

fellows of the same sort who intend to rob him. There is scarcely a night passes during which a burglary or highway robbery is not committed, until a feeling of unsafety hangs over the community like a nightmare.

Of course the foregoing statement is made up of stale materials, the facts upon which it is based being generally known and notorious. They are not more musty, however, than the oft-repeated suggestions for the cure of the evil. It is a very simple matter to make a suggestion, but it is frequently impracticable to carry into effect what is offered in that line. We observe that a good deal of gratuitous advice—doubtless well meant—is tendered to the police authorities. They are advised, in so many words, to have an occasional round-up of "toughs" and drive them out of town.

The vagrancy ordinance is the frail base upon which this proposition is founded, and the general appearance of the human bird of prey the cause of seizure. It ought to be understood by this time that the possession of beetle brows, a slouchy gait and a brutal mouth do not constitute a penal offense under the laws; besides, a good many bad characters cannot be designated by such distinctive features, because they do not have them. On the contrary, many of them are sleek, oily and persuasive, when not engaged in the practice of their profession. Many of them cannot be treated under the vagrancy act either, because they carry a visible means of support in their pockets.

The most effective method that we are cognizant of is a vigorous police service under a regime that will cope with the situation. There are doubtless some "sticks" in the service, but there are no doubt some efficient officers as well. They are, however, at a disadvantage. The police on our streets, night and day, can be seen parading about clad in their uniforms, and carrying—drooping from the right hand—what in the distance looks like a lengthy section of Bologna sausage, but which is an enormous baton or club.

The officer thus equipped presents a unique picture. In gazing at him no one supposes for a moment that he is such an attraction to a "tough" as to cause the latter to rush into his arms exclaiming, in pleading tones, "I am a terror from Chicago; please arrest me." On the contrary, the thieves and cut-throats, seeing the officer and his elongated staff in the dim distance,

go around the other block to evade him as an obstructionist.

The fact is, the uniforming business has been run to an extreme that is highly absurd, simply, we presume, because it was a "Liberal" campaign cry. The safety of the community seems to demand that at least a portion of the force shall not be placed practically in a position equal to exclaiming to criminals—who place guards out when plying their vocation—"Look out, I'll be along directly if you don't get out of the way in a hurry."

BRING THE RASCALS UP!

Everybody knows that it is usual for a defeated party in a political contest to cry "fraud" after the election is over. The charges made by prominent men in the People's Party that shameful frauds were committed by the "Liberals" at the election on July 14, cannot be covered up by frivolous reference to that common custom. They are too grave, definite and irrefutable to be thus disposed of.

The facts, which are fully sustained by thorough evidence, are: That scores upon scores of names of People's Party voters were arbitrarily stricken from the registration lists. That hundreds of names of persons who cannot be found in the city were retained upon the lists. That strangers were conveyed to the polls from municipal wards other than the places where their votes were wanted, and many of them were permitted to represent those names and cast their ballots for the "Liberal" ticket, while others were not bold enough to commit perjury when challenged as to identity, and so decamped without voting. That the doings of the "Liberal" registrars who began this infamous work were seconded by those "Liberal" judges of election who aided their party. That the "Liberal" majority of two in the Fourth Precinct was obtained by illegal "Liberal" votes and the denial of the right of franchise to legal People's Party voters.

If these facts can be refuted, let us have the proofs. As they can be abundantly substantiated, let action be taken to make them clear to the public.

We claim that it is in the interest of all honorable citizens to have this matter fairly investigated. It concerns others besides the men who have been summarily deprived of their votes, and the party to which they belong. If any scoundrel who happens to be entrusted

with power because of his extreme partizanship, can safely rob one citizen of the franchise, the same thing can be done to other citizens. When this so-called "Liberal" outfit shall be broken up, as it will be, which ever party gains the offices can strike off the lists the names of citizens belonging to other party, and rule at the polls, as now, in party interests and against right and reason, and elections, like many jury trials in Utah, will be only a sham and a humbug.

We consider it the duty of the well known legal voters who have been robbed of their rights to prosecute the officers who have defrauded them. There are registrars and judges of election whose conduct ought to be judicially investigated. The infamous proceedings of this school election ought to be thoroughly exposed. "Obedience to the law" has been shouted at the "Mormons" for years. "Obedience to the law" should be required of their defamers.

It may seem all right to some unthinking people to "down the Mormons" at the polls, no matter by what unlawful or otherwise improper methods. But they should understand that the same tactics can be resorted to by the same unscrupulous persons, if occasion requires, when the shoe will pinch other than "Mormon" feet, and those who wink at the evil now will have to suffer from it then themselves.

The nefarious work performed in order to carry this election in the "Liberal" interest is applauded by the "Liberal" organ, as might be expected. It is lauded as a deed of "honor" calling for the "gratitude" of the party. And yet much of it was essentially as well as legally criminal. It is a crime to rob a citizen of his franchise. It is not only an outrage against the individual, but an offense against the state. In the language of the lamented Garfield, it is "treason against the sovereign people." It is also penal under the law.

The frauds at the municipal election were permitted to go unpunished. We believe that was a mistake. We are aware that under the circumstances and the condition of our courts and juries, there was little prospect of justice. But facts would have been demonstrated that would make valuable history and that would have convinced all just persons who weighed them, that the most flagrant wrongs had been committed.