

socialists are entirely "Liberals" of the baser sort.

We do not wish to say very much about the Utah Commission, and would not now but for their false and fulsome praise by the *Tribune*, which once spit upon them with its ordinary venom. A body sent to see that justice in election matters is done, which will use the tactics for which the name of Gerry has become nationally infamous; refrain from adopting measures that would secure a fair registration; refuse to remove men of its own appointment who were robbing citizens of their legal rights; who would wink at palpable corruption and injustice; so fix the election boards that a minority had the power to defraud the majority of hundreds of votes, and do other things in the plain and open interest of a faction instead of the public, is not entitled to the respect of honorable men of any party.

Dr. Miller has an established reputation which no *Tribune* scribes can lessen or beamirch. He is the peer of any man on the Utah Commission in every respect, and his name and work will shine when the body called the Utah Commission is covered with the clouds of oblivion, and relegated to the limbo of un-American relics of oppression and other political monstrosities.

IMPLEMENTS OF WAR.

THE latest report of the fire arm experiments at Sandy Hook describes a gun which, with a charge of 440 pounds of powder, will throw a 2000 pound projectile twelve miles. This is a formidable weapon, but it is not the greatest. Although, what need any nation could have of an instrument of destruction more terrible it is hard to imagine. We feel safe in saying that no vessel will ever be made to withstand a shot from such a gun.

But these long distance guns as agents of destruction do not compare with other destroyers that are being invented for the arts of war. For instance a new explosive has just been made in Austria which, as a propelling agent is almost twice as powerful as dynamite. It is moreover serviceable for cannon as well as cartridges, a quality not possessed by dynamite. According to reports of experiments already made, by means of this explosive, one bombshell can be made to practically demolish a line of 500 men.

With such an agency in force the *Boston Journal* suggests that the Red Cross society will have to greatly improve its hospital accommodations in order that its branch of the war trade may be up with the other departments.

The English have invented a gun said to be superior in all respects to any other in use. The explosive used in it is said to be perfectly smokeless, and the discharge attended with practically no report, or recoil; which makes ordinary explosives so difficult of management in long distance guns.

It was long ago asserted by men of wisdom in the arts of war, that the engines of human destruction were becoming so terrible that civilized nations would not again dare to declare war, lest both the belligerents should become utterly prostrated by the awful havoc that would follow. For all this, the nations are pushing ahead with their war preparations and inventions. The nations of Europe were never before as active as now in this respect.

There has been a vast amount of war predictions which have been generally received by intelligent people as the mere hocus-pocus of sensationalism. But the war preparations have been real enough. Nobody has had any doubt about that. At least two of the great powers have gone bankrupt in the business, and are still engaging the greater part of their energies in the same line.

EMBRYO CRIME AND ITS BREEDING SPOTS.

Dr. F. F. Dow has been working at the problem of hereditary criminals and their "breeding spots." On the theory that the community has rights superior to the individual he advocates that the law be made a factor of the problem, with a function which will be recognized as being very much in advance of any of its previous assumptions.

He contends that families proven to be vicious and criminals should fall under the direct supervision of the State, that the children should become the proteges of the court and by its authority be separated from the vicious influence of their parents.

The purpose and theoretical result of this is all right. The difficulty is in the details of the scheme. It is easy to see how society might be vastly benefited and in certain directions elevated by the removal of the embryo criminal from access to the sustenance of vice. But in this free country how this incipient infection is to be "condemned" by process of law and its victim arrested without trespassing upon right, is far from being clear. If by some legal vagary the culprit-to-be might be designated a criminal before the fact and his person be seized on the grounds of being a menace to the State, or

something of that sort, the problem would be a very easy one. It is no trouble to look after a person who has committed a crime or manifested in a legal sense an intent to do so; but crime in the blood, though we may know it is there beyond peradventure, is more or less difficult to punish.

The accompanying question of breaking up the breeding spots of crime, so called, does not involve so many difficulties. For men and women who have been proven to be utterly abandoned to the pursuits of vice to be permitted to fortify themselves in the centres of society is an absurd neglect of duty on the part of the governing powers. There is not a great city in this country which is not infested by these parasites of civilization. This city is fouled with them even at this early stage of its progress.

Whether it is the fault of the law or the officers that certain portions of cities become the regular rendezvous of professional criminals, the fault surely exists, and a serious one it is getting to be. If swine may be legally run in for being loose in the streets, so ought a man without visible means of support. The most uncultivated hog in creation is more entitled to public consideration than a lazy, dissolute, professional vagrant.

DOWN WITH CONSPIRACY AND FRAUD!

THE "Liberal" organ has repeatedly charged the leaders of the movement to organize the people of Utah on national party lines, with engaging in a deep-laid conspiracy. It is now intimating that they are engaged in fraud, in the use of money for election purposes, and of obtaining it from the "Mormon" Church.

There is no need for any particular denial of these charges. The public know pretty well that they are utterly false. The only "conspiracy" in the matter is an open, free and strong endeavor on the part of prominent "Gentle" Democrats and Republicans, to gain converts and supporters to their respective party organizations. The "Mormon" Church has nothing to do with the matter in any way. The "Mormon" people, as citizens of the United States, have much to do with it. And they ought to be active in what they do, and manifest their interest in the issues that confront them, by casting their ballots next Monday against the conspirators who are banded together to rob them of the elective franchise.

It is quite natural that conspirators should suspect other people of conspiracy. That promoters of fraud and