

have fallen in reference to Governor Thomas. We do not endorse attacks upon individuals on untruthful grounds, the vilification of a community nor the exaggeration of facts, no matter how much they may be against a person or party to which we are opposed. We hope it will appear that in this respect Mr. Smith has been unfairly reported. The people of Utah have suffered so much from such assaults from their enemies, that we would feel obliged if similar means were resorted to by those who stand up as their friends.

The wrongs of the present Territorial system, and the special grievances of this Territory, are sufficient to call for a change without laying particular blame on any person or class of officials, who are not the authors of the evils complained of. The truth is all that we want to be told, and personal affairs should not be introduced in the discussion, certainly not with the least misrepresentation. That is too much like "Liberalism" to be indulged in by advocates of the people of Utah.

We notice that the "Liberal" organ, in its lengthy tirades against "Kentucky" Smith and Judge Judd, states that the Church secured these men "out of the ranks of the Gentiles to go there and abuse the Gentiles of this Territory." And the writer of this falsehood speaks of their words as "an exhibition of mendacity!" Does he believe for a moment that "the Church" has sent any one to help forward the "Home Rule" bill? Does the *Tribune* take the ground that the Church favors or has anything to do with that measure?

We can produce from the editorial columns of that paper plenty of proofs that it does not believe anything of the kind. Then why offer such an "exhibition of mendacity" as the utterances of this morning? Is it any worse to make erroneous statements about "Gentile" officials than to deliberately lie about the "Mormon" Church? Or does the question of truth and moral responsibility, in the *Tribune* code, turn on the point as to whether a falsehood hits a "Mormon" or a Gentile?

Of one thing we are well assured: In the advocacy of either measure for the amelioration of Utah's condition, it will not be found that any "Mormon," or person speaking authoritatively for the "Mormon" Church, will deliberately make false statements against a public official or a political party. That is the particular method of "Liberalism." And if the speaker before the congressional committees took the

course for which he is so spitefully berated by the "Liberal" organ, he was simply following the tactics with which he had become familiar while training in the "Liberal" ranks. He certainly has not been "secured" by the "Mormons."

ANOTHER DISPLAY OF "LIBERALISM"

THE "Liberal" organ in this city makes a great flourish of trumpets over a letter said to have been written in May, 1890, by Mr. Jesse B. Barton, of Ogden, and "picked up" in Cimarron, New Mexico, by a person named Lyon. It will be remembered that Mr. Barton entered suit against the *Tribune* some time ago for libel, and that issue in the matter has been procrastinated in the usual way with the defendants.

There is no libel in the publication of this letter, providing it is genuine and that the *Tribune* has not garbled and otherwise improperly manipulated it. Mr. Barton will, no doubt, look after that himself. But the *Tribune* attaches great importance to the letter and considers it throws "a whole flood of light" upon certain events, and endeavors to magnify the matter so as to make a monster mountain out of a diminutive mole-hill.

Here is the communication alleged to have been received by the *Tribune* from a "Liberal."

CIMARRON, N. M., Feb. 5, 1892.

My dear sir.—I see it stated by the newspapers that it is suspected that the National Democratic Committee is providing means for carrying on the campaign for that party at Salt Lake. Here is an old letter that may throw a little light on the subject. I picked the letter up in this place and saved it, thinking it might be of some service some time, and hope it may do the Liberal party some good. Yours truly,

H. H. LYON.

This is a characteristic "Liberal" transaction. The "picking up" of private letters and their publication in the "Liberal" organ, is a common exhibition of the gentlemanly course that is usual with some of that fraternity. How long the "Liberal" picker up "saved this letter that belonged not to him but to the gentleman to whom it was addressed, does not appear, as the date of its appropriation is not given. But since the letter has been made public property, and an endeavor has been made to connect it with events on which it has no bearing, we clip it, as published, that our readers, and those especially who know the causes which have led up to present conditions, may see how the "Liberal" organ catches at the shadow of a straw to make of it a raft on which to float a falsehood:

To the Honorable Senate and House of

Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

The undersigned, non-Mormon citizens of the United States and Utah Territory, respectfully protest against the passage of the bills introduced by Senator Culom, of Illinois, and by Representatives Stewart, of Vermont, and Stubble, of Iowa, having for their object the disfranchisement of all believers in the Mormon creed, for the following reasons: That for some time past there has been a successful effort to bury the difference of creed and unite the business men in Utah Territory in various enterprises in mutual material benefits. Co-partnerships, associations, boards of trade and chambers of commerce have been formed, and are composed of Mormons and non-Mormons; and the former bitterness of feeling has subsided. The disfranchisement of one class of our citizens will revive the old antagonism and must work disastrously to the interests of the Territory, and stay the tide of its progress.

We, therefore, respectfully ask your honorable body not to pass either of these extraordinary and mistaken measures, but to leave all citizens of Utah who are willing to take the oath prescribed by the act of Congress of March 3rd, 1887, in the enjoyment of such liberties as remain to them under the laws in this Territory. And your petitioners will ever pray.

OGDEN, Weber County, Utah, May 9, 1890.

OGDEN, May 12, 1890.

Erskine M. Phelps, Esq.

Dear Sir—Yours of May 9th was just received and I hasten to lay before you some other facts in relation to political affairs in Utah. I write on this sheet because I wanted to show you a form of petition which is being signed by nearly every non-Mormon in Ogden. I have written to Senator Brice, but I had to introduce myself to him as an Iroquois Club man and named my references, but I should like to interest him in affairs here. I want also to say that I have no political axe to grind. I want no office, but I do want to see Utah admitted some day as a Democratic State.

Last February a municipal election was held in Salt Lake City and I was there from November till after election, first for the purpose of looking after some detectives which Captain Bonfield sent out to ferret out election and registration frauds, and second, to advise and counsel with the campaign committee of the Mormon or People's party. I got soundly abused by the Liberal press and members of that party, but I concluded to remain in the Territory and practice law. The Liberal party is composed of, first, those fellows who are always fighting the most powerful party. Second, Republicans in communication with the Government at Washington and in accord with its policy of depriving the Mormons of their votes either by legislation or by frauds. Third, of Democrats who hold office and failed to seduce Mormons into paying them bribes, or who hold over and join in the policy of the Republicans to retain office, and fourth, the great number who, naturally prejudiced against a religion different from their own, have freely swallowed and believed the monstrous stories told them of Mormon crimes and Mormon treason.

One of the elements in carrying the election in Salt Lake in February was an alliance with the laboring men, brought about by importing a labor agitator named O'Brien. He was promised something for himself and the Labor party, but the promises were not kept and he is now denouncing the Liberals and trying to organize a Democratic party. This man is somewhat of a "sand-lot" orator, but his movement has the wrong basis to take firm hold unless other influences