

disreputable den on Franklin Avenue, the sensational disclosures which followed, the dark lantern inquisition which was held by Mayor Baskin in his executive chamber, and the removal of the offending officers, together with attending events continue to be the main topic of discussion.

Mayor Baskin's reflections upon the councilmen who unearthed the rottenness existing in the police department is almost unanimously denounced by Federal officials, prominent business men and citizens generally irrespective of their political or religious views.

The Mayor's communication which was spirited away at the Council meeting on Tuesday night has been returned to the recorder's office and is now on file among the other papers of the meeting. Following is the document in full:

SALT LAKE CITY, July 5, 1892.

To the President and City Councilmen:

Gentlemen.—I hereby remove Edgar M. Janney as chief of police, and appoint in his place Samuel Paul; also, remove Policeman Ecklund and Sergeant Sheets from the police force and submit my action in the premises for your confirmation.

The facts upon which I base this action are contained in the testimony hereunto attached and which was taken in the presence of the officers removed, as, also, in the presence of Fred Kesler, police justice, and Councilmen Folland, Rich, Horn and Evans.

An inspection of this testimony will show that the persons removed have been guilty of conduct unbecoming officers of the city. It will also show that Police Justice Kesler and Councilmen Folland, Rich, Horn and Evans have likewise been guilty of conduct equally unbecoming. But as the Police Justice does not belong to the police force, and received his appointment at your hands, and as I am not authorized by law to deal with the cases of the councilmen, I submit this matter together with the facts, for your consideration, that you may take such action as in your judgment the facts demand. Respectfully submitted.

R. N. BASKIN, Mayor.

A well known business man of this city and a "Liberal" member of the police committee of the preceding City Council said today: "As a member of the police committee during the last administration I was frequently called upon to make similar tours of investigation in the interest of the city, and had Mayor Scott interfered with our plans or reprimanded myself or associate councilmen for our work in this respect, we would have told him to take a trip to the regions where his Satanic majesty presides and where his imps hold high carnival. The Mayor has absolutely no right to prevent the councilmen from doing their duty and the insult he has offered them should, in my opinion be resented."

#### The Whole Story.

Fragments of the unseamy affair have been published in the local dailies for the past two weeks, but as the narrative is somewhat difficult to understand in a disconnected form, we herewith publish a concise and correct statement of what the reporters and councilmen saw and testified to and how the discovery was brought about.

On the night of June 17th last a representative of this paper determined to ascertain the correctness of certain

serious charges which had come to his ears concerning the actions of Officer Albright. Accordingly, after the adjournment of the City Council at 11 o'clock on the night designated, he started out on his journey alone. Suspecting that the character of the place to where his mission would take him was not the best, he hesitated at going unaccompanied. He accidentally met Mr. Ed. Ivins, city editor of the Salt Lake Evening Times and asked him to go with him. That gentleman readily consented and the place to which they went (on Fourth South street) was soon afterwards reached. Both gentlemen were admitted into the house and after stating their business were ushered into the east parlor. A few minutes later Miss Rose Miller, who had made the charges against Albright, entered the room. She refused to repeat them except on condition that her name and place of residence be withheld from publication. This was assented to providing certain developments would not arise, and with tears coursing down her cheeks the woman told the story of Albright's alleged cruelty and threats to her as published in the News and Times on the evening of June 18th last.

Miss Miller's version of her troubles with Albright was reduced to writing when there was a vigorous knock at the front door. It was responded to by the landlady and the following gentlemen entered: Councilmen Lawson, Folland, Evans, Rich, Horn, Deputy United States Marshal Glenn and Street Supervisor Hines, who had met the councilmen on their way to this place and followed them without knowing where they were going or their object. Rumors regarding Albright had also reached the ears of the police committee and they had also determined to make an investigation for their own information and for the benefit of the city. Of course they were very much surprised when they found that they had been anticipated by the reporters. Councilman Lawson requested the latter to keep the matter quiet but was informed by them that they had the story; that the charges were serious and that it was their province to expose and not cover up iniquity and consequently the facts in the case would be made public. No further protests were made and the Miller woman related the same story to the councilmen that she had just narrated to the reporters and appealed to her auditors for protection, which they promised to give her.

The entire party left the house after having been there not to exceed half an hour. At the gate Messrs. Lawson and Glenn started east saying they were going home. They did not join the party again that night.

In the meantime it became known that Marshal Janney and other officers of the police department were at Hattie Wilson's on Franklin Avenue, and someone suggested that the visitors go home via that thoroughfare. When they arrived in front of the establishment designated, the sounds of piano playing, singing, dancing and laughter were heard from within. The party hesitated in the darkness on the sidewalk for two or three minutes and then touched the electric bell. The sounds of revelry were immediately hushed and there was a grand rush of the inmates from the south to the north side

of the house, which is separated by a long hallway.

The councilmen and reporters were given seats in the south parlor. Inquiries were goodnaturedly made as to whether Marshal Janney and his men were there. Evasive or negative replies were given and the committee left. As they went out of the house one of their number declared that he had seen Janney peering through the window and suggested that they go back. They were at their wits' ends to know how they could see the chief, even if they went back, and asked the reporters to return and make arrangements with the proprietress. This was done and the plan worked admirably. To say that the chief and his men were surprised does not express it.

Justice Kesler was lying full length upon his back smoking a cigar, and Councilman Rich humorously referred to him as "blind justice." Janney, Sheets and Ecklund were on the floor mingling and carousing with the inmates of the place. Janney called for beer but the proprietress refused to accept the money from him when it was tendered as payment. Janney drank and so did most of the others. It is positively known that Evans, Folland and the reporters did not drink. It is also believed that Sheets and Ecklund did not drink. Beer was ordered and drunk probably three or four times, the gentlemen named refusing each time with the exception of Janney, who drank whenever the tray was passed to him. The latter implored the councilmen not to injure him, and one of his officers wished to know if the party came as friends or enemies.

At Janney's solicitation all of the party excepting Mr. Evans, who went to the Knutsford for a few minutes, visited No. 5, a similar resort on Plum Alley. Here beer was ordered and drunk as before, the same gentlemen again abstaining. Here Janney became intoxicated and went through the movement of a kind of go-as-you-please dance with the proprietress. A good deal of singing was indulged in. Mr. Evans reappeared at this stage of the junketing trip, and the party disbanded and went home. Horn and Hines did not visit the last place.

The foregoing is a synopsis of what was testified to before the Mayor and its accuracy can be relied upon.

A great deal of dissatisfaction is expressed regarding the stenographic report of the testimony as published in this morning's Tribune. Some of the gentlemen who testified say they are made to give negative replies when they answered in the affirmative and vice versa. The effect that this would have can thus be imagined. In justice to the stenographer it can be said that the fault is not all his. The mistakes, however, have been made and in consequence those who gave testimony are placed in an improper light before the public.

#### IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Kindly give me space in your columns to show the narrowmindedness of some of our enemies in South Carolina. The News has some circulation in the South, and through its medium would be a good way to get the true