

calls the editor of the Provo Enquirer "a liar" and "an assinine bigot" and "servile imbecile," and more terrible still proves that he is telling the truth. The immediate provocation was that Mr. Lawrence and Mr. White in the Legislature opposed the election of Mr. Smoot in a manly, honest way, and the Enquirer referred to them as "railing against the Church," and to White especially "as rampant against the Church," and as repeating "all the old fabrications and mythological yarns he has read against the Mormons." All this the Free Lance disproves by copying exactly what those gentlemen did say and then proceeds to analyze the character, or want of character, of the Enquirer editor, and to establish beyond the peradventure of a doubt that such editor is composed of quite 98 per cent base metal. It is amusing, if not instructive, to watch Brother Gibbs as he dissects his Provo brother, it is particularly pleasant to the writer of this because in the past he has been forced a few times to mildly expostulate with that same Provo editor, and for it has been advertised in turn as the special enemy of "this people."

The only weak feature of the Marysville editor's arraignment is that he was "hunting snipe with a Howitzer," game which, if bagged, is worth far less than was the ammunition fired to bring it down, for the Enquirer editor has been both an imbecile and liar from his youth up.

He mortgaged his soul in the long ago to be a slave for life and he has been faithful to his covenants.

But the Marysville editor notices that Apostle John Henry Smith's and John Booth's names are at the head of the Provo paper and asks, wondering, if those men endorse what the editorial imbecile writes. No matter about Booth, but as to John Henry, if the Plute county editor thinks that anything which the editor of the Enquirer could publish, no matter how perverse, would be too

much for John Henry, he is mistaken in his diagnosis of him. John Henry is an apostle, except for his too earnest efforts to save his soul through the most approved Latter-day formula, he would have been in Apostle Smoot's place, and hence anything like a reproach upon the politics of Brother Smoot, is held in Apostle Smith's eyes as an indirect reproach upon himself. For a purpose of its own the chiefs of the church pushed the candidacy of Apostle Smoot with the result that any criticism of him is really an arraignment of the First Presidency and the quorum of the Twelve, and in John Henry's estimation no abuse of any such critic is half severe enough. Why thirty years ago John Henry, while not advising the blood-atonement of such a culprit, would have thanked God if it had been done. Come to think of it we believe John Henry feels the same way still.

(Special to Goodwin's Weekly.)

Washington, D. C.—P. Heath and T. Kearns wish the Associated Press to announce that if the people don't like the way they are running the country, they can lump it.*

*(See Critchlow on "Coal.")

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

While the legislature is considering hoped-for improvements in the plan of governing this city, why would it not be a good idea to adopt Judge King's plan, which contemplates, substantially, placing the entire government of the city in the hands of a mayor and four councilmen, the mayor to preside and have the casting vote in case of a tie, each councilman and likewise the Mayor to have his several departments to attend to, to name appointments, to be confirmed by a majority of the board; to submit all contemplated contracts or improvements to the board to pass upon; to be

paid salaries of \$3,500 for each of the councilmen and \$4,000 to the Mayor, the present Mayor to hold office during his elected term, the councilmen to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature, the Councilmen to serve during the term for which the present council was elected, the present council to be paid for their full term and retired upon the law taking effect, and subsequent Mayors and Councilmen to be elected as now or appointed as the Legislature may determine.

Possibly, it is an injustice to Judge King to say that the foregoing is substantially his plan, but his idea runs through it and it points in the right direction.

The difficulties now are manifold. There is incompetency, there are petty and unseemly clashings; there are all the evidences of personal and party spites and jealousies, and the work is but a side issue with councilmen at best, as they all have to make their livings and cannot devote the needed time to the city's affairs.

How many bankers or merchants or manufacturers would like to entrust their affairs to the management of the entire board of present councilmen of Salt Lake City?

But suppose they were reduced to four, paid salaries which would enable them to give all their service to the city, suppose the different departments were allotted among them and each should be forced once a week to make a full showing of his week's work to the board, is it not clear that the change in the handling of the city's business would be most welcome to all classes in the community? This is supposing, of course, that men would be appointed who would be competent to earn their salaries, and would earn them.

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