

"LIBERAL" LIBERTY.

It is amusing, although disgusting to witness the wrath of the "Liberal" gang over the freedom exercised by some unterrified "Liberal" workingmen at the polls. They simply acted with that liberty which "Liberals" have been urging upon members of the People's Party for years. But nothing is too vile for the "Liberal" organ to say of them, nor too filthy to pelt them with. They are "scrubs" (that pet epithet of the organ's chief blackguard) "traitors," "sneaks," "camp followers," "freebooters," "disgruntled knaves," "unsavory birds of ill-omen," a "corruptible horde," "disgraceful weights," etc. They are "to be marked and avoided for all time to come."

A "Liberal" writer who had the hardihood to intimate that there was a cause for the disaffection in the "Liberal" ranks, is asked "What kind of a scrub are you?" He is accused of inventing something to "plead in justification of their dirt," and of being "a knave or an ass," while his mild utterances are denominated "gitberish." All this comes from the "American gentlemen" who have assumed the right to dictate the political action of Utah's citizens, and who are continually talking about an imaginary "Church whip."

If it is a virtue to be independent of the People's Party, why is it a vice and a crime to be independent of the miscalled "Liberal" party? Why is it praiseworthy to cut loose from the alleged counsel of "priestly leaders," and condemnable to throw off the dictation of self-constituted political autocrats?

There has been a great deal of nonsense and abuse over the pretended domination of the Church in the political affairs of the Territory. We speak from actual knowledge when we say that the whole pretence is without foundation. In plainer language the charge is a lie. But is there anything in the proceedings of the People's Party that, even by the distortions and perversions common to the "Liberal" organ, can be made to rank with the coercive and tyrannous conduct of these "Liberal" blackguards who assume to control the votes of free citizens?

Who made them the judge of men's minds and actions? What right have they to say how any citizen shall or should have cast his ballot? Who appointed them the

custodians of the people's consciences? And how long will respectable men in this Territory cringe and crawl under the crack of the *Tribune* whip?

We defy any of the gang to prove wherein the Church leaders have coerced or controlled any caucus, convention or voter during this August election, or censured any man for the manner in which he cast his ballot. But the "Liberal" whip has been whirled and snapped, and the "Liberal" hounds have barked and howled, and the "Liberal" blackguards have emptied their barrels of billingsgate over refractory members of their party, till every respectable "Gentile" ought to rise in disgust and indignation, and cast off the yoke of the presumptuous ruffians who assume so much authority, and determine to make a decent organization, free from the libelous and unprincipled crew that justify fraud, abuse all who differ from them and attempt to dictate the affairs of the whole Territory.

The "Mormon" people may be simple, easily led and generally unsophisticated, but they would not submit for an hour to the gross effrontery, tyrannical dictation and scurrilous abuse which "Liberals" take quietly from their would-be rulers, nor curl under the lash which is so frequently and vigorously whirled about the ears of "Liberals" who attempt to be free. "Church dictation," even as falsely described by "Liberal" scribes, is not a tenth part to be so much resisted and despised as the assumption and abuse of these impudent "Liberal" despots.

WILL ANYTHING BE DONE?

THE elections held in this city and Ogden under the auspices of the Utah Commission, during the past two years, have demonstrated these facts:

That frauds of the most shameful character have been perpetrated in the interest of the so-called "Liberal" party.

That neither the principals in the crimes committed, nor any of the accessories have been brought to justice.

That the officers whose duty it is to prosecute offenders against the law have failed to proceed against the robbers of the people's rights.

That the Utah Commission, while apparently desirous of promoting fairness and impartiality, have not exhibited any forcible determination to vindicate their own author-

ity or remove appointees who defy their instructions and violate the law.

That the people have tamely submitted to political outrages, until the impudent and lawless manipulators of election frauds believe they can continue their villainy without danger.

That unless some vigorous efforts are made to expose these frauds and punish the criminals, elections in this Territory will be only a farce and the means by which the "Liberal" party can seize the offices and reward the scoundrels who perform their political dirty work.

We regard as a mistake the policy of the People's Party in allowing the villainies practiced by their opponents at the February election to pass without public exposure and prosecution. We believe, with others, that the criminals would have escaped punishment. But we do not coincide with the view that therefore it was useless to proceed against them. We have no doubt whatever that the evidence adduced would have been so overwhelmingly against them, that respectable people of all classes would have been disgusted with a party that employed such measures and such men, and that it would have had a salutary influence with the Utah Commission, or failing that, with still higher authority, resulting in some reform in the appointing of registration and election officers.

There are persons who so flagrantly violated the law, while acting as registration officers or judges of election, that due process of law would land them in jail and post them before the public as political thieves.

If the people of Utah value the few privileges and rights which remain to them, and have the spirit and vigor of honest manhood, they will refuse to lie down in the dust while knaves and robbers walk over them into stolen places and plundered power. No matter if packed juries and biased officials help the rascals out of the legal consequences of their crimes. Let in the light upon their doings. Show up their shameful methods. Make plain to the world the kind of creatures that commit the frauds and are promised or put up for office in pay for their depravity!

And further. Every legal voter who has been deprived of his rights at the polls should exert himself to demonstrate the wrong done to him and recover his franchise. If he were robbed of his purse or his