

THE LATEST "LIBERAL" MARE'S NEST.

ANOTHER mare's nest has been "discovered" by the "Liberal" organ which affords material for a half a column characteristic editorial. Of course it is something supposed to relate to "Church dictation in politics;" that is the *Tribune's* daily hobgoblin. This time it is a Democratic candidate, beaten "because it was so ordered by the Church authorities in this city." The only "proof" offered is a rumor that "at the very last moment the orders went down," and this came to the "Liberal" organ "on pretty good authority."

Whether this "pretty good authority" was "a reputable old woman," "a reliable person who told it to a 'Liberal' who carried it to the editor," or a "correspondent who ought to know," does not yet appear. But that the *Tribune* has stumbled on to another of its numerous stupid blunders can be made evident by a few indisputable facts.

The "Liberal" organ's theory, put forth as something of which it has the proofs that for some inscrutable reason it prefers to shroud in dark and gloomy mystery, is that "orders were issued for the whole Territory to go Democratic." Only a short time ago the organ had similar "information" that it was settled that the "Mormon" vote was to be divided, half Democratic, half Republican. But its "information" is always changed to suit circumstances, or rather the needs of its position. Now, if "orders were sent down" to scratch this Democratic candidate, how would that comport with the orders that the Democrats were to be elected all over the Territory?

Then this candidate who was to be beaten by orders of the Church, received, according to the *Tribune's* latest figures, 792 votes, with some precincts still to hear from. The Republican candidate received 864 votes up to the same date. But the "Liberal" candidate was elected, the district having been "shoestrung" by the Commission with the evident purpose of making that event pretty certain. Therefore, on the *Tribune's* own predictions of sure victory for the "Liberal" candidate, the pretended "orders" would have been of no avail if they had been carried out, and the figures are fatal to the theory of "Mormon political obedience," because they show that the alleged "orders" were not carried out.

Then the reasons offered by the *Tribune* why these orders were probable, are dead against its story. If those reasons had any existence they were potent when the nomination was

first announced, being nearly two years old, and the "orders" ought to have "been sent down" as soon as the canvass was made instead of being kept till "the very last moment." That the Church authorities, whom the *Tribune* is trying to make out directed the votes of the "Mormon" people in order to defeat the "Liberals," at the very last moment "sent down orders" which would render the "Liberal" candidate's election sure, does not look the least bit reasonable and does not harmonize at all with the *Tribune's* notion and declarations.

The truth is that in his own vicinity the Democratic candidate was somewhat scratched, because he kept a saloon. The matter was no mystery. No "orders" were required for what was done. It was a subject of public talk for weeks before the election. His "Liberal" opponent was a saloon keeper, and people argued that as they were opposed to him, for one reason, on that account, they saw no consistency in voting for another saloon keeper because he was a Democrat.

In the District outside of the region where this fact was discussed, the returns show that the Democratic candidate received the vote of his party, and this is a sufficient answer to the stupid rumor about Church orders; for if they were sent at all why did they not go to the places where so many votes were cast for him, and if they did go there the figures are proof positive that the "orders" were entirely ignored.

Figures and facts are terribly destructive of *Tribune* theories and "good authority" rumors. The next mare's nest its scribes stagger on to, should be examined a little before it is paraded as a new discovery of "Mormon" Church dictation in politics.

GEORGE JONES.

THE death of George Jones of the New York *Times* is announced by telegraph. He is mentioned as the editor of that paper. He has been known for some time as its proprietor, and may have figured somewhat as its manager, but it is doubtful if he contributed anything to its columns or performed any editorial work upon it whatever. Of late years at any rate he has not figured in that capacity.

The New York *Times*, which was built up by his means and energy, is and has been a power in the land. It is moderate in its tone while handling the questions of the day with vigor and independence. In New York City its influence is great, particularly among the conservative and thinking classes. While not so great a news

paper as the *World* or the *Herald*, its utterances have more weight than either, because it is editorially superior and is not the echo or apologist of any party or ring.

The *Times* has been a tremendous foe to fraud and corruption in New York politics and official life. It was the chief cause of the downfall of Tweed and dealt Tammany many a trenchant blow. It was for many years the champion of the Republican party, but when the Presidential issue was between Blaine and Cleveland, it espoused the cause of the Democratic candidate, being opposed to Mr. Blaine's policy and methods, and believing that Mr. Cleveland would give the country a purer and better administration than his Republican opponent would.

The *Times* thenceforward has been called a Mugwump organ. It is really independent with a leaning to Republican doctrines. But it is opposed to sham and dishonesty in any quarter, and is fearless in its attacks upon public evils wherever found. For some time it was unduly prejudiced on the "Mormon" question, through misinformation chiefly, but latterly has been disposed to be just and dispassionate.

Mr. Jones has been often accused by his contemporaries of being influenced by British gold, but the proofs of such perfidy have not been forthcoming, and he has shaped the policy of his great paper according to his own ideas of what was for its good and the public benefit. His name and fame are associated with that journal, and chiefly for that he will live in the public memory.

A MESSAGE FROM CHILE.

IF President Balmaceda is the good and just man which some of our own citizens, who claim to know the facts, represent him to be, Chile can boast of a famous lot of romancers. If on the contrary there is a particle of truth in some of the horrifying tales of human torture that come from his camp, he and his government ought to be outlawed by every nation making a pretense of being civilized. The government that resorts to such shocking cruelties, as those charged to his officials, for any purpose of State whatsoever, forfeits without condition all claim to recognition from the civilization of this period. They should regard him simply as an incorrigible savage on the warpath, and should take measures to squelch him as quickly as possible.

We have at hand an alleged interview with one of the victims suspected by Balmaceda's officers of being in