

fish anything about the "Mormons," except what was abusive and tended to place them in a false light. Only a few years ago, when the Saints in that country applied to the government to be placed in the same legal position as other Christian dissenters, the Theological faculty of Christiania decided, that the "Mormons" were not a "Christian sect" and could, consequently, not expect to have the benefit of the liberties granted to "Christians." Now, it is admitted by public opinion at least, if not by the theological moss-backs of the faculty, that the doctrines of the Saints are "founded on the Bible." This is one step forward towards final, complete recognition.

### COMPARATIVE CENSUS STATISTICS

THE population of North Carolina under the census of 1890 was 1,617,947, in 1880 it was 1,399,750. There are in the State ninety-six counties. Twelve of these show decreases. There are twenty-three cities and towns which show a population each of 2000 or more. The largest numerical increase in urban population is found in Asheville, Concord, Henderson and Winston. These cities show increases of over 200 per cent for the decade. Wilmington stands first in population with 20,056, Raleigh next with 12,678, Charlotte 11,557 and Asheville City 10,225. Only one town shows a decrease of two persons from 1880 to 1890, that of Beaufort in Carteret county. All the other 22 towns and cities show increases varying from 15 to 293 per cent. for the decade.

The population of Georgia according to 1890 census returns was 1,837,353, in 1880 it was 1,542,180. These figures show an increase of 19.14 per cent. for the decade. There are in the State 137 counties, 19 of which show decreases. There are six counties which show increases of more than 100 per cent. In 1890 there were 19 cities and towns with a population each of 3000 or more, with an aggregate of 249,129. In 1880 the aggregate population of these towns and cities was 154,196. These figures show an increase of the aggregate of 61.57 per cent. for the decade. Only one town shows a decrease, all the other increases varying from 21 to 1435 per cent. Atlanta has 65,553, Savannah 43,189, Augusta 33,300, Macon 22,746, and Columbus 17,303. All the other cities are under 10,000.

The population of South Dakota in 1890 was 328,808. As nearly as can be ascertained, according to the census of 1880, that part of the old Territory now known as South Dakota was 98,268. This shows an increase of almost 235 per cent. There are eighty counties,

but so many changes have been made in county lines since 1880, that comparative returns can only be approximated. There are ten cities and towns each with a population of 2000 or more. They are Sioux Falls 10,177, Yankton 3670, Pierre 3235, Aberdeen 3182, Huron 3088, Watertown 2672, Lead City 2581, Deadwood 2366, Mitchell 2217 and Rapid City 2128.

### A CHANGE DEMANDED.

THE disgraceful discord among the officers of the city has received another exemplification in the disturbance over the arrest of an intoxicated street-car man, in which a member of the City Council unwarrantably interfered. And it has culminated in the tragic end to the career of Captain Parker.

If anything more was needed to show the effects of a few months of "Liberal" rule it has now been furnished. Crime rampant, no house or person safe at night, officers quarreling over the arrest of saloon keepers and gamblers, police censured for raiding vile houses and then permitting them to exist, insubordination among the officers of the law and their superiors, the local and Federal authorities fighting each other in the courts, a City Councilman taking an offender from the police when seized for openly committing a public offence, and a police officer killed by one of the force!

It is a common question why are two of the Councilmen so earnest in their interest in one of the rival street car companies? Was it because the culprit was an employe of that company, that a councilman who has had to defend himself against the charge that he was pecuniarily and heavily interested in it, took him from the custody of the police without any lawful authority?

The public are aroused on these questions and would like to know who are the "boodlers" that the "Liberal" organ denounced without designating them and then suddenly closed up on the subject. The city is in a terrible condition and every respectable citizen is demanding a change.

### NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

THE Chicago *Press* should be an authority on Scandinavian politics. Its chief editor, Robert Lindblom, is a native of Sweden. For years he has been a leading member of the Chicago Board of Trade. About one year ago he retired with a fortune of several millions. He traveled in Europe last summer. On his return to Chicago he organized a publishing company and

the result was that another evening paper has been added to the long list of Chicago dailies, named the *Press*.

In a recent issue of the *Press* there is an editorial on the election in Norway. It appears that the prime issue of the campaign there is the separation of the foreign representation of Norway from that of Sweden, a question which apparently involves the nullification of the "Rikssakt" and perhaps the dissolution of the union.

It is also stated that Denmark has been encouraging dissatisfaction in Norway for some time. The recent visit of the Czar of Russia to Copenhagen is commented on as having something to do with Scandinavian politics, in the way of annexation of Norway to Denmark.

The *Press* commenting on the situation says:

"It is true that the King of Sweden has but nominal sway in Norway, but he has hardly more power in Sweden itself. And Norway has no reason for separation as she is, to all intents and purposes, independent, at least so far as local government is concerned. Not only has Norway her own parliament, but the complexion of it is recruited very much from the peasantry of the country, and woe to the ministry that will dare oppose it."

As to the idea of a Norwegian-Danish union the *Press* scouts it as absurd. Denmark of late years has been anything but a constitutional government. The ministry continued in power after its defeat in the legislative chambers. It suspended the operations of the constitution, levied taxes without appropriations, and collected and disbursed the same without semblance of constitutional authority. So that whatever the results of the election in Norway may be, fusion with Denmark will not come.

As to the idea that Russia is looking towards any change in the political geography of these countries, it is equally absurd. Her destiny tends toward the Balkan peninsula and the highway of India. Under these circumstances Russia is too politic to embroil herself in any of the troubles of the North, and above all not to incur the enmity of Sweden with whom she has been at peace for some time.

### THE ONLY SOLUTION.

THE solution of the labor and capital question, like that of almost every other social subject, depends solely upon the moral status of humanity. It cannot be brought about by any other process than a general reaching after justice on the principle of reciprocity. It cannot be done by legal enactments, because when men will to climb over or crawl under statutory enactments, they can find methods by which they