

to flag. And no one living will be able to say truthfully, "I never heard of 'Mormonism.'" This is providential, and one day the wisdom of it will be seen, and He who is above all will show that He can make "the wrath of man" to praise Him.

#### PEOPLE'S VOTERS BEWARE.

THE so-called "Liberals" are resorting to the same contemptible trick used at the municipal election. Notices of objection are being served by wholesale upon members of the People's Party who are known to be qualified, with the hope that some persons, either through absence or apathy, will not appear before the registrar and resist the objection. We hereby notify every legal voter who receives a notice of this kind that he should not fail to appear at the time and place designated. And we advise that every voter so notified shall at once offer to take the registration oath anew, and thus avoid contention. Absentees should be brought home if possible. The People should be awake to this "Liberal" trickery, and every decent citizen should show his contempt for the alarmed and desperate authors of the plot by snowing them under at the polls Monday, August 4th.

#### GOOD "WORDS" FROM THE COMMISSION.

The Utah Commission have issued instructions to the election officers the substance of which is that there should be "a fair and impartial election." They say they are desirous that "everything like fraud shall be put down, that every lawfully registered voter in the Territory shall have the privilege of depositing his ballot freely, as he wishes and without intimidation, and that none who are not legally registered shall be permitted to vote, no matter what may be the circumstances."

This is very excellent *talk*. Whether it will amount to anything more will be seen perhaps before the election is over. The history of the municipal election, which is preserved for future use, does not disclose any great anxiety on the part of the Commission to do very much in the direction indicated by their pleasant prattle.

However, we hope their words will be backed up by their deeds, and that when called upon to assist in the enforcement of their instruc-

tions they will not be found wanting. Their powers it is true are not very extensive, but they *can* remove officers of their appointment who plainly neglect or wilfully refuse to perform their duty.

It is a notorious fact that legal voters, who have exercised the suffrage for years, have had their names stricken from the registration lists. Some of these, we understand, have already appealed to the Commission, have been referred to the Registrar, and after being given the cold shoulder until repeated impotency has compelled an answer, have been told roughly "I can't do anything about it."

The Utah Commission should take cognizance of the facts that "Liberal" voters are not treated in this way; that it is People's Party voters who are summarily crossed off the lists; that notices are being served, upon People's Party voters only, in the nature of vexatious objections and not in good faith. Well known monogamists are informed that they are objected to as "polygamists." The miserable tool of disreputable party managers who signs the complaints, does not appear to substantiate them, and does not even know the men to whom he objects. The whole scheme is known to be a prostitution of the law framed for the protection of legal voters and the purity of the ballot box. And the appointment of a Registrar known to be strongly partizan and to be working against the people who have to appear before him, and in the interest of their political opponents, is of itself a strong comment on the extreme desire of the Commission to secure "a fair and impartial election."

The Utah Commission *can*, by its removing power, exercise great influence in the direction desired. They can aid voters who have been without reason or law stricken from the registration lists in obtaining redress in time to be of service. They can manifest some real interest in this important matter. They should notice the fact that their county registrar is put up for a lucrative county office, by way of reward for his official work in the interest of the party that is resorting to the tricks and dodges of which the People's Party justly complain. And it would be much more seemly, so many conservative citizens think, if the Commission did not exhibit quite so much desire for "Liberal" success and not quite so much indifference to People's Party complaints of manifest injustice.

We do not charge the Utah Commission with being implicated in the attempted robbery of People's Party voters, by striking their names from the register and by placing names of "Liberal" non-residents upon it without any address, so as to prevent identification and thus bar detection. But we say when these things are done by their appointees, they could do something in the matter if they would, and an opportunity should be afforded them to see if their good words mean anything more than *talk*.

#### BE SURE NOT TO FAIL.

WE HOPE no People's Party voter, either through indignation or carelessness, or any other cause, will fail to vindicate his claim to the ballot, if notified of an objection to his right to vote. True, the whole infamous scheme is what is vulgarly called "a bluff." It is vexatious. It is an outrage on legal voters. It is a travesty on the election law. But if not treated seriously and promptly it will give occasion to the official tools of the "Liberal" party to rob many a citizen of his lawful franchise. It is disgraceful that partisans engaged to work for "Liberal" plotters should have it in their power to perpetrate such wrongs. But no matter what respectable men may think or how they feel at being treated in this shameful manner, they should go to the place and before the person designated, deny the objection and offer to take the registration oath anew. Let no voter who claims to be a man be cheated out of his vote by the villains who seek to swindle him.

#### GREAT BRITISH STATESMEN.

A SHORT time since Hon. W. E. Gladstone, in a public utterance, questioned the good judgment of the American people on the ground that they placed too high an estimate upon his character. A local cotemporary made this remark a subject for adverse criticism of the "Grand Old Man." While admitting him to be one of the most cultivated and best informed men of the age, the paper referred to failed to see where he had exhibited true statesmanship. One of the reasons upon which the estimate was founded was the fact that he had frequently changed his base. This of itself would not be a strong point against Mr. Gladstone's statesmanship. Progressive