

ABSURD CITY ORDINANCES.

THE City Council passed a sanitary ordinance last night the provisions of which are difficult to comprehend. We doubt very much if the members themselves can explain fully its meaning and intent. As it stands, it is a mass of absurdities and if carried out according to its language it will increase the evil which we suppose it is designed to remedy.

We hope the Mayor will carefully examine this ordinance before he gives it his official sanction. We need an ordinance regulating the disposition of waste matter in this city, but it should be one which every sane person can understand and with which every decent citizen can comply. We are of the opinion that it will need some modifications and corrections at least before he can consistently append to it his signature.

It is an improvement in some respects on the ridiculous thing for which it is a substitute, to which we drew attention some time ago. The city attorney is not a signal success in drafting ordinances, and either needs some assistance or a vacation.

We are informed that he privately pronounced illegal the detective ordinance, which was killed last night and which he framed for the Council. He heard it discussed but, it is said, never uttered a word officially against its legality. Another vote in its favor last night would have secured its passage. And yet, believing it to be illegal he framed it and allowed it to go upon its passage, and we are told offers as an excuse that he would draft any ordinance the Council wants whether illegal or not.

It is the duty of the City Attorney not only to frame ordinances but to act as the legal adviser of the Council, and one of the chief objects in employing him to draft bills for ordinances is to have them sound in law and consistent in language. An attorney who will frame an ordinance that is illegal, no matter by whose orders, without expressing officially his opinion as to its illegality, is a poor legal adviser and in our opinion is unfit to be a public officer.

REFUTED ITSELF ONCE MORE.

THE Inconsistent and befuddled organ of the "Liberal" faction accused the DESERET NEWS of being "particularly vicious on certain clergy in this city because they actively interfered in behalf of what they considered the morals of the city." To this we made a brief response showing that the charge was utterly untrue. The organ now comes back with a quotation from the DESERET NEWS and asks "which is the liar?"

There is no need for us to reply; the charge and the quotation on which it was based answer the question, and show how dense as well as false the *Tribune* is. For once it has quoted this paper almost correctly, and in doing so has destroyed its own case.

THE DESERET NEWS has supported every movement to purify the morals of the city, whether it has been made by the officers, the clergy or the pub-

lic. What we have opposed is the hypocrisy which shouts against the party of immorality on the stump, and votes for it at the polls.

The *Tribune* writer knew this, as is evident from his quotation of our words, and knowing it, deliberately falsified and misrepresented our endeavors, as is his almost daily custom. And in quoting from our columns he has proven his depravity and answered his own question to his own discredit.

"OUT OF ITS OWN MOUTH" AGAIN.

THE subject of free silver was thus referred to in the *Tribune* on Wednesday:

"We have never treated the silver question as a partisan question."

This whopper was told to evade the question of a correspondent as to the vote in the House on the Stewart bill, which, when correctly given, shows that members of each party voted against it, the greater proportion of its opponents, according to relative numbers, being Republicans. Let us put against this claim of the *Tribune* some of the utterances of the *Tribune*. In the same issue of the paper in which is the claim of unpartisanism this appears:

"The party in the majority always is, and it is right that it should be, held responsible for the passage or failure of any measure that comes up."

"With President Harrison re-elected there is possibility of having something effective done with silver."

"With Mr. Cleveland re-elected President, we do not see the slightest hope for silver for the next four years."

On Tuesday last it said:

"We have the plighted word of Grover Cleveland that if elected he will use his utmost influence to cause the taking off of the tariff from all raw material."

"We have further his repeated assertion that silver should be abolished as money altogether."

"What has any man to hope for—we mean any man in the West—in case he shall be elected?"

"What man in the West expects any help in case a Democratic President shall be elected?"

On Monday, speaking of the Stewart bill it remarked:

"We do not think the effect of it would have been good had it become a law, but no matter about that. It was killed in the House of Representatives, although it has nearly a two-thirds Democratic majority, nearly every one of whom was pledged to free silver; but they voted against it."

"In the meantime President Harrison has obtained the consent of all the prominent European powers to meet in a silver conference to try to make such an adjustment of the question as shall restore silver, and just now a Democratic House is withholding the necessary appropriation for such a conference. That ought to be another inducement to cause them to vote a Republican ticket."

On Sunday it said:

"If added to that the silver conference should reach a basis of settlement whereby silver as money would be restored his [Harrison's] election would be sure."

On Saturday, June 30, it gave some quotations from the Philadelphia *Record* endorsing the defeat of the bill and added:

"The *Record* and papers of the same kind represent nine-tenths of the Democratic party in the Eastern States."

On Friday, June 29, it charged

"Not one kindly word regarding silver has been spoken by Mr. Cleveland in eight years."

"There has never been a word spoken by President Harrison looking to the repudiation of silver."

Now if these statements—which are only samples out of scores and scores which we could reproduce if necessary—do not treat the silver question as a partisan question, what do they signify? It is true that the paper that uttered them has stated that "the silver question is not a partisan question." But in the very next breath it has endeavored to show that one party and its candidates are the enemies of silver, and that the other party and its candidates are the friends of silver.

We do not care to take up the question of the correctness of the statements of fact contained in the above quotations. We do not want to defend one party or attack the other. But we cite these discordant sayings to show that the *Tribune* will say one thing today and deny it tomorrow, and that it is unreliable and reckless, and unpossessed of that good memory which the class to which it belongs ought certainly to have and cultivate.

FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY.

THE condition of affairs on our earth is becoming more and more critical. The times are perilous. The Saints should observe the signs, according to the admonitions of the revelations given to the Church. To do this they must keep themselves informed regarding current events, and compare the record of them with the predictions of the prophets relating to the conditions that were to be precursors of the coming of Christ.

Those who become absorbed in the things of the world, the pursuit of riches and attendant cares, are not likely to be fully alive to the importance of the times in which we live. Those who treat life as a perpetual joke by devoting themselves to earthly pleasures are still less likely to view the realities of our period from the standpoint of what has been revealed from the Almighty concerning them.

If the observant course recommended be pursued, those who take it will readily see how powerfully the claims of Joseph Smith to having been raised up and inspired of God for a divine purpose are sustained by the present situation of human affairs. Through him came light into the world concerning the future. His prophecies are more or less verified by every existing condition, whether it be moral, social, terrestrial or atmospheric.

He gave to the world the Book of Mormon, a history of God's dealings with the ancient peoples who inhabited the American Continent. It not only contains a record of the past, but many predictions of prophets relating to our day. Although these prophecies are not the direct utterances of Joseph Smith, they were brought to light through his agency, and therefore prove the genuine character of his