

horse, he would follow up the thief and strive to regain his property. The ballot is worth more than money, and he who steals it is a viler criminal than a highwayman.

It is but fair to say in behalf of prosecuting officers, that complaints are more common than available witnesses, and demands for vengeance than adducible proofs. Men who are ready in private to relate what they have seen and heard, begin to shrink when requested to go into court and tell the truth before a jury. "Oh! what is the use?" That is the usual response. The use is as we have described. The fault is with men who are not ready to do a disagreeable public duty. Much of the blame for the immunity of election rogues, lies with those who know of their guilt and are unwilling to swear in public to what they affirm in private.

The law is plain, the facts are numerous and provable, the witnesses are reliable, the courts are open, the public will give its verdict no matter what picked juries may do, the cause is just, the consequences are important, and for the future welfare of this Territory, justice demands that villainy shall be exposed, and that men in high places shall be tested, to see whether they will stand by the right or condone fraud and become accomplices in villainy. This is all talk. Will anything be done?

DON'T YOU DO IT!

THERE is an evident "Liberal" intention to steal, if possible, all the offices voted for at the county election. This is manifest from the dispatches sent from this city, the hints dropped in "Liberal" prints and the incautious remarks of open-mouthed "Liberal" loafers, moneyed and impetuous.

It is certain that if every legal voter of the People's Party had been permitted to cast his ballot, not one "Liberal" candidate would have been elected. By the term "legal voter" we mean just what the law means. We exclude all polygamists, bigamists and persons cohabiting polygamously, and those who have been convicted of offenses against the laws of Congress in relation to such offenses.

That many legal voters have been robbed of their right of franchise at this election can be proved beyond refutation. So far, this wrong has been quietly submitted to. But there are limits to patient endurance. We warn the conspirators who are

anxious to go further that it will not be safe to do so. The People want a fair count of the votes cast, and they expect to have it. Fraud enough has been committed against them. It will not be wise to attempt anything further of that kind.

This is not a threat, but a warning. Let all the votes cast for each candidate be correctly counted, added up and officially announced. Nothing less than this will do. Do not attempt to inaugurate any further schemes to defeat the will of the people as expressed at the polls, or carry out any of the unlawful projects threatened. That is all we have to say.

ANTI-"MORMON" INCONSISTENCY.

THE Springfield *Republican* goes along in the even tenor of its contemptible way. It does not appear as if its editor had any use for fairness or humanity when speaking of the "Mormon" people or their affairs. He elects to run in the old beaten, senseless rut which has been so long trodden by religious fanatics, political demagogues and feeders of popular prejudice.

The latest exhibition of anti-"Mormon" dishonesty on the part of the *Republican* is its pretense of having swallowed at one gulp the story palmed upon the public by the *San Francisco Chronicle* regarding extensive investments of Church funds in California. We can hardly believe that its gullibility is real, but merely pretended. Our belief on this point is reasonable, because the article in question states a direct untruth in treating the subject, thus establishing the fact of its hypocrisy. If hypocritical and false in one instance it is liable to be in another. It states that "certain utterances of the DESERET NEWS are confirmatory of the San Francisco story." No representation could be further from the truth. All that this journal has said on the matter has been to the effect that the story was a fabrication, an assertion which we now repeat. It is a manufactured tale.

In this matter the *Republican* has even gone beyond the chief local anti-"Mormon" paper published in this city, whose chief aim is to antagonize, in every possible shape, "Mormonism" and its adherents. Even that journal treated the *Chronicle* tale as a Munchausenism. It did so because it was aware that if it had taken any other position it would have been guilty of perpetrating a manifest absurdity. Men and journals are entitled to hold and,

within the limits of decency and truth, to express their views on all subjects, "Mormonism and the Mormons" included, no matter whether the opinions be favorable or adverse; but when truth is ignored and its opposite used, those who thus treat popular themes are only worthy of contempt.

What can, however, be expected of an editor or journal who will defend the confiscation of the property of the "Mormon" people, or that of any other community, and its being applied to a purpose for which its real owners never intended it—to educate the children of non-"Mormons" and thus pauperize the latter at the expense of their self-respect and of the property of the Saints? What can be expected of such a paper as the *Republican* which will so antagonize the Constitution as to insist that it is proper to seize private property and use it for a public purpose without compensation. Either such a journal is ignorant of the underlying principles of American government, or it wilfully seeks, so far as its limited influence extends, to undermine the safeguards of civil government. Such has been the attitude of this Illinois journalistic advocate of public robbery and unjustifiable persecution. Men who conduct newspapers which apologize for and justify dishonesty and oppression are a disgrace to the profession. The position taken in the Springfield paper was evidently inspired by a desire to make the robbery of an industrious, honorable and moral people more complete. Hence the expressed belief in the correctness of the ridiculous narrative concocted by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. The *Republican* appears to be afraid that a dollar belonging to the Saints shall escape the barbarous process of confiscation, which is legalized robbery.

Why should the "Mormons" be compelled to pay for the education of the children of the Gentiles. We defy the *Republican* to answer that conundrum in line with its dishonest course in connection with the seizure of the property of the Latter-day Saints.

A CHANGE HAS BEEN WROUGHT.

THE Rocky Mountain *News* has the following paragraph. It shows not only the apparent character of the country here before it was opened up to civilization, irrigation and cultivation by the "Mormons," but the change that has been