

There is one consideration from which we draw some comfort—that is, that the carnival is not to be held in this city, where it would probably be productive of much greater harm than would result in a town of smaller dimensions.

It ought to be needless to state to the Latter-day Saints that a carnival is necessarily at direct variance with the spirit of the Gospel, which inculcates order and serenity. We have deemed it proper to say this much upon the subject, that it might not be truthfully said at any future time that there was no protest against a matter that, in its very nature, can have no beneficent effects, viewed from a moral and religious standpoint.

THE LATE WARDEN.

"CAPT. JOE AMOS," as the Columbus, Ohio, *Bee* calls him, has been talking to a representative of that paper in regard to Utah and what he styles the "Mormon Empire."

The report is a mingled mass of malice, falsehood and absurdity. The ex-Warden of the Penitentiary is evidently very much rattled over the loss of his position, and temper has had much to do with his talk.

We know nothing about the dispute between him and the Marshal, but rather suspect that if the full facts were brought out, the doings of the ex-Warden's delectable(?) son would cut considerable figure. Without going into detail, for we do not think the man or his theme worth any extended notice, we will simply say that if other of his assertions are no more truthful than that which he makes about an alleged interview with the editor of the *DESERET NEWS*, they are entirely worthless and misleading. The purported conversation with this writer never occurred, and the language attributed to him is pure invention on the part of the ex-Warden or of the *Post* reporter. These samples of the stuff the retired jailor gave to the newspaper scribe will be sufficient:

"To be a Mormon in good standing one must have more wives than one."

"Are the Mormons a very thrifty people?"

"Nothing to brag of, by any means."

"Are they genial and sociable?"

"Oh, very. They are forever hugging and kissing indiscriminately. Men salute each other with the holy kiss."

Amos had scarcely any opportunities of learning anything about the "Mormon" people, their ways and views, during his brief stay

here which was chiefly confined to the Penitentiary, outside of this city. But like other transients he assumes to know all about the "Mormon" question, and as usual the eager reporter swallows all he has to give away. Vale, Amos! Utah has lost nothing by your return to Ohio.

PURSUING ITS COMMON COURSE.

"The *News* emitted a wild, exultant yell of victory last evening over the dismissal in the Supreme Court of the appeal in the mandamus suit against Secretary Sells. It assumed that this settles the whole matter, and that the case of the Mormon contestants for seats is therefore and thereby established."

The foregoing appears in this morning's issue of that utterly dishonorable publication, the *Salt Lake Tribune*. Here is what the *DESERET NEWS* actually said on this subject, after explaining the case to date:

"Proceedings will have to be taken in the Third District Court to oust the bogus officials. They are clearly occupying places to which they were not elected. That this will be judicially established we have no doubt. But it will take some more litigation to put an end to this usurpation."

The reading public will supply all the expressions necessary to vigorous denunciation of the *Tribune's* mendacity. This kind of treatment of an opponent is characteristic of that paper. To state as an adversary's views the very opposite of what he utters by tongue or pen, and then comment upon it at length, is a common trick of that unscrupulous organ of so-called "Liberalism."

Once in a while we deem it necessary to expose this scurvy and unprincipled kind of journalism, because our ordinary silence as to these attacks is taken advantage of, as cowards and bullies presume on the patience or disdain of those who do not resent their insults.

We understand the legal position in the controversy over the city offices and it is exactly as we stated it last evening. We do not believe that anybody acquainted with the facts believes the councilors and justices now acting for the third and fourth municipal wards or precincts are anything but usurpers. At the same time the matter will have to be judicially determined and the necessary steps have been taken to oust the intruders. There is no need for any misrepresentation of the facts or of our brief explanation of them.

PARIS, June 9.—The Chamber of Deputies passed the Melles tariff bill by a vote of 343 to 168.

THE DISFRANCHISEMENT BILL

AMONG the strong journals which are opposed to the extreme measures now pending in Congress in the interest of the minority of the people of Utah, who are seeking to gain by special legislation that political power which they cannot fairly reach through the ballot, is the *Omaha Bee*. In a pertinent editorial that paper discusses the laws against polygamy and their constitutionality as affirmed by the court of last resort and argues that as existing laws are ample for the crushing out of polygamy, there is no need of further proscriptive measures and that those proposed are not only persecutive but repugnant to the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The *Bee* shows that the Cullom Bill in effect provides that no member of the "Mormon" Church can exercise any of the political privileges of citizenship, and further prohibits the "Mormon" faith as an establishment of religion. That this is not only unjust and in conflict with the Constitution but involves a vital principle and is dangerous to the welfare of society.

These points have become so visible to the naked eye that a general feeling of antipathy to the proposed disfranchisement of the non-polygamous "Mormons" is growing very marked. The plotters against the peace of Utah perceive this and now attempt to make it appear that the polygamy question does not enter into this new legislation.

As a matter of fact the passage of these bills would not operate in the remotest degree on the practice of polygamy. But the purport of their introduction was to suppress polygamy. They are amendments to the anti-polygamy laws. Those Congressmen who favor them think they are opposing polygamy. If this practice is not to be affected by the bills, nobody wants them to pass except the schemers who are lusting for place and power in Utah.

They are springing another issue. They say it is a mistake to connect polygamy with this proposed legislation. In this they give their whole case away. Once made it appear that these bills are not anti-polygamy measures and the support heretofore given to them will fail, as it should do. For there is nothing behind their intent but a desire on the part of the few in this Territory to grasp that political control which rightfully belongs to the majority of the law-abiding citizens. Every person and paper that favors republican principles should protest against this flagrant wrong.