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MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Monday, Feb. 11, 1878.

PEOPLE'S TICKET.

For Mayor.

FERMORZ LITKE.

For Aldermen.

1st Ward ADAM SPIRE.

2d Ward HENRY DINVODEY.

3d Ward, A. H. RALEIGH.

4th Ward JOHN SHAR-

5th Ward ALEX. C. PATER.

For Councilors.

W. L. BALL.

ISAAC BROCKBA-

ELIAS MORRIS.

JAMES W. CUMMING.

JOHN HENRY SMITH.

JOSEPH F. SMITH.

DAVID O. CALDWELL.

GEORGE REYNOLDS.

FRANCIS ARMSTRONG.

For Recorder.

JOHN T. CAINE.

For Treasurer.

PAUL A. SCHETTER.

For Marshal.

ANDREW BURN.

THE AMENDED DIVORCE LAW.

In another column will be found the text of an Act passed by the Legislative Assembly, and signed by the Governor, amending the law on divorce. This abrogates the objectionable features of the old statute and puts an effectual quietus upon the nefarious proceedings of those who, taking advantage of the letter of the law will not regard to its spirit, have aided the unscrupulous wife and true Marcus husband to seek in our Territorial courts a separation in secret.

Under the amended statute, no persons except those who have been bona fide residents of the country in which the application is made for one year can obtain a legal divorce in our courts. This is as it should be, and the amendment, we think, will be endorsed by the whole community without regard to party or creed, except a few lawyers who have studied by the phrasology of the old statute, and will be deprived by the new provisions of any opportunity in Utah of colluding with irresponsible divorce agents in other cities.

There is one point, however, in Section 1151 as amended, which, when taken in connection with Section 1152 as it remains, seems a little inconsistent. One of the causes for which a divorce may be granted under the new section 1151 is, "Wilful neglect of duty, and provide for his wife the common necessities of life." The old section 1152, which is continued in force, says, "The husband may in all cases obtain a divorce in his wife for the like cause, and in the same manner as the wife obtains a divorce from her husband."

Now, if the bill signed by the Governor is the same as that which we publish, and we are assured that it is, it appears that the laws now stand will enable a husband to obtain a divorce from his wife for wilful neglect to provide him with the common necessities of life.

This might do very well for such unmanly idlers as desire to live by the labor of their wives, but we do not think our law-makers intend to assist them in any way. We have heard it stated that some men marry more wives than one in order to obtain increased opportunities of support from feminine earnings, but we have never known any instance of this kind. The responsibility, care and expense, so far as our observation extends, lies more upon the husband as the number of his family increases, and not of the wife's support of a family. Husband are grieved to the worst portion of that class which is of need to plural marriage.

While the divorce law is being amended in accordance with the views of the people of this territory, it is advisable that amendments or additions to the statute should be made to fully harmonize with its unaltered sections.

NOT CONSERVATIVE.

We notice that a new ticket for the municipal election has been adopted by a small circle of citizens, who met last evening for the purpose of making this arrangement. A reflecting upon the matter we are reminded of the Apostle Paul, saying "All things are lawful but not all things are expedient. No one questions the legal right of any citizen or any number of citizens to propose or vote for me to hold public office whom he may choose to support. At the same time the expediency of a party of steps in this direction is open to criticism. But step by step is going a little too far in making this assertion. There are persons who do question the right of them to make nominations of the kind if the latter happen to hold ecclesiastical office. And this applies to us highly inconsistent. If a dozen men, not churchmen, shall legally assemble to agree upon the names of gentlemen whom they think well qualified to hold ecclesiastical office, why may not twelve who are churchmen do the same? Have members of any particular church no political rights and privileges? And if the members of any church uphold certain of their number in important ecclesiastical positions, does that render them entitled to follow to life, according to the qualifications of men for offices in the State? While claiming certain inalienable rights for ourselves, we should be very

careful that we do not deny them to others.

Now as to the expediency of the movement for the nomination of a new ticket. We do not wish to say anything against those who originated it, nor those whom they have nominated; but we ask, cui bono? What good will result from any such a course? One of the nominees has already withdrawn his name; others may do likewise. But supposing they all stand, it is not at all probable that they can be elected. The fitness of the candidates on the People's Ticket was fairly discussed at the People's Convention, and the great body of the people will undoubtedly cast their votes for that ticket. What other result can follow the organization of an opposition like the one under consideration, but a fruitless division of the People's party? To divide the "Mormons" is the greatest scheme of those whose aims, objects and spirit are entirely antagonistic to the true interests of the Territory, who wish to deprive every "Mormon" of the right to hold office, to sit on a jury or even to vote at any election. Those who take a course to split up the Latter-day Saints into factions, whether they intend it or not, join hands with the enemy, and help to weaken that which every man and woman who lays any claim to be a "Mormon" ought to strive to strengthen. Opposition just for the sake of opposing has nothing in it that is manly or worthy of praise. To stand up for a true principle is admirable, but to make an issue for strife or stir up contention for amusement is despicable and unworthy of any person who desires the public good.

The true policy of the people who made this Territory what it is today, and who hold the balance of local power, is union of faith and action. Divide on municipal matters, and soon would come division on Territorial affairs, then weakness and prostration, and finally the triumph of those who seek for the control of all our affairs for private ends and individual greed; the cities, the counties, our Territory would be burdened with debt, persecution and wholesale swindling would become the rule, as in other places, ruin would stare the community in the face, and the grand object of our settlements in these regions, and of our sufferings, labors and sacrifices would be lost in the general destruction.

Take the People's Ticket, nominated by their regularly chosen delegates, as a whole, it is a strong array, and embodies a set of civic officers whom the great bulk of the people can vote for freely and confidently, and who will serve the public with fidelity and ability. To attempt to divide the people on such a ticket we deem exceedingly unwise, and can see no possible good result to arise from such a course. We therefore advise all who have, perhaps without due consideration, voted for the "Metropolitans" to withdraw.

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A TRIBUTE DEDICATED BY FIVE.

CINCINNATI, 5.—About 12,000 citizens, with a large number of citizens of many countries of Europe, gathered yesterday to pay tribute to the memory of the late Emperor of Austria.

Wallace reported, with amazement, the bill introduced by him some time ago to authorize a long bond for the investment of savings places on the calendar. Regrets were expressed that it had not been carried through.

Edmunds submitted a resolution authorizing the committee of appropriations to report a bill making adequate provision for the employment of additional clerical force in the pension and surgeon-general's office, to examine and dispose of all claims for pensions. He asked that the committee consider his own bill and aims as well as the supposed interests of Austria.

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A Vienna special says the Monarchs seem inclined to realize the armistice, which was concluded just as they were meditating an attack on Sestri.

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