

against monogamic "Mormons" and, so far as this "Liberal" movement is concerned, polygamy is truly "a dead issue."

There are two principal ways by which "Liberals" hope to achieve this very "Liberal" purpose. One is by a Legislative Commission; the other by obtaining a majority in the Territorial Legislature. Success in a few cities would be but stepping stones to the higher object. Either end accomplished, the passage of an act similar to the Idaho test oath would be a simple matter. The result would be the political enslavement of all the people of Utah but those who planned and helped to execute the outrageous crime.

The essence of crime is in the intent. What are the prominent and active manipulators of the "Liberal" party but political criminals, in that their present intent is to commit this political robbery, which is more heinous in its nature and more evil in its purpose than intended or actual larceny of money or property?

This planned and intended crime is of course but a means to a further end. That is the control of this Territory and its finances; the power to tax this thrifty, industrious and easily governed community, and to handle the taxes at pleasure. Added to this is another end in view of a portion of that party. That is, power to annoy, afflict and vent spite and hatred upon the Latter-day Saints. This is the purpose of some of the apostates and some of the religious bigots who strengthen the "Liberal" ranks.

These are not groundless charges or mere party accusations. They are expressed today by tongue and type from "Liberal" sources. They are not denied. No attempt is made to dispute the facts. All that is done in connection is to offer pretended reasons why these evil deeds should be done.

In view of this, what should be the course of every person connected with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, if not to unite with his friends, in purpose and in action, for the maintenance of the rights of citizenship and the discomfiture of those who seek to rob and destroy?

The "Liberal" enemies of the "Mormons" will affect anger at this plain language. But it is too true to dispute. There is no need to resort to the "Liberal" style of calling names and hurling epithets. Suffice it to say, persons who steal property are called thieves; those

who, on their own confession, rob and plan to rob citizens of rights and privileges that are far dearer than goods or money, are called—"Liberals."

"LIBERAL" ARGUMENT.

IT HAS been stated by "Liberals" and their organ that we have called them strong names during the campaign which has just been closed. The statement is untrue. We have only cited facts and figures and left the epithets to the "Liberals" whose blackguardism in some instances has been both disgraceful and profane. But in no instance has a People's party speaker been correctly reported by their adversaries.

As a specimen of the kind of "argument" which has been promulgated from the "Liberal" press and platform, we clip the following from the *Ogden Daily Union* of Aug. 5th, concerning a gentleman against whose personal character no one can offer a syllable of reproach. It calls him:

"The bastard son of the most infernally profligate old Libertine, debaucher, murderer and thief who ever escaped the halter and sullied the fair name of religion by his beastly and arrogant pretensions."

The "American gentleman," who penned this specimen of "Liberal" billingsgate, is evidently as ignorant of the paternity of the young and brilliant member of the People's Party whom he assails, as he is of the ordinary courtesies of political warfare. He should be despised by the respectable members of his party as much as he is by their opponents.

"LIBERAL" PROGNOSTICATIONS.

MR. W. H. DICKSON, formerly District Attorney for Utah, and noted chiefly for gross perversions of the law in order to punish "Mormons" in excess of statutory penalties, has been talking with a representative of the San Francisco *Examiner*, and that paper has published his remarks. Of course the alleged "Liberal victory" in this city was alluded to, and Mr. Dickson explained who was the prime mover of the "Liberal" campaign. However, he glossed over the gentleman's Michigan history, and said:

"A few days before I left Salt Lake he showed me his figures, and estimated that the American ticket would carry the city by twenty-five majority. The total majority was forty-nine."

We make this quotation for the purpose of contrasting these words of Mr. Dickson with these that he uttered later on:

"The judges established the hundred-foot rule and the Mormons could vote as they pleased. As a result several hundreds, for the first time in their lives, struck a blow at the Church."

The old adage about certain people who ought to have good memories is here appropriate. If the "Liberal" majority by actual count was twenty-five and the majority on the face of the returns was thirty-nine—the actual number, how many *hundreds* of "Mormons" "struck a blow at the Church" by voting "the Liberal" ticket? By his own showing there could have been but fourteen individuals.

Here is another wilful untruth:

"For the first time in the history of Utah there was an absolute secret ballot."

Mr. Dickson knows as well as anybody in Utah that since the passage of the election law of 1878 an "absolutely secret ballot" has been secured to the voters in Utah, and that no one can discover what ticket any individual supports unless he chooses to disclose it. The ballot must be handed to the judge of election folded in such a way that its contents cannot be seen, and placed in an envelope furnished at the polls. The envelopes are of uniform size and color, and must be without mark or device of any description.

There was nothing at the recent election which made an "absolutely secret ballot" any more secure than at former elections. The clearing of the crowd a hundred feet from the polls did not shut out the challengers and others needed near the ballot box. And the falsehood that the ballot is not ordinarily secret in Utah is altogether too stale and fishy for an ex-District Attorney to tell, except in some place where people are unlikely to know the facts. Everybody here knows it is an absolute falsehood.

Next, Mr. Dickson appears in the role of a prophet, thusly:

"If the American ticket wins in February I predict the downfall of the Mormon Church in the next five years."

What he means by "the American ticket" will be understood here, as the profane and untruthful and boastful framers and manipulators thereof modestly style themselves "American gentlemen." But, to the prediction. When this prog-