

evitable result would be the loss, more or less, of that feminine charm which is justly regarded as one of the most precious attributes of womanhood. That old delusion or illusion has passed away.

Woman suffrage is certain to come, and the sooner it comes the better will it be for the Republic.

DUST AND WHITEWASH DON'T WORK

ON Saturday (April 23rd) we exhibited evidence to the effect that the "Liberal" government had been and was now expending the people's money lavishly in the interest of land speculators. The article was called out by a statement made in a meeting of the Council by a democratic member, to the effect that the watermains had been laid and were being put down to sagebrush and lucern patches where there were no water takers, the location being uninhabited. This was done at the instance of real estate speculators, who obtained city scrip for their part of the expense for the work. This scrip they have sold to real water takers with which the latter have paid their rates. The speculators thus got the bulk of their outlay back. Their real estate was enormously advanced in value with but little expense to them and the city treasury had been depleted by the process.

An article in today's issue of the morning "Liberal" organ takes exception, in its usual disingenuous way, to the strictures of the News. In doing so it makes direct misstatements, in order to whitewash its political pets.

We here quote from its article referred to:

"As to doing work for speculators, it is only necessary to remind the public that two and a half years ago these same speculators paid \$800,000 in hard cash for lots on the highlands around this city that without water were not worth \$1.25 per acre; they did it, too, on the promise of the men then in authority that the water should be carried to their lands. What the late city government did and what the city government is now doing, was and is merely in the way of redeeming those promises, and the money used is simply the money taken from those same men whom the News calls speculators."

In our article of last Saturday we did not make the remotest reference to the question of water for the bench lands. We have never at any time intimated that there was not a fair claim for water to that section, in view of the high price at which the lots were sold by the city two years and a half ago, the public revenue having been largely augmented by the sale.

We deny emphatically that "what the late city government did and what the city government is now doing, was and is merely in the way of redeeming those promises." Our Saturday's article which inspired that of our tortuous contemporary specified as to localities, and to show that the "Liberal" organ is dealing in deceit and dust-throwing we here reproduce a portion of what we did say:

"If Mr. Wantland or any other member of the City Council is not informed as to the extent to which the 'Liberal' government has played into the hands of land speculators to the detriment of the commonwealth, the way to obtain information is open. Let them go

down Third East street and they will see, between Eighth and Tenth South, that the water mains have been laid along five-acre blocks where not one building has yet been erected. They have been placed in that locality around several sides of one particular block where there is but one house—that of Mr. Busby. All this has been done in the interest of real estate boomers, and to the detriment of the city and its people. It might also possibly enlighten Mr. Wantland on the same subject if he were to wander westward beyond the river Jordan, where the same evidences of jobbery exist, the watermains having been taken out in that direction, not for the benefit of water takers, but to enhance the value of uninhabited real estate."

Perhaps the morning "Liberal" whitewasher will insist that Third East, between Eighth and Tenth South streets, and the over Jordan subdivisions are located on the "highlands."

If the "Liberal" organ and some of its friends who are members of the City Council and whom it is seeking to shield, wish us to be still more specific—especially about the over-Jordan business—we may sometime accommodate them with some interesting facts.

WEBER STAKE CONFERENCE.

Monday evening closed the two days' meetings of the Weber Stake conference. It opened on Sunday morning, April 17th, and continued on the Monday. The building on Sunday was filled to overflowing.

After the opening exercises President L. W. Shurtliff reported as to the general condition of the Stake, showing it to be, in general, in a good condition. The Priesthood were alive to the duties of their calling and the Bishops were energetic in looking after the interest of the people of their respective wards. The presidency of the Stake and members of the High Council had held ward conferences throughout the county, at which much needed instructions had been given and some vacancies filled. Union and good feeling generally prevailed. The various ward authorities were sustained by unanimous vote.

The several improvement associations, Relief societies, primaries, and Sabbath schools were in good running order, holding their regular sessions, pursuing their studies in the various branches of theological education, and the members are making commendable progress in the pursuit of knowledge.

The Stake missionaries who were appointed last fall have labored through the winter months with zeal, fidelity and much benefit to the Saints in this Stake. They have all been honorably released, and others will ere long be appointed to continue the good work. The report showed, also, that since our last Stake conference was held, among those who have been removed by the hand of death were Elder Daniel B. Rawson, member of the High Council, and Andrew W. Taylor, Bishop of the Far West Ward.

While our conference was in session yesterday afternoon, word was brought to the stand that Elder Lester J. Herrick, also a member of the High Council, died shortly before three o'clock,

that day. As a token of respect for the last named the flags on the public buildings are half mast.

The report altogether was cheering and encouraging.

The visitors and speakers at the conference were Apostles F. D. Richards, Abraham H. Cannon, John W. Taylor and Elder S. W. Richards. The topics treated upon were missionary work and the proper qualifications for the ministry; the utilization of talents so that all may find employment for which they are adapted; the completion of the Salt Lake Temple, the importance and necessity of Temple work for the salvation of the dead as well as the living, tithing, fast day offerings, the importance of living godly and pure lives, sobriety, honesty, integrity, observance of the Sabbath day, the Word of Wisdom, etc. Human life in nearly all its phases was exhibited, the good and the evil were pointed out, and the Saints were counseled to assimilate the former and to shun the latter, that they may enjoy the fellowship of the Holy Ghost. Each one spoke with much power and fervor, and the audiences listened with rapt attention to the instructions imparted by the servants of God. The general and Stake authorities were sustained without a dissenting vote.

The Weber Stake academy is highly appreciated and patronized by not only members of the Church but many non-members, who seek and obtain the advantages of the education that that excellent institution affords to its students.

JOSEPH HALL.

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UTAH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Utah Stake of Zion convened in the Tabernacle on Saturday morning, April 16. On the stand were Apostles Moses Thatcher, President A. O. Smoot, Counselor D. John, Seymour B. Young of the Presidency of Seventies, High Counselors, Bishops of the wards and other leading Elders. Reports were read from American Fork, Pleasant Grove and Springville wards, and a brief report of the High Priests' quorum of the Stake by James E. Daniels and J. B. Keeler on educational matters. Apostle Thatcher occupied a short time in imparting some valuable instruction. He exhorted them earnestly not to contend or have feelings of bitterness against each other in political matters.

In the afternoon Elder Seymour B. Young gave a brief account of the organization of the Church, and viewed it in its many circumstances. Apostle Moses Thatcher alluded to the spirit of hate and malice which had existed with people in the ages of the past, and what great and useful lessons we could learn from the experience of others. He hoped the people would not lose faith because of political opinions.

On Sunday morning the congregation was very large. On the stand were President Cannon, Apostles F. M. Lyman and Moses Thatcher, of the Presidents of Seventies; S. B. Young, George Reynolds, John Morgan C. D. Fjelstead, B. H. Roberts and J. G. Kimball, Elder George Goddard. The Sacrament was administered. The general and Stake authorities were