

question, it is only necessary to refer to the fact that onyx is rated among the precious stones, and to state that the quantity of the article in sight is, according to reliable information obtained from persons who ought to know, not less than a thousand tons, and the quality improves as the discovery is developed.

It has been stated that an effort has been made to secure the aid of eastern capital with which to utilize this valuable deposit. This is an error. It is intended, at present at least, to effect this by home capital. Hon. Francis Armstrong is one of the gentlemen interested in it. He will doubtless bring to bear upon this important interest the push and energy for which he is noted.

WHAT IS FALSE?

"Should he succeed in, to some extent, redeeming the Liberal past, by making the last days of the brief reign of that party cleaner than it has been up to date, we will not hesitate to proclaim the fact in these columns? The purifying process is greatly needed, as is well understood by the people who have mourned for two years and a half under a rule of Liberal corruption."

Of course that is the DESERET NEWS, and it is all false.

"Of course" the two last lines above are from the *Tribune*. "Deny everything" is its motto. Now what is false in the remarks of the DESERET NEWS? Is it the promise that if the Mayor succeeds in his present effort we will proclaim the fact? Or is it not true that the Mayor has started in to purify the city by enforcing the ordinances against Sunday liquor selling and houses of ill repute? Or is it false that the purifying process is needed? Or will it be claimed that the need of the purification is not understood by the people?

When the City Council was asked by one of its members to declare against the Sunday liquor traffic, the *Tribune* joined in ridiculing him and in conveying the idea that what he stated was false. Now it is compelled to admit that all he said on that matter was true, by describing the consternation of the liquor-sellers and their anger at the orders received to close their business on Sunday.

Is it not a fact that purification is needed after the recent exposures of official winking at and actual participation in lawless vices? Deny and flounder and throw mud as it will, the *Tribune* knows that the accession of "Liberalism" to power, both in Ogden and in this city, was immediately followed by an increase of crime, the predominance of the liquor and lawless elements, and the demoralization of both cities.

The Mayor is doing what he can to purify affairs. Is the *Tribune* mad at that? The DESERET NEWS announces that it will give him due credit for his work. Is the *Tribune* furious at that? Well, it does not signify. We believe the Mayor will go on with the work. We are sure that, if he does, he will be applauded by the public. And we know that the DESERET NEWS will not hesitate to proclaim the fact, no matter how much it may displease the disreputable *Tribune*.

THE LIBERAL "CONFERENCE."

THERE is great dissatisfaction among "Liberals" over the manner in which admission to the "Liberal" convention or "conference" as it is called by the "Liberal" organ, to meet in this city on Wednesday is being managed and limited. And all the pretended explanations of that manipulation are looked upon as exceedingly thin, or in other words decidedly *Tribunish*. If as is claimed the desire is "to confine the conference to Liberals that a full and free expression may be had upon all questions pending at present," why is it that the tickets are dispensed only by O. W. Powers and C. E. Allen, both notoriously opposed to the division movement?

Is it not a fact that the object of the "conference" is to stop, if possible, the drifting of "Liberals" to the Republican party of the Territory on the one hand and the Democratic party of the Territory on the other hand? Is it not to raise the old bugaboo and endeavor to frighten the timid with terrors of "Mormon" rule in Utah?

We find the following as the leading editorial in the *Tintic Miner* of July 15th and reproduce it for the edification of thinking "Liberals" who do not draw their inspiration from the decaying organ of their decaying party:

"The [Liberal] Republican Territorial Central Committee met in Salt Lake City last Friday. The committee was composed of fifteen members, fourteen of whom were present either in person or by proxy. The first question which came before the committee was whether or not it was the sense of the committee that the Liberal faction disband. After two hours of discussion, a vote was taken and the proposition was voted down by a majority of two, the vote standing 5 for to 3 against, and one not voting, but who was in favor of the resolution. Upon the vote being announced, the chairman, secretary and two other members of the committee tendered their resignations, which were accepted after some discussion. The committee adjourned to meet again on the 21st instant, the day after the Liberal convention."

"The senior editor of the *Miner* was one of the members who resigned from the committee, and by so doing severed his connection with that wing of the Republican party, (if they can be called Republicans), and in so doing believes he has done right for several good reasons, among which are, first, the Republican National Convention recognized both factions as Republicans, and admitted the delegates selected by the two conventions to seats in the National convention, with the understanding, either implied or stated, that after returning to Utah they would consolidate and make the fight for supremacy in this Territory shoulder to shoulder. Second, that when the majority of the committee refused to ally themselves with other Republicans, that there was nothing else left to do but resign or become a traitor to one's own convictions and to his party."

"This conviction was forced upon us more strongly when we saw the Tuscarora Democrats of Salt Lake City button-holing the several committeemen upon their arrival in the city and laboring with them to stick to the Liberals, when it was for only one purpose, and that, to continue themselves in fat offices in the metropolis."

"When we considered the question and looked around for results, and found that out of all the city officials in Salt Lake, only one was a Republican, we

came to the conclusion that the Liberal party was a very good thing for Democrats, but certainly not for Republicans. Then, again, the division has taken place, and the only thing to do was to make the best of it and join the party with which one has in the past or intends in the future to affiliate.

Nothing can prevent the open rupture, and careful students in political affairs in both parties see and recognize the truth of these words. This being the case, and our former affiliations having always been with the Republican party, we thought it our duty to espouse the cause again in an open manner, and while so believing, acted. We do not regret our action, but on the contrary, believe that with the advent of a political campaign with principle and not prejudice the dividing force, this Territory will experience beneficial results not heretofore felt. Should the Territory prove Democratic, and Democrats elected to fill all the offices by Democratic votes, we will feel better than with the offices filled by Democrats, the result of Republican folly."

NOT PROPERLY ENDORSED.

YESTERDAY afternoon an esteemed friend called and asked if we had observed a statement in the columns of a local cotemporary to the effect that nine-tenths of the workmen of the country endorsed the treatment accorded the Pinkertons by the locked-out men at Homestead. He expressed himself in terms of strong condemnation of such an assertion by a public newspaper, as it was of a nature to injure the cause of humanity, by inducing misguided people to perpetrate the most horrible excesses.

Our friend was right. The readers of the NEWS are aware that we agree with his position. We deem it a grave reflection upon the workmen of this nation to state that they endorse the inhuman treatment accorded the Pinkerton men at Homestead. If the claim of our cotemporary were true this Republic could scarcely exist five years longer.

The most savage tribes on earth could have done no more than did many of the people at Homestead on the day of the terrible battle. Every civilized instinct was subjugated by the thirst for vengeance. The Pinkerton men repeatedly hoisted the white flag, the token of willingness to surrender, but it was several times shot down and efforts were continued to blow up the barge or roast the beleaguered men alive.

The flag of truce is recognized wherever civilization exists. It is an appeal for mercy, and none but human fiends disregard it.

But worse still was the treatment after the proffered surrender was accepted and the men were in custody. The fact is, that all that was necessary to enable some of the people on that day to take on the worst forms of savagery was for them to eat their victims. They did their best to roast them.

We not only do not believe that nine-tenths of the workmen of the United States endorse such doings, but we are satisfied that even the great bulk of the locked-out people of Homestead regard them with detestation. Newspapers which condone such work take a responsibility that we hope this journal never could be induced to