

sophy which recognizes no benefits in those things that are called evils. And it is shortsightedness and arrogance which lie behind these skeptical assaults upon the beneficent Creator, because He has not ordered the universe to suit their narrow notions of what ought to have been. And they argue from the standpoint of mortal and temporary existence. When we accept the doctrine of eternal and conscious identity, our views are broadened and reach up to immeasurably greater heights. That which before was obscure is now luminous. That which was a mystery is now simple and uninvolved. He who declines to investigate the Divine economy from other ground than that of man's end at death, will always fall short of comprehending the realities of human existence, of man's relation to his Maker, and of the plans and purposes of an Eternal God.

ALTOGETHER TOO TRANSPARENT.

THE mendacious organ of the "Liberals" published this morning what purports to be a letter from "One of the People's Party" and dated from Mount Pleasant. That the rigniarole it contains was never written by a "Mormon" nor by any one who ever was a "Mormon," is evident to all readers who are acquainted with the views, sentiments, customs and surroundings of either class. The organ calls the writer "an anonymous brother." It will be almost universally set down by Utah readers of that paper as entirely bogus and manufactured in its own office.

It is probably intended as an offset to the indiscreet utterances of that "Liberal" religious politician, the Rev. Warren, in regard to the intended importation of hundreds of miners to vote the "Liberal" ticket at the next municipal election. But it will not fill the bill. It is altogether too clumsy a counterfeit. It lacks the right ring. It bears the stamp of bogus material throughout. Its authors had to label it in order to make it figure as a "Mormon" production, as the dauber did with his alleged picture of a cow. "This is a cow," was a better guide to the subject of the painting, than, "From an anonymous brother," is to this palpable fraud.

The exploded "Bishop West" letter, which was concocted by the same organ, was much more skillfully manipulated than this blundering botch, but it dealt in alleged

facts and dates which were proven, beyond doubt, to have been manufactured without the slightest thread or even shadow of a truth. It is too late in the day for the "Liberal" organ to revive those old and shabby tactics. They will not work. But if it is determined to attempt a renewal of that disreputable business, it should engage some other hand for the job. This is about the worst failure of the kind one have seen.

In the issues between the contending parties for the control of this municipality, there are legitimate subjects enough for fair discussion without descending to these low and petty tricks. Let these issues be fairly met, and let small dodges and disgraceful deceptions like this bogus correspondence be dropped out of the dispute. They are disgusting to sensible people of both parties and are as transparent as the thinnest sheet of mica.

SHOULD BE STRONGLY OPPOSED.

WE recently gave a few potent facts and figures in relation to the Bothwell canal scheme. They were sufficient to show that it is not in the interest of the people, but against it. It is much better that the necessary work to redeem the land from sterility should be done by the people themselves. This prevents their being drained of their substance by cold corporations, who not only scoop in great sums of the people's money but gain possession of vast tracts of land. It has been demonstrated that the more the masses do for themselves, the more capable, prosperous and self-reliant they become. It prevents the concentration of wealth, a condition that tends to disrupt the country by precipitating disagreements and frequently bloodshed.

Schemes of the kind referred to are so common that there can be no doubt that if it were possible to organize combines and corners upon the atmosphere, the masses would only be permitted to breathe at the option of the more grasping class of capitalists, and only on payment of an annual tribute for the privilege. It is the duty of the people to defend themselves against such encroachments, and the government is in duty bound to aid them in their efforts in the line of self-protection. The project in question is of such magnitude and so far reaching, that there should be a strong appeal for the intervention of the arm of the

government, that the commonwealth may be shielded from one of the most unmitigated and sweeping monopolies that ever threatened this region. It is a power that would, if the scheme should carry, have its hand upon the throat of the farming interest of an agricultural community. This could not fail to be a calamitous condition.

FRUIT WITHOUT SUGAR.

The usual method of putting up fresh fruit in this part of the country has been to make use of a liberal amount of sugar. Now that the latter article is high priced many of the poorer people think they cannot afford to put up a supply of fruit for the winter. Perhaps it may be useful to that class to know that in the putting up of fresh fruit sugar or other sweetening can be entirely dispensed with. Indeed, it is held by many people who have tested the matter to be a question as to whether the fruit does or does not keep better without the sugar than with. The preponderance seems to be in favor of the fruit unmixed with any other ingredient than perhaps a very small quantity of water when the amount of juice is small.

Quite a number of Utah housewives are adopting the no-sugar method of putting up fresh fruit in jars for winter use. It can be done with safety, experiments made in former seasons having demonstrated this. Great care should be taken to have the vessels containing the fruit air-tight. A good test on this point is to stand the bottles on their heads immediately after they are filled, and let them remain for some time in that position. That will indicate whether or not there is any leak.

INVITING DEFEAT.

The Milwaukee *Wisconsin Evening* has an editorial on "Religious Liberty," suggested by the clause in the Idaho State Constitution which disfranchises citizens for professing the "Mormon" religion. That paper makes a mistake in charging this great wrong against Montana. With this exception its remarks are so just and pertinent that we copy most of the editorial from its columns. After expressing the opinion that the convention that framed the constitution will "invite defeat" for the instrument by this clause, it says:

"Civil and religious liberty is one