

were not stricken off as required by law.

We do not charge this dereliction of duty upon the County Registrar Officer, personally, but the fact is too patent to deny that it is attributable to some of his deputies. They did not make such "careful inquiry" by visiting "every dwelling house in each precinct" as the statute requires, either for striking off or adding names in the manner provided.

The consequence is, that the lists are weighted down with names that ought not to be there. An opening is thus afforded for fraud. We are informed that there are persons now in town who intend to personate those absentees and to vote the "Liberal" ticket in their stead. We hope this illegal voting will not be aided by the restrictions as to challenging which the Utah Commission have suggested in their circular. We do not for a moment intimate that they are in any way implicated in this proceeding. What they advised was offered, no doubt, under the impression that it would be the fairest plan for both parties. But while the People's Party will not stoop to anything illegal or unfair, it is known that they have opponents who will resort to any kind of political trickery which promises to be favorable to their purpose.

That Ogden City was carried for the "Liberals" by the boldest fraud, has been openly admitted and boasted of by prominent members of that party. It is scarcely disputed among many "Liberals" in Ogden. Predictions were freely made by "Liberals" after the Ogden election that the same methods would be resorted to at Salt Lake to carry it for their party. And one of the methods was the impersonation trick. There is every indication that it is intended to be repeated in Ogden next Monday, and some that it is to be tried at the polls in this city.

Now we believe that here it will prove to be a dangerous game. The People's Party are aroused. It is known that at the school election there was much "Liberal" illegal voting. The arrest made yesterday and the confession of the offender, form but one straw to show which way the "Liberal" wind blew. Let every good citizen be ready to aid in the exposure of attempted frauds. Let every impersonator at the polls be challenged and prosecuted. Let attempted as well as actual bribery be punished as the law provides.

If the "Liberals" have the most legal votes in any precinct or district, let them take their victory without a complaint from the People's Party. But no Ogden frauds in ours; no rejection of legal voters; no carrying of any district by imported roughs from mining camps or elsewhere. Convicts do often squeal on their accomplices. Let those who have tried to work this scheme call off their dogs, or there may be trouble for more than the fellows who are pushed to the front.

THE PEOPLE'S CAUSE.

ONE of the chief issues of the present local political campaign is a question involving the preservation to the majority of the few rights they have remaining, or whether they shall be practically reduced to serfdom. If the "Liberals" should, by any process, obtain complete control of the local civil government of Utah, every member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints would be disfranchised. Otherwise there would be a complete change and reversal of "Liberal" policy.

In support of this theory the friends of the people have cited the aid, sympathy and endorsement tendered by the opposition in Utah to the anti-"Mormon" politicians of Idaho who have succeeded in the outrageous disfranchisement scheme by which the Latter-day Saints in that Territory have been deprived of the privilege of voting or holding office. Yet those who uphold that disgraceful outrage go before the people in the present campaign and ask them to vote for their candidates. This amounts to asking them to vote for their own political disability.

Two of the Liberal campaigners—notably Judge Powers and Mr. P. L. Williams—have sought to throw dust in the eyes of the "Mormon" portion of their hearers on this point. Alluding to the infamous Idaho test oath, they attempted to make it appear that it was only persons who committed certain acts prohibited by law or aided and abetted in their perpetration that were disfranchised by it. Such hypocritical methods are inexcusable even in the commonest order of political stump speakers. They are all the more censurable as coming from attorneys at law possessing acknowledged professional ability. They know, and it is notoriously known, that by the test oath process combined with the action of the courts in that section of the country, every "Mormon" in Idaho

otherwise qualified to vote and hold office has been disqualified on the sole ground of membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is also perfectly understood that having favored the perpetration of that enormous wrong in Idaho, the Liberals of Utah only need the power to put the same process in operation in this Territory. They have the will and have shown it in ways too patent to admit of any mistake regarding their disposition.

Last night a new "Liberal" speaker—a Mr. Stephens—advanced the idea that a change was desirable. He was candid enough to admit, however, that the "Liberals" in power might not prove a blessing to the commonwealth, or a success on general principles. But he plastered over his doubt with the unsubstantial theory that if they should be found wanting they could be turned out of office. Turned out by whom? By themselves? Hardly! Then if they should once get hold of the reins of local civil government they would take care that it would be placed beyond the power of the honest "Mormons" to put them out for corruption. They would strip them of the only effective weapon with which political battles can be fought—the elective franchise.

The battle ground of the People's Party is the preservation of the remaining remnants of civil and religious rights and the protection of home and family. No people ever had a nobler cause or one more worthy of a determined struggle.

"LIBERAL" BRUTE FORCE.

THE organ of the "Liberals" is angry because expressions of disapproval at the outrageous remarks of a "Liberal" stump orator at Ogden were not resented with violence. And it says:

"We do better than that even in Salt Lake. Three evenings since a burly Mormon called one of the Liberal speakers a liar. Without disturbing the meeting a Liberal near arose, put his hands around the brute's neck, choked him until his tongue came out, and his face grew black, and then let him drop limp—discharged cured. They should keep the peace in Ogden if they have to fight for it."

We do not approve of any interruptions in a public meeting, out of doors or indoors. It is ungentlemanly and contrary to the principles of the People's Party. Still more to be deprecated is the calling of names, the using of opprobrious epithets in the manner