

Colorado Headquarters.

The only elements represented by the concerns wherein the un-American petition has been planted are hotels, tobacco, whisky, anti-"Mormon" journalism and real estate.

There is much "Liberal" political economy in this arrangement. At the hotels transients can be induced to fix their names to anything subsequent to an appropriate stuffing with anti-"Mormon" hobgoblins before and after each meal. Cigarette whiffers can be caught at the cigar store, while beer and whisky swillers sufficiently sober to hold a pen can be persuaded to affix their names for a liquid consideration. Options may be obtainable on some of the frequenters of a few of the real estate offices.

Just why anything that requires a signature should be left on the premises of Councilman Spafford is not easy to comprehend, unless it be intended to have a portion of the work done vicariously.

DOES IT MEAN JOBBERY?

THE public are becoming exercised upon the question of whether the City Council is guilty of manifest unjust discrimination against the Salt Lake City Railroad Company in favor of a rival corporation.

Probably the people would not be particularly concerned on the subject were it not for the fact that their convenience is curtailed by the situation.

At a special session of the Council held on Friday, May 2d, certain grants asked by the Rapid Transit Company were considered and referred. Franchises covering a good deal of the same ground had been asked by petition, in behalf of the other company several weeks previous, and the subject referred. The applications of the latter were held in abeyance while those of the other corporation were granted last night, as will be seen by the minutes which appeared in our issue of May 10th.

In this action the convenience of the people, or the greatest good to the greatest number, has been ignored by the Council. Take, for instance, the grant given for a line through the Eagle Gate, along First to A Street, north to Second, east to C and north to Fifth, thence east to the cemetery. That route is not near so convenient as the one for which the Salt Lake Company applied for a franchise in the same section

of the city, as the latter runs into the northwest portion of the Eighteenth Ward and higher on to the bench, being thus further removed from the existing line than that of the Rapid Transit. As a consequence the branch asked for by the people of that section would have been a much greater public convenience than that for which the franchise was given last night. But a popular petition for it lies buried in committee.

If the wishes of the residents of that extensive northeastern locality are to be ignored, there will soon be a railroad question along the high bench land.

A petition signed by over four hundred people along the vicinity of North Temple Street was ignored by the action of the Council last night, which gave a franchise to the rival of the company in whose behalf it was asked. Another significant fact in this connection is the grant to the R. T. Company to parallel with a double track, the one already operated on Second South Street by the Salt Lake Company. Such an action has no appearance of a desire to accommodate the public, the facilities being already ample on the street named without the existence of any necessity for encumbering it with four railroad tracks.

Hints of jobbery are becoming common. Under the circumstances an investigation into the reasons for the wishes and wants of the people being ignored on the street railroad question would be a good move, if some efficient way of operating it can be discovered. It is not improbable that there will be some popular expressions in the localities discriminated against if the Council continues its present course.

"CONFIDENTIAL" INSTRUCTIONS.

A copy of the following circular letter hereby finds its way into print, though doubtless such a destination for it will hardly be approved by the source from whence it emanated:

"CONFIDENTIAL.
"HEADQUARTERS COUNTY LIBERAL
COMMITTEE, 269 SOUTH MAIN ST.
SALT LAKE CITY, May 4th. 1890.

"To—
"You were regularly registered for the City Election of Feb'y 10th, 1890, but such registration will not be sufficient to entitle you to vote at the County Election which will occur August 5th, 1890.

"The committee request that you register with all convenient speed.

"The Registrar for your precinct is W. J. Lynch, and he is now performing his duties. He will call at your residence.

"Be not misguided in this important matter by the statements of uninformed persons.

"If you are in doubt as to your right to register, or if you are denied the right to register, apply for assistance and information at these headquarters. Respectfully.

H. S. McCALLUM,
Chairman."

The individuals to whom the above are sent need, it seems, to be assured that they were *regularly* registered for the city election. They are not numbered with those whose names were placed on the list by trickery and fraud—no, not they. But if a man was registered for the city election, what need to tell him that the thing was done "*regularly*?" Does not this assurance given to some "Liberal" voters, suggest that it could not truthfully be offered to others? Is it not, in fact, intended to reassure the recipients, and a confession that they were *not* registered "*regularly*?" It is evident that the above circular letter was framed to meet the cases of men who registered for the city election but whose names had not previously been placed upon the county list. This suggests new comers.

The exhortation to "be not misguided by the statements of uninformed persons" is suggestive. If any man tells the recipient of this advice that he is a transient and has no right to vote, he is to turn an incredulous ear to all such foolishness, and "apply for assistance and information" at the source which fully understands how to "assist and inform" strangers in respect to getting themselves registered.

The signature appended to the document, taken in connection with the word "confidential" in the upper left hand corner, is further and satisfactory evidence of what is indicated by the missive. The most cursory reader would set it down as of a piece with engine No. 20 and that celebrated hunting excursion over the Rio Grande Western, on which the hunters bagged their game with the aid of whisky and blank registration oaths filled out *ad libitum*.

SHREVEPORT, La., May 9.—The *New Haven*, with a relief committee, arrived last night from Black and Dooley bayous. They give a horrible description of the condition of the people in that portion of the parish. The whole section is deserted and is like a vast inland sea. Houses are washed away, families scattered, and few escaped with the necessities of life. Hundreds of people were rescued from their homes standing in several feet of water.