

decreased in many instances where no contiguous wells have been bored, and the cause for the decrease is not visible.

Jumping at conclusions will not take the place of proof in law, and it will be rather difficult, in this peculiar season of drouth and water failures, to demonstrate that the cause of a spring's death is the bringing forth to life of waters in a contiguous place.

NEW WORK FOR MARSHALS.

THE gamblers and lewd women who flocked into Ogden and have flourished under the "Liberal" administration inaugurated in that city, are now apparently under real apprehension. They have manifested by their open defiance of the city ordinances, on Sunday as well as other days and nights of the week, that they had no fears of the municipal authorities, and have become a public scandal that has disgusted the best people of the "Liberal" party as well as the older inhabitants.

But now the matter is taken in hand from an unexpected source. There are Territorial statutes in force as well as city ordinances. Both are equally valid. If the police and those who appointed them failed to enforce the ordinances, it was within the authority of the county officers, by the sheriff and his deputies, to set in operation the territorial statutes against gambling and prostitution. If they failed to do this it was a big mistake, and seeing that the evil was allowed to grow unchecked, deputy-Marshall Arthur Pratt has stepped forward under powers conferred by act of Congress, and has notified the keepers of these places that unless they are closed up he will proceed against the violators of the law forthwith.

The authority of the U. S. Marshal and his deputies in this matter is contained in Section Eight of the Edmunds-Tucker act as follows:

"That the Marshal of said Territory of Utah, and his deputies shall possess and may exercise all the powers in executing the laws of the United States or said Territory possessed and exercised by sheriffs, constables, and their deputies as peace officers; and each of them shall cause all offenders against the law in his view, to enter into recognizance to keep the peace and to appear at the next term of the court having jurisdiction of the case, and to commit to jail in case of failure to give such recognizance. They shall quell and suppress assaults and batteries, riots, routs, affrays and insurrections."

This greatly extends the sphere commonly assigned to United States marshals, and strong arguments might be raised as to its rightfulness and propriety. But it is the law in this Territory and it looks as though it will be carried out, in this instance at least, for the benefit of the public. If the evils complained of shall be removed, or even measurably suppressed, Deputy Marshal Pratt will be entitled to praise for his promptness and efficiency. How far he will be able to succeed, in view of obstacles that may be thrown in his way by the "Liberal" liquor and lawless element, will take a little time to determine.

VEGETABLE CARTRIGES.

THE latest thing in the way of a destructive missile is a vegetable shell; that is, instead of being composed of paper, brass, copper, iron or steel, as they all are now, a vegetable compound encloses the powder, and when the discharge takes place the substance is all consumed, so that there is nothing to remove from the gun barrel afterwards as in the case of the metallic or paper article. The vegetable shells are said to be lighter by one-half than the others, so that each soldier can carry twice as many of them, and thus will his killing power be doubled.

It is a strange use to put vegetation to, but it goes to show that the ingenuity of man is not nearly exhausted, especially when his mind is bent upon something new with which to destroy his fellow men and thus prevent the earth from being over-populated.

What, with noiseless powder, smokeless powder, millinite, paper shells, and guns that are unerring in their aim and execution, the population ought to be kept down to a figure satisfactory to the pessimists. We are surely advancing, and what we are coming to is not generally known; perhaps it is just as well that it is not.

POLITICAL TRAITORS.

THE People's Party have never denied the right of any citizen to vote as he chooses or to offer himself as a candidate for public office. Nor have they ever sought to interfere with that right. But they hold in greater respect suitable men who are sought for by the People, than suitable or unsuitable men who seek for office themselves. And they do not place a high estimate on any

man who, having desired and worked for a regular nomination and failed, goes over to the enemy for the sake of votes or tries to divide and split up his own party for the personal advantage, or resorts to low tricks of pot-house politicians to gain his own ends. No party, we suppose, is without traitors. By this we do not mean persons who change their views and act accordingly, but individuals who pretend to be friends and work secretly as enemies, and who do the works of the devil while posing as Saints. Politics seems to develop in some people the worst qualities of their nature. Perhaps it is well that this test should be applied, as the only one to bring to the surface that which is hidden beneath. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

NO UNLAWFUL "COLONIZATION."

"LIBERALS" are notified, by their party whippers in, to be on the look out for "colonizers." That is, persons belonging to the People's Party who change their residence from the country to the city, and who may perhaps acquire legal rights as resident citizens and local voters.

"Liberals" who come down from mining camps and other spots, and get their names on the registration lists for the purpose of coming in during the winter so as to vote the "Liberal" ticket, of course are not to be counted as "colonizers;" that is, by the "Liberal" pullers of political strings. But "its a poor rule that won't work both ways," and so members of the People's Party should be on the alert, and furnish information to the Central Committee in this city, of all attempts at fraud to be brought into use at the next municipal election.

The registration of transient visitors at hotels, etc., is not "colonization," of course, but it is one of the "Liberal" tricks that must be watched, and the furnishing of names that are "dead" on the lists to tramps and other characterless rogues, that they may represent at the polls "Liberals" who cannot be found, is not "colonization," of course, but it is fraudulent and corrupt and illegal, and in every case ought to be prosecuted.

New as to "colonizing" on the part of the People's Party. A short time ago it was given out that several young men whose names were furnished by a "Liberal" country spotter anxious to distinguish himself, had recently come