

We take from the statement that appears under the chief and sub-captions, this remarkable "ray of pure sunlight:"

"Some of the most interesting developments were those connected with the so-called registration train, alleged to have gone down the Denver & Rio Grande road to register voters. The Liberal committee has run no trains."

Thus it is virtually admitted that trains were run down the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railway to register gangs of men to vote the "Liberal" ticket. The defense put up is "the 'Liberal' committee ran no trains." Then the "Liberal" committee feels it necessary to defend itself against the charge, because it has been proved beyond the possibility of being controverted, that not only is the "Liberal" admission about the trains being run correct, but that hundreds of men who have no legal right to vote, not being residents of this city, and doubtless the bulk of them non-citizens, were registered by parties on that train. Their names are on the lists, and a hundred of them have already been published.

The position is this: The "Liberal" committee repudiate the train business. They claim that they ran no trains. They try to relieve themselves of the transaction. Logically they ought also to repudiate those who perpetrated the frauds. If they did, who would they ex-communicate from their party? As a matter of course the registrars. The registration, including that of the gangs of workmen on the line of the R. G. W., who had not the qualifications of electors, was all in the hands of those officers. We are pleased to note that the "committee" are sufficiently ashamed of the railway registration scheme—because it has been uncovered—to repudiate it so far as they are concerned. How the secretary of the committee can share this sentiment of injured innocence from any standpoint, however, is one of those things that "no fellow can find out."

Now, as has been shown, the illegal railroad wholesale registration was done by the registrars. Four out of the five of those officers are on the "Liberal" ticket, one of them for the office of recorder and another for assessor and collector. If this shameful railroad business is of such a character as to be thrown off by the "committee," why not apply this sloughing process to whoever on the "Liberal" ticket was guilty of the gigantic political crime?

The following is another extract from the same article:

The People's party, through its organs, have been demanding that the Liberals deny some of the charges contained in their stink-pot bomb shells. The denial that the Liberal Committee made yesterday was one that was more effective than mere words. It consisted in prompt action; nearly 100 names were published in the *Herald* as being illegally registered, and Judge Powers promptly filed challenges against every one, and every man will have to appear. The Liberal Committee and the Liberal Party have had nothing to do with the wrongful registration of any man, and is doing all in its power to purge the registration lists.

The nature of this sweeping denial is intensely farcical. The publication of a hundred of the many hundreds of names illegally and fraudulently placed upon the registration lists is in the form of challenges to the owners of the names to appear before the parties who placed them on the lists to show cause why they should not be stricken off. The true basis of the challenge is, or ought to be, that the names were illegally registered. The registrars under such a challenge are therefore made the judges of the legality of their own acts. This is huge! As a denial of the charges of fraud it is simply uproarious, and worthy of the pyrotechnical genius who has manipulated the whole fraudulent "Liberal" campaign.

Again, repeating the language of the article, "The 'Liberal' committee and Liberal Party have had nothing to do with the wrongful registration of any man, and is doing all in its power to purge the registration lists." It might have correctly added—"of legal voters of the People's Party." Then, if the "Liberal" committee and party have not been guilty of the wholesale fraudulent registration, which has been proved beyond question, why do they sustain the men who performed it and who are named on their ticket for important offices in the municipal government? The presence of the names of the registrars on the ticket convicts the committee and party of sustaining the R. G. W. registration frauds. A mere show of virtue when they have it not is altogether too attenuated.

It will be observed that the headings of the *Tribune* article index a very "Touching letter from a Sanpete mother, afraid her boy will be arrested." We will give some of the evidences of the genuineness of this correspondence, space precluding the practicability of its inser-

tion here in full. It will probably appear later. It begins thus:

"FAIRVIEW, Sanpete County, Utah.
Jan. 23rd, 1890.
Mr. Andrew Christensen, Salt Lake City:

DEAR SON AND BROTHER:—Ma received a letter from you last night."

The communication is over the name of "Hans Madsen." It thus appears that Hans Madsen is the mother and brother of "Andrew Christensen," and that the latter's grandmother received a letter from him on the night of January 22nd. Of course this letter was like all documents of that kind, "picked up from the street."

QUESTIONABLE SINCERITY.

THE appeal of the Utah Commission to "the officers of election and qualified voters of Salt Lake City," which was published in our issue of Feb. 5th, sounded well. The sentiments conveyed by the phraseology employed were patriotic, elevated in tone, and of a character which any good citizen might endorse. The suggestions offered in respect to the management of the polling places, were unexceptionable and in the interest of peace and good order, and the invocation to "all good citizens" to "frown and stamp upon all frauds and attempted frauds," was worthy of the unanimous compliance of those to whom it was addressed.

It is presumed that the members of the Utah Commission read the local papers, and that they are reasonably well informed relative to current events in this city. They must know, because it is a matter of public notoriety, that challenges by the wholesale have been served upon voters of the People's Party, the greater portion of which were without a shadow of foundation, and a large percentage of which were highly absurd. No such an experience has been contended with by voters of the "Liberal" party. Now any man of common sense need not be told the reason why People's Party voters were challenged by the hundred. It was in the hope that some faint excuse for sustaining the challenge would be found in at least a few cases, but more in the hope that the challenged parties would fail to appear and answer, so that their names might be stricken from the registry lists by default. And yet there has been no interference with this shameful scheme, although the Utah Commission had ample power to check it instantly.

It is believed to have come to be as well understood to every citizen as is the season of the year or the