

will honor the "grumblers" who have resisted wrong and contended for the right.

It will not redound to the credit of any of Utah's sons, be they youthful or mature, that they have joined in any degree or for any motive with those who sought to curtail the rights of the people and enlarge the powers of an ambitious Federal appointee. Nor will it bring them either honor or profit to fly into boyish petulance at fair criticism of their rash conduct, and claim to be "abused" when they are only mildly corrected. To those of our readers who are sufficiently interested in this matter to read the whole controversy, we cheerfully leave its determination, and have no fears of the result.

THE PURPOSE IN VIEW.

THE full text of the agreement between the City Council and the County Court in relation to moving the site of the joint building to Eighth Ward Square, as adopted by the Court last evening and as likely to be adopted by the Council on Friday night, also the form of the deed to be signed by both parties, will be given in our next issue.

As we have shown heretofore, this all means delay. It means, too, the assumption by the municipal authorities of the right to do as they please with public property; sell ground decided upon as the site for a public building; appropriate for the purpose land intended for a public park; throw away work and plans costing over \$11,000 of the people's money; and disregard public sentiment, the protest of the taxpayers, and the demands for immediate action to secure a public building.

And, bear in mind, the opposition to this bumptious exercise of authority, and this playing fast and loose over the building project, does not come from "the Mormon press" and people, as charged, but chiefly from the "Liberal" press and party, excepting the morning organ, which is rapidly losing its grip on that part and becoming a laughing stock instead of a howling terror.

It is conceded that Washington Square cannot be obtained without litigation. No good reason has been offered why the work commenced and the plans prepared for the joint building on the site decided upon shall not be proceeded with. There is no apology for the proposal to waste the \$11,000 and over which has been expended upon the hole in the ground. And the general opinion is that the whole scheme for the pretended change is a

trick on the part of certain members of the City Council, to delay the work so that no money will be expended at present for the building, but more money will be raked into the treasury for further equanderings in other directions

AT IT AGAIN.

WE know it is useless to attempt to argue with the fanatic of the Salt Lake *Tribune*, who still harps upon his one string—the disfranchisement of all the "Mormons," but it is necessary now and again to expose his repeated falsehoods. And this because after he has told them a number of times without provoking any notice, he claims that they are true because they have not been contradicted. We clip, below, a sentence from a long and characteristic string of froth which appears this morning in an attempted reply to pungent remarks from the Salt Lake *Lake Herald*. The *Tribune* says:

"We copied in the article, to which this contemporary takes so much exception, the statement of an Apostle in the Tabernacle that it was impossible for a man to be a thoroughly faithful Mormon who was not 'subject and responsible, religiously, morally, socially, domestically, financially and in all other respects to the government and authority of the Mormon Church.'"

In this, as usual, the *Tribune* fanatic wilfully lies. He knows that the words he quotes were not uttered by an Apostle; that they were not delivered in the Tabernacle; that they were clipped from an article published in England many years ago, for which the writer of them was alone responsible; and that they were quoted without the context which would have explained their application.

Now, we will say, once for all, the quotation is not from any authorized utterances of the "Mormon" Church or its recognized authorities; that it does not express the views of the Church on the matter treated of; that standing alone it is not even a fair expression of the personal views of the writer of the article from which it was taken; that the purpose of the person who has used it so frequently was to make it appear that the "Mormon" faith is the very contrary of its established creed; and that the entire attempt is characteristic of the fanatic who never rightly quotes an opponent, and who is too forgetful of his own effusions to make them consistent one with the other. If he will examine files of his own paper, he will find the authorship of those words which he has cited so often attributed to two or three different persons and places, and should then call to mind the adage about certain persons who ought to have good memories.

ANOTHER "MORMON" EXODUS!

THE American press is once more teaming with notices and comments about the wholesale exodus of "Mormons" from Utah into Mexico. They are reported to be moving there by the thousands, and the impression sought to be made is, that this Territory is to be evacuated by the Saints and to fall into the hands of the Gentiles.

The comments are of the usual asinine order when American editors touch on the "Mormon" question, and relate chiefly to the gain or loss the Mexicans will experience, and the effects of the migration upon Utah and the United States.

Perhaps the silliest of all these numerous comments is that made by the senile editor of the *Illustrated American*. He copies a sensational dispatch sent from this city to the *New York Sun*, which appeared previously in the *Salt Lake Tribune* as correspondence from Sanpete, and in which are the names of fourteen alleged polygamists with their families who are said to have moved to Mexico. And on this flimsy basis he builds up the theory of a wholesale exodus of the "Mormons," and then shouts exultingly:

"Does not this prove all that the *Illustrated American* has alleged?"

No, you poor illogical, mendacious and forgetful creature, it does not prove anything that you have "alleged." You said the "Mormons," rather than cease the practice of polygamy in Utah would fight, and were prepared to fight the Government of the United States. You said they were indulging in "hellcose talk" and making ready for battle. You made out that they would not move an inch but would combine and make a desperate struggle right here. And you raked together a lot of old and refuted falsehoods and put them into the mouth of "the oldest Mormon in the Rocky Mountains," and all as proofs that instead of the "Mormons" moving into Mexico, they were ready to fight it out on Utah soil.

Now, if you will look over the stuff you have palmed upon the American public as the writings of a "Mormon," and the dispatch on which you have now based your present boastings, you will see what a consummate idiot you have made of yourself.

Fourteen families reported as moving to Mexico and that by the most unreliable sheet in America—the *Salt Lake Tribune*, magnified into an "exodus of the Mormon people!" And this exodus, said to be wholesale, offered as proof that the *Illustrated American* was correct in alleging that the "Mormons" intended to stay here and fight for polygamy!