

which represents, controls and expresses "Liberalism" as it is.

The *Tribune* pretended to quote from a work which it called "Prominent Doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." We had never heard of such a work and could find nobody else who knew of it. Now the *Tribune* says it is a work by Orson Spencer. Well, that has been known for years as "Spencer's Letters" and consists of a series of letters written by Orson Spencer, who was once a Baptist minister, to a friend and former ministerial associate. They contain Mr. Spencer's views, for which nobody is responsible but the writer.

We believe the purpose of the *Tribune* in giving such a title was to prevent comparison of its alleged quotations with the text of the book. We suggested that possibly the *Tribune* had garbled the language or omitted something that would explain the context. On learning what the book is and making a comparison we find that we were right. In pretending to quote from the book, the *Tribune* stopped at a vital point in a sentence, and intentionally omitted its concluding words which are, "for the Scriptures declare that there is no power which is not of God."

The purpose of the *Tribune* was to make it appear that the "Mormons" do not recognize the right and authority of civil magistrates and civil governments, and to do so had to omit the words we have placed in italics. This is common *Tribune* duplicity. Sometimes it boldly credits a speaker or writer with language he never uttered, at others it quotes part of a sentence leaving out the qualifying remainder. All of which is very "Liberal" and very honorable, of course.

The *Tribune* is exceedingly mad about another paper having secured some information intended for its own columns, and uses this gentlemanly language:

"It is rare indeed that any newspaper man would put himself in the public pillory as a thief as the scoundrel who was guilty of the above was willing to do."

Our thought on reading this was, not so rare, indeed, for the *Tribune* has been guilty of equal methods and worse, again and again for years. It has published private and personal letters said to have been found on the street, concocted others to suit its purpose, changed the language of public men so as to convey the opposite of their meaning, garbled, misquoted, made up half sentences, and generally pilloried itself as guilty of all it charges upon others and a great deal more.

As to the present issue, we have quoted from the standards of the "Mor-

mon" faith what is the recognized belief of the Latter-day Saints in regard to civil law and civil government, and we do not care what individual may have expressed views which the *Tribune* has interpreted as contradicting them. That which is authoritative stands as credal, and that which is merely personal opinion is taken simply for what it is worth.

We know what is the doctrine of the Church and what is the established faith of the Latter-day Saints. The editor of the *Tribune* has never known what it is or he has purposely and persistently misrepresented it with malice prepense and aforethought for years. When he came here he was stuffed as others have been with anti-"Mormon" stories, and what he has read has been viewed in the baleful light of anti-"Mormon" defamation and hatred. Therefore he sets forth, as "Mormon" belief and "Mormon" practice, stuff that the "Mormon" people have never adopted, and so what few of them see or hear of his nonsense either pity him for his ignorance or despise him for his mendacity. The DESERET NEWS entertains both these sentiments in about equal parts.

#### THE UTAH COMMISSION.

"The Utah Commission was appointed under the Edmunds law to come to this Territory and to take charge of the election machinery of this Territory and to guide it in such a way that what was illegal before should be stopped, and to see that those not qualified to vote under the laws of the country should not vote; that all who were qualified should have a chance to vote and have their votes fairly counted."

Of course the foregoing is from the "Liberal" organ. It is a small part of a column of laudation of the Commission, mingled with abuse of Dr. Geo. L. Miller. It would be interesting to compare this with the attacks made by the same organ upon the same Commission in the fall of 1892. The Commission then had not become an adjunct of the "Liberal" faction. The Commission then had not played the "shoestring" game in Liberal interests. The Commission then had not made it possible that "Liberal" methods in elections could be pursued in Utah. The Commission then favored an election for Delegate which the *Tribune* opposed, and therefore came in for its billingate and bile.

We do not quote their fulsome adulation now, so we abstain from reproducing their abusive language then. But let us examine the sentences we have clipped above. The law under which the Commission was created does not convey any such ideas as

are claimed. There is nothing "illegal before" its appointment which was to be stopped. The law, made new conditions and the Commission was appointed under them, with certain defined powers which it proceeded at once to overstep, and had to be called to a halt by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Previous to the coming of the Commission there had been nothing illegal at elections in Utah, except the "Liberal" frauds in Tooele County which were fully exposed and finally overcome. "All who were qualified to vote" had "a chance to vote and have their votes fairly counted." Since then fraud has been rampant. Hundreds of legal voters have been prevented from depositing their ballots. They have not had the chance to vote nor to have their votes counted at all. This has been proven beyond question. The Utah Commission know it as well as we do. There are other things they have understanding of but do not know as well as we do, for the simple reason that they did not want the evidence.

The *Tribune* has had a good deal to say about "flim-flammers." Until the writers upon it who seemed to be familiar with that kind of gentry used the term, we had never heard of it. But the only "flim-flammers" Utah has ever had were "Liberals," working for the "Liberal" faction, and they were never heard of in Utah, nor could they have operated here, before the advent of the Utah Commission.

The *Tribune* says they were "brought here by the Mormon Church and paid for by the Mormon Church." The records of the courts do not bear this out. They show conclusively that they were "Liberals" and that they "flim-flammed" for "Liberal" interests but were checked up by the strong arm of the law.

As usual, the *Tribune* lies about this matter. And the wilful falsehood is very stupid, too. Nobody but a "Liberal" has had a chance to "flim-flam." It is peculiar to "Liberal" methods and rendered impossible to any but "Liberal" tools, because of the "Liberal" composition of the boards of election officers, the work of the Utah Commission.

The "Mormon" Church did not send for anybody in reference to election affairs, nor did it pay anybody for election work. We believe the *Tribune* people understand that as well as anybody. And the People's party neither sent for nor had any use for, or connection with, any flim-flammer or other criminal of that kind, for they are all "Liberals" and their work is "Liberal" work, and their company and as.