

ber for the county election, but could not supply anything like the crowds that helped the "Liberals" steal the city election.

There is one thing that the decent citizens of Utah should keep in mind in reference to election affairs: The Legislature of 1890 passed two bills looking to election reforms and rendering impossible some of the tricks by which "Liberal" frauds were accomplished last February. But the "Liberal" leaders and organ raised such a howl that the "Liberal" Governor vetoed them both and thus left the way open for a repetition of the wrongs of the past. "Liberals" pretended that the frauds and acts of injustice of which the People complained were made possible through defects in the law. But when those alleged defects were sought to be remedied, they jumped at once to the rescue and rendered reform impossible.

The party that is responsible for the evils that have entered into election affairs in this city is too corrupt to hang together very long. Therein is comfort for respectable citizens. It will drop to pieces through internal rotteness, and then there will be hope of justice and fair play. Meanwhile let every honest voter do his duty, and aid in exposing fraud by bringing the criminals who practice it to punishment or at least to exposure.

If as great a proportion of the registered voters of the People's Party went to the polls as is claimed by their opponents, it speaks well for the party and shows that the names of its voters on the lists were genuine. The enormous difference between the number of "Liberal" names and "Liberal" voters after the thorough organization and espionage effected, shows that hundreds of them were bogus. Their organ has opened its venomous mouth a little to wide this time.

A SETTLED QUESTION.

IN articles containing a re-hash of old scraps of sheer falsehood, which were refuted months ago and thrown aside into the vast heap of similar *Tribune* garbage, the principal scavenger of that receptacle of slander showed his love for such fusty morsels August 12th.

We do not propose to turn them over or touch them again, but will notice the falsehood in relation to the citizenship of Hon. George Q. Cannon, as that is the most prominent and least odorous article in the

dirty dishes served up for "Liberal" delectation.

There are four untruths repeated by this foul creature once more, in regard to this legally settled matter. First that Mr. Cannon's certificate of citizenship would not pass the scrutiny of any lawyer in the world. Second, that it was impossible for him to become a citizen because he had not been in the country long enough. Third, that there was no record in the court of any proceedings through which Mr. Cannon was naturalized. Fourth, that "Bishop John Sharp had a similar certificate" and by legal advice "obtained regular naturalization papers."

It is a fact which the records of the United States House of Representatives will prove, that the certificate has passed the scrutiny of several lawyers of national repute. That it was accepted by Congressional committees as genuine, and was certified to by the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Utah at the time its genuineness was disputed for an evil purpose.

It is a fact, that Mr. Cannon came to this country when he was a mere boy, and that he was one of the first settlers of this Territory. Also that the only objection raised by his political enemies on that point was his absence on a mission for some time previous to his naturalization. But this has been judicially decided in his favor. His residence was at his home, his home was in Salt Lake City, his visit to the Sandwich Islands did not viciate his domicile and the whole objection was simply vexatious and puerile. But the present allegation as to his residence is a wilful and stupid falsehood.

It is a fact that there was, and we presume, but do not know, that there is a record of that naturalization in the Supreme Court of Utah. That it was not in the regular minutes of court proceedings does not matter. It was done in the usual manner of recording naturalizations at the time and cannot now be impeached. And there is abundant evidence that it was legally obtained.

It is not a fact that the gentleman named had a similar certificate to Mr. Cannon's. His case was entirely different. It was that of many others who have suffered through the blunder, or carelessness, or worse of a clerk who failed to make any record whatever of the naturalization of many aliens, who had appeared in open court and had received proper certificates of citizen-

ship. In some cases the names were recorded, in others they were not. Mr. Cannon did not receive his certificate from that clerk or in that court, and there is no parallel between the two instances.

It is no fault of Mr. Cannon if the certificate of his naturalization does not please the gatherer of musty fictions who now rakes up these settled disputes. It has satisfied judges, lawyers, congressmen and other honorable gentlemen, so this carping objection does not count. If there had been no record in any shape of this naturalization, the proofs that it occurred were at hand and were unimpeachable. And it would be very poor policy and very queer justice, which would make a citizen responsible for the non-performance of duty by an official over whom he had no control.

All this hollow and dirty falsehood, to excuse the criminal act of an executive officer who certified to a lie, in order to rob a man of an office to which he was undoubtedly elected, and give it to an aspirant whom the voters had emphatically rejected, does not help the matter a particle. The scheme didn't work. The naturalization part of the infamous plot fell entirely through. Congress and the country condemned the act which the *Tribune* scavenger applauds, and the gentleman who was made the victim of the conspiracy to defraud the people of Utah, was not refused his seat in Congress on the false pretense under which he was swindled out of his certificate of election.

The truth remains that Mr. Thurman's statement was correct. And no attack upon him, or upon anybody else who recites this shameful chapter of Utah history, will cover up the wrong that was done or wipe out the stain upon the character of the criminals by whom it was perpetrated.

The foregoing was crowded out of our columns on Tuesday. On August 13th the following letter appears in the "Liberal" organ, with comments characteristic of the meanest paper in America, which is never honorable enough to frankly acknowledge an error, but always seeks to palliate one deliberate falsehood by fabricating others:

"*Editor Tribune*—I notice in today's issue of your paper an article entitled 'Cannon's Citizenship,' in which the following language occurs: 'We showed that just exactly such certificates were given indiscriminately throughout the Territory by a