

KEEP COOL!

THOSE who are unacquainted with the quality of the "active politicians" of the "Liberal" party would naturally suppose that their success in gaining possession of Salt Lake City by recourse to gigantic frauds would have mollified them. This idea had some plausible grounds on which to rest, seeing that they had only to pay their chief political manipulator—Orlando W. Powers—a comparatively small sum for his extraordinary work of the campaign. When such an inventive genius as he proved himself to be in Michigan politics was secured at such a low figure, it looks as if a mollification of feeling should pervade the upper branches of the "Liberal" party, seeing that the prize secured—the control of the city government—is by no means a light one. A day or two after the election a more humane sentiment seemed to pervade the leaders of the opposition, which was, however, only momentarily appeased. Perhaps there may have flickered under their vests for a brief space a faint symptom of remorse, which with them could hardly ever blossom into even an infinitesimal intimation of sympathy.

We take the cue of the pervading sentiment of the active portion of the upper crust of the "Liberal" clique from the tone of the party press, which keeps breaking out in fresh places, like an old sore. It fairly runs over with venom, surrounding itself with poisonous pools of expended spite, and does everything but recommend a process of physical extermination of the "Mormons." Such heat in frosty weather is phenomenal, and suggests the propriety of the feverish writers having their heads enveloped in snow to prevent spontaneous cranial combustion.

The choleric condition in question causes a blinding confusion of ideas, leading to the most ridiculous blunders relating to matters and persons. As an instance, a rabid article points with characteristic ferocity to Seymour B. Young as Counselor to the President of the Salt Lake Stake, when it is a commonly understood fact that he has never occupied that position or any other similar to it. But if he did, there is no particular reason for getting in a rage about it.

War to the knife seems to be the cry of the fanatical scribes, to be continued "until the 'Mormon' Church ceases to exercise domina-

tion and compel its members to vote the People's ticket." That which ails the opposition is embodied in this quotation:

"It is true that at no election in this city for ten years have so few Mormon votes been cast for the Liberals. More than 95 per cent of the registered Mormon vote was cast, and the best judgment is that not two per cent of it was cast for any part of the Liberal ticket."

The logical inference is that if the percentage of "Mormons" who voted for the "Liberal" ticket had been say 25 to 30 per cent the sun of complacency would have now been shining in at the windows of the angry scribes. A "Mormon" can vote as he pleases so long as his ballot is for the "Liberal" candidates. This is freedom with a vengeance. On the other hand, when they cast their votes for the People's candidates they are in servitude to the Priesthood. This kind of alleged reasoning, associated with a secret ballot system under the complete and absolute control and manipulation of the "Liberals," is vulgarly foolish and decidedly unmanly.

What about the four hundred "Liberals" who voted for some of the People's candidates? Were they under the domination of the Priesthood, or was their act simply based upon their dissatisfaction with the selections of their own party? Those "Liberal" voters hardly dared come out beforehand in a square declaration against certain candidates, because they would have been blackballed. They were warned ahead that any one of their party who should express opposition to the ticket or any portion of it would be ejected from the party at the head of the "Liberal" drum corps. That threat was publicly made through Chairman Powers. Many expressed their disapproval at the polls, however, when they could do so secretly, without fear of the cowhide of the "Liberal" press. If there were any "Mormons" who wished to vote the "Liberal" ticket the way was open. They made their choice, and did so wisely. To say that they did so at the dictum of the Priesthood has no more truth in it than the same charge would contain were it planted against "the noble four hundred" "Liberals."

THE GENERAL TENDENCY.

THE monarchial governments of Europe are exercised over the recent transition of Brazil from a king's to a popular form of government. This is natural. Every step in the direc-

tion of popular sovereignty is in the nature of an excavation made under the foundation of autocracy. Popular combustion with a fuse attached is liable to be laid there and explode under thrones, resulting in demolition. It is therefore not surprising that monarchism should resist with dogged determination the march of modern republicanism.

We do not anticipate that the powers of Europe will be successful in any attempt to re-establish a kingly government in Brazil. If the effort is made the result will be as predicted when the revolution occurred—"republicanism or anarchy." The flood of human affairs, as already stated, is toward popular forms of rule, and the heaven is working powerfully. The great danger in the tendency of the times is that the flow will wash over the appropriate line of demarcation which limits the government for, of and by the people, and run into anarchy, which soon reduces man to a state of barbarism.

This is the great danger of the age and the nations seem to be hastening towards it. They are drifting away from the moorings of monarchism, and it will be well if they stop midway between the two extremes. One thing is certain—there will be no turning back towards autocracy. The sun of that system is setting, and it will not rise again until He whose right it is to reign shall assume dominion. And even under His benign rule the popular voice will be potent; as there will be a universal understanding of the principles of correct government. The laws will be exactly protective of the rights of all, and a knowledge of their nature, joined to a disposition to conform to them, will produce a universal consent to their establishment and application. Thus will be inaugurated a system the operation of which will produce unbroken peace and unqualified goodwill among men. Before that time the whole earth will pass through the throes of a mighty revolution the like of which has never before been experienced upon its surface. Out of prevailing chaos the brighter era will arise in glorious majesty.

A CAUSE FOR EXCOMMUNICATION.

THE dispatches a few days ago stated that E. B. Esher, Jr., of Chicago, son of a Bishop of the Evangelical Church, had been formally tried and expelled from that church, mainly on account of having instituted a civil suit against a co-relig-