

them. There might be some difficulty in proving malicious or deceptive intent, but such a law would have the effect of checking the evil and making it disreputable and dangerous to thus mislead the public.

In addition to this, it would seem that every respectable newspaper, for its own reputation, would set its face against false dispatches and manufactured interviews. They only tend to lower the tone of the papers in which they appear and lessen their reputation for reliability. No person should be retained in the service of a decent journal who is guilty of manufacturing news, wilfully misrepresenting facts, or putting into the lips of public men under the guise of an "interview," words they never uttered and of attributing sentiments to them which they never entertained. American journalism needs great purification, and it is time that the work was commenced.

SILENCE THE WAR CRY.

THE correspondence from Chile to the London *Times*, on the trouble between that country and the United States, which appears among the cable dispatches today, has very much of the ring of truth about it. The statements will be very generally believed by the people of the United States who have watched the progress of affairs at Valparaiso. We have believed from the first that this government was being dragged into unnecessary hostility with the people of Chile through the injudicious course of its diplomatic representative.

It has been evident since the overthrow of Balmaceda that Minister Egan was not in perfect accord with the congressional party, and that his presence in Valparaiso, instead of being conducive to peace between the two governments, was a constant source of annoyance to the Chilean authorities. Whether this ill feeling is just or unjust on the part of the Chileans has little bearing in the case, so long as the complaints are against Mr. Egan personally and not the government which he represents.

Waiving the technical points of diplomacy, we cannot conceive what purpose the United States could have in thrusting upon the people of Chile a man for whom they harbor a personal dislike. We cannot see what this government can hope to gain through an arbitrary or dictatorial policy with Chile. No power can so well afford to be not only just but conciliatory in diplomatic transactions as the one that is able under any probable exigency to dictate terms of settlement.

The United States besides being able to do this with Chile has every incentive to avoid a broil with a sister republic. Now, when the cause of republicanism is passing through one of its most critical trials, it should be the particular business of this government to be an exemplar of peace and the advocate of the weak in the general struggle for human right.

The statement made by the *Times* correspondent, that Chile has no hostile feeling against the United States is probably not altogether correct. But if such hostility does exist the more reason there is for the United States to have a man of consummate tact and wisdom to conduct its negotiations.

The idea that Chile would deliberately cultivate war with this government, is so preposterous that we refuse to believe that a little skilful diplomacy would not secure a satisfactory adjustment very much better than gunboats.

The rumor published today of the government's intention to send more men-of-war to Valparaiso in case a speedy apology is not forthcoming, will not be pleasant reading for any patriotic citizen of the United States or true friend of republicanism. The conditions do not appear to require any such precipitous action.

THE FOOTPAD TERROR.

THE condition of this city under "Liberal" rule is daily and nightly becoming more and more of a public scandal. As in Ogden so it is here. The United States Marshal and his deputies have had to take a hand in suppressing immorality in order to put some check upon its alarming increase, and also upon the Sunday liquor traffic, and it looks as though it would be necessary to call for their aid in the protection of citizens on our streets at night.

The brutal assault upon Mr. McAllister, as related in another column, is only one instance out of many that show the condition of affairs. The thugs and hold-ups infesting the city are wanted to help swell the "Liberal" rank and file in February. They can be driven out of town or into jail if a determined effort is made.

We do not wish to join in the growl against the police authorities. We think there is more fault to be found with the present system than with the men. The City Marshal is not free to control his force, as Chief of Police, with the authority such an officer ought to hold and exercise. The discipline necessary to use them to the best advantage cannot be maintained while men are isolated upon the ranks in re-

ward for political work, performed either by themselves or by some one who has "a pull" on the municipal masters. Nor can it be exercised while they know that grumbling against their superiors will palliate their own insubordination.

There is a way to rid the city of the terror that is coming upon it through the dangers that threaten at nearly every corner to pedestrians at night, without multiplying a force that does not now give satisfaction. More police means more expense, and the taxpayers are sick of what there is already. In former times the people were allowed to organize under the Chief of Police to clean out the nests of human birds of prey that flocked into the city. That could be done again.

But if such a movement is made it should be reliable, bona fide citizens, not transients, hobos and imported voters, who are entrusted with this duty. Patrols on every block, a proper distribution of the police force, and the aid of some deputy marshals, if necessary, with a sincere desire on the part of the municipal authorities to abate the evil, would soon make an effectual change that would be appreciated by all lovers of social order.

If the city fathers do not take hold of the matter in earnest, it may become necessary for the city people to take hold of it themselves. The footpads and burglars must go.

THE DEMOCRATS SPEAK OUT.

THE Democratic Territorial Central Committee have issued an address which will not be comforting to the Utah Commission. It has already proved a bitter dose for what is left of the "Liberal" faction. Its organ makes an attempt to reply to it, but wanders off into a rhodomontade that has no relevance to the subject, and is only a rehash of a mess of mingled fact and fiction, which has been dished up so often that it would turn the stomach of even the editorial cook if it was not so seasoned to scandal.

The document cannot fail to recommend itself to fair-minded people throughout the country. It makes a splendid parallel paper to Judge Zane's strong article in the November *Forum*. He is an ardent Republican respected by his party, and this address from the Democrats will have its weight with their party. We hope it will be extensively copied. We give space to it in our columns today.

The statement it makes of the changes that have taken place in Utah and the causes that led up to them, cannot be refuted. It upsets completely the Utah