

ing that "the sooner caustic is applied to the sore eye the better for the body politic." What is the matter with the Secretary's eye? Has he got a beam in it, and does that make it sore?

Dr. Adonis Wanted.—Mr. J. M. Alderman, 715 South Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., and other friends in that city, wishes to hear from Dr. Adonis, who was in this city some six or seven years ago, and since then has been in Chicago.

The last we heard of him was that he was in the Sandwich Islands, San Francisco, Cal., and had been in Mexico.

He is Ashamed.—District Attorney Howard is published as talking this way in a late campaign speech—

"He felt ashamed of his country to see the conduct of the Mormon, men, women, and children at the polls."

What did he mean? Had he ever seen "Mormon" men, women, and children conduct themselves at the polls in a way to be ashamed of? How does he want them to conduct themselves at the polls? Peaceably and quietly as they do, or does he wish to see them get drunk, swear, and fight, as people do in the more "civilized" parts of the Union? Or was he merely talking buncombe?

The Election.—The election today for Delegate to Congress has proceeded in a quiet and orderly manner at the various precincts in this city, and to all appearance, up to the time of our going to press, was likely to continue so until the close of the polls, at 5 o'clock. There has been comparatively but a small amount of drinking, a fact that we are pleased to be able to note.

The supervisors of election have remained at their posts and have, so far as we have been able to learn, done their duties, thus far, in a spirit of fairness, as have also the special deputy United States marshals, appointed by United States Marshal Nelson. The specials thus appointed are as follows—

For the First Precinct.—Frederick L. Gamble, J. Y. Gamble, James Malin.

Second.—J. C. Lawrence and Samuel Russell.

Third.—J. C. McManus and Peter Reed.

Fourth.—J. R. Nichols and Henry Pusey.

Fifth.—R. F. Smith, H. F. Sampson, E. Wood, Stewart Stevenson, T. A. Braby, Fred Carter, J. T. Alexander, Francis Armstrong and William Naylor.

The Coal Question.—As each succeeding winter approaches and arrives comes the complaint of a scarcity of coal in the market. This is a great inconvenience to the people, fuel being as essential in cold weather as food and clothing. Coal merchants assert that the blame rests with the Union Pacific Railroad Company, who, they say, refuse to supply sufficient means of transportation for any other coal than that from the mines owned by themselves, leaving the Weber coal mining interests, and consequently the people, to some extent, out in the cold. Whether this be strictly true or no, it is a fact that the means of transportation of the U. P. road for the Weber coal is very far from being equal to the demand, and it is also true that the railroad company own mines, the coal from which is in this market when not a pound of the other kinds is to be had. Perhaps, however, the matter can be clearly and satisfactorily explained so as to free the U. P. company from the imputation of seeking to maintain a very severe and unfair system of monopoly in the coal business, but we are not yet in possession of facts that appear to lead that way.

True, the scarcity of cars may be urged as an excuse, but with a great company this would appear rather lame, for it would be a virtual and even actual admission that the rolling stock and other facilities were insufficient for the demands of its legitimate business.

Whatever be the cause, or who ever the really blamable party or parties may be, it is a most potent fact that the matter is one of reasonable complaint, and works an injury to several classes of the community; to the mine owners, in depriving them of a market for their coal; to numbers of poor, hard-working, industrious men, who are deprived to a considerable extent of labor; and to the consum-

ers of coal, who are measurably deprived of the wherewith to keep them warm, being naturally opposed to being forced to the use of any particular article in the fuel line.

The strong complaint that has been made of late is having the effect of deepening the impression on the minds of the people of the necessity of building a line of railroad between this City and the mines on the Weber, in order that this coal question may be permanently set at rest, but whether this impression will take early tangible shape we are of course unable, at present, to say.

Naturalization.—The following was handed in to-day, by a gentleman of this city—

SALT LAKE CITY,

November 7th, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

A young man, who believes he has been wronged, wants to know why the citizens of Utah are required to pay \$2.50 for 1st and \$5.00 for 2nd naturalization papers, while the same can be obtained elsewhere for 50c. each?

Does the law justify the clerk of the District Court in requiring a man to procure both documents, as above mentioned, on the same day, although he was in the country eleven years before majority and the father of said man had obtained naturalization papers while the son was a minor?

As the naturalization law, as published in the Revised Statutes of the United States, is a sufficient answer to the question, we herewith publish the section (2172) on page 382, bearing on the point, which shows plainly that the young man referred to was a citizen without the process of naturalization in the courts—

"The children of parents who have been duly naturalized under any law of the United States, or who, previous to the passing of any law on that subject, by the government of the United States, may have become citizens of any one of the States, under the laws thereof, being under the age of twenty-one years at the time of the naturalization of their parents, shall, if dwelling in the United States, be considered as citizens thereof; and the children of persons who now are, or have been, citizens of the United States, shall, though born out of the limits and jurisdiction of the United States, be considered as citizens thereof, &c."

Besides the above we understand that Judge Schaeffer has, in accordance with the foregoing statutory provision, ruled that a jurymen now in service, whose case is similar to that of the young man alluded to in the communication, is a citizen and eligible to serve.

In regard to the matter of high charges for naturalization papers made here in comparison to those demanded elsewhere, we are unable to state at present why it is so.

With regard to alien minors arriving in the country three years preceding the attainment of majority, section 2167, page 381, speaks with equal pointedness—

"Any alien, being under the age of twenty-one years, who has resided in the United States three years next preceding his arriving at that age, and who has continued to reside therein to the time he may make application to be admitted a citizen thereof, may, after he arrives at the age of twenty-one years, and after he has resided five years within the United States, including the three years of his minority, be admitted a citizen of the United States without having made the declaration required in the first condition of section twenty-one hundred and sixty-five; but such alien shall make the declaration required therein at the time of his admission, and shall further declare on oath, and prove to the satisfaction of the Court, that, for two years next preceding, it has been bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States; and he shall in all other respects comply with the laws in regard to naturalization."

It will be observed that, as the law requires, in this instance, the making of the declaratory statement it may be inferred that they shall also have to obtain a certificate of having made such declaratory oath, but we cannot see any necessity of, or utility in, the same, seeing that the naturalization is completed at the same time.

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