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## GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Sixty-first semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will commence at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, October 4th, 1890, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City. The officers and members of the Church are invited to attend all the meetings.

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## A LIBEL ON CONGRESSMAN CAREY

WYOMING has gone Republican. It is alleged—by the *Tribune*—that the “Mormon” vote has done it. Therefore, they ought to be disfranchised. A day or two ago it alleged first that the “Mormon” vote was doubtful, next that of course the “Mormons” wanted Democratic Senators and, therefore, they would vote the straight Democratic ticket, and that in either case and for each reason they ought to be disfranchised. *Tribune* logic all round.

The reckless “Liberal” organ now states that Mr. Carey “had, of course, a contract with the Mormons.” And then proceeds to pour out venom and vulgarity upon that gentleman and the “Mormons” for this “contract,” which it professes now to know all about, notwithstanding the dubiety it expressed only three days ago and which was one of its alleged “reasons” for demanding “Mormon” disfranchisement.

The only scrap of evidence it can offer in support of this stupid and libellous assertion is the fact that Mr. Carey fought the vile and anti-Republican legislation proposed in Congress and which certain demagogues tried to fasten upon the constitution of Wyoming. There were

and are other Republicans besides Mr. Carey who look upon the bills which the *Tribune* wants passed, so that thousands of good citizens may be disfranchised for their religious opinions, as utterly subversive of American liberty. Are they all under “contract” with the “Mormons?”

The libeller of Mr. Carey cannot endure any one who in any way is disposed to act fairly by the “Mormons.” Not long ago he heaped upon Senator Teller all the epithets which are peculiar to the *Tribune* vocabulary, because that gentleman opposed some shamefully unjust measures against the “Mormons.” No name was too vile for the Colorado statesman. But when he championed the cause of silver in line with the views of the *Tribune* scandal monger, he was a prince among men and altogether lovely. Now the tide turns again, and after paying attention to Mr. Carey the same scribe says Mr. Teller has “some infirmity in his blood.” That is another way of again calling that gentleman a “scrub.” If it were not too personal we might invite comparison between the countenances of the Senator and the scribe, to determine which has the most “infirmity in his blood.”

The people of Wyoming have voted as they deemed best. We have nothing to say on the matter except that they have exercised their right of choice. The “Mormons,” we hope, kept in view the best men and supported their friends. This is good policy and is self-preservative. Of course this will not be approved by persons who viciously seek their destruction. Whatever the returns may prove, the course of the “Mormons” will prove hateful to the fanatic of the *Tribune*. If they sustained the Republican ticket, they ought to be disfranchised. If they voted the Democratic ticket, they ought to be disfranchised. If they voted for some Republicans and some Democrats, they ought to be disfranchised. And if they stayed away from the polls and did not vote for anybody, they ought to be disfranchised. That is the *Tribune* cry and that is the *Tribune* reasoning.

The rash accusation against Mr. Carey and the “Mormons” of Wyoming has nothing whatever as a basis except the diseased imagination of a professional flinger of journalistic mud, who can see no virtue in one who differs from him, and is filled with a hatred that scurs his whole being against a people whose

faith he cannot grasp, whose motives he does not comprehend, and whose liberties he desires to destroy. It is a libel that is without excuse, and of which he may hear to his discomfort.

## COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENTS.

THE City Board of Equalization has closed its labors, and has substantially supported the Assessor in his extortionate valuations of property. Some few changes have been made, but they do not amount to much in the aggregate, and the Assessor will pocket, within a trifle, the big haul that he started out to make, on the percentage allowed by the City Council. In some cases the Council has been considerate with widows and indigent persons, in others the reverse. And in one or two cases they appear to have gone beyond the limits of the law.

The “Liberal” organ parades a list of the rates of valuation placed on property in a number of large cities, and also the rates of taxation, and then asks how “the Mormon press” are going to “explain these facts away.” Well, as far as the *DESERET NEWS* is concerned it will not attempt to explain any “fact away.” Facts are what we are after. Some facts are furnished by the “Liberal” organ—although a doubt is cast upon them by the fact that they appear in the *Tribune*. But what do they show? Any enormous valuation placed on property? Any gouge game like that of which we and the general public complain? Any instance of property being placed for assessment purposes at a figure far higher than it would sell for cash? Not at all. But out of the nine cities reported, only two placed property at its full value, while the others range from 12½ per cent to 50 per cent valuation. It is another case of stating a proposition and proving the contrary, which occurs nearly every day in the “Liberal” organ and is coming to be recognized as *Tribune* logic.

The facts which the *Tribune* wants to explain away but cannot, are these: Property has been assessed this year at from double to ten times the figures ever placed upon it before. Multiplying the valuation from three to seven times is a common rule in the present assessor’s arithmetic. The rate of taxation has been reduced but one mill over previous rates. The result is an immense increase of revenue and the oppression of property owners.