

## A CLUMSY TRAP.

ONE of the original "Liberals," in a recently published communication on the subject of dividing on national party lines, asks the promoters of the movement to wait until after the August election, and says:

"It is not long to wait and that is the first election in sight. If the vote shows that in the judgment of the Liberal voters it is time to organize on National party lines it will be done. If not, then the organizers will perforce have to submit because they can't organize without the voters."

That is intended to be a very ingenious plea, and is designed to stop the break toward Republicanism on the one side and Democracy on the other, which is giving the "Liberal" bosses so much anxiety and vexation. But it is very clumsily done, particularly for the cunning hand which wrote it. "Liberals" are not to divide until after the August election, then if the vote shows in favor of dividing they will divide!

But how is the vote to show in favor of dividing if there is no division before the vote? "Liberals" are to cast their votes solid for "Liberal" candidates to show how much they favor other parties, are they? These "Liberal" dictators must think the rank and file of their party as well as those who have left it, are a pack of fools. This kind of stuff is all of a piece with the scarecrow that is being held up to frighten them, in the shape of threats that business will be ruined if strife shall cease. And with the equally empty pretence that "Liberalism" has improved business, while the facts and the figures demonstrate the opposite beyond a doubt.

It is to be hoped that the vote in August will show conclusively that in the judgment of the majority the time to organize on national party lines has indeed come, and that the organizations will stay.

The logical (?) adviser of the organizers of the Republican and Democratic parties here calls on them not to do anything till after the August election, but let all the "Liberals" unite at the polls, "then the organizers will perforce have to submit, because they can't organize without the voters!"

The "organizers" will of course fall into this undisguised and clumsy trap, cease to agitate for national politics, obey the command to "come back," vote for "Liberalism" in August, and thus help to tie up their own hands and perpetuate the rule of the "Liberal" ring. And the wavering Democrats and Republicans who have not yet cast off the "Liberal" yoke, will no

doubt be very much influenced by the reasoning in a circle, and will perceive the novelty of this plan of voting for a thing to continue, in order to show that they want it to cease.

The old and original "Liberal," makes a lamentable display of that mental imbecility which is the characteristic of the whole "Liberal" plea for the perpetuation of a fight against empty space, for that is what the present "Liberal" electioneering assault signifies, if it is not a war upon genuine Republicanism and pure Democracy.

## THE FLAGS ON THE TEMPLE.

THE Boston *Traveller* notices the fact that "the capstones are in place on the two eastern pinnacles of the Salt Lake Temple and flags are flying from them." It then goes on to repeat a great deal of nonsense and misrepresentation which it copies from the *Salt Lake Tribune*.

That is what is the matter with the *Traveller*. While it draws its alleged information from so unreliable, nay, intentionally untruthful a source, it will continue to be misled, and will mislead others, on the "Mormon" question.

The *Traveller* should learn, what the Salt Lake public thoroughly understand, that the paper from which it copies is engaged in the special work of misrepresenting everything that relates to the "Mormon" Church, its leaders and its people. That this goes to the extent of fabricating sentiments and speeches and attributing them to men who never uttered or entertained them; of relating as facts things that never occurred; and repeating them again and again as admitted when they have been positively proven to be false.

It is true that those eastern pinnacles, and also the western, have been finished and flags are placed upon them. The *Traveller* should also understand that these are national flags—the stars and stripes, and this is in token that the "Mormon" Church is not, as the *Traveller* has stated, copied from its Salt Lake misinformant—"a treasonable institution," but that it recognises the laws of the land, the Constitution of our country and the institutions of the Republic as sovereign in their sphere.

There is great signification in those flags flying from the pinnacles of the "Mormon" Temple, but we do not suppose the Boston *Traveller* will perceive it, or, comprehending it, will proclaim it to the public, while it seeks for anti-"Mormon" falsehood and malignity in the libellous columns of the *Salt Lake Tribune*.

## THEY KEEP AT IT.

EASTERN papers are publishing their stock notices with their stereotyped errors about "Mormon" arrivals in New York. Some of them state that "About a hundred and fifty German, Swede and Swiss girls have arrived in New York bound for Mormondom." The usual remark is made that "they were all young and pretty," and the common comment is added about the spread of polygamy and the need of its suppression. Some go so far as to see in the arrival of "Mormon" immigrants, proof that "the declaration of the Mormon leaders about the cessation of plural marriages are not entitled to credence."

Now it should be understood that no "Mormon" company of a hundred and fifty or any other number of young girls has arrived or is likely to arrive in New York. Companies of "Mormon" immigrants, as the returns of Castle Garden will show, are composed of families, with the usual common proportion of the sexes, but with more elderly people than are to be found in most other companies. The special importation of young girls has never been carried on or attempted by the "Mormons." That is a pure invention of "enterprising newspaper reporters."

The immigration of members of the "Mormon" Church has not the remotest connection with the polygamy question. Those people come to this country from religious motives, believing that this land is the gathering place for the Latter-day Saints preparatory to the coming of the Son of Man. The improvement of their temporal condition has weight with some of them but it is usually a secondary consideration. Polygamy has nothing to do with their coming, in any manner whatever.

This has been demonstrated so often that it would seem as though no public journal at all posted would repeat the ancient errors and silly conceits of bygone years. But some papers never learn, and others have no desire to perceive the truth about the "Mormons," or, when they cannot help seeing it, to abstain from circulating the most absurd untruths concerning them. They are all behind the times.

The Boston *Herald* thinks "the only genuine American tin will be found in a horn." If it should prove to be a horn of plenty all will be forgiven.

The seven ages of men: The first tooth, the first boots, the first pair of long trousers, the first shave, the first proposal, the first baby and the first grandchild.