

It must be evident to the promoters of the change of site, that the movement will have the effect of blocking the building and postponing any work upon it for some time. This is what many people believe the schemers intend. They know that the tearing up of all the plans and arrangements and contracts relating to the building will have the effect of demoralizing the enterprise, the case will be taken to the courts, delays will follow and the whole business will be paralyzed. Is not this the ruling motive in proposing the change?

The City Council are patted on the back by the *Tribune* and encouraged in their insolence, extravagance and disregard of the public sentiment, by statements that "the Mormon press" are denouncing them, and that "the Mormon press" are determined not to be just, but to "charge corruption and want of capacity" till election comes. We remind the City Council that the disreputable *Tribune* was the first paper to "denounce" the City Council, charging them with "corruption" and declaring that four of them were "hoodlums."

And we offer the following from the *Salt Lake Times*, a "Liberal" organ, to show that it is not "the Mormon press" that is assailing the City Council:

"On all sides the slogan is sounded, 'Get a move on yourselves,' but the Council hears it not, or if it does, it heeds it not."

"It seems that the extra Council meeting last night was called for the purpose of having some extra gab. Nothing else was done. Wanted a leader."

"Denver telegraphs the fact that she has no mayor, all over the country. We have not had one for the past year, and said nothing about it."

"No prophet nor son of a prophet is needed to foretell what is to become of the joint public building. The hole in the ground will remain a fit monument to the monumental incompetency of the government."

"It seems, the more important a matter is before the council the greater is the desire of members to shirk responsibility."

"The resolution presented by Spafford which practically sends the joint public building to the Eight Ward Square, was passed. The conditions of the resolution, however, make it first necessary to obtain amicable acquiescence on the part of the county. Judging from past events, can we expect any definite action to be taken on this question?"

The City Council will find that the *Tribune* is a bad counselor as well as a vindictive whiplasher and unprincipled accuser. It is not "the Mormon press" that denounce the City Council. The "Liberal" press have said harder things about them than anybody else. And "Liberals" are crying out against the imperious manner and methods of those members who treat citizens and their protests and petitions with contempt. It is but simple justice

to acquaint the City Council with the fact that their course is inspiring almost the whole community with indignation, and that if they persist in their course it will prove their utter political condemnation.

THE "ILLUSTRATED AMERICAN" AGAIN.

The *Illustrated American* cannot retire gracefully from the attack it has made upon the "Mormons" and in which it has been so signally discomfited. After the complete refutation of its badly made collection of old stories and its thinly disguised effort to make them the effusions of an old "Mormon," it might be expected that common prudence would have suggested silence on the subject. And when to this was added the communications from the leading Federal officials of Utah and the commercial and financial organizations of this city, it would seem that nothing further was required to prove the blunder into which the *American* had fallen. But the latest issue of that paper contains an editorial, glorifying its own shame and waving a flag of victory, as though it had accomplished something wonderful and had been endorsed instead of sat down upon and spanked for lying.

But here is what the shameless editor has to set forth as "the result of the battle" and the counting of "the spoils:"

"We have proved that the Mormons had no intention of abandoning polygamy. Henceforth the practice polygamy will cease."

"We have proved that the Mormons were full of bellicose talk. Henceforth, they are likely to show a meekness of spirit unprecedented in their history."

"We have proved that the authority of the Church was greater with Mormon settlers than that of the United States. Henceforth, the power of the Apostles will be considerably weakened."

"We have proved that the Mormon cause was hopelessly injured by the scurrilous, and sometimes murderous tone of the Mormon press in Salt Lake City. Henceforth, the editors of its organs will learn moderation."

Everybody who has paid attention to the controversy knows that the *Illustrated American* has done nothing whatever in the directions stated. On the contrary, the most indubitable proofs have been furnished that it was wrong in every point it assumed.

It was made positive that in pretending that its articles were written by "The oldest Mormon in the Rocky Mountains," the *American* simply lied, wilfully and maliciously.

It was demonstrated that all the "bellicose talk" was the language of the *Illustrated American*, manufactured for sensational purposes with financial ends.

It was proven beyond doubt that that paper was as densely ignorant of the "Mormon" Church and the "Mormon" Apostles as it was anxious to make money by revamping old and worn out anti-"Mormon" falsehoods. It gave as portraits of "Mormon Apostles" the pictures of some men who never were apostles, and one at least of whom was not even a member of the "Mormon" Church.

The same ignorance was exhibited in its clippings from Utah newspapers, a "Liberal" and anti-"Mormon" journal being quoted as "a Mormon organ at Salt Lake."

The logic displayed by the *American* is equal to its understanding of the subject. "The Mormons have no intention of abandoning polygamy." Therefore "henceforth the practice of polygamy will cease." Very conclusive, is it not? The same sort of reasoning runs through all the blunders in which that paper indulges.

The work which the *Illustrated American* vaunts so much has accomplished nothing except that it has nettled the publishers a few paltry dimes, and proven them to be without conscience and without honor.

It is a matter of regret that a paper containing so many exhibitions of artistic merit, should prostitute its pages to such an infamous purpose as was exhibited in its senseless assault upon the "Mormons," and that the person entrusted with the conduct of its editorial pages, should be at the same time so profoundly ignorant and so thoroughly unscrupulous as his anti-"Mormon" scribbles have proven him to be. Common sense and common prudence should suggest to him the propriety of ceasing to talk on a subject that he knows nothing about and keeping still after being so thoroughly exposed.

ITALY AND THE LYNCHING.

THERE are at least two sides to every question, and there are differing views as to the right and wrong involved in the New Orleans lynching. As to the national side of the subject some debaters reason in this way:

"Italy, as a nation, is weak and poor. Her domestic condition is rather in a disturbed state. She has, however, a large army, and a splendid navy. Her press, just now, has assumed a bellicose attitude. Italians all over the world are indignant at the treatment accorded their countrymen at New Orleans. Sensible and conservative citizens of America regret the horrible tragedy of last Saturday. But suppose Italy demanded something more than a pecuniary consideration for the murder of her subjects. Are we in a condition to resist the demand?"

"The law of nations will support