

whatever he might lack with the other. Or would his Democratic history stand in the way of Republic support of the purpose in view? May be, after all, the dyspeptic author of that humorous piece of idiocy, "The End of the World," would be better fitted for the work to be done and the good time to be enjoyed. His great success and train experience in the late campaign help to qualify him for the "vitally important" task.

While this personal question is pending, it will be well enough for the People to carefully watch the movement of the enemies of republican government in Utah, and take proper and legitimate steps toward self-protection and the maintenance of their rights and liberties. That is really a matter "of vital importance."

#### FRAUDULENT VOTING CASES IN THE COURTS.

The conviction of two personators for illegal voting, at Ogden, affords some comfort to the People's Party. Not that any one belonging to it desires to see its enemies suffer. But the fact that juries can be had in Utah who will sustain the law in face of party interests is encouraging and full of hope. Henry Andersen and Thomas Connelly have been found guilty of illegal voting. The maximum penalty for this offense is a fine of one thousand dollars and imprisonment for two years. Andersen's counsel moved for a new trial, Connelly was sentenced to five months' imprisonment and was well satisfied with the outcome.

Great credit is due in the prosecution of these cases to Assistant District Attorney David Evans, who put aside strong party proclivities and vigorously pressed the matter to an issue. We do not believe the jury would have done their duty but for his firm and just persistence. Mr. Rolapp, too, is deserving of praise for his course in the affair, but as he is a member of the People's Party it might be thought he had an interest in the matter, though we are sure that he would have done his duty no matter where the sword of justice might fall.

Andersen voted at the August election in the name of Harry Ferguson, Connelly in the name of J. P. Thomson. Neither of them was a legal voter himself, both declared they had been promised money by prominent "Liberals" for their impersona-

tions. Connelly when challenged at the polls forgot the name given to him at first and had to retire to refresh his memory before he could vote.

Mr. Evans tried to disclaim any connection of the "Liberal" party with these crimes. That may do very well for him. But unfortunately for his disclaimer the same sort of frauds have been perpetrated by the "Liberals" at every election in Ogden and Salt Lake since and including the municipal election at the former city in 1889. By such means they have gained such successes as have crowned their efforts. Our friends in this city who watched the elections will recognize familiar "Liberal" tactics in the course of Connelly, his lack of memory, renewed attempts and all.

It appears to us that if the desire to put a stop to these infamous tricks is genuine, some earnest endeavor will be made to trace the source of this subornation of perjury. The poor tools have come to grief, the wealthier villains who induced them to commit the crime ought to suffer the greater penalty. If justice was done there would be some heads now held high in this city in "Liberal" ranks that would be covered with shame and obloquy behind the bars of the penitentiary.

Contrast the action of the jury in the First District Court with that of the jury in the Third District Court on Tuesday. There and then a man was convicted of perjury, who gave information against a supposed illegal voter having apparently every reason to believe that he was doing a simple duty. The voter has been adjudged to have acquired legal residence and that is all there is of the case, yet the man who stood up in good faith to vindicate the law and maintain the purity of the ballot box has been convicted of perjury when it was evident that his greatest offense was an error.

This packing of jury boxes with the political and religious antagonists of parties defendant, and that too when the jurors are bitter partisans is a mockery of justice and a disgrace to judicial procedure.

The laws governing this matter as they now stand are glaringly defective, but the practice and the manner in which they are administered are infinitely worse. Unless some change is made jury trials in Utah may soon become a mixture of broad farce and deep tragedy.

#### OWNERSHIP OF AFRICA.

In the year 1876 the European possessions in Africa amounted to 1,179,332 square miles, but so rapidly has the "Dark Continent" been sliced up, lately, that of the total area, estimated at 11,930,000 square miles, only 4,309,591 still belong to the Africans, while 7,593,406 are owned by European powers. According to a French publication, the allotments are as follows:

	Square miles
Portugal.....	774,993
Spain.....	210,000
France.....	2,300,248
Germany.....	1,035,720
Congo Free State.....	1,900,000
Italy.....	369,000
Great Britain.....	1,900,444

If Egypt and the Independent States are excepted, there still remain about 2,500,000 square miles for General Booth.

#### PARNELL POLITICALLY DOOMED.

THE spectacle presented by Parnell inspires clean-minded people with ineffable disgust. His fall from the high position he recently occupied in public estimation could scarcely be more complete. His present attitude, however, is sinking him still a little lower in the moral and social scale.

After the exposure of his villainy one would have supposed that he would have been glad to creep into the obscurity of private life, he having virtually admitted as true the evidence adduced against him in the notorious divorce suit, in which it was stated that he left Mrs. O'Shea's presence by a window, descending to the ground by the aid of a balcony, while the woman's husband entered by the door, and that Parnell immediately proceeded to the entrance, rang the bell and, with an innocent air, requested that he might see the man whom he had betrayed and against whom he had committed an infamous crime. Yet he, with almost unparalleled audacity, against the pronounced wishes of a majority of those who had hitherto supported him, insists on remaining at the head of the Irish political party, as its leader. His audacity is fully equalled by his egotism, which reaches the point of sublimity when he asserts that no other living man is so capable of successfully occupying the post of honor as he. This man is no patriot, but merely an aspiring, unscrupulous bigot, who does not hesitate to sacrifice the cause of Ireland for the gratification of his own selfish ends.

To say nothing of the opposition