

only an evil to individuals it is a wrong to society.

A person who is permitted daily to vent his spleen and display his ignorance, bad manners and lack of common decency in the columns of a fitting sheet, calls the men who declined to join this Union, "Mormon scabs," and announces that "they caused bricklayers and masons to strike." As a number of them are pronounced "Gentiles" and many of the strikers are "Mormons," and as the individuals thus abused did nothing but exercise their proper liberty while the strikers committed the overt act, the mendacity and scurrility of this attack must be obvious to all.

This is not a question of "Mormon" or non-"Mormon," as men of both classes are among the Union and non-Union workmen. Neither is it a question of politics. It is simply a question of the right of a combination of men to force their fellow laborers to join a society, and to compel employers to give work to such men as the society shall dictate. Against such arbitrary attempts every lover of human freedom should set his face and utter his protest, no matter what may be his creed or party. We believe Mr. Watson will have the support of considerate people of every shade of opinion on local matters, and we hope he will succeed in obtaining all the skilled labor he needs to complete his contracts. We advise our friends who have erred in this matter to review their course, "do what is right" and "let the consequence follow."

#### EFFECTS OF "LIBERAL" RULE.

THE editor of the *Cheyenne Sun* recently paid a visit to Ogden, where he encountered a number of former Cheyennese who are now located in the Junction City. In a letter to his paper he described the alterations that have taken place since the city has changed hands and the "Liberals" have held control of the municipal government. What he saw he related correctly; what he heard and imagined is largely inaccurate. Here are some things that he saw:

"The streets are being graded, and gambling houses are running night and day; street car lines have been constructed, and lewd women constantly expose themselves in the center of the city; summer resorts have been erected on the borders of Salt Lake and large throngs go out every Sunday to enjoy themselves in various kinds of dissipation. To

the Mormons the change is anything but agreeable."

"Since the Gentiles have got control of the city 'everything goes.' On a Sunday may be seen the patrons of the saloons filing into a side door and falling into line before the bars. But the weather is distressing hot, and cooling beverages are in great demand. It must be admitted that a long glass of ice cold lemonade, or a watered claret is far more refreshing than the average sweet soda obtained at the druggist's counter. The appearance of this sort of thing is nevertheless objectionable, and the Gentile administration is losing the respect of the better class of people by its extreme laxity. It gives a boom-like appearance to the city, but confers no substantial benefit."

This is "Gentile" testimony to the effects of "Gentile" civic management. The street grading, the street car traffic and other marks of material progress, were made before the change took place in the political complexion of the city. They were established under "Mormon" regulations and "Mormon" enterprise. The other signs of "a higher civilization" which, as he says, give "a boomlike appearance to the city but confer no substantial benefit," are the tokens of "Liberal" control.

A spasmodic attempt has been made to do away with the scandal which these open dens of infamy have occasioned. But Ogden "Gentiles" openly declare that the object behind the movement was to drive the gamblers and other hangers on of this "higher civilization" to Salt Lake City, to swell the "Liberal" vote at the next February election. This is not our assertion. We could give the names of prominent Gentile residents of Ogden who have uttered it without reserve.

The mild penalties imposed in the case or two which have been prosecuted and the failure to proceed against one notorious gambling house proprietor, who had boasted that he would not be punished, favor the idea expressed by others that the whole movement is a sham, so far as any real moral reform is concerned.

All this indicates what would be the probable effects of "Liberal" rule in Salt Lake City, if so great a misfortune should overtake the capital of Utah. And it also suggests that if the executive department in this Territory really means the enforcement of the statutes against social vices therein forbidden, this city will offer an ample field for the good work, if it is made the refuge for the disturbed birds of prey that flee

from Ogden before "the majesty of the law."

#### "MORMONS" IN CANADA.

THE press of the country divides its continued comments on the "Mormon" question between rejoicings over the result of "the Salt Lake City election"—which has not yet taken place—and predictions as to the trouble which will arise over the practice of polygamy by the "Mormons" in Canada—which has no actual existence.

We are told in regard to the former that "the Mormon power in the municipality is broken for ever," and this will "induce Gentile immigration and create a real estate boom of large proportions;" and in regard to the latter that "the Mormons in the Northwest Territory are practising polygamy openly in spite of the government." These are both gross errors. The first has been occasioned by intentional misstatements made from this city, the second has arisen partly from some arguments made by Mr. Stenhouse, formerly a member of the Canadian Parliament and who resigned his place to cast his lot with the colony of Latter-day Saints in Alberta.

It appears that this gentleman has written his opinions on the marriage question, which have been published in several papers, and conclusions have been drawn therefrom entirely unwarranted by the text. Mr. Stenhouse has the right to entertain what opinions he pleases and to publish them if he can get them into print. But he does not speak for the Church to which he belongs, nor for the colony where he resides. They are simply his views and nothing more.

It does not follow because the gentleman advocates plural marriage that the "Mormons" in Canada practice polygamy. We understand he is himself a bachelor. The colonists in Alberta are not there to violate the laws of the Dominion. If any of them should do so they can be prosecuted. It will be time enough to raise the cry of "polygamy" in Canada when somebody attempts its practice. Diligent inquiry will fail to find a single case of plural marriage in that settlement. The *New York Times* closes an editorial on the subject with this sentence:

"The Dominion Government will act wisely if it shall speedily prosecute and punish every person at Lee's Creek who is a polygamist in practice."