

prescribed the way and the means that man should take in order to get back to Him. Man's devices would not obtain for him eternal life. It is just as essential to repent of our sins now as it was in the days of our Savior; the principles of the Gospel were true then and are just as true today.

On Sunday morning Elder John E. Lewis spoke on the first principles of the Gospel. Followed by Elder J. A. Walker, who showed how essential it was to be in possession of the Holy Ghost, that we may be in communication with our Heavenly Father. President Stayner made a few remarks on the same subject.

In the afternoon, Elders N. J. Neilsen, George Beal and A. C. Sorenson occupied the time, and James Cluff, a new missionary bore his testimony.

The evening meeting was occupied by President Stayner who delivered a powerful sermon on the end of the world. A good feeling was manifested, and an enjoyable time was had by the Saints and Elders.

A Priesthood meeting was also held at which good instructions were given and satisfactory reports presented from the Elders. The following appointments were made: David Stoker, was unanimously sustained as President of the Iowa Conference and John E. Lewis, as clerk; David Stoker and John E. Lewis to labor in the Council Bluffs mission; John Christensen and George Beal to labor in the Emporia, Kansas mission; George T. Marshall and Jos. Jepsen to labor in the St. John, Kansas mission; Nellie J. Neilsen to labor in Decatur, Nebraska mission; John A. Walker and James Cluff to labor in Cozad, Nebraska mission.

JOHN E. LEWIS, Clerk.

## HISTORY OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.

The history of the Liberal party since its advent into power in this city has been in many respects an unenviable one. For ways that were dark and tricks that were vain that organization has proven itself one of the most successful that the country has ever seen. The public are familiar with the gigantic election frauds of February, 1890. The methods employed to bring victory to a party that was known to be in business principally for plunder, and that has since shown itself to be an enemy to liberty and good government, were of a character to forever brand the chief manipulators with dishonor and disgrace. Many who then belonged to that organization now blush with shame when they think of the historic run of the notorious Grand Junction registration train, of the imported thugs, hired hobs, repeaters, tin horns, and keepers of dives, who all performed their petty parts as outlined by party wirepullers, some of whom were not making their maiden effort in political villainy when they placed

### THE CARPET BAG

above the Stars and Stripes in the vales of fair and loyal but much maligned and misrepresented Utah.

Not only compelled to submit to indignities of this sort, the community's will was further thwarted and an additional insult was offered to legal voters by the seating of six bogus councilmen who had no shadow of

claim upon the offices which they knew then and realize now they had usurped. With a bravado that could only have been admired if exerted in a good cause, they continued for nearly eighteen months to draw and spend the salaries and enjoy the emoluments of office of the People's councilmen. They took every advantage of the delay for which the law is proverbial and did not have the decency to vacate until the court of last resort had peremptorily decided against them and

### COMPELLED THEM TO GET OUT.

Of the individual members of this council there is full warrant for saying that one of them made records that will scarcely stand the sunlight of open investigation—there was conduct that called forth from their own organ, a short time after the inauguration, the charge that four of them were tainted with boodlesism. When they took the oath of office the municipal treasury was well filled with cash. They entered upon a

### RECKLESS CAREER OF EXTRAVAGANCE.

Comparatively little is shown for what they did in the way of public improvements. New offices were created in great numbers, salaries were increased, the public funds were speedily exhausted, city property was sold and given away to mushroom corporations, bonding was commenced and it has been continued until the utmost limit has been almost reached. Notwithstanding all this, the voracity and greed of the office-hunter is as far from satisfied as it was years ago when he captured his first prize and ate his first meal in Tooele—"the republic," where he is reported as having "voted every man (both dead and alive),

### HORSE, MULE AND JACK RABBIT

in the Ophir mining district," in order to carry the election, and which resulted in Tooele county becoming practically bankrupt.

The shameful and uncertain condition of affairs which followed Liberal triumph in this city a little over two years ago is still fresh in the minds of the public. A reign of terror was inaugurated such as few mining towns even in the wild west ever experienced. This city became a veritable footpads' paradise. It was the Mecca of highwaymen, safe-blowers and tramps. Gamblers and vile women were welcomed within our gates. A reward was virtually placed on crime. The flag of vice was flaunted upon the principal streets of the city in broad daylight in the eyes of respectable people. Morality and virtue were scoffed at.

These evils were to be expected; ours was fast becoming a metropolitan city, argued some of the councilmen who sought to carry out the injunction of their political magnate, Judge Powers, "not to be too good but just good enough." In the natural wake came the erection of a variety theatre, the lowest type of its class. To obtain a license giving it the right to dispense intoxicating liquors was something for which a number of councilmen worked unceasingly until they

were successful. This done, the motives of some of the gentlemen who called themselves reformers and

### POSED AS PROGRESSIONISTS

before the people became apparent. Near the notorious show house referred to houses of illfame were quietly erected by city officers. They were rented direct to the wanton creatures who at that time plied their infamous vocation on Franklin avenue. One of these gentlemen left the Territory, it is said, to avoid being indicted by the grand jury.

### PICKARD'S PREDICAMENT.

How the social evil was condoned and officially encouraged the readers of this journal well remember. Mayor Scott, during a somewhat protracted absence from the Territory, designated W. L. Pickard, one of the councilmen, to act as mayor until his return. Mr. Pickard was not long at the helm before he distinguished himself—by getting into a predicament. He made the serious mistake of writing a letter without the necessary post script,

### "BURN THIS."

Said letter gave him an unlimited amount of trouble. He tried to explain the matter away but failed signally. It showed the sympathetic relationship and tender feelings which existed between the administration and the class of people the letter referred to. It was first given to the public by THE DESERET NEWS and its publication created a sensation which among other exposures led to the holding of a mass meeting of citizens at the first M. E. church to cry down, and, if possible, stem the tide of vice and crime which threatened to deluge the city.

The letter was written to Chief of Police John M. Young. The substance of it was: "Please take notice that you are not to arrest prostitutes and gamblers while I am acting-mayor." From the time that brief but expressive and now historic document was penned, Chief Young claimed that he had Mr. Pickard just where he wanted him.

### Police Scandals.

Perhaps in no other city in the United States have police scandals been so frequent and outrageous as in this during the two years and a half that the Liberal party has been in power. The results have only been natural after all. When the fact is taken into consideration that many members of the new police force were drawn from a class whose avocations are conducted in violation of the law—characters given place and position because

### THEY HAD A "PULL"

or a claim on the party for services rendered—it is no difficult to understand. It is a well known fact that some of the so-called guardians of the peace were guilty of the grossest crimes. They sowed the seeds of dissension in their own ranks. Some of their quarrels and mysterious misdoings in houses of ill-repute and in the dark alleys became a public disgrace. The climax was reached when an overbearing and exacting captain was killed by a subordinate officer. It was thought that this would put an end