

its broadest and most general signification, as one who serves the State. As the prospect of emancipation from the iron rule of Great Britain made a large crop of patriots and soldiers on our soil in 1776, so now does the imminent disenfranchisement of the people of four growing and promising Territories from the un-American condition in which they have been plodding ever since they had political recognition, create politicians and statesmen. It is a hopeful sign that it is so, because it shows the people are interested in the subject on their own and the State's account.

It is a proper thing for all people similarly situated to do; and that they will elsewhere agitate their claims and assert their rights until finally, and within a few years, the District of Columbia and far-off Alaska are the only remnants of Territorial government left within our broad domain, is as plainly a sign of the times as though it were written on the sky. Let the crop of statesmen flourish, and let them all have a State in which to exercise their calling.

"LIBERAL" MISREPRESENTATIONS.

THE methods of certain leaders of the so-called "Liberal" party of Utah have ever been marked by misrepresentation and deceit. Its "principles" chiefly consist of unwarrantable attacks upon the People's Party, and schemes to deprive the "Mormons" of all political power. At present its manipulators are availing themselves of an opportunity afforded by the elements for the exercise of their talents for mendacity, and are working it for much more than it is worth.

In a campaign document, distributed by thousands, the blame for the deficiency of the water supply this exceptional season is put upon The People's Party. It is the Party that is accused of all the shortcomings and deficiencies relating to this matter, and it is further alleged that "the People's Party, through its oracles," have "forced" this question into "the arena of politics," that "they have thrown down the gage of battle," that "they say in effect that the people must continue to suffer," that "they throw the whole blame upon God and say the people must abjectly bow." And these direct falsehoods are published in behalf of the so-called "Liberal" party and are illustrations of its methods from the beginning.

In the first place the management of the water supply is not in the hands of the People's Party nor any other party. It is under the control of the City Council, composed partly of members of the "Liberal" party. Any strictures that may be made on the City Council reflect just as much upon the "Liberal" members as upon the others.

The People's Party in this city, as a rule, are the greater sufferers from the drouth. Those parts of town where no water runs are inhabited largely by members of that party, and "Liberals" as well as others are taking the water for lawns and spilling it on the sidewalks, which should be flowing in ditches that have been perfectly dry for several weeks. The People's Party are no more responsible for these inequalities than the "Liberal" party. The city officials are open to criticism, but that should be conducted in truth and fairness.

In the second place the People's Party have not forced this issue into politics in any way, nor have they "thrown down the gage of battle." But the so-called "Liberals" are trying to make it appear in the light of a party question, which it is not, as we have shown. The root of the trouble is in the phenomenal drouth for which no man or party is responsible. The inequalities of distribution and the question of new sources of supply are different questions. These are open to discussion. No one has said they are not. Nobody that we know of has attempted to stop discussion. The "Liberal" intimation that the city officers gave endeavor to do this is a "Liberal" untruth, and is a reflection upon the "five "Liberal" City Councilors as well as upon the other members.

In the third place, neither the People's Party nor the City Council nor anyone else has thrown "the whole blame upon God," nor said "the people must abjectly bow," either in words or in effect. No one has attempted to blame the Almighty for the mistakes, actual or alleged, of the City Council. The drouth of this season affects all parts of this Territory. In some places remote from this city the crops are fairly burned out for lack of moisture. It is the attempt to make our city officials responsible for this condition of affairs that has called forth remarks concerning Providence and the folly of blaming men for lack of that which God or Nature has withheld.

Discussion has been invited on the distribution of the water and on

obtaining a larger supply. Instead of saying "the people must abjectly bow," their complaints have been respectfully heard and extraordinary efforts have been made to remove the cause. Nothing is said of the hours that have been spent by night and day by the city officials to relieve the present stress and secure a future adequate supply. But they have been persistently misrepresented and abused, while all the time they have been working to find "a practical solution of the difficulty." And, as will be seen in another part of this paper, they have succeeded in securing a supply that will gladden many hearts and will prove the best answer that can be given to the untruthful accusations in the "Liberal" campaign document.

Instead of saying "the people must continue to suffer," the city officials have been working like beavers to remove the cause of suffering, but have not been boasting about what they meant to do. Glittering promises without substantial backing, they have left to the "Liberals" as campaign pabulum wherewith to dazzle the unthinking.

The remarks of President George Q. Cannon in the Tabernacle and of the DESERET NEWS on the same subject, have been cited as proving that "nothing can be hoped for from the People's Party" and that they mean that "in the future, as at present, the people must suffer. Those remarks contained no such signification. It had been reported that members of the Church in a country place had talked of taking rifles to protect their water rights. President Cannon deprecated quarreling and violence, and taught the Christian doctrine of forbearance and brotherhood and the wrong of falsely blaming the innocent. The DESERET NEWS also exhorted men who had disputes to promote union instead of discord, and not to blame either God or man for the drouth or other troubles.

Such advice will be prized by the sane and consistent, and should be endorsed by every lover of his race, be he "Mormon" or "Gentile." To pervert them as intended to induce people to refrain from using their brains and to submit to injustice and wrong is infamous, and is truly illustrative of "Liberal" methods.

The campaign document, after these misrepresentations, and pompous promises of what the Liberal party will do if its nominees are elected, offers no practical solution of the water difficulty. It does not