

The mandamus proceedings now instituted may hinder the court, but the law seems so clear as to the power of the Canvassers to go to the ballot box that it is hardly probable the court will interfere to prevent them.

We have no doubt that the Peoples' and Workingmen's candidate for Recorder was elected, and that he will obtain the office. It is possible that the blunder of some voters may put him to considerable trouble to gain his rights, but we hope the canvass will show the mistake to have been made by the judges of election instead of by the electors.

On close examination we fail to see wherein fault can justly be found with the decision of the Canvassers, in the light of the law and the rulings of competent courts. The powers of this board are chiefly ministerial, and are only judicial within very narrow limits. It appears to us that the Canvassers have exercised their authority to its full extent and to have confined their acts within the boundary lines of the statute. Let us be fair to all, even though they may not do what we would like or think ought to be done. No body of officials should transcend their legitimate powers, or be blamed for keeping within the limits of the law.

WAYS THAT ARE DARK.

"LIBERAL" politics in Utah has always been synonymous with trickery, fraud and ways that are dark. The objection to counting the votes cast for John H. Rumel in favor of John H. Rumel, Jr., when everybody that knew anything was thoroughly satisfied they were meant for him and nobody else, was in line with the tricks practiced upon legal voters of the People's party in order to prevent their exercise of the elective franchise.

And now the proceedings instituted to prevent the Board of Canvassers from going to the ballot box, to determine the facts as to how the votes were cast, show conclusively that the "Liberals" do not want the light, and this "because their deeds are evil."

Whatever views may be entertained as to the powers of the Board of Canvassers to decide on the question of the identity of the names, it must be clear to every one that only by reference to the votes can it be determined whether they were cast for Rumel or Rumel Jr., and when extraordinary efforts are

put forth to prevent this investigation, it is evident that the obstructers do not want the facts to be developed, but desire that trickery shall prevail.

Even "Liberal" voters who have any sense of justice, decency and fair play, must be disgusted both with the wire pullers who run the machine, and the candidate who would take advantage of such technicalities, against manifest right, in order to sneak into an office to which he is not really elected.

Utah is learning lessons in the lowest form of dirty politics. It is to be hoped that while the People's Party see and fight against the evils introduced by tricksters who have wallowed in them in the East, they will never descend into this foul mire and these filthy pools, in order to gain an unworthy advantage or even to cope with an unworthy foe.

A fair election, an honest count, the rule of the majority, and a frank recognition of the rights of all, will, we hope, be maintained in the future as in the past, wherever the People's Party hold control. The contrast of their methods with the low, cunning, criminal practices and mean advantages taken or attempted by the so-called "Liberal" party from its inception, is enough to show to every honest mind where confidence may be reposed, and where the community must look for the maintenance of honest government.

LABOR DAY.

September 1st was Labor Day. The various trades organizations will hold a holiday and have a general jubilation. Elaborate preparations have been made in Ogden for a grand affair. The Salt Lake labor organizations will go there, the local unions will participate, the leading business houses will be closed and there will be a monster procession.

This is quite right. The "horry-handed sons of toil" ought to enjoy frequent respites from their labor, and orderly gatherings of this kind tend to promote among them that fraternity which is desirable in all classes of society.

Working people have as much right to combine for mutual benefit and to resist encroachments from every oppressive quarter, as the capitalists have to unite for the purpose of preserving their property and regulating the employment of the masses.

It is only when either class takes a course to infringe upon human rights, to control man's free agency, to compel people to adopt the views or engage in the projects of others, that wrong creeps into these combinations or "unions," whether of capitalists or laborers.

A mighty power can be wielded for good by unions for the amelioration of the condition of the workers of the world, and they can be made terrible engines for the promotion of gigantic evils. To escape from the grasp of capital only to fall into the power of a labor combination that works by compulsion, in any form, is to fly from one evil to another and greater evil.

Let these organizations maintain human freedom and they will do good. But if they try to force the human mind they will become a power for evil. Oppression is wrong and obnoxious wherever it comes from. And the tyranny of capital is no more to be resisted and detested than the tyranny of an organization which forces men to do or refrain from doing anything contrary to their own free will.

In all these labor organizations this ought to be kept in view. Liberty as well as fraternity should be inculcated and maintained. No shackles for the laborer forged by his fellows, any more than bonds woven by the money grube! When workingmen combine for a purpose they can be just as cruel as the coldest-hearted capitalist or soulless corporation. The freedom of the individual must not be curtailed, except as he relinquishes it voluntarily for the general good.

This period in which we live is Labor Day. The workers of the world are coming to the front. They begin to sense their own importance. The dignity of labor, is being more and more recognized, and the force that comes from union is better seen and appreciated. Providence apart, the working people of the United States hold in their hands the destiny of the nation. When they become more thoroughly and nationally organized, they will turn the tide of its politics. Wise and patriotic leaders can pioneer them to glorious fields of victory for the public good. And designing demagogues may lead them to political depths which will develop vast evils for the whole country.

Labor organizations are about to cut a most important figure in the