

some private individual with the necessary means and public spirit to make the experiment cannot be found, perhaps a number of persons owning tracts of land contiguous to each other might be induced to do so. The Chamber of Commerce has tried its hand at a good many things. How would it do for it to make a dash at an artesian well? Would the city or county, or a combination of the two, offer a bonus, on the ground that if it should be demonstrated that artesian water can be obtained in this valley, it would be a public boon the value of which would be practically beyond computation.

Now is the season to make the trial, when water is phenomenally scarce. The necessary machinery is, we understand, in the city. Surely the probability of obtaining water from a subterranean source should be sufficient inducement to cause the effort to be made.

ONE MORE EXAMPLE.

CALEB W. WEST has stepped down into the position of a private citizen, to which we think he is better adapted than to any office of importance, at least in relation to Utah. No man can use a place of public trust in the sole interest of a faction and maintain public respect. Governor West had the opportunity of his life, if he could have but seen and seized it, when appointed to succeed Governor Murray. He might have known, if he had been wise enough to profit by his predecessor's blunders and their result, that as an enemy to the great majority of the citizens here and the tool of a clique, he would not and could not reach the goal of his ambition. But he was led, like others have been, into the path of folly and fanaticism, and has landed in the hole with the rest.

In leaving his post and playing the part of a lobbyist at the national capital, for the purpose of acquiring power that ought not to be vested on any appointed official, in a Republican form of government, he not only departed from fundamental democratic principles, but proclaimed himself a demagogue and an aspirant to autocratic authority for personal ends and objects.

His second visit for this purpose exposed his scheme to the gaze of prominent men of both parties, and damaged his own purpose and the cause of the clique he represented. We know what we are talking about and speak that which is sure. It is

not an opinion we express but a positive, ascertained fact.

We have no ill-feeling against ex-Governor West. We desire him no harm. We regret that he should have made himself the enemy of the people whose friendship and support he ought to have cultivated rather than repelled. We hope it will prove a lesson to him in his future experience. And we look upon his career as one more example of the failure which eventually comes to all who undertake to build themselves up by joining in a hue and cry to misrepresent the "Mormons."

MORE FALSE LOGIC.

We have perhaps devoted more attention than the matter merits, certainly more than the writer deserves, to some of the perversions of "Mormon" principle and doctrine which have lately appeared in the local organ of slander. But we will notice two more sentences from the same source, at the risk of nauseating some of our readers who attach no importance to its utterances. Touching on another question it says:

"It does not help an argument by misstating the position of another, except among those who have no other resort."

That is a proposition the spirit of which every candid person will endorse. Its language, however, is rather "turgid." Now read this from the same paper:

"If there is anything more pronounced than another in the Mormon creed, it is that those who 'hold the keys' stand in God's place, think with His thoughts and speak with His words, and that men so exalted are entirely free from any of the restraints of merely human laws."

There could not be a more complete misstatement of the position of the "Mormons" on these points. "If there is anything more pronounced than another in the Mormon creed," it is that prophets, presidents, bishops or other church dignitaries are only men, subject to like passions as others, and amenable to the same laws, human and divine, with the exception only that they are under greater obligations than the world to live in accordance with both, and in addition to the penalties attending the infraction of the laws of the land, they are liable to discipline from the Church and to excommunication if their offenses deserve such punishment. There is no person in the Church who is exempt from trial for transgression.

As to God's thoughts and words, there is no one in the Church who pretends to think or utter them except in this way: As holy men of old spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost, and their words so inspired became a guide to the people, so with those ordained to a similar calling today. And in this Church there is but one man appointed and ordained to receive for the Church such commandments as God may reveal for the government of the Church. There is no man living, occupying the position of religious ministers, who are less pretentious than the presiding authorities among the "Mormons," or who place themselves more on a level with their brethren.

The Almighty is able and willing to manifest His truth today as in the days of Moses, Elijah, Isaiah or Peter. And that which He thus manifests is of at least equal importance to people now living, with that revealed to others thousands of years ago. Those who choose to do so can reject either or both. The "Mormons" believe in present as well as past revelation. But none of them view any man as Deity, neither do they believe any Church official to be "free from the restraints of merely human laws."

Disbelievers may despise, repudiate and ridicule both the belief in divine revelation and those who entertain it. But they have no right to lie about it nor to misrepresent it, and "it does not help an argument to mis-state the position of another," but indulgence in this course shows that the person pursuing it has "no other resort." Nothing further need be said on the subject.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR.

THE news that Arthur L. Thomas, of this city, has been appointed Governor of Utah, will be a great surprise to most of our readers and particularly so to the crowd of office-seekers who have been expecting something entirely different from this selection.

We understand that Mr. Thomas was not an applicant for this position. He has been to Washington recently, and while there was spoken to by the Secretary of the Interior in relation to the post. But it is easy to believe that he was not an eager candidate for the Governorship, considering the fact that the office of Utah Commissioner, which he held, was worth financially about twice as much as that to which he