

to vote for an apostle for Senator. There have been many other lesser manifestations of the same spirit and hence Gentiles have no longer any right to be deceived. The control of the schools is what the church wants next and Gentiles will be criminally negligent if they do not strain every nerve to hold them if possible under Gentile control.

The Hon. Thomas Kearns is credited with thinking that while he wanted a Republican triumph at the late election, he did not contract to have it so decidedly pronounced in a certain direction.

THE TELEPHONE SITUATION.

"Truth" discusses the telephone situation in a dogmatic style and tells of the short-comings of the present system and the advantages which would accrue were an opposition company started. The only trouble is its article does not reach down to the ultimate effect upon patrons.

It declares that "with three or four exceptions there are independent telephones in every important city in the United States, and they have been found most advantageous to the people."

Does "Truth" know that to be true or does it make the assertion at random? We do not believe our neighbor can substantiate its statement. We cited what we thought was good authority for our position. St. Louis is one of the great cities of the country.

There is a gentleman here who lived there a long time and who but recently came from there. Reading the article which we published two weeks ago, he said: "That is the exact truth. No man knows what a nuisance two telephone systems in a city is until he has had an experience with them. In St. Louis the old company charges \$100.00 per year, the opposition \$60.00 per year for

the use of a 'phone. You go to call up a man and find he is on the other system. Not many men or firms can afford to patronize both lines, and when they can there is infinite trouble and confusion. The feeling in St. Louis generally is that the double system is a nuisance which amounts to a kind of torture of the people."

Our own idea is that the city should own and operate the telephone as it does the water. No doubt it could greatly reduce rates in the city proper, for the telephone is a monopoly and the souls of monopolies are as a rule ironclad. But there is something worse than a monopoly; that is two monopolies.

Our suggestion would be for the Mayor and Council to get the opinions of citizens of other cities as large or larger than Salt Lake, before establishing a nuisance here which, once established, the city will have no power to abate.

Jackson explains that the reason Mr. Salisbury was not expected at the late Kearns reception was because there was too much of an Orange tinge about his name.

NOT AS A BODY, EH?

The News says that "the church is not engaged in politics as an ecclesiastical body."

The answer to that is that it was founded as a political and commercial body, and save for a year or two after Statehood was given to Utah, has never surrendered its chiefest function.

The founder of a creed proclaimed himself a candidate for President of the United States; he organized the nucleus of an army and had himself proclaimed Lieutenant-General—a rank that no one save Washington had, up to that time borne, all his thoughts were of a temporal kingdom, of which he claimed a divine right to be the head of. The government in Utah was for years a pure theocracy—see Bishop Whitney's History—and in

the late election the teachers went to the widow of a man, who, in his lifetime, was a distinguished bishop of the Mormon church, and told her that it was the desire of the higher priesthood that she should vote a certain ticket, though they knew that while she would not dare to disobey the counsel, it would wound every maternal as well as political instinct of her nature to obey.

Still, the News says "the church is not engaged in politics as an ecclesiastical body." The body does as the head dictates, and, knowing this, there are many wealthy men in this city, many of whom belong to the Mormon church, who would wager their fortunes against half their value that, under that same dictation, the editor of the News, broke a lifelong rule at the late election and voted for the Republican legislative ticket.

A RECENT IMMIGRANT.

A lady correspondent writes us as follows:

"Will you please tell why a person should desire a position, the duties of which require his best efforts to support and perpetuate a Republic, when all his life he has been telling the people that a kingdom will soon be established, and for very many years has been using his every energy to hasten the coming of that kingdom in America, when all republics will be blotted out? This dual position is, to me, rather embarrassing."

Our correspondent is not well posted. The purpose evidently is, first, to take a good thing when there is a chance, and, second, to be on hand when the kingdom comes to shout from the Capitol steps:

"Glad to see you, Mr. Gabriel. I had the thing started, but it was slow work until you arrived."

As to the efforts of the gentleman "to support and perpetuate a Republic," that must be interpreted generously. In the general run of business no doubt he will vote with the party with whom he pretends to affiliate, but when it comes to any

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