

last November. It may rest altogether with the Governor whether we have one at all or not. The time prescribed by law within which he should act is slipping away very fast. Our understanding is that he has been advised by the ex-Delegate personally of the latter's resignation or that at least the Governor has sufficient indubitable evidence upon which to act. We also believe that he considers there is a vacancy. The only thing then would be as to whether or not he is justified in waiting longer for the final documentary evidence. We think not; if it isn't here now it is not likely to be here at all, at least not in time, measuring the time from his first authentic information that there was a vacancy.

In this matter the NEWS looks only to the welfare of the people of Utah, for whose interests it is ever on the alert. It does not care whether it pleases self-seeking politicians whose only care for the Territory is incidental, or not. It has no "axe to grind," no friends to reward and no enemies to punish in taking its position on this question. It asks for nothing that ought not to be granted, because it asks for justice to everybody.

CLEAN UP.

We have emerged from a long and gloomy winter into incipient summer almost without so much as a suggestion of spring. When the seasons come and go in their proper order and according to schedule time, we even then have much to contend with in the way of slothness and other discomfiture occasioned by the transitions; but when we are subjected to such an experience as a season being excluded altogether, it may be understood without argument that we are in for some rather trying situations.

A few months ago, when such a thing was not so much needed, the municipal government got up a sanitary measure which was partly inoperative, partly ineffectual, partly quixotic and the remainder largely City-Council-like. It created some new offices, provided some previously unheard-of perquisites and as a measure of relief from contagions or the prevention thereof would have been about as effective as a dam of straw in a mountain torrent. If it had been enforced the chief result accomplished would have been the driving of three-fourths of the poorer classes out of the city and the suffering would have been considerable. Now let the solons leave off their "damnable iteration," disregard for the nonce the disposition to wrangle and fight, and settle down to the question of practical and effective sanitation without delay.

One thing, however, can be accomplished without the Council's or its agents' intervention—a thorough house cleaning and the clearing up of premises. Everybody should be at this without further delay, that is all who have not already put their houses in order. There are corrals, barnyards, outhouses, vaults and so on here and there which should either be summarily abolished or all noisome and disease-breeding qualities be over-

come. Disease flourishes in the midst of such conditions, and the time within which hygienic improvements may be made is short indeed.

The advance guard of house flies is upon us; this is more significant than the unthinking would believe. Wherever there are flies there is putrefaction, and wherever this is uncovered or not in some manner overcome death lurks in ambush waiting for victims. Get to work at once. Remember that cleanliness is not only akin to godliness, but is an excellent preventive of bad and preservative of good health. Clean up and stay cleaned.

TO THE STARS THROUGH DIFFICULTIES.

Utah now has not far from a quarter of a million of people; we think a complete count would show fully that number. Taking the very large ratio of one out of every six as the voting strength, we thus have upwards of 41,000 voters in the Territory, of whom 40,000 should be registered for the next election, and of those registered ninety-five per cent, will vote if the occasion is important enough to bring out so great a proportion. This would mean that, allowing nothing for increase of population and corresponding voting strength, Utah should poll fully 36,000 votes. It has a male population over twenty-one years of age equaling the total population of Nevada, three-fourths as large as Wyoming's entire population and the same as to Arizona's, and more than half of all of Idaho's people. Out of this vast army less than 5 per cent. are unable to read and write and unitedly they own nearly as much property as all the other commonwealths named combined. This would not seem to be so insignificant a section of the nation as a handful who have prospered in our midst and who are greater and of more consequence here than they ever were anywhere else would make it appear.

Occasionally from the realms outside there comes a man or gathering of men who appreciate the situation above set out. They have, no doubt, in ways ago seen fit to look askant upon our Territory and the people who were delving and plodding here in order that it might be made first habitable, then inviting, and finally irresistible to others who could not and cannot see as the colonists saw and see. The magnet which the latter created, however, was at work; the friction of contending ideas was having away; the sharp corners were being knocked off from antagonisms and jealousies engendered by reason of divergent sentiment and measured estrangement, and little by little the commingling through social contact and business interests has accomplished its purpose. Those visitors spoken of have also noted and understood this, and as the cause for opposition disappeared the opposition itself naturally followed. Social evolution, from a condition in which nearly all are workers and most all are of one mind has wrought its natural outcome in a cosmopolitan commonwealth containing every form

of political and religious doctrine, business affairs in which all of these have indiscriminate representation, and common schools in which no religion of any kind is taught. If, as is alleged, the visitors spoken of have seen a new light, is not what they saw something more than a figment of the imagination or an appearance without substance?

The other and obstructive class reside here. It is their open boast that they control more patronage in one county of Utah than the President does in the whole Territory, and this is probably true; it also exposes their hands, shows up their case as it is, reveals the milk in the coconut. When it comes to a question of spoils, then principle or the due and full recognition of what belongs to others is not a factor in the case. Every time a step in advance is taken it is the duty or at least the action of the spoilsmen to cast discredit upon it, to attribute ulterior motives to those who bring it about or engage in it; they admit nothing and deny everything, like a nest of pettifoggers, and with a brazenness seemingly born of soulless mendacity and conscienceless greed brand truth as a lie and make of honesty a sinister and scheming knave. Nothing satisfies them so long as it brings anything that is reposeful, profitable or advantageous to those without whom the would-be autocrats would in many cases be removed from profitable desks and easy chairs and at work with some implement of manual toil if they did any work at all. In many cases coming here with nothing, not even a reputation, and making themselves comfortable by taking advantage of opportunities which they had no hand in creating, they are even unwilling that those who did create them shall now receive so much as a word of credit or encouragement at home or abroad, while every step in advance taken by the original toilers is an indication of hypocrisy, every dollar subscribed to a public enterprise is a measure of policy having in view the furtherance of Church ends and the eventual overthrow of the American Republic! That is the way they talk, and for fear that by themselves and with only one set of hands to jingle the rusty old bells the sounds may become tiresome to even themselves, any corner loafer, any unprincipled vagrant who is too lazy to work and too cowardly to steal, if able to compose vile and suggestive sentences, is invited and perhaps even occasionally paid a miserable stipend to contribute to the infamous mess! Undoubtedly Utah's present status should be determined by just such a gang; of course her reputation as it is should be gauged and given out by them; and whenever GENTLEMEN see fit to recognize facts as they are here and speak accordingly, it is the proper thing for the whole nest of swash-bucklers yelping in unison to make the welkin hideous because of it!

Luckily the situation is better understood everywhere than it was a few years ago, and it continues to improve with the advance of time. The merit that exists here is recognized and will continue to be recognized by all whose words or opinions count for anything, and that is encouraging enough by itself.