

A POLITICAL DILEMMA.

No presidential election has ever created so intense an interest in Utah as the one now pending. The fact that victory is stoutly claimed by both sides indicates the closeness of the race. In the present state of uncertainty, it is rash to predict with definiteness as to the result. In every important undecided issue such as this most people are apt to allow their desires to run away with their judgment, and anticipate the outcome by the former, even in the face of uncertain prospects. This has been largely the case in the present national contest, no matter which way it may finally turn.

Even should victory perch upon the Republican banner, the closeness of the struggle has demonstrated already that the sentiment of the country is democratic. If it were otherwise the election would not only not be close, but the Republican majority would be large. That party has an immense power in having been so long in office. It has at its back one hundred and twenty thousand office holders, holds the purse-strings and is closely and thoroughly organized. These constitute an immense advantage, notwithstanding which the contest is, according to present indications, almost neck and neck. Should Mr. Blaine be elected the country would be in an anomalous condition, presenting the incongruity of a democratic nation governed by a Republican administration.

Should Governor Cleveland be elected, it appears to be somewhat questionable whether the Republicans would give up the ship of State. Whichever way the matter goes, it appears to involve a dilemma more or less serious.

Politicians here and elsewhere are fidgeting on the ragged edge of suspense which will probably soon be terminated, as the result will soon be known.

POLITICS IN CACHE VALLEY.

NOTWITHSTANDING the lack of any active opposition, local politics have been quite lively in Cache County during the past [day or two]. On Monday evening, meetings of the People's Party were held in the various precincts, when the People's Declaration of Principles was re-adopted and the nomination of the People's Delegate was ratified with enthusiasm.

The meeting at Logan was held in the basement of the Tabernacle, which was crowded to the very doors and masses of humanity gathered at the windows outside. The Logan brass band, led by Captain Wahlstrom, played national airs in stirring style. Robert S. Campbell, Esq., was chosen chairman, Joseph Goddard, Esq., secretary, and C. W. Nibley, Esq., chaplain.

Speeches were made by the following named gentlemen: Dr. O. C. Ormsby, Joseph W. Cowley, Esq., Hon. J. T. Hammond, John Larsen, Esq., Hon. B. F. Cummings, Jr., Hon. C. W. Penrose and C. W. Nibley, Esq. The topics touched upon were the principles of the People's Party; the alleged "platform" of the so-called "Liberal" party; the two great national parties and their faults and failures; the fitness of the People's candidate for the office to which he was nominated, his services and claims on the franchises of the citizens of Utah; the illiberal spirit and aims of the "Liberals;" the distinct and separate organizations of ecclesiastical and political authority in Utah; the rights of churchmen to take part in politics as much as non-churchmen; the citizenship and rights therein of those esteemed members of the People's Party who had been temporarily disfranchised; the difference between citizenship and the suffrage; the necessity of continued union; unabated energy and the regular discharge of duty at elections; the folly of attempting to make a young man's or old man's, a monogamist's or polygamist's party when the interests of all were mutual; the wisdom of seeking advice from citizens of recognized worth and practical experience in political affairs, and the right of the people to do so, no matter who might interpose.

Wit and humor abounded. The speeches were pointed and to the purpose. Laughter and applause greeted the sallies of sarcasm and the illustrative anecdotes which seasoned graver remarks, and the music of the band gave a pleasing variety to the exercises of the evening. The Declaration of Principles of the People's Party was re-adopted, the meeting pledged itself to a hearty support of Hon. John T. Caine at the polls, those who could not give him a ballot, agreed to find vehicles for the accommodation of those who could, and the meeting closed with hearty demonstrations of adherence to the People's Party and determination to stand by the right forever. It was a rousing ratification, and was the talk of the town on Tuesday.

On election day the County Court House, the Tabernacle tower, Z. C. M. L., and other stores were gaily decorated with the stars and stripes, the Logan brass band mounted the roof and made its towers and the city ring with choice strains, while vehicles moved

to and fro, the horses heads bearing the national flag in miniature and the carriages conveying voters to the polls in the Court House. The utmost good humor prevailed and "sit down, Smith," was the watchword. The vote in Logan counted 512 for Hon. John T. Caine and 6 for Captain Ransford Smith an emphatic demonstration of the sentiments of the citizens of the capital of Cache. An epitaph for the poor defunct "Liberal" party is now in order.

"WAKE UP" SUGGESTS AN AWAKENING.

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Editor Deseret News:

Notwithstanding the chairman of the county central committee of the People's Party made a recent stirring appeal to all officers of the Party to be up to duty, yesterday our local politicians appeared to be all dead, and politics were left to take care of themselves. Like the musty State Museum standing on the public square, scarcely a sign of life was seen until as the sun neared the western horizon, a lady suggested the ringing of the court house bell, which dolefully tolled the departure of political energy from this the hub of the county's intellectual and political life. Result 56 votes, 8 of which were Liberal. We have from the little town of Kanosh 84 votes for Hon. John T. Caine and five for the Liberal candidate. If the head is somnambulant the arms and legs may not always pack the load successfully.

Yours, etc.

"WAKE UP."**A CRITICAL PERIOD.**

THE latest dispatches concerning the election confirm the news that Cleveland and Hendricks have a handsome majority in the electoral college. The closeness of the vote in New York State, however, seems to afford a feeble hope to the downcast Republicans whose elongated faces have worn a troubled look for the past two or three days. The cry of "fraud" may serve to keep their courage up a little for a short time, but it is pretty well understood by the country and is scarcely noticed amid the boom of cannon and the general rejoicing over the sweeping Democratic victory.

Of this the defeated candidate and the forlorn army of office-holders may be certain: Bluster and threats of violence will not serve the same purpose as when Tilden was robbed of his rights. Chicanery will not be allowed to do its dirty work again as in that case, and the President-elect of 1884 is not to be "bluffed" by the spectre of civil war that scared the country into the hands of Hayes. The Republican party may be tenacious in its hold upon power, and cling like grim death to the spoils of office; it may have control of the treasury and of the army and boast the prestige of possession; but the Democrats of today have learned lessons that will not be forgotten. They will not quietly acquiesce in another fraudulent administration. Cleveland is a different man from Tilden. The Democratic party now is better prepared for the issue than in 1876. And if the present dispute should continue and the threats now indulged in be developed into blows, it will be no child's squabble that will ensue. From one end of the land to the other, determined men will press to the front and the whole country will spring to arms.

It is to be hoped that wise counsels will prevail. Peace trembles over the result in New York. The lurid face of the demon War looms up while the count goes on and grins at the prospects of widespread devastation. It would be a terrible thing for the country if the great conflict should be inaugurated. It would not be a war of sections. Not the North against the South, the Union against Secession, but a thoroughly fratricidal struggle. The father against the son, neighbor against neighbor, household against household, soldier against soldier. There are no geographical lines between parties. Men's closest friends and acquaintances all over this mighty land differ with them in politics, and the consequences of a party war in the United States would be unexampled. The soul shrinks in horror from the contemplation of the scene that would ensue.

This is a time for patience and calm deliberation. When the count is officially made, acceptance of the returns will be the only safe course to pursue. And if the Republican party are ever so chagrined at the result, they had far better "grin and bear it" than take a step towards a conflict that would plunge the people of this Republic into the most sanguinary struggle of the ages.

A WRONG PRINCIPLE IN ANY CASE.

ANOTHER conviction has been secured with a packed jury, and the same penalty as in the Clawson case has been imposed in the Evans case. Bail has again been refused pending an appeal. It is curious to note the difference in the spirit of the "Mormon"-eating journals and their supporters, with refer-

ence to these cases and the case of the thrice-convicted murderer, Hopt.

When a stay of execution was asked for and denied, pending his repeated appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, what a howl of indignation against the Court went up from the hoarse throats of the "Liberal" crowd! And how the Acting-Governor was patted on the back for a brave little man, because he stepped forward and stretched his authority to save the murderer from the results of judicial timidity!

Now that two men have been committed without bail, while their cases are under appeal to a higher court, although the same principle is involved, not a word of censure is heard from the anti-"Mormon" source, for the defendants have been each convicted of marrying a plural wife, and they are "Mormons." The illegal method of getting grand juries, the unprecedented and unlawful packing of petit juries, the absurd and unjust punishment of appellants pending the adjudication of their appeals, is all sanctified in anti-"Mormon" eyes, because the victims of these outrages are members of the "Mormon" Church.

We as strongly condemned the course of the Judges in the Hopt case as we do the action of the Court now in the Clawson and Evans cases. It is the principle of the thing we oppose. Of what use is an appeal to a higher court if the sentence of the lower court is carried out while the appeal is pending? And if the principle of punishing a convict who appeals, before his appeal can be determined, is wrong and ridiculous in one case it is equally wrong in other cases. And although a man's religious belief may make a big difference in the eyes of a mission judge, bigoted lawyers and malicious scribes, the country will not view matters in the same light, nor will the final result prove very gratifying to those who are engaged in such senseless proceedings or those who endorse and applaud them.

VERY CONTEMPTIBLE.

THE Leadville Colorado News contains what purports to be an interview between a reporter of that paper and J. M. Goodwin, who has just returned from a somewhat extended trip in the interest of the Salt Lake Tribune. The person named is credited with giving, to the reporter, an account of the murder of his son in this city by "Mormon Danites."

If Mr. Goodwin is correctly represented by the Leadville paper, he has been guilty of a piece of atrocious infamy, for which there is no palliating circumstance, as the entire community are aware.

After a full and searching investigation into the causes of the death of Mr. Goodwin's son, the conclusion that his life was taken by his own hand was inevitable. It was a clear case of suicide, and was so decided by the jury before whom the inquest was held, two out of the three of whom—Messrs. McKimmins and Whittemore—were non-"Mormons." So careful and thorough was the inquiry in relation to the case, that after it was conducted for some time it was continued in order to await any other developments that might possibly arise, but every subsequent circumstance that came to light only served to confirm the theory of suicide.

The trumping up of a "Mormon" murder upon this basis is not only an outrage on the community, but a special reflection upon and an insult to the gentlemen who conducted the inquest and rendered their decision, their finding being strictly according to the facts.

Such a statement as that with which Mr. Goodwin is credited by the Leadville paper is all the more perfidious in view of the deep sympathy that was expressed for himself and family in the sad calamity that befel them in the untimely death of a member of their household. This sympathy was as keenly felt in the breasts of the "Mormons" as any other portion or class of the populace.

Mr. Goodwin is welcome to whatever satisfaction he may derive from spreading at a distance what everybody in this region knows to be a malicious and groundless fabrication, in order to create prejudice against people toward whom he appears to entertain nothing but ill-feeling. He ought to be thoroughly ashamed of himself. We have no harsher term to apply to him, because probably the poor man is as much to be pitied as blamed. He is an ordinary person of no great consequence, and had he not fallen into depraved company in becoming associated with the fellows of the Salt Lake Tribune would likely have been a very decent citizen. But he has been transplanted to soil that produces and develops nothing but rank and bitter weeds.

EXIT CASSIDY.

ACCORDING to the news from Nevada, the Republicans have carried the election in that State. Woodburn It is declared is elected to Congress. We can afford to rejoice over this Republican victory, because it consigns to merited oblivion that bogus Democrat and empty-headed blatherskite Cassidy.

He obtained a small notoriety through his alliance with the cause of unreasoning anti-"Mormonism." Ignorant of the subject which he undertook to ventilate, he exposed himself to the derision of the informed and the despisings of honorable men, in his endeavors to deceive the House of Representatives, and inflame the passions of religious partisans by unfounded aspersions upon the "Mormon" people and their faith. He cited obsolete and long-repealed Utah laws, which were passed under peculiar conditions that had entirely changed, as present statutes still in force, and was just as insincere and misleading in his tirades against "Mormon" principles. He posed as a "Mormon"-eater and has met his deserts a little sooner than some others of his kind.

Nevada counts something on the Republican side, but it has shelved Cassidy and, therefore, may be forgiven by the strongest Democrat that ever battled for his party.

GENTILISM, NOT "MORMONISM."

THE revolting crime which has made such a sensation in this neighborhood during the past few days is something of a novelty in Utah. Seduction and abortion are foreign to the sentiments and practices of the great body of the people of this Territory. The report of such a case as that which has come to light is horrifying to this community. The "Mormons" are vehemently opposed to any sexual intercourse outside of the marriage relation, and to the destruction of human life, foetal or matured. Sexual sins they look upon with the utmost aversion and count them as capital crimes. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has always inculcated chastity and classed it among the essential virtues. And its written standards as well as its living oracles have ever denounced, in the most positive language, any departure from the law which forbids illicit sexual relations.

Latterly President John Taylor has been more than usually outspoken against licentiousness, lasciviousness, and all those offenses against God and His Church which tend to pollute the body and poison the fountains of life. He has proclaimed the rule that the adulterer and the seducer shall not be permitted to enter the Temples of the Lord nor have a standing in the Church of Christ. He has repeatedly warned the Bishops and others in charge of the Saints in an organized capacity, against permitting persons guilty of unchaste conduct to partake of the blessings of the House of the Lord, and made them responsible for the rooting out of iniquity in their several fields of labor. The leading Elders of the Church have supported the President in the stand he has taken on this question, and the rule has been established and enforced that no person who has committed adultery after receiving the covenants of the Lord's House shall be permitted to remain in or re-enter the Church.

Feticide and infanticide are regarded by this Church as murderous and inexcusable. Those who are guilty of such crimes cannot have place among the Latter-day Saints. This has been announced by the highest authority in the Church, and it is well understood as the word of the Lord. Those who assist in or help to cover up such iniquities become parties to the sin and will share in its responsibilities and consequences. Such offences against God and society cannot be viewed with the least degree of allowance. They are to be shunned and condemned by all right-thinking people, and must be looked upon with abhorrence and abiding disgust by every one professing to be a Latter-day Saint.

The necessity for the positive and outspoken teachings which have been delivered at the General Conferences during the past year or two, has arisen from the introduction into this Territory of persons from abroad, who have brought with them usages and customs which prevail among professedly respectable people in the United States and in Europe, and which are winked at if not encouraged by so-called ministers of religion as well as by many medical practitioners. The greatest opponents of the system of marriage which God has revealed to the Latter-day Saints are, many of them, advocates of very limited family responsibilities. This is quite natural. It is the legitimate outcome of their theories. They are opposed to family increase, and therefore seek to check it in their own experiences. They array themselves against God's law for the multiplication of His children on earth, and become subject to that influence which leads to destruction. The work of Deity is to develop life; the work of the Evil One is to destroy and bring down to death. That the men and women who adopt the suggestions of Satan and destroy human life in embryo or prevent its inception, should make war upon the God-given system of present and eternal increase, is not to be wondered at, it is as consistent as it is devilish.

The case which has caused such painful interest is not an outgrowth of "Mormonism," as some disingenuous persons wish to make appear. It is antagonistic to "Mormonism" in every sense of the word. It is one of a kind common in the "civilized" world. There such things are also condoned. Seduction is among the practices called "sowing wild oats." The se-

ducer, unless his vile acts produce a "scandal" that cannot be winked at, is not shunned in high society, but the "fast young man" is often lionized and admired. Abortion has an ugly sound and when it is exposed is openly condemned. And yet reputable physicians admit that it is widely practised, and that they are frequently beset by ladies of standing in church and society, for aid in the accomplishment of the hellish purpose of destroying their own imperfectly developed offspring. These are "Gentile," not "Mormon" sins. "Mormon" women are "vulgar" enough to have large families. They are "simple" enough to think that bearing children is a duty and a privilege. They are so old-fashioned and unsophisticated as to believe that children are a blessing, and the more children the more blessings. "Mormonism" teaches that good men, under certain regulations, may have more wives than one, but that intercourse with the opposite sex outside of the marriage relation is a deadly sin, and that the practices of Gentilism in seducing women and destroying the consequences of such infamy are damnable and hell-deserving and not to be condoned, or excused, or palliated.

With the introduction of "Christian civilization" into Utah has come the long train of evils which mark its progress all over the world: Drinking saloons, gambling dens, the brothel, the assignation house, the arts of the libertine, the drugs of the abortionist, the appliances of surgical and medical science for the prevention and destruction of foetal life, the nostrums for the cure of secret diseases, and implements to aid indulgence in impure desire, and protect the debauchee from the consequences thereof. They have had a very slow growth in this community because the spirit and teachings and tendencies of the faith of the great body of the people are so diametrically and powerfully opposed to them. But they are here, and they have their advocates and supporters and the effects thereof begin to appear.

"Let it be known and understood that this Church and its authorized exponents are uncompromisingly at enmity with such influences, measures and practices and all who aid and abet them! We despise them as the very portals of hell. We have no fellowship for those who countenance them, or seek to cover them up, or save the perpetrators thereof from the just penalties for their diabolism. No man or woman can retain the spirit of God or a real standing in His Church who revels in these iniquities. The child-murderer is guilty of innocent blood. Infanticide is murder. Feticide is a crime in the same category. Death produced by drugs is just the same in effect and intent as death by bloodshedding. Any one who thinks to the contrary is blind and self-deceived. The deep damnation of the cowardly wretches who blot out the lives of unborn innocents no pen can picture. They are fit to become angels to the devil for their crime is devilish.

Woe be unto them who dabble in these pools of pollution! Their unseen sins cannot remain concealed. That which has been done in secret will be revealed upon the housetops. It will cry aloud in the ears of the universe, and will sound their death-knell in the day of eternal justice. The curse of God will blight the hands that practice this infernal infamy, and every kingdom of glory will close its gates against the souls that are dyed with this crimson shame, while outer darkness will be their doom and misery be their portion. Let the Latter-day Saints beware of the insidious and Satanic influences of civilized Gentilism, and shun even the appearance of evil. They have come out from among them, now let them be entirely separate and touch not the unclean thing!

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

THE jubilant demonstrations throughout the country have been none the less pronounced because the election is still claimed by both parties. Each, taking expressions as the guide, is as confident of victory as the other. While it is tolerably clear that the Democracy is victorious, there is a bare possibility that an official count may turn the tide in the other direction, such a result would cause a degree of cheapness to be felt by the jubilators that would be wonderful to behold.

The Cleveland ratification meeting in this city on Saturday night was comparatively large, considering the extent of the town. It was also exceedingly demonstrative. In fact we might be allowed to state that the enthusiasm was so extreme as to border on the boisterous.

Speaking from the standpoint of a Latter-day Saint, we should say that the character of the times is scarcely fitting for extravagant ebullitions of feeling. If by the shape matters are taking a change for the better has come, it should be a cause of intense thankfulness to God who rules, governs and directs the affairs of men, whether or not they knew or acknowledge the fact. But the times are serious which ever way they are looked at. If Mr. Cleveland is elected it is devoutly to be hoped that he will stand by constitutional principles, administering the government in accordance with the true spirit of