

provision. Wyoming goes in with its unrestricted constitution and woman suffrage provision. "Mormons" and women may not vote in Idaho; both may vote in Wyoming. The two States are needed by the Republicans, they meant to have them and they have "got there."

The Democratic party has missed many opportunities for lack of boldness, union and fidelity. It remains weak and stands on the defensive, while its aggressive and determined opponent leads out in the attack and sticks at nothing in pressing for a victory.

What is really needed in this country is a third or Constitutional Party, standing on the basic principles of American republicanism, maintaining the dignity and power of the Nation as a consolidated Government, with power to enforce its laws and sustain its dignity, while securing local rights to every commonwealth which forms part of the Federal Union.

Such a party should draw the best elements from all other political organizations, be a party of principle, and strike loose from the politicians who are but demagogues and time-servers, who work for personal and party ends, and who are leading the people away from those doctrines and institutions that have made the nation great, prosperous and strong, and who are preparing the way for another civil conflict which, if not averted, will deluge the land in blood and prove a hundred fold more horrible and disastrous than the fratricidal war of the rebellion.

### "SIDE LIGHTS."

The Glasgow (Scotland) *Mail* runs a department under the head of "Side Lights of City Life. It consists of unique descriptions of court scenes, the whole constituting a strange mixture of the amusing and pathetic. Here is one picture fished out from a long list of incidents which occurred a few weeks ago in Sheriff Mair's court:

Some women think there is nothing more calculated to arouse sympathy than when they plead their cause and at the same time nurse a sleeping baby. Mrs. Margaret Allan or Smith asked the sheriff to order her husband to pay her £10 of alimony. He resided at 46 Easterfield Place.

Defender—We're three years married, and we have "wan"—(laughter)—"wan" o' a family, I mean. It's sixteen weeks since she left me. I was nine weeks in prison for assault.

Pursuer—Ay, for thrashing his wife—that's me. (A laugh.)

Defender—She lifted my pay, and set out the hoose.

Pursuer—I'm staying wi' my brith-er.

Sheriff Mair—Now you are a young woman why can't you stay with your husband?

Pursuer—Now, could you live wi' a man wha' smashes you wi' his fit? (Laughter.)

Defender—Did I no suffer for that?

Sheriff Mair—The imprisonment might have had som effect upon you.

Pursuer—Bless yer heart, he knocked me doon on the street when I had the wean in me arms!

Defender—Wance.

Pursuer—Ay, forty times wance. (Laughter.)

Sheriff Mair—How much do you earn?

Defender—I dou't know. (Laughter.)

Pursuer—His pay is 29s weekly.

Sheriff—Ten shillings a week.

### SENSELESS AMUSEMENTS.

WE BELIEVE in the necessity and benefits of recreation. We rejoice when working people take a holiday. Legal holidays are not any too frequent; we would not limit them a day but would rather add to the list. Amusement can not always be highly intellectual or greatly instructive. Relaxation of mind, or body, or both, is the object in view in taking a holiday. Therefore anything that necessitates great exertion, mental or physical, does not accomplish the end intended.

A little fun and nonsense is beneficial to the ordinary man as well as the child. But it is not the be-all and end-all of existence, and when carried to extremes is injurious to the individual and to society.

The spirit of the age is one of folly and pleasure seeking. It seems as though many people look upon amusement as the chief object of existence. And young folks are drinking in of this spirit in copious draughts. "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God," was one of the apostolic descriptions of the people of the latter days. It was true to the letter.

A check ought to be put upon immoderate indulgence. The wise will exert themselves in this direction. And when recreation is needed, it ought to be of such a character that after it is over there will not be a feeling that the time has been wasted or worse than wasted.

This "carnival," that has set all Northern Utah agog for a week; can anybody see any sense or benefit in it? "Why," some one will say, "is it not a big advertisement for Utah and for Ogden in particular?" We reply, if that is so, it is a very expensive advertisement and one

more likely to exhibit the Territory in the light of folly than anything else.

We have yet to hear from a single individual an expression of satisfaction, either in the thing itself or in its result. It was foolery from beginning to end. The "tournament" was but a sorry burlesque on the name. It was mere child's play and not even the shadow of the real thing that pleased the people of the old world centuries ago.

The mock titles, too, had not even the merit of wit or of humor. They were only sound signifying nothing, or soft soap for soft pates. They were sickening to common sense, especially at a time when the nation was commemorating its entire relief from the thralldom of monarchical and aristocratic domination and all the evils and oppressions of the feudal system.

Noise, dust, confusion, crowding of masses without order, or pleasure, or intelligence, or genuine amusement, drinking, carousing, hurly-burly and recklessness, with a few accidents, fatal and otherwise, and a suicide or so thrown in, make up the sum of the senseless "carnival."

Who are benefited except the proprietors of drinking places and low and vile resorts? Will it tend to elevate the masses, beautify the town, impart any useful information, give new energy to those who wasted time and money in traveling to see it and be jammed together in the hot and noisy streets? If any other than we have named are satisfied and can show the good this so-called "carnival" has effected we would like to know it, as we do not wish to be too censorious and will not wilfully misrepresent anything.

Of course it will be said we are "behind the times," or that we are "prejudiced," or that we wish to prevent amusement. But at the risk of being unpopular with a certain class, we simply tell the truth. And though some will be angry because of this, in their hearts, the thousands who have pronounced the whole business a fizzle and a fraud, will echo our sentiments and endorse every word we have said.

Let us have amusements, by all means in their proper time and season, and let them be as frequent as is consistent with graver matters. But let them be at least rational and orderly, and really recreative, and do not let us encourage the wildest folly and absurdity with no possible good results. For our sakes and the sake of our children, let us put some restraint upon this increasing rush on the wide road of senseless amusements, falsely called pleasure and relaxation.