

few years ago, making it a misdemeanor for a newspaper to publish anything concerning the lawful execution of a criminal, save the name of the victim, the nature of his crime and the time, place and style of his execution.

The law has been both ridiculed and boastfully ignored by all the papers of the State except three or four. But this is the first attempt to enforce it in any degree. Though the *New York World*, the *Sun* and some others have invited prosecution by addressing the District-Attorney through their editorial columns and defying his authority in the premises.

The case will be an interesting one to watch. The expectation of the New York editors generally is that the law, being flagrantly unconstitutional, will be upset by the courts. With such a pressure of public sentiment against it, the courts will undoubtedly strain a point to have it go that way.

Meanwhile it will not do to rail against the men who enacted the law. They had ample cause for making war upon the press in this respect. And though it should be discovered that law in no form can reach the evil which this one was intended to correct, the evil is none the less worthy of popular condemnation.

The vice of sensationalism may not be an offense against the Constitution, but it is no less for that a plain violation of public morals, and while the law may not be able to abate this particular form of public nuisance, it is a nuisance just the same, and it becomes therefore the more urgent duty of the public themselves to use the means within their power of curtailing if not squelching its operations.

A man who has the welfare of his community at heart can no more consistently patronize a newspaper that thrives by a systematic corruption of public taste and sentiment, than he could any other institution which debauches society for private gain.

## THE FUTURE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

THE future of the Republican party is a question which is now agitating the average politician on both sides. The *Democrat* says:

"The immediate future of Republicanism is certainly problematical. If the result of last November's voting is accepted as a criterion the prospect is far from hopeful. Perhaps the elections of 1891 will tell a different story. If they do not the Republican harp may as well be hanged on the willow without further delay. Republican defeat in New York this year will not necessarily decide in advance the question of the Presidential succession. But if Governor Campbell should overcome Major McKinley in

Ohio and Governor Boies should again sweep Iowa the way will be effectively opened for Democratic restoration."

On the other hand the Republican in the *Recorder* is not at all discouraged. As if already enjoying the sweets of triumph he says:

"What a fascinating theme the future of Republicanism is for the regulation Democratic editor! As a rule every second sentence has an 'if,' a 'but' or a 'perhaps' in it, and the whole wordy fabric rests on this flimsy foundation. Why not discuss the present condition of Democracy, and especially the Ohio brand? Are they for free silver as Campbell is? Do you believe in an income tax as he does? If Campbell is beaten in Ohio and Boies in Iowa, where will the Democratic party be? And if New York shall join her western sisters and elect a Republican Governor will the Democracy disband?"

## "LIBERAL" REGISTRATION DODGES.

THE "Liberal" organ publishes today several hundreds of names of "Liberals" which appear on the registration lists but the "Liberal" owners cannot be found. The question is, why were they left upon the lists? The law requires the registration officers to make a house to house canvass, strike off the names of persons who have died or have left the precinct, or who have become disqualified in any way to vote, and also to add the names of voters newly qualified on their taking the oath provided for by law.

The registrars were all "Liberals." If they had done their sworn duty they would have stricken from the lists these names now published as unknown. Some of the persons are dead, others have left the Territory, and others, perhaps, have removed from one precinct to another. All of them should have been erased. Why did these "Liberal" registrars leave these "Liberal" names on the lists if not for "Liberal" purposes?

It would be interesting to trace up these names and see how many of them represent workers on the Rio Grande Railroad, who were registered when that train went out for the special purpose, carrying whisky and cigars and three men detailed for the work. It would also be well enough to find out whether there is an oath on file for each of these "Liberal" unknowns.

If the registration officers had performed the duty for which they were appointed by the Utah Commission and paid by the United States, those names would not be on the lists as opportunities for the perpetration of fraud. Why is it, after the repeated exposures of dereliction of duty and intentional wrong on the part of "Liberal" election officers, that the Utah Commission are so very careful to ap-

point none but "Liberal" registrars, and to put two "Liberal" election judges on each board, as against one non-"Liberal?" This is a matter that ought to be thoroughly ventilated and the evident purpose should be fully exposed.

One object in publishing these names in the "Liberal" organ is clear to those who have become familiar with "Liberal" tricks. They form a standing notice to the creatures who are working for the "Liberal" faction, what names have to be supplied to personators. Also it is a notice to the gangs of transients, loafing by day and swarming forth like other noxious creatures at night, by what means they can do the work expected of them.

We advise the managers of this campaign in both of the legitimate political parties to be prepared to meet this scheme. Many of the fellows who are expected to personate the dead and absent will probably go to "Liberal" headquarters, in response to the notice in the "Liberal" organ, ready to represent themselves as persons reported "unknown" or "not found."

The very fact that the "Liberal" organ attempts to charge "the opposition" with intent to copy "Liberal" methods and vote the names of absentees, is an indication that this is the very thing determined upon by "Liberal" wireworkers next Monday.

Instead of waiting to go to the polls to do the act of personation, they are to perform a little rehearsal at once at "Liberal headquarters." It is a cunning little trick, but if the "opposition" are wide awake it will not succeed.

But in every case of fraud, whether by pretended voters or election officers, the law should be invoked and the criminals be vigorously prosecuted. Every honorable citizen, irrespective of party should aid in the good work of securing a fair and honest election.

## IT WON'T DO.

THE *Tribune* has been trying very hard to make it appear that the "Mormon Church" or the "Mormon" Presidency tells the people how they shall vote. It has also charged that the staff of this paper has been so directed for twenty years, and that every man, woman and child in town knows it. We have repeatedly challenged the authors of these lies to give us some proof of their bald assertions.

Instead of doing this, they publish garbled quotations from the speeches or writings of persons long since dead, containing their individual views on abstract questions and theories. This not being sufficient to divert attention