

of necessary assistance ought to be very acceptable to that people.

On the other hand, being acclimated to the north regions and disciplined to civilized methods under the harsh conditions belonging to their present country, their presence in Alaska ought to react like an enchantment upon its progress and material prosperity. It is doubtful if a people could be found on the globe so well adapted to the colonization of such a country.

No people that we know of have had as desperate a struggle to hold their own against natural disparagements. But they have hung on, and while not advancing in the scale of civilization perceptibly, they have not by any means degenerated. They have established and maintained schools and churches, and have the name of being, in the midst of their terrible poverty, the most moral people on the globe. The population has had no perceptible gain for over a hundred years, although it is now reported to be somewhat increasing. The latest statistics at hand give an estimated population of 40,000.

#### THE GENIUS "BOSS."

WHILE the people of Utah are receiving instructions in the rudiments of national politics, what a glorious thing it would be if as a prelude to each club rehearsal and rostrum exhibit they could be briefly introduced to the genius "boss" as understood in modern political nomenclature. Just now he is the foremost attraction in the arena and whether to be repulsed or embraced, he is an interesting person to become acquainted with.

One could never be sure of the full joy of his society without a most thorough knowledge of his fine points. Personal appearance or education is not a safe guide to his identity. He might appear in the disguise of justice or religion or education, or the undisguise of whisky, and his mission and message be just the same.

One very safe key to his personality is the halo of assumed sanctity that surrounds him. His coming is universally attended with the proclamation that in all creation he and his followers are alone sincere and uncorrupted. All the rest are dishonest miscreants, slanderers of justice and defilers of the government. Another key is the uproarious demonstrations by which all men appear to hail him whenever he appears in public. When you behold a man who is never seen in a public place but a whoop and a scream go up from the multitude with a regularity suggestive

of "disciplined enthusiasm," you may be sure he is a "boss" or that he has aspirations to that distinction.

The political "boss" is found upon every stratum of the election establishment, from the ward primary all the way up to the national Congress, he is equally at home and always the same in his essential qualities. The most modest of men himself, he always has a circle of acquaintances who are possessed of all the qualifications for office inherent to humanity, and their capabilities down to the smallest minutia are constantly on his lips. While in many cases not inclined to accept office for himself he has a man in his mind to whom there is no equal for every office of honor or emolument that is worth the seeking.

By the good services of this circle of perfect men, over whom he reigns with the assumption and discipline of a Czar, he runs the political machine of his town or state as the case may be. We call early and particular attention to this person, because just now he is the greatest man in the nation.

#### GERMAN DRINK STATISTICS.

DR. J. SENDTNER has been making some statistics on the beer industry, for the purpose of proving the injurious effects of the misuse of alcoholic stimulants. According to his report the average yearly consumption of each person in Germany is eighty-eight liters, a liter being a trifle more than a quart. He declares the average consumption in Munich in 1889 was 565 liters for each person. Among his smaller items is the case of a sick brewer from Munich who, during a long term of illness in a Berlin hospital, consumed twenty liters of beer daily. Considering that the average human stomach has a capacity limit of three pints this last item is entitled to more or less suspicion.

#### MUDDLED AND MENDACIOUS.

No better evidence of a failing cause could be offered than the editorial columns of the "Liberal" organ for the past few days. The confusion of mind of its scribes is also pitifully manifest. Their long drawn sentences are self-contradictory and painfully suggestive of the mental imbecility of the writers. A juvenile who would compose such paragraphs as appear in the leading *Tribune* articles of today would be subject to censure in any well conducted common school. Take the following for example:

"Again, Liberals believe that men who believe, and who have subscribed to that

belief, that certain other mortals, not a bit superior intellectually or morally or any other way, have the power to receive daily revelations from Almighty God, and after they have subscribed to their belief, to obey those men, they are not good citizens; they are not citizens at all of the Republic. They believe that men who have subscribed to the belief that polygamy is a divine institution, and when the wives and daughters of a people "believe that in order to insure exaltation in the presence of God and the Lamb, they should be married or sealed to an upright and faithful man;" when this belief is coupled with the other belief that they are bound to obey those men, and when they have agreed to implicitly obey the men who they believe receive daily revelations in all things temporal as well as spiritual, they cannot be good citizens, they cannot be citizens at all."

After all this muddle the philosopher(?) and literateur(?) who is responsible for it, adds:

"That is the firm belief of the Liberals and it will continue to be their belief," etc.

Of course he does not mean what he says. The "Liberals" do not believe the stuff which he intimates the "Mormons" believe, and for believing which he would have them disfranchised. Neither have the "Mormons" "agreed" to the "other belief" which he kindly manufactures for them. But if it were true that all he invents were part of their belief, we fail to see how it would prove they are not "citizens at all." "Every person born in the United States is a citizen thereof," no matter what may be his belief or unbelief. And all aliens lawfully naturalized are also citizens notwithstanding their religious or other idiosyncrasies.

If the "Liberals" firmly believe and will continue to believe all the nonsense which their champion and exponent claims for them, or entertain the notion that the "Mormons" believe it all, we are sorry for their state of mind. We are rather inclined to think that the stuff contained in the rhodomontade we have quoted above is the product of a brain disordered by the fumes of alcohol or opium. For all that, we would not take the ground that its author cannot be a citizen at all, or that he should be disfranchised. The utmost we would suggest would be gentle restraint and kind treatment for awhile on the bench at Provo.

Seriously, is it not about time that this nonsense and folly about "Mormon" chiefs claiming "a divine right to direct men how to vote," and the "Mormon" people "agreeing to implicitly obey" were put a stop to. There is no truth in it. And there is no common decency in the daily repetition of these *Tribune* falsehoods, which are an insult to men and women whose lives and abilities would suffer