

## AN IMPORTANT CONVENTION.

THE church educational convention, which will meet on June 3rd, in the building occupied by the Latter-day Saints' College, this city, will be an important gathering. It is hoped that the representation will be as full as possible. The subject of fuller and more rounded education of the young forces itself upon the attention of every reflecting Latter-day Saint. The situation of the world proves that mere intellectual progress does not diminish immorality nor even stem its destructive tide. The race is making rapid strides in the development of the intellect, and marvelous progress is resulting from this advancement. Side by side with the wonderful products of the intellect of the age, crime also marches forward with threatening aspect and increasing proportions. There is no lack of brain culture, but the heart is not proportionally educated. The young should be taught the principles of morality, which are inseparable from religion. This has been demonstrated in the history of the world. When a community or nation is without religion it soon comes about that practical morality vanishes as well. Hence the necessity for the attention of the Saints being fixed in the direction of a broad educational system that will develop the whole man. A foundation has been laid. Let the work go on apace, receiving the hearty support of every faithful member of the community of Saints!

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SOME time since the board of public works reported to the City Council that it had appointed an inspector of retaining walls construction on State street, at a salary of \$100 a month. The board asked the Council to endorse its action in creating a new office, filling it by appointment, fixing the salary and setting the new appointee to work. The request of the board to the city fathers was to the effect that the latter confirm the appointment. The report and request provoked discussion, the opposition to it being based on the question of the necessity for such an officer. No action was taken on the report except to refer it to a committee, in whose hands it is supposed to have since slumbered.

As the appointee to the office created by the board of public works is retained in alleged official service—the position being a manufactured sinecure—and is drawing his salary, some of the councilmen at the last regular meeting, asked for information as to the reason why the committee to whom reference to the subject was made had not reported. Nobody seemed to be in a position to answer the inquiry. Even the Mayor admitted a partial mental blankness in reference to the subject. The matter was finally disposed of by reference to the recorder, who was instructed to enlighten the uninformed councilmen.

On the 4th of May, the recommendation of the board of public works in regard to a sidewalk construction inspector for the seventh

and eighth paving districts was acted upon by the Council. But what about the State street retaining wall sinecure? That is what some members of the Council want to know, and it is a subject in which the public takes some interest. Is this unnecessary office—a creation of the board of public works—to continue to exist, the appointment to remain undisturbed and the incumbent to be paid out of the pockets of the people without any open or regular action of the Council? Would not this be carrying the "Liberal" award business toward the verge of a dangerous limit?

## CHANGED CONDITIONS IN IDAHO.

THE "changed conditions" in Idaho politics are very noticeable and encouraging. At the Democratic convention held in Pocatello on Wednesday, the delegates from the "Mormon" counties were seated without a murmur of opposition, although some of them were well known to be "Mormons." Of course there was no good reason why they should be excluded, but the difference between the conditions now and those of a few months ago is very striking.

The platform adopted contained no reference to the "Mormon" question in Idaho, but the most prominent Democrats of the State, those who were selected as Delegates to the National Convention at Chicago and others, have expressed their determination to work for the repeal of the odious test oath law, for which they declare there is now no excuse even if there ever was a good reason for its enactment.

The convention recognized the political situation in Utah by this resolution, which was unanimously adopted with applause:

"Resolved, That we view with pleasure the introduction of national politics and the division on national party lines in the Territory of Utah. We congratulate the Democratic party of that Territory upon the magnificent canvass they have made and are now making and offer them our hearty sympathy and encouragement."

This, we are told by the *Herald* correspondent, was wired to the *New York World*, *Chicago Herald* and other eastern dailies. It is very cold comfort for the sham "Tuscaroras," and shows that Idaho Democrats take no stock in the "Liberal" side show and its tri-color umbrella clap-trap, but will support the real Democracy of Utah in the next National Convention.

The Republicans of Idaho appear to be almost equally determined with the Democrats, to encourage the "Mormon" citizens of that State with prospects of an entire change of policy in relation to their participation in political affairs. Having been responsible for the active warfare against them, the Republican party of that State is looking for means to undo the past, in view of the changed attitude of those citizens on the matter in controversy. The leading officials of the State have openly expressed their desire that the political rights taken from the "Mormon" people shall be restored, and it is probable that they too will use their influence to bring about a change, which will open the way for a full

exercise of the privileges of voters by those who have been disfranchised.

These prospects are quite encouraging to our friends in the North. When both political parties are anxious for their deliverance from political bondage and frankly acknowledge that nothing now stands in the way of their claims to liberty, it looks as if the night of their trouble is past and that the day of their deliverance is dawning. Truly the "conditions" have "changed."

## A COMMON SENSE DECISION.

THAT was a very sensible decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, recently delivered, to the effect that the selling of party rate tickets by railroads is not an infringement of constitutional law. The case which elicited this common sense opinion, was brought against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, for selling party tickets at reduced rates. An injunction was applied for against the company, to the United States District Court for Southern Ohio, and refused. Whereupon an appeal was taken to the court of last resort which sustained the action of the lower court.

The right of a railroad company to deal on the wholesale principle is recognized in this decision. In general business, wholesale rates are made lower than retail, and the court holds that acting upon it is not "unjust discrimination." If it was claimed to be "wrong in the conduct of any other business than that of a railroad company, the objection would be laughed at as ridiculous. But it seems to be common for some folks to discriminate against railroad companies while they complain of discrimination from them.

A few more such decisions from the highest legal tribunal will make so many holes in the interstate commerce law that it will scarcely be able to keep afloat on the tide of public affairs.

## COLUMBIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

SOME months ago *The Youth's Companion* and other eastern educational journals suggested that Columbus Day, October 12, 1892, the 400th anniversary of the discovery of this continent, be marked by a public school demonstration. The World's Congress Auxillary of the Columbian Exposition followed with a request that the day be celebrated systematically throughout the country, and suggested that the public schools lead in each local celebration. The Department of Superintendence of the national Education Association, at its annual meeting last February, endorsed the proposed scheme and appointed the State Superintendents of Education as a general committee to lead the celebration in their several States. An executive committee was also elected to prepare a uniform programme for use in every locality in the Republic, and to take direct charge of the movement. The message of this committee to the public schools will be found in another column.

On September 1st, the official programme will be published, uniform for all localities. Teachers should