

to the spirit of the laws but are an outrage on justice and decency that no court should permit. There are lawyers engaged on the side of the so-called "Liberal" party in this Territory, who are endeavoring to obstruct and prevent the naturalization of men likely to vote in opposition to their schemes. They interpose questions and quibbles, after the Judge has finished his generally severe catechization, and their palpable object is to puzzle and perplex the victim of their needless and impertinent queries. If his pronouncement of the English language is imperfect, they seem to take extra delight in trying to confuse and vex him. All this, we submit, is wrong and indecent in a court of justice.

We are not now referring to the effort to prevent the naturalization of the Hawaiians who have settled in this Territory, with the intention of remaining here permanently and becoming identified with this country and its institutions, although some questions propounded in this case were put simply to confuse. We hope the matter will be decided according to the spirit and letter of the laws. They appear to be very plain. There is nothing in them which in terms forbids the race to which these men belong from becoming citizens of this country. The Chinese have been made specially exempt from the operation of the naturalization laws, but not the Hawaiians. The latter are of the same color, apparently of the same stock, as the Indians who may receive all the rights and privileges of citizenship. Persons of the same nativity have heretofore been naturalized in the Utah courts.

What is the object in view in opposing their naturalization now? Simply to prevent their voting at the approaching general and municipal elections, as the persons opposing them have reason to believe they will not support the party that intends to steal the last-named election. There is no use in mincing terms. The purpose is patent. The intention is known. The means by which the steal is to be attempted are understood. It is no secret. The Ogden methods are to be repeated. Every vote that can be stopped will be one less to overcome, and that will be so much less cost to the schemers. No one will attempt to deny this except for "buncombe." It is freely talked about within the ranks of the attacking party.

The question is, will the

courts of Utah, representing the Federal authority and sitting in the Temple of Justice, fall into line with this conspiracy, and by going back on their own decisions and permitting these party obstructions, aid in promoting the plans of one party against another; or will they stand aloof from all such considerations and decide according to law and precedent, regardless of extraneous consequences. And will they maintain their own dignity, by discountenancing vexatious questioning of applicants for naturalization, when the cross-examination is clearly made to confuse and perplex, and prevent the admission to citizenship of persons who belong to an opposite political party?

The proof of the animus we have here pointed out is seen in the fact that such quibbles and queries, and obstructions and hindrances, are never interposed when the applicant is understood to be a "Liberal." We protest against the prostitution of law and justice which is involved in the course of some lawyers in these cases, and hope it will not be permitted hereafter.

TRICKS MUST NOT RULE.

NEITHER the DESERET NEWS nor any citizen of Salt Lake, who is determined to oppose political iniquity is disposed to find fault with a party, a person or a paper in an endeavor "to try legitimately to get the most votes." But the NEWS, with the most conservative and solid people of this city, is determined not to stand idly by and submit to fraud and trickery, illegal voting and political robbery in a "Liberal" effort to steal an election.

The energy displayed by men of any party to win votes by fair methods is praiseworthy and to be emulated by their opponents. But lying about the enemy, plotting to prevent legal voters from exercising the right of suffrage, scheming to increase support by false impersonations, and corruptly spending money to manipulate the machinery of elections are to be despised, exposed and punished as far and as thoroughly as possible.

Let the party that can "legitimately get the most votes" take control of local affairs, without hindrance and without clamor. But let political scoundrels, devoid of conscience and destitute of scruple, be denounced and opposed without compunction and without hesitation, and followed to the last with the penalties of outraged law and justice.

The present registration is now about concluded. When the lists appear, let every voter who knows that his name should be there take personal observation and satisfy himself that it is properly transcribed. Let citizens who are familiar with the *bona fide* residents of the various precincts also take pains to discover whether any names are improperly registered, and, on finding such, report immediately to the People's Central Committee or the Chairman, Col. J. R. Winder.

Vigilance must be exercised continually, from this time forward, and not be relaxed until the elections of next August and the following February are over, and the victory of the lawful majority is secured. That the majority should rule in every locality we have always maintained. If that majority is composed of our political opponents, we will be found ready to support its legitimate exercise of the powers of government. But we expect to be always against political chicanery, knavery, cheating and imposture, and it is these against which the people have to guard. The most votes, legally gained and cast, must count every time; but fraudulent voting must be prevented or punished, never encouraged or condoned.

SUB-SURFACE STREAMS.

WATER supply is always an appropriate subject in this section. We have several times expressed belief that artesian water could be plentifully obtained in this and other valleys of Utah. We observe by statements which have appeared in papers published at Santa Fe and Los Vegas, Cal., that an expert in locating undercurrents of water is operating in that part of the country. This gentleman is Prof. John Heerdegen, a genius who has invented a machine which he claims will almost infallibly detect the presence of underground water. He was brought to this country, on the recommendation of Mr. Alexander Schnee, by Mr. R. M. Martinsen, President of the Board of Trustees, of the Maxwell Land Grant Company.

Speaking of the efforts of this company to obtain water for their land the *New Mexican*, published at Santa Fe, says, referring to Prof. Heerdegen:

"It is said of him that he had wonderful success in locating sources of water supply in the high and dry regions of Russia, where he located