

Canada as there are in Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Old Mexico and other places. But Utah is the abiding place of the body of the Church and here it will remain and work out its manifest destiny.

The idea that Canada would be chosen as "a fitting place to re-establish polygamy," ought to have been silly enough to deter any sane editor from giving it a place in print. But editors seem to lose their natural sense whenever they undertake to explain or reason about or touch in any way the perpetual "Mormon" question.

A WARNING TO ALL VOTERS.

THE petition of prominent citizens of Ogden City for the removal of Deputy-Marshall Pratt, is a pronounced and striking document against the enforcement of laws for the suppression of gambling and prostitution. It is an astonishing exhibition of the true inwardness of Ogden "Liberalism."

The immunity which the proprietors of the vile dens enjoyed, the opening of which was an immediate consequence of the advent to power of the "Liberal" party, became a scandal to all decent people, and occasioned unfavorable comment abroad as well as at home. The change in the morals of the city under the new administration, was so marked and disgraceful that it could not fail to reflect shamefully upon the party under which it was inaugurated. The accounts given of it by reputable and reliable citizens of Ogden were really startling, and the idea that the municipal authorities not only winked at but were favorable to these iniquities, was very widely entertained and expressed.

The uproar which the action of the United States Marshal in attempting to remove these evils occasioned, confirmed the opinion that prominent "Liberals" did not want them interfered with. The "Liberal" Ogden papers opposed the action of the deputy-Marshall, and articles appeared in them to the effect that the establishments he was suppressing were necessary concomitants of a live town, and that business was being injured by their summary removal.

Now comes to light this petition, which with the names of the signers will be found in another part of this paper, and demonstrates beyond question that the efforts on the part of the Federal authorities to purify

the city, were obnoxious to at least ninety-two prominent Ogdenites and among them the Mayor, some members of the City Council and the City Attorney. The Weber County Republican organization also comes to the front, in support of the petition to remove the deputy-Marshall who was the active agent in the proceedings against the gamblers.

Marshal Parsons has effectually settled the matter of the petition. It is useless to talk to him about removing the deputy, for he was acting under the orders of the Marshal himself, who assumes the responsibility of the whole affair. What will the petitioners do now? Will the united Republicans and Democrats who boast that they train together under the title of "Liberals," carry the war into Washington? Suppose they try the Department of Justice and go even to the President, and ask for the removal of the United States Marshal, because he interfered with the progress of a "Liberal" city by enforcing the laws against gamblers and prostitutes. They could set forth the facts that the places raided were necessary adjuncts to a live "Liberal" town, that they were not considered evils to be suppressed by the "Liberal" City Council, and thus show how officious the Marshal has been, in such needless interference with essential appendages to the higher civilization which the "Liberals" had succeeded in establishing for the moral reformation of the "Mormons." Doubtless the application would be duly, perhaps astonishingly considered by the cabinet.

A few of the signers of the petition have very likely appended their names, under the impression that they were doing the right thing in protesting against Federal interference with municipal affairs. We are of the opinion that city officers should administer municipal ordinances and that in the discharge of their duty they are and should be independent of Federal interference. But there is an important feature or two in this case that ought not to be ignored in considering the whole matter. They are these:

The municipal ordinances for the suppression of the evils which had assumed gigantic proportions and were still enlarging, were not enforced, and it was believed by many respectable and indignant citizens that they would not be enforced by the "Liberal" city officials. The

United States Marshal was appealed to by the outraged citizens, and he promptly responded. Now, the question is, did that Federal official interfere with the enforcement of the city ordinances or the administration of municipal affairs?

The answer is, not at all. He proceeded under the statutes of the Territory. Chapter Ten, Title Nine, of the Penal Code, is devoted to the subject of "Gaming." It provides that:

"Sec. 2006. Every person who deals, plays or carries on, opens or causes to be opened, or who conducts either as owner or employee, whether for hire or not, any game of faro, monte, roulette, lasquet, rouge et noir, rondo, or any game played with cards, dice, or any other device, for money, checks, credit or any other representative value, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

"Sec. 2007. Every person who knowingly permits any of the games mentioned in the preceding section to be played, conducted or dealt in any house owned or rented by such person, in whole or in part, is punishable as provided in the preceding section.

"Sec. 2011. Every prosecuting attorney, sheriff, constable or police officer must inform against and diligently prosecute persons whom they have reasonable cause to believe offenders against the provisions of this chapter, and every such officer refusing or neglecting to do so, is guilty of a misdemeanor." (Compiled Laws, Vol. II, p. 601-2.)

Now take these sections of the Utah Statutes with the following provision of the Edmunds-Tucker Act of Congress, and the duty of the United States Marshal and his deputies will be seen beyond question:

"Section 8. That the Marshal of the Territory of Utah and his deputies shall possess and may exercise all the powers in executing the laws of the United States or of said Territory possessed and exercised by sheriffs, constables, and their deputies as peace officers; and each of them shall cause all offenders against the law in his view, to enter into recognizance to keep the peace and to appear at the next term of the court having jurisdiction of the case, and to commit to jail in case of failure to give such recognizance. They shall quell and suppress assaults and batteries, riots, routs, affrays and insurrections."

If the "Liberals" object to this power conferred upon the United States Marshal and his deputies, they must remember they have only themselves to thank for it. They were the instigators of the special legislation which created this power, and it is not so bad as they designed it. Singular that they should be the first to complain of its exercise! But then they never expected that it would be used against anybody but the "Mormons."