

organize a special force in each of the infected wards? Let the numbers empowered to act be equal to the entire subjection of "hoodlumism," so that our citizens may be no longer annoyed or disturbed by its presence. When offenders are discovered let the officers sweep down upon them, without respect to who they are, and let the law be vigorously enforced.

This is, in our view, a positive necessity. If the situation remains as it is for any length of time, and the officers, whose duty it is to preserve the peace of the inhabitants, neglect to act in the premises, they will be justly subjected to severe censure. The evil spoken of must be abolished.

MUCH ADO ABOUT LITTLE

SOMETIMES small subjects involve a great deal of discussion. The proposed sidewalk for the north side of South Temple Street, extending from the Eagle Gate eastward, is a case in point.

A proposition was made a considerable time since to smooth the path of the pedestrian in that locality. A disagreement about the character of the material that should be employed has caused the indefinite postponement of the work. There has been almost as much debate over that comparatively insignificant improvement as one would expect to evolve from a proposition to tunnel the Atlantic ocean, so to speak.

Now, so far as we are concerned, we care not a rush whether the material used for the purpose referred to be asphalt, cement, pavement, or shale, so long as the walk is made smooth and durable. Upon the point of the necessity for the improvement there should be no difference. The residents in that locality appear to want it, and why should there be any impediment? It is one of the most beautiful sites for dwellings in this lovely city. The street along which the improvement was, and we hope is, to be made is a delightful resort over which to promenade. From it can be obtained a view of surpassing grandeur. Many people now go there for the purpose of indulging in what is termed a "constitutional walk," and to engage in the contemplation of the charming scene which from that point can be embraced by the human vision. The pedestrian of poetic tendency is frequently subjected to a rude awakening from his flight

of fancy by stubbing his toe against a projecting boulder.

Let there be a sidewalk by all means, and let it be extended from the place of beginning as far eastward within the city limits as practicable. We hope that some member of the City Council will arise in his majesty and with one sweep of irresistible logic completely extinguish the flimsy obstacle of indecision regarding the particular material to be used.

LEPROSY IN INDIA.

We hear a great deal about that loathsome disease—leprosy—in the Hawaiian Islands, where it has obtained a terrible foothold and has decimated whole families and some districts. But it appears that in India, from which no great outcry has been heard as to this dreadful disorder, there are hosts of victims to its awful ravages.

In 1881, the census shows, there were in India no less than 131,618 known lepers of whom at least two-thirds were men and boys. The number has since greatly increased and many not reported who have been secreted by their friends would materially swell the total.

The disease can only be destroyed by complete segregation of the sexes and the life separation of the patients, and this is highly repugnant to the Hindus. Little is done towards checking it, and the local authorities despair of stamping it out. The British Government will have to adopt some strenuous measures or the terrible destroyer will work frightful havoc among the millions who inhabit that torrid region.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

In this issue is the full text of the report of the Committee on Territories of the House of Representatives, on the bill for the admission of Utah into the Union as a State. We have omitted nothing but the Articles of Faith, the chapter on Government and Laws in General, and the sections of the proposed Utah Constitution relating to bigamy and polygamy; with all of which our readers are quite familiar.

A synopsis of this report from the pen of our Washington correspondent has already appeared in these columns, but we give place to the full text as a document of great worth. It will be perceived that the report is conservative in tone, and gives fair representation of

both sides of the controversy before the committee. The result cannot be anything but satisfactory to the gentlemen who advocated the admission of this Territory and to the majority of our people. It will probably prove quite the reverse to the opposers of the movement, as it leaves no doubt in the mind of candid readers that the pleas of the obstructionists are shallow and baseless, and that there is no good reason why Utah should be any longer deprived of the rights and privileges of Statehood.

The Committee have evidently given the subject more than ordinary attention. The statistics they have collected are valuable and highly significant. They will stand as authentic standards of reference. They will doubtless do much toward breaking down the irrational prejudice that prevails concerning Utah and the "Mormons," and aid in the dissemination of facts which will push out of the way the popular errors and absurd falsehoods that have stood in the path of the advocates of Utah's freedom.

This report goes to the world, not as an argument of any person, class or faction, but as a public document containing the findings of a body clothed with national authority, after a full and free discussion and a careful investigation of many days. The conservative manner in which the question is treated will make a profounder impression upon thoughtful readers than a more positive and argumentative presentation of the subject. It is the result of a most determined and malicious attempt to misrepresent and injure the majority of the people of Utah, and the opportunity thus afforded to their defenders was very opportune, and the outcome is exceedingly encouraging. It is the most favorable report ever made to Congress on affairs in this Territory, and is a pertinent sign of the times.

Utah's cause is steadily, if slowly, advancing. Justice is bound to come in time. Falsehood will be overcome and the truth be uppermost. The true policy for all the friends of this prolific and promising Territory, is to sink minor differences and join in a grand effort for political liberty and general progress. The prudent will see that the turn of the wheel is coming and be ready to jump on as it rises. The others will growl, gnash their teeth in anger and get left. A word to the wise should be sufficient. Utah cannot much longer be left out in the cold or be bound in the shackles