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A DUTY OF OFFICE-HOLDING.

Judge Howard's resignation of the high position of district judge for Utah having gone into effect, and the Governor having made a happy and satisfactory appointment to fill the vacancy thus created, the News takes the liberty of expressing a thought upon the obligations of office-holding, which it is hoped will not be considered personal in any effective sense.

We hold that a man who has accepted nomination to public office, whose election his friends and well-wishers have given of their time and means to bring about, and for whom a majority of the voters have cast their ballots, is under a moral contract with the people to perform the duties of the position to which he has been chosen until the end of his term. Public office is not a trust to be trifled with, and should not be abandoned today and handed back tomorrow to be considered a makeshift or a plaything which may be rejected or abandoned the moment something else is offered. American communities have a right to expect better treatment at the hands of those whom they honor with nomination and election to places of trust and profit, and while no bond may be exacted requiring that the candidate observe all the terms of the obligation which is assumed when he accepts the nomination, there is nevertheless an implied contract or pledge, which with all honorable men is as binding as a bond. It will be a sad day for our office-holders when their election to their intended to accept and retain the position for which they are named shall be shakable and changeable; for then conventions will become a farce, campaigns a mockery and elections a delusion.

We prefer to make no allusion to politics in the discussion of this question, and yet such allusion in the case in point can hardly be omitted. In addition to the disquieting shown to his own party, Judge Howard by his resignation offers a deliberate affront to hundreds of fair-minded men of the opposition, who were so far as to see their party particularly as to work and vote for his success as against their own party's success. Without their aid he and his colleagues could never have been elected; and surely in Utah's political history no higher commitment was ever paid than to him in November last. With all respect to Judge Howard, we cannot but feel that the community has a just grievance against him.

But, it may be asked, shall a man be required to remain in a minor position when greater honors and advantages present themselves? Our answer would be, that no office is so free as the one to which he should accept it at all. And this applies particularly to an elective office. Supporting those who were no longer prepared to fill vacancies in such offices exacted by a new election, is there any conceivable personal motive that would justify the incumbent in forcing that tremendous trouble and expense upon the community? That there is a provision for filling vacancies by appointment is no excuse only in its minor aspect, for the people, having said by their own vote that they want a certain man in a certain office, his abandonment of the office accepted makes it obligatory that some other man, perhaps one whom the people would not have elected or whom they do not know, receive the place at the hands of one man instead of at the hands of the majority of the whole community.

The compensation attached to the judgeship is low, but it has not been reduced any since the nomination for the position was made. It is a sufficient inducement to accept it, but it is not to be used as a bribe to induce a man to accept it, and then to resign it as soon as a better opportunity presents itself. The fact that a man has accepted a position and then resigned it is a reflection upon the honor of the community. It is a reflection upon the honor of the community. It is a reflection upon the honor of the community.

RELIGIOUS ISSUES. The food question of the tramp movement of the nation of McAlister, a case that has been developed in connection with the tramp movement, has been the subject of much discussion. It is a reflection upon the honor of the community. It is a reflection upon the honor of the community.

new over his partnership, and hopes for much good from his success. But a conception of publicity has required the foregoing criticism of his recent success, which, however, is to be taken in a general and not a personal sense. Nor do we desire that Judge Howard shall feel affronted at any allusion in the manner of his election. He is to be congratulated upon his appointment, and we sincerely believe, from all that we can hear, that no other case that has been mentioned for the place has met with so large a measure of public favor as his.

THE UNION ARMY.

Answering the question as to how many men saw actual service in the Union army during the Revolution, how many of them were drafted, how many were substitutes for drafted men, W. E. Curtis, the Chicago Board's excellent Washington correspondent, gives a great deal of valuable information, and a table of figures that will be found interesting. According to his observations, the records of the adjutant-general's office show that 2,708,071 troops were called for from the several states, not including the regular army, that 2,778,054, or 14,054 more than called for, were furnished of whom 49,247 were drafted, 73,077 were substitutes for drafted men and 42,541 were substitutes for men who were not drafted—that is, those who could not go to the war themselves, but voluntarily hired others to represent them. The following statement shows the number of men furnished by each state and territory:

Table showing the number of men furnished by each state and territory during the American Revolution. Columns include State/Territory, Total, Drafted, Substitutes, and Non-drafted.

DANCING PARTIES.

To the Editor: As the young people among the Latter-day Saints are generally a sane, intelligent, and well-to-do people, it is not surprising that they are so generally opposed to the practice of dancing. It is a reflection upon the honor of the community. It is a reflection upon the honor of the community.

Our correspondent states that the substance of the instructions referred to, and never revealed, thereby responding himself in his request for information, made in the opening sentence of his communication. There was another and vitally important feature in those instructions—that relating to the class of persons admitted to dancing under control of Latter-day Saints. We are aware that this latter instruction has been disregarded in too many cases, and those whose character could not pass muster as being in full fellowship as moral, sober, upright members of the Church have been admitted to parties attended by the youth of the Latter-day Saints, and this is a reflection upon the honor of the community.

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