

MORE "LIBERAL" ABSURDITY.

THE organ of the "Liberals," with its accustomed "Liberal" mendacity when cornered, says on Nov. 14, in relation to its statement on Nov. 12, that the editor of the DESERET NEWS was sending free passes into the rural districts for men to come here and work on the sewers:

"Now we never said anything so foolish as that."

We have only to refer to the editorial columns of the daily libeller of Nov. 12, to prove that it did say the very thing it now denies. But, shifting its ground, its present charge is that there is,

"An arrangement with the railroad company to secure from it, signed by the proper parties, as many passes as necessary, leaving it with the Elder to fill in the names of people and likewise the points between which passes would be good. There is nothing ridiculous about that, is there?"

Yes, there is something very ridiculous about it. It is all of a piece with the statement made in its issue of Sunday, Nov. 10, that certain persons, among them:

"George Surce and his wife and one man and family were furnished free passes, free houses to live in and three dollars per day and the understanding was for to stop until after the municipal election."

The charge is that the editor of this paper sent the passes. The whole statement is utterly false and is also highly ridiculous. Any one with common sense would see the absurdity of the idea that any railroad company would issue such blanks, and of the equally preposterous notion that men and their families are given "free passes, free houses to live in and three dollars a day to come here and stop until after the election." There is not a word of truth in it all, and the nonsense of it must be evident to every sane reader if not to the scribes who penned it.

It is quite natural for "Liberals" who approve of or are engaged in various schemes of fraud and obstruction, to imagine that others are employed in a similar way. But it is a little surprising that any writer who is sober—unless he is *non compos mentis*—would put such stuff into print as the drivel in the "Liberal" organ about "free passes."

The truth is, this campaign is being fought on the "Liberal" side with lies about their opponents, obstruction in naturalization and

registration, the massing of men in this city who are not entitled to either, the very tricks of which they unjustly accuse members of the People's Party, and all the dirty dodges and subterfuges which have been the characteristics of the adventurers and political wire-pullers of the "Liberal" party from its beginning. As for their organ, it is known throughout this community, among "Mormons" and Gentiles, as the most unscrupulous, unreliable and dishonorable sheet ever issued from the press.

LOW DOWN "LIBERALISM."

AMONG the many schemes and dodges to which the so called "Liberal" party have resorted during the political struggle now in progress, are attempts to cripple the influence and usefulness of members of the People's Party who stand in the way of "Liberal" aims and purposes.

It will be remembered that Superintendent David James was picked out by the "Liberal" organ as a shining mark for its slop-bucket attacks, because he had charge of the work on the sewers, and was alleged to be employing only men belonging to the People's Party. The truth is that both "Liberals" and People's men have been at work on the sewers from the beginning, and Mr. James has employed those who appeared to be able to do the labor required. He has discharged People's Party men who did not perform proper labor.

For several days the "Liberal" organ was profuse in its flings at Mr. James, who had been falsely accused of violating the Edmunds law. Flaming headlines and vile insinuations were used to draw special attention to this trumped-up charge. It was thoroughly investigated, both in the Commissioner's court and before the grand jury. There was nothing in it. It was a spite case or "a mare's nest." All that was possible was done to fix it upon Mr. James, but in vain. A mistake was made in the start, and "Liberal" venom pushed the matter forward. Mr. James was discharged. There was no evidence against him. As a matter of fact there was not a shadow of truth in the accusation.

But the "Liberal" organ that was so profuse in its epithets and charges, had not even the fairness to publish the fact that the assault on Mr. James was a failure. We have not

yet seen even a court report in its columns announcing the defendant's discharge. But remarks have been made with a view to keeping up the appearance of his incrimination.

This is all in line with low down "Liberalism," as represented by the organ of that party. We do not charge that respectable "Liberals" endorse or approve of these vile personal attacks and unfair and reprehensible dodges. But they smirch the whole party, because they are not repudiated or protested against by those who may regard them with that disgust which they should inspire in the breast of every honorable man.

JUDGE BLACKBURN RIGHT AGAIN

WE CONGRATULATE the people of Provo upon the satisfactory ending of the perjury trial which grew out of cases against certain liquor men who were prosecuted for breaches of the Sunday law. Joseph Collinston and Jacob Smith were employed by Provo City to detect breakers of the liquor ordinances. Some of the whisky sellers were caught, the two detectives being the principal witnesses for the prosecution.

As a retaliatory process the whisky men made complaint against the city detectives for perjury, on the ground that their testimony in the liquor cases was false. Hence the trial of Collinston, the whisky men giving such evidence as they presumed would convict the defendant of perjury.

The movement was doubtless intended as a measure of intimidation—an attempt by whisky men to run the city of Provo. Fortunately the wind blew in an opposite direction, and those who were attempting to override wholesome laws and regulations were unable to throw dust into the eyes of Judge Blackburn or to induce him to take a position against good order and proper city government. At the close of the testimony for the prosecution his Honor promptly announced that there was a failure to make out a case, and instructed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty. By agreement a similar verdict, without trial, was rendered in the case of Jacob Smith, the other defendant.

In a certain class of cases, with few exceptions, we are of opinion that Judge Blackburn is unnecessarily severe, but this view does not prevent us from recognizing and acknowledging the fact that some of his decisions are excellent. When