

they would be required to appear before the registration board and again take oath that they are not practicing polygamy or their names would be stricken from the list. Those who received notices never were polygamists and all have previously subscribed to the oath provided by the Edmunds bill."

This is an appropriate ending to this well written article in our Chicago contemporary:

"Although it is six weeks from election day excitement already runs high. Marching clubs in gay uniforms, several thousand strong and headed by bands and drum corps, parade the city nightly. Meetings are held in every ward, and both parties give balls and other entertainments several times a week. It is the oddest as well as the bitterest political campaign that has ever been known in the West."

"CUT AND DRIED" POLITICS.

ONE of the many untruthful charges against the People's Party, made by their unprincipled opponents, has been that the tickets arranged by the conventions of delegates were "cut and dried" by the Priesthood. The truth is that the People's Party tickets have always been the choice of a majority of the delegates elected at the primaries. When those tickets have been formulated, the voters have been advised and urged to unite upon the nominees, so that the candidates might be elected. There has always been a little scratching, but it has not amounted to much. Coercion has never been used, no matter who may charge it upon the party.

But be this as it may, there has never been even a thought or allegation of such "cut and dried" business as that resorted to by the so-called "Liberals" during the recent ward primary squabbles. The ward caucuses of the People's Party have invariably been attended by the people interested in political matters, and delegates have been selected by them to represent them in their various localities at the conventions. These delegates have been the People's delegates, in the fullest sense of the word. The primary meetings have been free, popular assemblies and if the views of the masses have not been represented, it has been the fault of the voters, not of any one else.

But these same "accusers of the brethren" who have talked so much "cut and dried" tactics, actually went so far in this direction themselves that they printed tickets with the names of the men for the masses to vote upon as delegates to precinct caucuses! They could not leave this simple popular matter to

the voters. They selected for the people attending the primaries the "Liberal" persons whom the pliant people were to have the appearance of selecting.

"Well," it may be asked, "did not this cause a good deal of kicking and scratching?" Yes. But the fact remains that the so-called delegates were picked out not by the masses of the voters in the primaries, but by the "Liberal" leaders and strikers. Even the opposition which prevailed in one or two instances was a "cut and dried" affair, pre-arranged, printed and put into the hands of the common herd. More than that. Pressure was brought to bear upon employes to make them vote the printed ticket put into their hands by their "bosses." And this is what they call free voting. This is "Liberal" liberty. This is how "Liberals" break up "cut and dried" business. Is not this out-Heroding Herod?

The truth is, the whole "Liberal" organization is a combination against liberty. It was framed to destroy popular freedom. Its only successes have been in that direction. To deprive citizens of the franchise and to secure offices, emoluments and opportunities for personal profit have been and are the objects of their pursuit. It is a party of destruction, of coercion, of trickery, of fraud, and of humbug and hypocrisy. It cannot endure. It must fall to pieces sooner or later, and something more stable, American and respectable take its place, in opposition to the party of the majority in Utah.

Respectable, conservative and really resident citizens of this territory, ought to be ashamed to associate themselves intimately with such a disreputable organization, and to place themselves under the dictation and domination of such leaders. It is known that the candidates for the offices have been selected, and the same tactics as those resorted to for the purpose of dictating and controlling the primaries will be used to secure the adoption of the "cut and dried" ticket made up by the carpet baggers who are manipulating the whole concern.

The question is, will the *bona fide*, non-"Mormon" citizens, who have material interests here outside of the ephemeral real estate speculation which will prove but a boom, permit their prejudice to overcome their prudence, and link them with the horde of adventurers and political strikers who are going much further in the "cut and dried"

methods than have even been charged against the leaders of the People's Party? And what is the difference between the imaginary "priestly dictation" that figures only as a cry, and the real dictation of the unscrupulous manipulators of election affairs, who crack the party whip and bid their followers cast their printed tickets for delegates from the primaries? Could the course of "Liberal" impudence any further go?

BISMARCK'S LATEST SCHEME.

FOR SOME months it has been growing more and more apparent that Bismarck must make a decided move in some direction, to avoid being placed at a serious if not fatal disadvantage. The course of Austria in lending comfort to Russia in the policy of the latter to gain control in Bulgaria, made a continuance of any alliance between Germany and Austria impossible. Italy was willing to have Austria support Russia provided the Alpine provinces of Trentino were surrendered by Austria to Italy. Thus Germany saw herself deserted by her two allies, and confronted with Russian aggressions which directly menaced Constantinople. These aggressions, if successfully carried to a certain point, not far distant, would realize Russia's traditional ambition, the control of the Bosphorus, and hence of the Black Sea, which she would cover with vessels of war, and thus, having a southern outlet, become a great naval as well as military power.

Austria forms a league with Russia to the peril of Germany. The latter stands alone, for Italy's neutrality can be purchased cheaply enough. England holds back from interference in continental affairs, and France beholds with glee the successes of the Bear as against Bismarck. What will the Man of Blood and Iron do? Show himself equal to the emergency which confronts him. He must outbid Austria by making a better offer to the Czar than the latter has; and to match Austria's perfidy, Bismarck's bid, if accepted, must be paid at her expense. The Chancellor makes to the Czar the startling proposition that they divide Austria between them, the Czar to take the Slavonic districts and Germany the German-speaking duchies of Francis Joseph's empire. Austria is to be dismembered and wiped from the map of Europe. The Pan-Slavic sentiment is to be gratified