

lish as was ever conceived in the brains of mortal. It includes the theft of that great right of self-government which is the boast of all Americans. To this plot Mr. Harrison is a party. Then why should he mock us with his canting hypocritical request to pray. This is not the time for prayer. Better far devote our spare moments to damning the infamous band of conspirators who now have their clutch upon our throats. God does not seem just now to be taking much interest in Montana affairs, and for that matter neither do the people, else Benjamin F. White would not now be their unquestioned master."

In the same issue from which the above is taken, Benjamin F. White, governor, and Messrs. Walker and Blake, who comprised the board of State canvassers, are given a castigation in language about as strong as is often met with, even in the journalism of Montana. It is certainly to be deplored that the career of the new State, as such, should commence with the perpetration of what thousands of its citizens regard as a great and detestable crime.

#### GOOD RESULT OF ABUSE.

A CORRESPONDENT who, in this issue, gives an account of the proceedings of the meeting of the Scandinavian People's Party Club of Nov. 6th, shows the reactionary character of slanderous abuse. Some time since an article reflecting in the most insulting manner upon the citizens of Scandinavian nationality appeared in the "Liberal" organ in this city. It caused among the people subjected to the attack a feeling of keen resentment.

The result is a healthy one in the interest of honest and peaceful government. Those who have been unwarrantably stigmatized as being less preferable than "niggers and bootblacks" are more politically solid now than for a considerable time. The few who had any affinity for the other side have as a rule fallen into the ranks of their friends and brethren and are working heartily for the cause of the Party of the People.

The assault upon the Scandinavian people was unjust and contemptible. Utah has no more solid, substantial and upright citizens as a body than they are. Not only have they exhibited traits that have made them valuable citizens of this Territory, but the same may be said of them in every part of this Republic where they have to any extent settled. To single out them, or citizens of any other nationality for that matter, and make them targets for abuse and insult, shows narrowness and bigotry that are decidedly disgusting.

#### THE SCANDINAVIAN CLUB.

The Scandinavian People's Party club held another rousing meeting last night in the Social Hall, which was crowded with people to its utmost capacity. A fine programme was carried through, some of the features of which were a speech on "Politics, what it is and what it means," by President Andrew Jensen; "The form of Government of the United States," by J. P. Sorenson, "Naturalization," by President C. A. Carlquist; interesting speeches were also made by Messrs. Abraham H. Cannon and Seymour B. Young, all being listened to with marked attention by the large audience. A humorous recitation was given by Mr. Alfred Nilsson, a duet rendered by Mrs. Christine Anderson and Mrs. Axeline Peterson, also a quartette of male members from the choir. All were received with hearty applause. The forty strong Scandinavian choir also rendered a few fine numbers, with Prof. Anton Pedersen at the organ. The club holds meetings every Wednesday at the Social Hall, at 7:30 o'clock.

This club numbers at present about 400 members and many are added on the list at every meeting. It has organized two marching clubs, and two more are to be organized presently, so that in a short time the Scandinavian People's Party Club will have a regiment of their own. Some time ago a Scandinavian brass band was also organized, called "Norden," numbering twenty-four members, of which Prof. Anton Pedersen is president. This well known and capable gentleman is also the teacher and instructor of the band, which latter is progressing fairly. The means for which to buy the instruments for the band, some \$400, was liberally donated by the Scandinavians of this city, and paid to the well-known firm of Coalter & Snelgrove.

It might here be mentioned that we have in our club members who some time ago were looked upon as either "doubtful" or "neutral." The reason of their "waking up" and gathering under the Scandinavian P. P. standard is this:

Some time ago a certain disreputable newspaper of this city published an article about the Scandinavian population of this city, in which they were trampled upon and misrepresented in the most shameful manner, the writer "preferring niggers and bootblacks" before that people. Of course the sense of dignity and self-respect was aroused and demanded that Scandinavians, who before might have ranked themselves with the "Liberals," leave that party that sought their support, but who rewarded them so shamefully. Many got their eyes opened, and ranked on the side of their true friends, and many will yet follow, for the good of their own cause as well as for the People's Party.

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Folly must hold its tongue while wearing the wig of wisdom.

#### OGDEN ITEMS.

A good deal of complaining is constantly heard about the wretched way in which some things are attended to in the postoffice. Nine weeks ago we received an order to send the WEEKLY NEWS to Mr. Joseph Belnap, there being only one person of that name in the city. He received the first copy all right, but has received none since. Yesterday the News agent called at the postoffice to make inquiry. He was told there were no papers there. He insisted that there must be, when another search resulted in unearthing three papers with Mr. Belnap's name printed on them. Surely something can be done to mend such a condition of things as this indicates.

Marshals Pratt and McLellan made a raid about 12 o'clock yesterday on two of Ogden's dens of vice and arrested all who were found on the premises. Elsie St. Homer is the keeper of one of these dens. Lena Anderson is arrested with her, on a charge of fornication. There were four girls arrested at the same time who gave the names of Goldy Rivers, Mabel Williams, Hilda Morton and Lizzie Calder. Belle Lunden is the proprietress of the other house and with her were arrested Cora Doyle and Lelia Thompson. Frank Bernidos and Thomas Topham were also arrested. They were all brought before Commissioner Achilles Perry yesterday, and were severally bound over to appear before him today, the bonds being fixed at \$200 each, except in the fornication cases, when \$250 additional was required.

After leaving the Commissioner's court, all who failed to give bonds were taken to the marshal's office; one of the windows of this office was open. It leads to an iron balcony facing Main Street. A narrow alley runs between the wall of the marshal's office and a butcher's store. This is covered over with a light tin roof, the roof being about twelve feet from the balcony rail. Hylda Martin walked on to the balcony. Almost instantly, before any person could stop her, she seized the iron rail, over which she climbed and dropped lightly on the roof below. Marshal McLellan came running to the spot, and drawing his pistol ordered the girl to stop, but she ran along the roof until she came near the end where one of the tin sheets gave way and she was precipitated into the room below, falling unhurt at the feet of a boy who was breaking wood. In a few minutes she was safely back in the marshal's custody, apparently none the worse for her daring attempt to escape. She is small in stature and looks a mere child, but no person could listen to her for a moment and fail to discover that she is old in vice. Most of the names given by the girls are fictitious; one, whose parents live in Ogden and are well-known, begged hard that her real name be not given to the public.

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