken as a fair indication of the sentiment and intelligence of the American press, relative to matters in this Territory.

It begins by expressing gratification over the fact that no violence occurred on election day, and says of the result:

"It is a victory for free institutions, and is a suggestion to the churches, no matter what their creed or position, that the American will not tolerate any interference with the government of his State. The election inaugurated a new era for Utah. It presages there the decline of the power of the Church in civic administration."

Here on the ground, the victory wears a different aspect. Instead of being one of "free institutions," it was one which attended an arrogant assumption of tyrannical authority. As an instance: The "Liberal" managers held that there could be no appeal from the decisions of the registrars respecting the right of a citizen to vote, and none was allowed by the higher court. Whereupon the registrars set aside decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, in order to deprive "Mormons" of the franchise. Such an outrage was never before heard of in the United States, and is directly opposed to American institutions.

All the non-"Mormon" churches in the Territory heartily co-operated with the "Liberal" managers, and the result "is a suggestion to the churches" that "interference by ecclesiastical authorities" will be regarded from a standpoint exactly opposite that stated by the *Record-Union*, provided the "Mormons" are made victims instead of victors by it. An attempt is made to make

it appear that the opponents of the "Mormons" have, for a long period, been playing a heroic part, for which they have reaped a just reward. We quote:

"The adherents to their antagonism to the domination of the Mormon Priesthood has been accompanied by punishment in business; by misrepresentation, calumny, and even threats against life and property. In short, the monogamists have in no small way been heroes."

This borders on the maudlin. The "punishment in business" which the leading "Liberals" in this Territory have suffered at the hands of the "Mormons" has made them wealthy on the profits of "Mormon" patronage. Probably in no one thing have the "Mormons" ever so far deviated from a policy of common sense and justice as in continuing a lavish patronage of business men and firms who, in a covert and even sometimes in an open way, were doing their utmost to rob them of their most sacred rights. That Gentiles have ever been in danger of "Mormon" vengeance is a perennial falsehood which is effectually denied by the fact that the bitterest and most unscrupulous foes that people ever had have long flourished and grown rich in the heart of the "Mormon" community, without damage to a hair upon their heads, or a cent's worth of their property.

We fail to see any heroism on the part of a force which has the courts under its control, the co-operation of Congress far beyond the limits of the Constitution, and the claimed moral and financial support of sixty millions of people, while it assaults and overrides a handful of religionists in whose behalf not a friend in the world rises up to do an act of kindness, or utter a word of defense. Heroism is usually attributed to the other side in a contest of the character now going on in Utah, in which a religious organization is struggling to maintain an existence against tremendous odds determined to destroy it.

"We are assured by Gentile leaders that no fraud was practiced, that the victory of decency and free government was honestly achieved, and that whatever illegal voting was attempted is chargeable to the polygamists, who saw defeat staring them in the face, and resorted in more than one instance to deceit, in securing votes for their ticket."

The *Record Union* has received an assurance which has not been vouchsafed to residents of this city. It is popularly and notoriously understood here that the most brazen frauds were perpetrated under "Liberal" auspices, and no denial of this wide-