

plication, and feel inclined to let well enough alone. And they are tired of asking for a fish and getting a serpent. But their enemies are now taking a turn and are as eager for Statehood as they were formerly opposed to it.

What is the reason? They imagine that by a strong movement they can effect the disfranchisement of the great body of the citizens of the Territory, and thus grasp complete possession of the new State. And they expect to so influence Republican Congressmen that they will lend their aid to the scheme, which promises to add one more State to the Republican list before the next Presidential election.

"Oh! but" the schemers explain, "this is not so, for there are several Utah Democrats who favor Mormon disfranchisement and then Statehood for Utah." Just so. And these so-called "Democrats" would scheme to make this a Republican State, or pretend to do so, and do anything else to exclude the "Mormons" from the polls, so that these political plotters might have some chance for political preferment. Some of these so-called "Democrats" are under pay from a body chiefly composed of professed "Republicans." Their politics really is pelf. Their patriotism is place. Their principle is self-indulgence, and their "morality" may be seen in their dissolute lives.

There never was a more brazen piece of effrontery, or a more despicable attempt to steal a State, than that now attempted by a portion of the mis-called "Liberal" party of Utah. And the very proposition they make, namely, to disfranchise all their opponents at the polls, that they may have an easy walk-over into the offices, ought to be enough to spoil their transparent plot with every member of Congress who is not affected incurably with anti-"Mormon" myopia. We believe they will spend their time and their money for naught. The paid emissaries at Washington, however, will succeed in enjoying to the "full" what they denominate "a glorious time."

GET ONE WITH HIS HEART IN IT.

THE Libby resolutions adopted at the law and order meeting held in the Methodist Church on Monday, January 12, provide that a committee wait upon the Mayor and City Attorney and make a tender of assistant counsel to aid in fighting, in the courts, the issuance of a license to sell liquor in the basement of the variety theatre. It is proposed to supply this legal aid free of cost to the city.

We do not know whether or not the originators of the resolutions over-

looked the fact that Mr. Varian had already been employed by the city to assist Col. Merritt in the conduct of the case in question. There is one point, however, that ought not to be overlooked in the event of the offer embodied being accepted—the selection should be an attorney who cares "a snap" whether or not the license is granted.

When a man's heart does not engage in a struggle but probably tugs in the other direction, his brain is more than liable to follow suit.

Now it ought to be easy to find an attorney who cares "a snap" on this subject and who has both legs on one side the fence, as the sympathies of every upright man ought to be against the encouragement of a concern universally regarded as one of the most damnable concomitants of demoralized modern civilization. It consists of a combination of three of the most corrupting social agencies, whose capacities for evil are increased tenfold by being operated in unison. Besides, no man can conduct capably an important piece of work in which he has no enthusiasm, and in the result of which he takes no personal interest amounting to a "snap." For instance, it would be absurd to engage the services of a saloonkeeper to deliver a lecture on the evil results of intemperance.

THE "INEVITABLE BLOODY BATTLE."

THE sensational reportorial genius generally prognosticates what he hopes for, but which frequently never occurs. For a couple of weeks past the representatives of the fraternity near the seat of war have been daily asserting that "a bloody battle is inevitable tomorrow. The crisis cannot possibly be longer delayed."

Somehow, it has been delayed, though, doubtless, to the chagrin of the eager newspaper man. The fact is there has not been half enough killing to suit the sanguinary-minded newspaper correspondent who is anxious to dish up for the journal he represents a bloody slaughter of human beings. He is led astray by a vitiated passion for the activities of his profession. Were it not for this he would be as harmless in his anticipations and desires as the ordinary mortal. As it is, he is feeding the fond hopes of the unconscionable land-grabber who thinks and dreams of the settlement of the Indian question by the annihilation of the red men. This hope keeps him close on the border, ready to seize the lands occupied by the savages as soon as they shall, by a bloody process, be opened for settlement.

Long may the enterprising sanguin-

ary newspaper correspondent and the wolfish land-grabber be disappointed in their hopes of the "inevitable bloody battle tomorrow." May that tomorrow never arrive.

POLITICAL DISINTEGRATION IN PROGRESS.

IT is saddening to the well-balanced American mind to dwell on the political situation at present, as far as it relates to candidates for official stations. Only in very few instances can be seen that healthy, legitimate ambition which characterized our ancestors in similar circumstances. Now it is a mad scramble—an insane rush for political emolument and distinction on the part of the average candidate. The condition of many of the State Legislatures fully demonstrates this fact. Governor Goodell, of New Hampshire, placed the State Capitol at Concord in the hands of the military and police on the 7th instant. The members of the Legislature, on their entrance to the Capitol, had to pass through a cordon of police, and before the Marshal of Concord. On the inside the Speaker's desk was guarded by several police, in plain clothes. All persons coming towards the desk were closely questioned, and unless satisfactory answers were given the police hustled them out. These precautions were taken because it was anticipated the organization of the Legislature would be attended with rioting. Hiram A. Tuttle was chosen Governor, and all the vacancies in the Council and Senate were filled by the election of Republican candidates. The other party claims fraud and is swearing vengeance.

In Connecticut the Legislature is also in a rather equivocal condition. One branch is Democratic, the other Republican. Each branch wants a Governor of its own persuasion, and the result is a deadlock. The Constitution provides only for one governor, but as matters stand there are two. Could they not set up rival governments, and, like justices of the peace in Chicago, deal out cheap legislation to the masses?

In Montana the old struggle still exists. The Democrats control the Senate, lawfully it is said, but the House they have obtained, it is stated, by fraudulent means. The Democrats have admitted the five members from Silver Bow whose seats were given to Republicans last winter. It is claimed that "turn about is fair play," and that the rule will hold good in politics. The Republicans are holding a small legislature of their own.