

sold at public auction in Portland, Oregon, for the sum of \$750 and was bought by General Rufus Ingalls as the executor of the estate of the late Esther Halliday. President Lincoln at one time promised Ben to see that he should be paid, but before he could personally interest himself in the matter, the assassin's bullet ended his life. Subsequently the United States Senate reduced the claim to \$300,000, but its passage never came to a vote. At one time the government offered Ben Halliday \$100,000 for his demand, but he refused to accept the compromise. Last winter Senator Stewart, of Nevada, during a visit to Portland, told Mrs. Esther Halliday that if she would present the claim as her own, exclusive of all other alleged interested persons, the Senate would report a \$100,000 bill in her favor, but in the meantime she died. There is no question, however, as to the disposition of the United States Senate in this respect, and very likely an act will be passed at the next session of Congress allowing the amount Senator Stewart promised Mrs. Halliday to her children, Ben and Linda. The claim is regarded as a just one and will be adjusted, but whether Ben and Linda will live long enough to enjoy it is another matter.

#### THE REAL AND UNREAL DR. FOOTE.

THE September number of the *Health Monthly*, edited by Dr. E. B. Foote, Sen., and Dr. E. B. Foote, Jr., states that the former intends to pay a visit to Salt Lake City next month. It is turned four years since the Doctor was here, and the cause of his coming at that time was somewhat peculiar. A good many people will perhaps remember a red-headed adventurer who came to this city and announced that he was Dr. E. B. Foote, Jr. The elder Foote having a wide reputation as an author and medical practitioner, this fraud built up quite a large practice upon his claim of relationship to a noted man. The visit of Dr. E. B. Foote, Sen., in 1885, was expressly to suppress the fabricated Jr. The *News*, being bound by journalistic duty to protect the public from imposition, helped to expose the true character of the pretender. The gentleman who had come from New York to protect his name and business interests succeeded in gathering sufficient proofs for his purpose. He submitted them to Judge Zane, who issued an injunction against the

"Fraud Jr.," as the Doctor facetiously styled him. The result was that the fellow who had rapidly built up a business upon false pretenses fled early one Sunday morning. We heard from him once afterwards. He wrote an insulting letter to the editor of the *News* from a town in Texas, where he was running a business under a name other than the one he assumed while here.

Dr. Foote the elder is a cultured, genial, kind-hearted gentleman. His visit will be made this time—so the *Health Monthly* states, "more with a view to recuperation and change than to business considerations."

#### THE GENIUS OF "LIBERALISM."

THE evening organ of the Ogden "Liberals" says:

"The men who instigated the reports causing Marshal Parsons to declare martial law in Ogden, should be known and their business interests boycotted."

This is a specimen of "Liberal" sentiment and is in accord with "Liberal" practices. Business men, with some regard for public decency, were so scandalized at the flagrant immorality suffered to flourish unchecked by the "Liberal" city authorities, that they informed the United States' Marshal of the situation, and he promptly endeavored to enforce the law in relation to the evils complained of. This is the sin for which these business men are to be "boycotted."

"Liberal" practice is, if citizens will not vote the "Liberal" ticket, the use of every possible means to prevent their voting at all. "Disfranchise the Mormons!" What for? Because they will not support "Liberal" candidates and "Liberal" measures. So with business men who are opposed to "Liberal" methods of "Americanizing" a town. "Boycott their business interests!" This is "Liberalism" in theory and practice.

The ignorance of the Ogden "Liberal" organ is as conspicuous as its malignity. "Martial law," indeed! The United States Marshal has not attempted to establish anything of the kind, nor has he the power to do so if desired. The "Liberal" organ has confounded the words Marshal and martial because of similarity in their sound. Neither has there been any attempt to establish "Marshal" law in Ogden. There is no such thing in existence. The laws attempted to be enforced are the

statutes of the Territory against glaring vices.

And after all the noise and uproar, what has been done? Two or three gamblers have been fined the paltry sum of \$15 each, and a number of them have changed their location but not their business, and that which was flaunted before the public is now retired to a certain degree of privacy. Whether this spasmodic effort will prove anything more than a semblance of regard for public morality remains to be seen. But if the city authorities of Ogden wish no further action in these matters by the Federal officers, they can avoid any future "martial" or "Marshal" law, by enforcing the city ordinances as they have sworn to do. The whole affair is a striking exhibition of the genius of "Liberalism."

The same paper wishes it to be understood that "Ogden would prefer to be called 'a tough place' by eastern people rather than to be called a Mormon town," and says: "Give us toughness Americanized," etc. Well, there is no accounting for taste. Respectable eastern people would prefer the morality, sobriety and good order of a "Mormon" town, to the toughness which the Ogden "Liberal" organ so greatly admires, no matter how much it may be "Americanized." They do not look upon "Americanized" gambling, or "Americanized" prostitution, as anything better than the Anglicized or Frenchified articles.

"Toughs" may admire "a tough place," but law-abiding, peace-loving, sober citizens will be attracted far more to a town with "Mormon" characteristics which are world-famed, if falsehood is silenced concerning it, than to the toughest kind of "a tough place," where officers are abused for enforcing the laws, and business men are "boycotted" for desiring their enforcement.

How would the business men of Salt Lake City, and the supporters of wholesome provisions against the social vices of the age, like to have the "Liberalism" of Ogden established and dominate in the capital of the Territory?

#### THE PRESENT DUTY.

THE very general attendance at the municipal primaries on Sept. 2nd, and the lively interest manifested in the proceedings, also the kind of men who were chosen as delegates to the convention, indicate an awakening of the People's Party to that action which is demanded