

R. G. McNiece, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Salt Lake City.

W. S. Hawkes, Superintendent Congregational Home Missions, Salt Lake City.

J. W. Jones, Pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City.

DeWitt D. Forward, Pastor First Baptist Church, Salt Lake City.

F. L. Arnold, Pastor Westminster Church, Salt Lake City.

John E. Hulburd, Pastor of Phillips Congregational Church, Salt Lake City.

C. L. Libby, late Pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City.

Samuel A. Merritt, Attorney, and ex-Delegate from Idaho.

Edward P. Ferry, Member Legislative Assembly.

Alvin Saunders, Member Utah Commission.

C. E. Allen, Member Legislative Assembly, and now Clerk of Salt Lake County, which office he obtained through the throwing out of legal votes of his opponent.

A. L. Williams, Member Legislative Assembly.

Frank Pierce, Member Legislative Assembly.

H. S. McCalum, Chairman Liberal Committee, Salt Lake County, and ex-Registrar whose conduct in that office was of such a character that Chief Justice Zane directed the grand jury to investigate it.

Robert N. Baskin, Attorney, late Assistant United States Attorney and "Liberal" Lobbyist.

P. H. Lannan, Salt Lake Tribune.

Allen Fowler, M. D.

E. R. Clute, Assessor, Salt Lake City, and late "Liberal" Registrar under U. S. Commission.

John W. Blackburn, Associate Justice, Utah.

R. J. Anthony, Elder-in-charge Josephite Mission.

Hugh M. Dougall, Registrar Utah County.

Walter Murphy, Attorney, County Attorney.

Joseph M. Cohen, Chairman "Liberal" Committee, Summit County.

E. P. Johnson, Probate Judge, Box Elder County, U. S. appointee.

Henry Shields, Probate Judge, Summit County, U. S. appointee.

H. P. HENDERSON,
Associate Justice.

It will be observed that the names presented by our blundering contemporary belong almost exclusively to the office-holding and office-hunting class, most, if not all, of the exceptions to this rule being those of sectarian parsons, who are interested in the disfranchisement of "Mormons" for religious reasons. Thus the means taken by the chief "Liberal" organ to refute the statement of the *Union* endorsed by the *News* places its correctness beyond all question. By the way, why not publish some more of those names? The people are doubtless interested in knowing who their friends are.

LIBERAL "LOBBY."

In a special to the *Chicago Tribune*, repeated to its local namesake, T. C. Crawford, the Washington correspondent, states that, "The Mormon lobby was never so strong

as it is now," and in support of the assertion says: "General Murray, the former Governor of Utah, is spending the winter in Washington."

It is quite likely that the correspondent put the word "anti" before "Mormon" and it is omitted in print. If so, his statement is intelligible and consistent. There is no "Mormon lobby" at the capital, the anti-"Mormon" lobby is double-headed. Two ex-Governors are "running the machine"—Murray and West. One is a radical Republican, the other an alleged Democrat. Both hail from the South, both were in the war but on opposite sides. Murray was a gallant Union soldier, West was a guerilla and a rebel, and now finds it to his interest to affect gushing veneration for the flag he fired at and did his worst to destroy. They now shake hands, not only over "the bloody chasm," but over the latest scheme to destroy both republicanism and democracy in Utah in order to crush the "Mormons."

The dispatch states:

"Governor Murray says that polygamy flourishes today as it did in the past. The law is evaded in every way."

Governor Murray says, however, that polygamy is the smallest objectionable feature of the Mormon Church. He says that the overshadowing feature of the Mormon Church is the fact that it inculcates the doctrine of the supremacy of the Church in every walk of life to the Government. It is a compact organization, which is in constant rebellion to the authorities. He does not believe in disturbing any religious organization in worshiping according to its honest belief, but when such belief becomes the basis of a gigantic political conspiracy, he would so adjust the administration of its affairs as to make such political rebellion impotent."

Murray has not been in Utah for some time. He was played out completely. The bar-room became his most frequent resort, and free drinks his common consolation. They dwindled into infrequency and he sought more congenial climes. He now turns up in Washington, and will, no doubt flourish there for a while, as he has many pleasing qualities and the reputation of a dashing soldier. What he knows of present "Mormon" affairs is simply that which comes to him by hearsay. He only repeats what others tell him. As to his statement about the Church being in "constant rebellion" and inculcating "supremacy to the government in every walk of life," he simply romances.

Murray's chief acts of distinction were brazen official falsehoods. He

certified to a lie when he tried but failed to seat his friend Campbell in Congress, and in doing so violated his oath of office as well as the moral law. He did the same when he deceived the President of the United States into sending troops to Utah to put down an "uprising" in this city that never took place, was not contemplated and had no substance or shadow of existence. The word of such a person or anything relating to the "Mormons" is utterly and notoriously unreliable.

The other head, or the "Democratic" half of the head, of the anti-"Mormon" lobby, is of a coarser stripe and commoner grain than the Republican half, and not a whit more entitled to credence. He has spent much time at Washington in misrepresenting and falsifying the "Mormon" people. While the Governor of Utah he labored hard to obtain the power to appoint those local officers, the right to elect whom is an essential part of American citizenship and is everywhere vested in the people. He did this in violation of his duty which required him to be at his post, and received executive information to that effect. Since his retirement he has spent time for which he was paid to work for material interests, in striving to bring political destruction on the majority of Utah's citizens. He is a fitting tool for the Utah ring, and to work the Democratic side while Murray moves the Republican side of Congress.

The correspondent wires what he calls Murray's "remedy" for the evil alleged above. He says "it is very simple." So it is. As simple as it is time-worn and stale. It is, in one phrase, "A Legislative Commission." The correspondent discusses this as though it were a new proposition as to Utah, though he says it was tried in Louisiana and Michigan and in principle prevails in the district of Columbia. To this "simple" but antiquated and exploded notion we can only repeat the objections formerly made when it was discussed:

No Territory or State in this Union was ever relegated to the condition proposed in the Legislative Commission scheme. The form of government provided for a small and scattered community before being fitted by numbers and importance to receive a territorial organization, is entirely unsuited to a commonwealth that has had that organization for forty years and is larger and wealthier and more compact than several sovereign States.