

## POPULATION OF NEW MEXICO.

BULLETIN 129 of the Eleventh Census report gives the population of New Mexico as 153,593. In 1880 it was 119,565. There is an increase for the decade of 29.46 per cent. ●

There are fourteen counties in the Territory, one of which shows a decrease. In 1884 Sierra county was formed from parts of Donna Anna, Grant and Socorro counties; in 1887 San Juan was formed from parts of Rio Arriba. Part of Lincoln county has been annexed to Donna Anna since 1880.

Bernalillo shows 20,813 inhabitants, the largest of the fifteen counties. San Juan shows 1890, the smallest. There are eight cities and towns, each showing 1000 or more inhabitants. Santa Fe had 8185, Albuquerque (new town) 3785, (old town) 1733, Las Vegas 2385, East Las Vegas 2312, Silver City 2102, Raton 1255, and Deming 1136. Four of the towns, Rayton, Deming, East Las Vegas and New Albuquerque were not in existence in 1880.

## WHERE IS THE "POLITICAL PLOT?"

THE discussion over the United States Marshal's Sunday raid on the saloons discloses the fact that the rank "Liberal" are very much upset, while the general public applaud the movement, and hope it will be continued until the saloon men and gamblers will pay some attention to the city ordinances. The impunity with which they have been violated, and which was part of the bargain with the "Liberal" faction for support during the campaign of fraud, is totally ignored by the assailants of the Marshal, and they try to shut it out of view by a cloud of dust as to his authority.

We showed, last evening, that under the Edmunds-Tucker act, which was passed under "Liberal" influence and "Liberal" applause, that it is the duty of the United States Marshal and his deputies, as constables, to arrest any person who "in their view" violates the law. It is now argued that they had no business to go into saloons on Sunday for this purpose. And it is asked: "How did these unlawfully open saloons come to be in their view? Not because the saloons went to the officers but because the officers went to the saloons." And it is urged: "But having gone, it was their duty to have warned the persons in charge to close up, as keeping open was a violation of the law. Did they thus take notice of offenders in their view?"

That is very thin kind of dust. Any-

body can see through it, no matter how much of it is kicked up. Seven saloons were caught "unlawfully open." If they were so "open" they were "in the view" of the deputies as well as the public. There was no concealment. The bar-tenders had no idea they would be interfered with. They had reason to consider themselves safe under "Liberal" arrangements. Of course the saloons did not go to the deputies. The deputies went into the saloons that were "unlawfully open" and arrested the men who, in their view, and the view of all who entered, were violating the law.

According to "Liberal" logic (?) no officer of the law should arrest a saloon keeper who breaks the law, unless the saloon goes to the officer. No gambler should be arrested unless the gambling house goes to the policeman. And further, when a criminal is detected in his crime, the officer, instead of arresting him should kindly "warn" him to quit and that what he is doing is "in violation of the law." Detectives, on this theory, would be played out. Peace officers would have a new occupation, and sheriffs, constables and policemen would become evangelists of the law instead of its executors. And such stuff as this is thrown out to obscure the notorious condition of affairs under "Liberal" civic administration!

Does the law authorize the United States Marshal and his deputies to preach or to lecture law-breakers, or to "warn" them of what they are doing? No, it says they "shall each of them cause all offenders against the law in his view to enter into recognition," etc. But we are told: "The Liberal organization will never consent that the proper lawful custodians of the city can be rightly set aside at the will and pleasure of an interloping official." Who is asking for "the consent of the Liberal organization?" Who cares anything about it? What has the "Liberal organization" to do with obstructing the execution of the law and the preservation of public order?

The whole case is given away by "Liberal" admissions. They are these: The saloons were "unlawfully open" Sunday. "Lawless saloon keepers" were in the "commission of crime." "City officials whose duty it is to enforce the law, have made up their minds not to do it." Officers elected by "Liberals" "wilfully and unlawfully betray their trusts." The community, "by the remissness of the sworn officers of the law," is "held up before the country as unable under Liberal rule, to take care of its own police regulations."

That being the situation, as confessed and described by "Liberals," what a lack of discretion as well as logic and common sense it is, to assail the United States Marshal for performing his sworn duty! Why call him "an interloping official," for executing the Territorial statutes, in cases where the city ordinances as well as those statutes are set at naught, and "lawless saloon-keepers were in the commission of crime," unchecked because the "lawful custodians of the city" "wilfully and unlawfully betray their trusts?"

If the police, hampered and checked by "Liberal" bargains and "Liberal" official authority, do not enforce the ordinances, is it not the sworn duty of the U. S. Marshal and his deputies, under the act of Congress procured by "Liberal" manipulation, to enforce public order and as peace officers arrest the offenders? There is no getting away from this, and all attempts to shield the "Liberal" faction by casting mire and dirt at the officers who did their duty will have no avail.

The only political issue involved is this: "Liberal" politics has shielded the saloon, gambling and other associate interests. "Liberal" necessities require their influence and support. "Liberal" policy is identified with the liquor and gambling elements. Damage to them is damage to "Liberal" prospects. That the arrest of "lawless saloon-keepers in the commission of crime" should be denounced as "a political plot," argues only that the "Liberal" faction is affected by it unfavorably, and demonstrates what a foul political organization it must be that is enraged at the execution of local laws to preserve peace and good order.

## THE MOVEMENT FOR MORE JUDGES

THE movement for the appointment of additional judges and more judicial districts for this Territory, is rendered necessary by the large amount of court business that has to be transacted. The Territory has grown beyond the proportions contemplated for such political organizations when the territorial system was established. We need at least six judicial districts and a competent judge for each. The salary for each office should be sufficient to secure the services of a thorough lawyer and jurist.

The Supreme Court ought to be separate and distinct from the lower courts. It is not right that the duties of the Supreme and District courts should be performed by the same persons. Three justices are sufficient for the Supreme Court, and the proposi-