

avoided as the other extreme, otherwise of the two it may become even the greater evil.

It has been the hope that in the choice of municipal officers for the next two years, Salt Lake City would choose men who were able to grasp the whole situation and exercise prudence and discrimination in administering the affairs of the city. We do not think that, in so far as the wishes of the majority of the people were made effective, any mistake occurred. The successful candidates realize that the recent revolt against organized misgovernment means only improvement, not retrogression. Much use has been made of the prediction that a vote for the Citizens' ticket was a vote for a step backward. That this statement was a stupid falsehood the News believes; and it expects the men chosen by the Citizens' party, if party it can be called, to nail the falsehood and put the calamity croakers to open shame.

THE JEWISH EXILES.

Some weeks ago there was considerable agitation at the news of the expulsion of many thousands of Jews from Russia. A large proportion of the refugees expected to find in America relief from their sufferings and were making their way eastward to Chinese and Japanese ports, there to embark for the United States or British Columbia. Now the news comes that these exiles are forbidden to have any communication with the Chinese frontier, or with the coast near Japan. The reason for this new edict does not yet appear, though it may have foundation in the diplomatic relations of Russia with her southeastern neighbors.

It is estimated that not less than 22,000 Jews are affected by this latest ukase of the czar. They are thereby forced to make the journey through eastern Siberia. Now that the winter season has come on, transportation in that section of the earth is chiefly by means of dog sleighs. The sufferings of the poor people thus compelled to travel through a bleak and inhospitable climate can be hardly imagined. Navigation on the Siberian coast is suspended during the winter months, and it will be the latter part of March or beginning of April before ocean-going vessels can carry the exiles out of the country. The expense of maintaining themselves until that time, therefore, must be enormous.

Under the late order of the Russian ruler it would not be a surprise if fully half of the body of Jews which is being crowded out of Russia in that way should succumb to the rigors of the climate and cruelty of the Muscovite officials. It is not easy to believe that the czar is fully informed of the terrible sufferings he is inflicting on thousands of men, women and children; but the manner in which he treated the protests of other nations at the time of the Jewish expulsions nearly three years ago shows him to be very indifferent as to what becomes of his Jewish subjects.

The probability is that the order had its foundation in the suggestions of official vultures whose avarice saw in the completion of the Jews to make the journey through Siberia an op-

portunity to rob them of their money. It is said that many of the exiles were possessed of considerable wealth which they were carrying with them. If this be true, it is hardly likely that they will have any of it left by the time they are able to embark from Russia, and therefore those that arrive on this side of the Pacific will be almost in a situation to rely on the generosity of their Hebrew brethren in the West. That they will be crowded down to the condition of paupers, so as to be refused a landing in the United States under the immigration laws is, however, far from probable. They are, no doubt, well informed as to just what is required to fulfill the law here. The Russian Jew, who, in his ordinary condition when traveling, is about as poverty-stricken and miserable a person in a pearance as one can well imagine, is shrewd enough to provide against such an emergency. He will not be turned back under ordinary circumstances, so we may look for a considerable addition to the population of the West the coming spring in the way of Jewish exiles from Russia, whose experience in traveling in Siberia has been of such a painful character that their sympathy will at once go to the Russian republican societies in America, whose numbers are being constantly augmented by the addition of former subjects of the czar, and whose object is the propagation of republican principles in Russia in order to effect a revolution and overthrow the empire. Thus the oppressive edicts of the Russian government are combining forces to work its own destruction.

THE SANDWICH ISLAND RUMOR.

President Cleveland has been deliberating upon the Hawaiian revolution a long time, and if he has indeed come to the conclusion that Liliokalani was wrongfully dethroned, there must have been some very important facts collected by Minister Blount in addition to any yet made public. The charge made by the revolutionists that the queen undertook by high-handed measures to set up a new constitution was practically admitted by her own representatives. The causes for the evident state of exasperation under which she acted may have been many and prodigious; but they would count as nothing in her defense. Anger is not a recognized quantity in the government of a state, and she should have kept that fact better in view. She appears upon the face of the evidence to have launched a paper revolution among breakers which completely demoralized the little craft before it could even hoist sail.

But the Washington authorities may have the best of reasons for the position taken as reported some days ago. In any event there are embarrassing features in the case which will justify the President in the free exercise of all the caution he may please to take in the premises. It was undoubtedly through the chance aid given without proper authority by the minister and troops of the United States that the affair resulted as it did. And that the President could safely and consistently use the power of the United States government in reversing

the conditions thus procured is a question not to be negated without all the evidence. It is the mission of this Republic among the nations to advance the cause of liberty to the fullest extent of which moral suasion is capable. As for acquiring possession of the Sandwich Islands or of any other country, that is not essential to such a cause. In deciding upon a question of annexation, it would clearly be a mistake to give the speculative interests of a few of the political leaders too prominent consideration. It might lead to very grave errors which would be more destructive than productive of human liberty.

PROGRESS AND DYNAMITE.

The horrifying account from Barcelona of the hurling of a dynamite bomb from the gallery of a theater into the crowded boxes below, appears in point of fiendish brutality to be distinctly in the lead of anything yet recorded of these grim avengers. According to the dispatch the stall in which the bomb exploded was occupied by a family party, fifteen of whom were mangled almost beyond recognition. Such a deed as this is too utterly diabolical to accredit to normal human beings as we have learned to know them. It is not strange that civilization stands aghast before such horrors. It is at a loss for a competent estimate of the creature it is confronted with. He is far too clever to be classed with common madmen, and yet his deeds have no parallel among those of rational murderers. They are strictly new, and whether the product of villainy under high pressure, or Satan's own invention, they cannot run very much longer without demanding some pretty vigorous action on the defensive. Whether these monsters of crime are another race of beings or simply a scientific development of the old stock of villains, they are clearly a distinct class of criminals and will have to be dealt with as such. If it is the progress of science that has brought such beings into life, a new and radical progress in the art of bringing murderers to justice will have to come forward and take care of them. When anarchy becomes synonymous with bomb-throwing—as it seems to be at present—the avowed members of the order will have to be viewed in the light of confessed murderers be ore the fact and treated as such by the law.

WHY TWO STATE UNIVERSITIES?

We propound this significant question early to the newly-elected legislators of this Territory, because it is important and they should take ample time to consider it well before coming together. It will probably require an answer at their hands, and we think it essential that they prepare themselves to answer it aright.

It is unkind to revive the memory of the rather undignified bartering through which, in consideration of votes promised and given, the Territory's funds four years ago were parceled out to various institutions. The Insane Asylum needed an appro-