

of law, and ladies and children could not walk the streets without their ears being shocked with obscene and profane language.

Mr. F. E. Gregg made a sarcastic apology for the City Council, and said:

"This gathering is in the nature of a terrible rebuke to them, and is a strong weapon in the hands of the political opponents of the 'Liberal' party. Crimes are being condoned, highway robberies are being committed daily or nightly, licenses to sell whisky are granted without limit. The non-enforcement of the laws has brought many vicious men to our city. The whole trouble lies in the fact that every member of that body has been approached by friends and interested persons, who have said: 'Now you must understand that we must have so and so.' This has brought the city to the situation against which we most emphatically protest."

Rev. Dr. Iliff, Rev. W. S. Hawkes, Rev. J. B. Thrall, Hon. Edwd. Benner and other speakers who stated they had voted for the "Liberal" city officials, spoke in a similar vein and some of them declared there had never been occasion before for such a gathering in this city.

This was not the language of "Mormon newspapers." Neither was it an attack by any party upon the "Liberal" city government. It came chiefly from pronounced "Liberals," disgusted with officials whom they had helped into power, and indignant at the terrible condition of the city through non-enforcement and partiality in the administration of the laws.

It is useless, therefore, for the organ of the prostitutes, gamblers and dens of vice as reformatory agents of the "Mormons," either to try to palliate present corruptions, to make out they are no worse than former conditions, or pretend that they are only "Mormon" misrepresentations.

The truth is, that paper has not a sincere desire for the suppression of these evils. Its attacks have not been against them, but upon certain officials who do not cringe to its orders or work into its schemes. We are pleased to note that there is a growing disposition among conservative "Liberals," both old settlers and newcomers, to repudiate its domination and strike out for harmony, morality, and general progress.

We hail this as an indication that the time is not distant when the calm and rational people, of all creeds and parties, will cease the strife which has been so great a barrier to our general prosperity, and leaving religious and political differences to that freedom of opinion which should prevail everywhere in this broad land, will unite for the common good and for the maintenance of peace, order, and the triumph of toleration, limited only by law and decency. In that day the *Tribune's* occupation will be forever gone.

### UNFOUNDED RUMOR.

A DISPATCH from Chicago today says that Pocatello, Idaho, was burned down by Indians this morning. A special to the DESERET NEWS at 3:30 p. m. announces the report to be false.

The News dispatch from Pocatello says: "No attempt made to do any damage by Indians. They are holding war dances and are reported to have made threats."

It is evident that these false reports are circulated about the Indians simply to incense public feeling against them, and to justify the barbarous treatment they are receiving. It is quite doubtful whether the Fort Hall Indians are doing anything to cause alarm on the part of the settlers. We hope no disturbance will occur and that no needless excitement will be raised.

### LET ALL GOOD CITIZENS UNITE.

AN EVIL genius has specially permeated this city for a year past. The results are alarming the law and order citizens. At the rate at which vice and immorality are increasing, should they go on unchecked, the day is not distant when the lawless element will have complete control, and crime run riot in the community.

Throughout the whole process of retrogression from peace and good order to a reign of vice and terror, one figure stands out in particular prominence—that of Orlando W. Powers. He carried the election of last February for the "Liberals" for a consideration. He was openly paid ten thousand dollars for the job. The fraudulent processes by which the result was achieved are notorious in the community.

We do not allude to the frauds of last February with the mere object of raking up the disgusting embers of the past. The purpose is to point a moral and show that every seed that is planted brings forth of its kind, according to a natural law. Hence when a farmer plants an onion he does not expect to reap a potato. So also, when the seeds of political briars and stink-weed are sown, it would be insanity to anticipate a crop of lilies and grapes. The present crop of crime and corruption is the natural harvest of such an election as was conducted by Mr. Powers at the opening of last year.

We are aware that many good people trained with the "Liberal" party at the time referred to. Had they been fully aware of the frauds that were being perpetrated they would probably have hesitated, to say the least. If they had anticipated the results which are now self-evident to every beholder they would not have given such a cause

aid and encouragement. But they did not expect what they now confess exists to an alarming extent, and which now appals them.

Months ago many leading non-"Mormons" had their eyes opened to the state of affairs which every good citizen deplores. The clergymen, at an early stage of the flood of corruption, even before it gained full headway, perceived the drift of affairs, and representing, as they did on this question, all lovers of sobriety, virtue and good order, appealed to the City Council to take steps toward arresting the course of vice. This brought Mr. Powers—the ten thousand dollar politician—to the front. He, with unabashed effrontery, for which he is noted, stated that during the campaign preceding the last municipal election it was true that the clergymen had been "consulted," but so also had the "gamblers and saloon keepers." He was also opposed to having the condition of this city "too good."

This expression from the paid political autocrat scarcely needs an explanation. It meant this, if it meant anything: "It is all very well for you clergymen and other people in sympathy with you to claim that the 'Liberal' city government should take steps toward the suppression of drunkenness, Sunday concerts, gambling, the operating of brothels and the like. You have some claim owing to the support you gave the party and the promises made to you during the campaign. But, you see, promises were also made to the whisky sellers, gamblers and others in that line, and they supported the party. They outnumber you overwhelmingly; so you must expect them to be considered as well as you."

This expression was not only an insult to the gentlemen who were making a plea for morality and law, but to the whole body of consistent citizens who wish to preserve this city from moral ruin.

Now it may be considered pure business for an attorney to take up a case even when one side of it may be malodorous, and carry it into the courts. Some attorneys are more particular than others in that regard. But when an attorney appears before a legislative and deliberative and not a judicial assembly, and seeks, by arguments and legal references, to induce that body to make an opposite action on a matter that it has already decided, he goes outside of the prerogatives of an attorney. He acts in a manner that is not in unison with his profession. There is no such license in legal practice unless we are woefully mistaken. Hence, O. W. Powers appeared before the City Council last Tuesday as a private citi-