

In Maine, an old lady who was known as an inveterate beggar died a short time ago. Her bank account showed \$20,000 to her credit. Besides, she had a mania for collecting bedding material, and left enough to stock a couple of hotels.

But Tennessee must be accorded the palm for modern marvels. The other day a person who served twenty-five years as a faithful farm laborer died. After death it was discovered the person was a woman. The doctor who examined the corpse said: "She was a well developed woman who had borne children in early life."

Wild man Evans, aged 65, a Tennessee maniac, also died a short time ago. He was crossed in love in early life, then took to living in a cave, and laying aside clothing. A thick coat of hair grew on his skin, which later assumed the thickness of cowhide. He lived on the wild fruit and other provender picked up in the woods.

But the Memphis maiden who murdered her lady companion because the latter refused to marry her surpasses anything in this extraordinary age of strange developments.

SHOWING ITS HEELS AND EARS.

THE "Liberal" organ is sorely exercised. It has been turning and twisting, jumping first one way and then another, so much during the past week or two that there is no wonder it is weary and sick. But it will not help its cause or its temper by floundering and calling names and trying to crawl out of a hole, as it attempted to do this morning.

We have quoted from its columns endorsements of the "Liberal" ticket "from top to bottom," citing its utterances clipped verbatim from its editorial columns. In reply it says: "There is not the slightest word of truth in it." And yet it cannot deny that we quoted its own words, but dodges the issue by saying it meant, not the whole "Liberal" ticket, but only that part of it nominated in the convention for officers to be elected at large.

This miserable subterfuge is in keeping with its whole course. At the head of its editorial columns it placed the ticket as nominated by the precinct conventions. This was headed "Liberal City Ticket." For several days it included the names of George Olsou and L. C. Karrick. When the names for officers to be elected at large were selected, it added them to the ticket. This ticket it proclaimed as beyond criticism. And, lest it should still try to prevaricate on this question, it particularized and specified the nominations

for Councilmen made in the precincts, and said of the ticket, including them, "as a whole it is made up of first class men, and the opponents of the Liberal party will have to run on their merits and not on the demerits of their opponents."

Again, on replying to the *Herald*, which spoke of the whole ticket as "a weak one," the *Tribune* said: "It calls the ticket a weak one. We say that from top to bottom it could not be improved if the town were searched over for candidates." The *Herald* referred to the whole ticket. So did the *Tribune*, because it was replying to the *Herald's* criticism.

Next day it came out in a fury and demanded Mr. Olson's resignation, and advised the voters to defeat him at the polls if he didn't comply. A few days after it dropped Mr. Karrick's name from the ticket, the reason for which was explained to our reporter by Judge Powers.

It is no use for the *Tribune* to shirk and shuffle, and say it didn't mean "the whole ticket from top to bottom" when it said so. It is in a hole, as it is on the statehood question. And it would show more sense by silence, than by exhibiting all the characteristics of a wild donkey kicked by his own hoofs, lashed by his own tail and braying "burro!" to the witnesses of its assinnity.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

WE have received a letter from a distant city requesting answers to the following questions through the *DESERET NEWS*:

First. Has a municipal corporation power to tax property of any description, either real or personal, whether consisting of money or other values, when said property is, and always has been, outside the corporate limits?

Second. Would the fact of the owner of said property being a resident of such corporation give the municipality the right to tax property situated as described in the preceding question?

Third. Can a municipality lawfully tax money loaned in their municipal domain, when the owner is a non-resident, and derives no benefit from the expenditure of the taxes of said municipality?

Fourth. Can property be legally assessed without the owner, when known, or his agent, being interviewed by the assessor, unless it be by the leaving of blanks to fill out as provided by the Territorial law, the city ordinances being silent upon the subject?

Fifth. Is the assessor accountable to the City Council for his official acts, and if it is shown to them that he has acted irregularly in the discharge of his duties, have they power to grant relief to the injured party?

A municipal corporation has power to tax all kinds of property, real and personal, which is within the corporate limits, but not otherwise. This is not affected by the absence of the owner or by his non-residence. The tax is not

on the person but on the property, and does not follow the owner but that which is taxed. The manner of notice is incidental; the property is held for the amount assessed against it in any event. A City Council can grant relief to a party injured by improper action of an assessor who is accountable to that body. A time is usually fixed by ordinance for the equalization of taxes and the hearing of all complaints in reference to assessments. The City Council can then adjudicate and grant proper relief.

NO NEED FOR IT.

THE fires of indignation have been aroused in Republican ranks in this city by the statement made by the Salt Lake *Herald* that, "A vote for the Republican ticket while the 'Liberal' party is compact is a vote thrown away." We have received a number of communications in which the writers display much heat at the publication of such an assertion, and denounce it as an "insulting insinuation and a political trick."

As we decline to publish any further correspondence on this point, we think it due, as a matter of courtesy to those who have communicated with the *NEWS* on the subject, that we give some of our reasons for the declination."

(1.) We have already admitted to our columns a reply to the statement of the *Herald*, from the Republican municipal committee.

(2.) The tone of the correspondence covers much the same ground as the paper published by the committee, but is too extremely denunciatory of our esteemed cotemporary, with which we are on excellent terms.

(3.) The division on national party lines was a step founded, upon the sincere convictions of the people, who are too clear-sighted to be misled by rash and by no means justifiable statements. The people will "sail in" on Monday and vote their own tickets, according to their party principles, whether they be Democrats or Republicans. They cannot do otherwise consistently. Hence there is no need to open our columns to voluminous correspondence denouncing the statement of the *Herald*, or exhorting the people to vote according to their convictions. They are honest and need no special advice on that point. They will show conclusively that any insinuation as to their sincerity is baseless and disingenuous.

AN OBJECTIONABLE MEDICAL MEASURE.

ATTENTION is directed to a communication from a medical gentleman in relation to the bill now pending in the Legislature to regulate the practice of medicine. It voices the views of a great many thinking people. Efforts have been made at nearly every session of the Legislature to procure the passage of such a bill, which would