

illities are afforded for the rejecting of illegal voters. We have no concern about the results if the elections are honestly conducted in all respects. We are perfectly willing for actual majorities to rule, when the true result is made known.

By this we mean the majorities shown by the totals of legal votes polled at a fair election. The majority of adult citizens, who should have the control in a republican form of government, would mean here something we do not expect at present to prevail. We will be content with the verdict of a majority of the legal voters and submit to the result without kicking. But we expect to protest against the methods which many of the "Liberals" have been incautious enough to boast about, and shall do our part in preventing them if possible and exposing them if resorted to.

Give us a fair and free contest in a fair and free election, and we are ready to accept the result.

WHY NOT TRY IT?

IN THE early part of the present season we published an article descriptive of the mammoth artesian wells of Dakota, notably those of Jamestown, from which that city obtains its sole supply of water. The conformation of the valleys of that Territory is largely similar to that of the vales of Utah, and we stated at the time that there was a strong probability that subterranean streams as copious as those of Dakota could be found here.

It is rather strange that the experiment should never have been tried in the valley of the Salt Lake, especially since this region has been struck by a season as dry as this. The attempt to obtain artesian water north of the city cemetery was not a competent test, as it was a mistake to locate the site so high up in the foothills. Water Commissioner Smith is right when he says that the basin is the proper place in which to construct them. When the stream is struck on the lowlands it is much more likely in that case to rise to the surface than on high ground.

We understand an effort is being made to obtain artesian water in Emery County, the reason for the effort being that that which flows on the surface in that part of Utah is not of a proper quality for culinary purposes. If the people of a sparsely settled district can put forth an endeavor in

that direction, why could it not be done in a thickly populated locality like this? It is worth a trial. Should one be made and prove successful, then would this entire valley, including the city, be transformed into an earthly paradise for beauty.

If the city or county government or both combined do not feel as if they could undertake the work, would it not be well for them to offer a bonus, under certain specified conditions, to any private person or company who would make a thorough test? We believe that such an attempt would be crowned with success, and if so the amount thus derived, combined with what is already possessed, would probably solve the water problem and dissipate the heart-burnings and disagreements arising from its present status.

THE CARNEGIE SETTLEMENT.

THE telegraph informed us a day or two ago that the monster strike at the Homestead Works of Carnegie & Co., Pittsburg, had been settled amicably, both sides making some concessions. It will be remembered that the men demanded an advance of ten per cent in their wages, as was promised them before the election in case the Republican party prevailed, and as it prevailed and they helped to make it prevail, and for the further and more potent reason that they were unable to live decently on what they were getting, they put their demand in proper shape and called Mr. Carnegie's immediate attention to it. He took their appeal under advisement, and finally responded by informing the men that "under the circumstances" he would have to reduce wages fifteen per cent! This was asking for bread and obtaining a stone sure enough. There were, however, but two things to be done: to accept the reduction or quit working. The latter course was decided upon, and as one man they all deserted their posts, leaving the works at a standstill. This was a great loss to the company, but it was actual starvation for the workers, so it is not difficult to imagine from which side the greater part of the concessions came.

The disposition on the part of the Democratic press to make political capital out of the situation may be natural enough, but it would be better if such events were treated on their merits independent of politics altogether. If Carnegie's business was in such a condition that he

could not maintain it and pay any more than he offered, he was perhaps justified in so announcing and so acting; if, however, the workingmen knew that he was clearing \$1,000,000 per annum, as is claimed, and that even a depression in the trade would not greatly cut into that figure, they were justified in making their demand for an advancement, whether they prevailed in it or not. The chasm between a life of luxury with a fortune coming in every day almost, and one of toil and penury with barely enough to keep death from the door, is too great to exist between employer and employed and secure peace and safety, and some more equitable arrangement should be had.

MUNICIPAL INCOMPETENCY.

TRAVELERS who have been visiting the Grand Canyon of the Colorado report the river about five or six feet lower than usual, and state that it falls at the rate of two or three inches a day.

It is astonishing that this is not brought forward as further evidence of the incompetency of the Salt Lake City Council. It is true that the distance is great, and therefore the connection between the smallness of the stream there and the inefficiency of the Council here is rather far-fetched, but it is not any more so than other "proofs" that have been offered by "Liberal" agitators, and might be rung in with just as much consistency during the struggle to grab the city.

If the scarcity of water in all the sources of supply in these mountains is due to the incompetency of the present City Council, why not attribute the scanty flow in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado to the same cause? What's the use of narrowing the charge down to such small dimensions? Why not "go the whole hog" and make it cover the entire continent, and show that the drouth here and the floods elsewhere, are attributable to the inequalities of distribution through the dilatory and inequitable policy of the municipal officers elected by the People's Party? This sticking at trifles is not usual with the tactics of the alleged "Liberals" in this Territory.

AN ICE CREAM INCIDENT.

A TERRIFYING incident occurred a few days ago at the village of Seely's Bay, near Montreal, Canada. A church party had gone thither to