

time and attention for some weeks to the measure, and we are pleased to learn that his labor and talents are appreciated by the committee, and that it has passed their scrutiny and has been submitted to the Legislature. It will doubtless be thoroughly scanned before it goes to the Governor, but we hope there will be no unnecessary delay but that it will soon become a law and have at once its proper bearing on our municipal affairs.

### THE CHILEAN MESSAGE.

THE correspondence on the Chilean question which was submitted to Congress by President Harrison today takes up so much of our space that other matters of current interest have to take a back seat and wait for a more convenient time for consideration. We hoped to present the President's communication to Congress entire. But it came to us in such broken and disconnected batches, and much of it at so late an hour, that we found it impossible to print it all today. The rest of it will be published in our next issue if the telegraph by that time furnishes it complete. Those of our readers who take an interest in the dispute with the belligerent little South American republic, will do well to read the entire correspondence furnished by the President, as by that means they will gain a fair understanding of the difficulty and be able to decide as to its merits.

### THE POSITION OF THE "DESERET NEWS."

THE "DESERET NEWS" has on several occasions defined its position in reference to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It becomes necessary to repeat this definition. The views of this paper on the questions of the period are by some persons improperly attributed to the Church or to its leaders.

This mistaken notion arises from the fact that the DESERET NEWS is the official organ of the Church whenever the Church authorities have any public announcement to make by means of the press. The discourses of the Presidency and leading Elders also appear in this paper. It advocates the doctrines of the Church and defends it against the assaults of its opponents. It announces meetings of the various councils and quorums, and publishes Church news generally.

But the DESERET NEWS is also a newspaper, a public journal, and has opinions on public questions. These are its own, and the Church is in no

way responsible for them. The DESERET NEWS is not owned and published by the Church, but, as appears daily at the head of the editorial columns, by the Deseret News Company, a corporation of shareholders organized under the laws of the Territory.

When this paper expresses its views on political questions it ought to be known by its readers that these are not the enunciations of the Church, for that institution is out of politics. Part of its membership belong to the Republican party, part of it to the Democratic party, and a portion remain yet unconnected with either party.

In politics the DESERET NEWS is INDEPENDENT. It is not a Republican organ. It is not a Democratic organ. It expects to form opinions on public questions which will be its own, and will not ask either party or the leaders of either party permission to express them.

Let it be distinctly understood that the DESERET NEWS is not and does not intend to be *neutral*, as some persons wish it to be. It will not be silent on political questions, whether local or national. It will not be muzzled. It will speak out, regardless of all endeavors to silence it, and because it is independent will claim and exercise the right to support that which it believes to be for the best good of Utah, whether it agrees with either political party or disagrees with all.

But in doing this it will not stand as the mouthpiece of the Church nor the advocate of any party. It will be simply a public journal, uttering its own opinions for public consideration, assuming no authority, and asking its readers nothing more than to consider what it says and use their own judgment as to the force of its arguments.

As no man because he belongs to a Church or is a minister thereof should be deprived of any political right because of that religious connection, so with a newspaper which is used to convey Church information. And as the Churchman should not support any party in his ministerial capacity, but as a private citizen, so with the newspaper, and the DESERET NEWS in its editorial expressions does not pretend to speak *ex cathedra*, but as a free and independent public journal, anxious only for the common good.

### CHILEAN FANCIFUL OMNIPOTENCE.

IN the form of an interview with Captain Paul Boynton, the Chicago *Mail* has a long article on Chile. During the war between that country and Peru in 1880-1, Captain Boynton was engaged in torpedo service for the Peruvian government, and learned a

good deal about the characteristics of the South Americans.

To show that the illfeeling on the part of Chile towards Americans is not of recent growth, he details the circumstances attending the fall of Lima. In that city at the time there were some 40,000 foreigners, representing English, French, Germans, Italians, Belgians and Americans. When the Chilean troops marched into the foreign quarter of Lima, the foreigners hoisted the flags of their respective nations over their houses. All flags were respected but the American, which were torn down and trampled on.

Captain Boynton was present in March 1881 at the fall of Lima, and describes the acts of the Chilean soldiers towards the Peruvians. If one half of what he says is true, they are a barbarous, cruel and bombastic crowd. He says that the average Chilean can not be convinced but that his navy could come into San Francisco, capture that city, and in a short time conquer the United States. On the other hand he says the Peruvians always cherished a kindly feeling for Americans, and manifested respect for them. If the Chilean is so arrogant, presumptuous, and fancifully omnipotent, it may be the right thing after all for Uncle Sam to spank him a little and open his eyes to his true size and standing.

### GOLDWIN SMITH ON CANADA.

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH, of Canada, visited New York City a few days ago. Of course he was interviewed by representatives of the New York newspapers on the situation in Canada. His estimate of officialdom in his own country is anything but complimentary. He says that Mercier, ex-premier of Quebec, has been undoubtedly guilty of many corrupt acts. But the Tories who are pursuing Mercier are no better.

In his eagerness to depose Mercier, the Conservative Lieutenant-Governor, Angers, violated the constitution, and thus made considerable political capital for the Mercier party. The struggle is now in progress, and is being bitterly and earnestly fought. Mercier is seeking to vindicate himself, but the professor thinks he will not succeed in doing so, and even if he does not, Canada will gain nothing. Another set of equally dishonest and unscrupulous officials will come into power, and a regime of plunder be inaugurated.

Mr. Smith says the Canadian Pacific railroad dominates the government of Canada. All its influence and patronage go to support the Conservative party. Its employes vote the Conservative ticket, and there is little hope of