

governor's official report that life and property are perfectly safe in Utah, "When you condemn, fellow citizens, begin nearer home."

January 30th the hate-inspired sheet referred to by the *Times* gives another justification for these strictures, by speaking thus of the *Illustrated American* libel: "Most of the articles, as we stated on Sunday last, are in the main correct." However, it caps the climax of insult when it says this:

"In our private judgment when the City Council of this city made the fuss about the articles in the *American*, it did not do a very wise thing. We do not believe those articles will induce anyone to come here or keep one person away."

According to this unsightly wart on the nose of journalism, not only the City Council, but the gentlemen who assembled at the Chamber of Commerce rooms January 29th to denounce the articles in the *Illustrated American* as false and slanderous and injurious to the business interests of Utah are an aggregation of idiotic ignoramuses. It practically states that these business men of Utah have not sufficient sense to understand the causes and influences which act upon their own prosperity.

It is a matter for regret that there is such a prevalent dread in non-"Mormon" circles of the lash of the local libeller. This fear is founded on the fact that those who denounce its intamy are individually subjected to the infernal treatment it accords to the majority of the citizens of Utah as a whole.

Gentlemen, this is slavery, and it is impossible for you to enjoy it to any appreciable extent.

WHAT NEXT?

"THEY who wait for dead men's shoes are likely to long go barefoot." There are some California place hunters who are eagerly looking for a vacancy in the political footgear of Senator Hearst. We hope the proverb will prove true in their case.

Among the aspirants for Senatorial honors is our defunct Governor, the "Liberally" lamented Eli. An obscure paper published in San Diego has started his little boom. The claim is put forth that Southern California is entitled to representation and has never had it in this way, both Senators always hailing from the North. So ex-Governor Murray is held up for the admiration and support of the California Legislature, to fill an office that is not yet vacant and take the place of the living incumbent in anticipation of his death.

This is very delicate, of course. There can be no question as to the good taste of publicly preparing to

make a jump for a sick man's shoes as soon as he gives up the ghost. Is that what brought back the bibulous Eli from the national capital in such a hurry? Or was he so utterly without influence there that he could do the Utah ring no good and the majority of the citizens of this Territory no harm?

We believe it was the same San Diego paper that mentioned Murray for the Vice-Presidency of the United States, before the Republican party made its last nominations. That was the sublimity of impudence. It has now come down a notch. What will it ask for him next? Some State office no doubt. Failing in that it will try to make an opening for him in some town position, and conclude with a call for a public subscription. This would be after the style of the jaunty applicant at Washington who, at first, "demanded" a foreign mission, then a consulship, then a marshalship, then a postoffice, and finally wound up by begging the favor of a cast-off pair of pants.

The *Union* speaks of "his career that has made him pre-eminent," etc. The "pre-eminent" qualification in our ex-Governor is his remarkable talent for mathematics. He can make 1300 a larger number than 18,000 and certify to it, too. Of course we refer to political mathematics. He can beat any returning board on the continent when it comes to counting up votes and a personal and political friend is a candidate. He can assume judicial functions also when his office is purely executive, and for party interest use official power to "bluff" a Legislature or delude the President of the United States. Oh! He is "pre-eminent," no doubt.

After all, Murray is in some respects a "pretty good fellow," as the term is used about town. He was a gallant young soldier, he once had a fine appearance, he is genial and can drink with the boys and tell stories, and have a "good time," keeping upright when most of them are on the floor, and he has social and companionable qualities that endear him to a certain class. But for the office of Senator! Oh! The suggestion is too ridiculous for serious consideration. But, of course, it is copied into the columns of the *Salt Lake Tribune*.

DEATH OF CHARLES BRADLAUGH.

CHARLES BRADLAUGH, the noted secularist, died at six o'clock January 30th, Greenwich time. He has been, for over thirty years, a noted character. On account of his terrific assaults upon the Bible and religion in general, he

adopted, in his writings, the *nom de plume* of Iconoclast, or "image smasher." He was one of the most irresistible infidel lecturers of his time. We recollect him as he was twenty-seven years ago. He was rather over medium height, large-boned and square shouldered. His forehead was high and broad, but somewhat receding at its upper part. His jaws were square and projecting and his mouth large and somewhat coarse. He wore his hair, which was light colored, somewhat long at that time. He had cold, grey eyes, almost cruel in their expression. His voice was clear, ringing and harsh and his style was incisive and cynical, yet ponderous. He was a powerful speaker, and had the ability to fairly overwhelm and crush an ordinary opponent. There was nothing of the pathetic in his oratory, which was a mixture of gall, vinegar and lightning. Of late years we understand he became modified, however, and was more merciful and conservative.

His struggle to obtain his seat ten years ago, after being elected to Parliament from Northampton, is still fresh in the minds of that portion of the public which takes note of prominent events in the nations. At first he refused to take the oath required to be subscribed to by all members, and was denied a seat. Afterwards he recanted and offered to take the oath, but his admission was still resisted. Finally, however, he was allowed to take his seat. And it is somewhat remarkable that only the other day the House of Commons, by unanimous action, struck the account of the proceedings connected with Bradlaugh's exclusion from the record.

Bradlaugh was a gifted man in many respects, but was manifestly deficient in one indispensable element of greatness—sympathy. This is a quality which cannot be successfully acquired for any length of time. He who does not possess it is among the unfortunates.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC CAN BE RESTRAINED.

THE Supreme Court of the Territory has made a very important decision in the liquor license case. It extends much further than the mere question of allowing intoxicants to be sold in a building where a variety theatre is in full blast. It embraces the general powers of the city government over the liquor traffic. We believe the great mass of the people of this city endorsed the action of the majority of the City Council in refusing the license to