

pense of Salt Lake, either morally, socially or politically. Let the police "look a leedle owut."

### THE SALT TRUST.

WE ARE living in the times when everything that can be "trusted" will be trusted, that is, put into the form of a trust. The different articles of industry, commerce, and even of small traffic which have been tied up in this way for the benefit of monopolies under the name of trusts, are getting too numerous to classify or enumerate, and they keep on increasing and threaten to bring in everything, as previously suggested, that can be brought in.

The country is now alarmed, says the *Peoria Journal*, lest the great North American Salt Company of New York, with its \$11,000,000 capital, is a trust that will gobble up all the salt mines and factories of the country and put up the price of the great preservative to "war times" figures. Not much danger. It is a scheme to sell stock and beat the unsuspecting out of a lot of money. Some people are up to just that sort of scheme. If you don't bite you will not be hurt. The oceans are full of salt. No combination can corner the product for long. Sea water was the old way of getting salt. It is only 102 years since the Syracuse mines began to turn it out at the rate of ten bushels a day, which soon glutted the market and ran the product down to fifty cents a bushel. Don't mind the salt trust. It is a short-lived swindle. And even if the oceans were to become exhausted, we have enough in the lakes and mountains of Utah to last the people of the earth for a long time to come.

### IN MENTAL DISORDER.

FROM all over the country come exchanges and clippings from various papers with comments on "the civic election in Salt Lake," the "transfer of the city's affairs to Gentile hands," the breaking forever of the "Mormon power" in the "municipal administration," etc. The following from the *Des Moines, Iowa, Register* explains where some of them obtained their erroneous impressions:

"A late number of the *Salt Lake Tribune* brings glowing accounts of the Gentile enthusiasm over the result of the city election last week."

Even Denver papers have fallen into this error from a similar cause. The chief effects predicted are—

"The Gentiles being in power will be able to *manage things in a way to strengthen themselves at the polls.*"

And that

"In consequence Salt Lake will be widely advertised and capitalists and persons seeking new homes will turn their attention in that direction."

Whereupon, of course, the "boom" will set in, and the real estate speculators will find an ample field for their operations, while taxes will soar aloft, and to "sell out" will be the poor man and small property owner's *dernier resort*.

The *St. Louis Republic* attempts to philosophize on the situation, and among other bits of nonsense offers the following as one of the causes of "the present result in securing Gentile municipal government:"

"There was no separation of the local community from the general body and no severance of the municipality from the Church."

The ignorance of these learned newspaper editors when they touch on Utah affairs is both ludicrous and profound. The municipality here has always been as distinct from the Church organization as it is or can be in St. Louis, and the present City Council has four non-Mormon members. What is meant by the "separation of the local community from the general body" will take a *Republic* philosopher to explain.

As boasted by the "Liberals" here, pandemonium reigned during the night after the election, and some of the same spirit must have gone out with the false dispatches and misleading news of the contest and hence the disordered effusions, of so many of our contemporaries.

### PROOFS ARE AT HAND.

THE *Utica, New York, Press* of August 8th has a long editorial on the great importance of the "victory" of the "Gentiles" in "carrying the election in Salt Lake City." It abounds in the common errors of eastern journals about the terrible condition of affairs here, where, it says, "for years it has been an unsafe place for a Gentile if he breathed a word against the ruling power," where "a good many men have been missing whose demise was credited to the Mormons," and where "the streets are in a terrible condition, without sewers, side walks, paving or proper grading," all attributed to the dreadful "Mormons."

The foundation for all this tirade is the following dispatch, which the

editor says he received from James P. Gardner, formerly of Whitesboro, but now of Salt Lake City, viz.:

"Gentiles carry Salt Lake City today by one hundred majority."

This is one of the private dispatches sent East, which the "Liberal" organ says we cannot produce. The regular press dispatches conveyed a similar impression. They were framed with that intent. That is why the eastern press generally has been misled concerning the election. For a similar reason that misapprehension of the facts in regard to Utah, which the "Liberal" organ admits is prevalent among the papers of this country, is kept up and increased. Lying dispatches have been sent, occasionally, for many years from this point, often through the Associated Press, for the purpose of manufacturing and spreading deception in order to stir up trouble for the "Mormons."

The object in this instance is to work up the "boom" that is wanted for the benefit of real estate speculators. No one knows this better than those who have sent the misleading dispatches, and printed thousands of circulars for the land sharps, conveying the idea that this city had gone over to "Gentile" management, and therefore that it is a good place to speculate in.

A large number of newspapers have spoken of the news and probable effects of this imaginary municipal election, having been moved to do so, as they say, by private and press dispatches from Salt Lake City. It is useless therefore to deny it, as the proofs may be found in scores of public journals. There is no need to get down to the level of the creatures who have done this work and call vile names, the facts speak for themselves and proclaim the character of the authors of the falsehood.

### FRANCE IS READY.

THE statement recently given out by M. De Freycinet, the French minister of war, that the army of that nation had been increased from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 men, naturally caused some little flurry until the explanation was made that the minister was speaking more or less figuratively. His meaning was that that was the substantial result of the recent order lengthening the term of compulsory service, the age of liability having been extended from forty-five to fifty years. All the terms of service in the different reserves have also