

officer transcends the bounds of his authority, a remedy can be found in law for the aggrieved parties. This contest has been opened by the Collector, and he has met with signal failure in the first action. We believe he will meet with a similar fate if he continues the struggle. But, however that may be, the City Council and the taxpayers should be determined not to be overridden by one of "the servants of the people" who is striving to be their master.

If the fight is to go on in the interest of a greedy official, there should be no surrender on the part of the public. Let the taxes, as decided by the City Council, be paid and let the Collector receive his more than ample remuneration as fixed by that body. But there should be no knuckling down to his imperious demands, and no money paid to him to hold pending actions of courts or any other contingency. If he thinks he can enforce collection of sums for which there is no warrant on the corrected assessment roll, let him try it and see if it will not cost him dearly. The taxpayers have right and law on their side and they are bound to win in the end.

THE MORAL ATMOSPHERE.

OUR esteemed contemporary the Salt Lake *Herald*, in its issue of October 16th, states that two of the members of the present grand jury, being desirous of obtaining evidence by ocular demonstration of the existence and growth of vice in this city, visited the variety theatre. The same journal gave some details to show that they were more than satisfied that reports of moral corruption they had heard, had not been overdrawn. The fact is that if the development of the lowest kind of corrupting vices since the "Liberals" seized the reins of municipal government could be fully exhibited, it would open the eyes of all decent people to the terrible dangers to which the young of the community are exposed.

The variety theatre is one of the worst adjuncts of modern society, as it combines in one, most of the worst vices of the race. Unfortunately many unsuspecting young people are not aware of its character, and only become so by contact with its atmosphere, which is laden with the filth of degradation.

In permitting the establishment of such an iniquitous trap in the city the "Liberal" Council acted in defiance of the wish of every decent resident who possesses any knowledge of the pitfalls and snares by which numbers of the youth of the nation are

directed upon and hurried along the road that leads to ruin.

Clergymen who aided in securing victory for the party whose representatives have fostered and spread corruption, made a feeble spasmodic effort to induce them to put a check upon the tide of evil. They were simply sneered at by some of the "Liberal" leaders in consequence. The chief political engineer of the party, who was paid \$10,000 for manipulating the registration and voting business in behalf of the "Liberals," previous to the last municipal election, stated that the gamblers and saloon men—he might have included another suggestive class—had been consulted as well as the ministers. The latter were informed by this individual that it was not necessary that Salt Lake City should be "too good." The variety theatre referred to is but one of the evidences of what "Liberal" rule has done for the morality of this once model city.

The respectable citizens of Salt Lake are looking toward the present grand jury, in the hope that that body will do its duty in the premises. If this expectation is not met, the failure will not be at the door of the court. The instructions of the latter were clear, pointed and unmistakable.

A FANATICAL AND FALSE ADDRESS

WE give place today to a full report of an address delivered by "Judge" C. C. Goodwin before the P. O. S. of A. on Friday, October 16. We do this, not because it contains anything new, but because we desire to enter a denial of the statements which form the foundation of his argument, and without which it is nothing, and we do not wish to misquote his language or weaken its purport.

If there are no other "dangers of statehood for Utah" than those held up by the lecturer to terrify the country, there need be no alarm, for they are simply bugaboo that only require a little scrutiny to disclose the fraud that created them. It is well known that the lecturer is a crank on the "Mormon" question. Also that behind this crankiness is a malicious disposition to catch up any falsehood and pervert any fact, if by doing so "Mormon" beliefs, intentions and doings can be placed in an evil light. This has developed into a passion with him, leading to the opinion that he has become a confirmed anti-"Mormon" monomaniac.

We have stated that his argument or conclusion, which is simply that Utah ought not to be admitted into the Union as a State, is founded on assertions that we wish to deny. We will refer to some of them. The first is that the people of

Utah, or of the "Mormon" Church, have been taught from their cradles that certain men have been selected to stand in God's place in the world, and that they cannot make mistakes. We can scarcely think that he believes this, because we have never formed the idea that he was an idiot. But we will emphatically state that no such thing has been taught to either young or old. We say furthermore that there is no one with whom we are acquainted that entertains such ideas in regard to any living soul.

The "Mormons" believe in the power of God to reveal Himself and the privilege of man to receive His revelations just the same today as at any former time. That every person who seeks to Him aright may find Him and learn of Him. That in His organized Church, one man at a time, and he the earthly head of the Church, is appointed to receive such revelations as God designs to make to His Church as a body. We believe that all men can and do make mistakes, and further that no person is required to surrender his individual judgment to any man. Any statement in contradiction to this is utterly false and deceptive.

The next of Mr. Goodwin's assertions, that is, that "this people have been taught" that all who do not accept the Prophet and his teachings "should be held as heathens," is of a similar character, it is totally untrue.

The same with the third, namely, that no teachers except Latter-day Saints have been employed in the schools where the "Mormons" were in full control, and that "pure and devoted women have been denounced by the Latter-day priests from their altar." The lecturer cares nothing for the well known fact that scores upon scores of non-"Mormon" teachers, ladies and gentlemen, have been so employed, that some of them afterwards became members of the Church, while others never joined it, either removing from the Territory or remaining until this day, at their own option. This is so patent to everybody, that his assertion amounts to nothing less than a willful and deliberate falsehood. The statement about the denunciation of "pure and devoted women" is but a repetition of a newspaper calumny invented to prejudice Eastern people.

He says: "A year ago today there were no Mormons who could give any idea of the principles on which our Government was founded." He has the impudence to say this, when for many years he has editorially discussed those principles with "Mormons," and