

We had heard of the Book of Mormon, which was originally written in the Reformed Egyptian, being buried in the Deseret alphabet (which is the English alphabet reformed—with a vengeance), but we were not aware that the City Treasury had been, with a felicitous wisdom, entombed in the *Weekly News*. In our blissful ignorance we had demanded an exhibit from Mr. Paul Schettler, and Mr. Paul Schettler, whose pardon we sincerely beg, had been exhibiting all the while, though to a very select few. Indeed, it appears that the financial statement of the city has for a number of years been entombed in like manner. We are enlightened, but say with the poet, "If ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." Even the *Salt Lake Herald*, who at length has helped Mr. Paul Schettler to make the fact of his faithful exhibit known to a somewhat larger circle, feels the same. The obliging editor says.

We think, however, that the municipal authorities would do a proper thing by advertising them in the *Evening News*, where more people, we think, in the city would see them than do in the *Weekly News*, although it has still a large circulation among the tax-payers of the city.

But the Reformed Egyptian, the Book of Mormon, the Deseret alphabet in which it was buried, and the *Weekly News* in which the City Treasury has been so long entombed, give each about an equally satisfactory statement. Take, for an example, one quarter's exhibit given by the *Herald*—not Mr. Paul Schettler—after these repeated demands:

For the benefit of those who may not wish to take the trouble of examining them (the city looks) we will say that the revenue from licenses during the three months ending Aug. 31, was \$11,371.77; and from fines for the same period \$1,730. The total income from the city for that three months was \$18,562.43. At the beginning of the quarter there was a balance of \$12,411.26 in the city treasury, which was reduced to \$6,876.33 at the end of August, the disbursements for the quarter being \$21,087.31 against the income stated above.

This furnishes an admirable detail of expenditure and we have no doubt that after this our readers and the public generally will be able to tell to a fraction where every cent of the city's income tax has gone.