

defend their property from invasion and destruction. After firing up at a gin shop, its most prominent shouter screamed himself hoarse over what he denominated "an attempt to stifle free speech." Others of his crowd talked in a similar vein, and their abuse was of the most "Liberal" character. Now, will not the respectable members of the so-called "Liberal" party use their influence on the side of order, common sense and common decency, and prevent trouble by cooling off these irrational firebrands? What right have they to intrude upon private property? What right have they to endanger the houses of citizens? What right have they to insult men who simply protect their own premises or those placed under their watchcare?

They had neither the sense nor the courtesy to ask for the privilege of entering upon the property into which they intended to force themselves. They acted without reason and without right. If they desired to provoke a conflict they could not have chosen better tactics. They complain because of interruptions from the crowd while shouting out their falsehoods and invectives. Wild with rage because their high-handed intrusion was stopped, they launched forth accusations that provoked retort and this added to their virulence and insensate folly.

We do not think a member of the People's Party or any one else is wise in replying to these blather-skites. Let them howl and rage and spit out their venom. If people do not want to hear falsehood and abuse of things and persons they venerate, they should stay away from these gatherings. Have they not learned by experience that lying and raving usually make up the volume of "Liberal stump-speaking"? If they do not want to be insulted they had better not stop to listen.

We should think that sensible people among the non-"Mormons" would be ashamed of such proceedings as those of last night in the Fifteenth Ward, and that they would refrain from giving their support to a party and its candidates who resort to such outrageous methods.

The "Liberal" orators, instead of fulminating falsehood about the People's Party and the "Mormons," should show up the wonderful works of "Liberal" officials. Why not estimate how much "free water" they have furnished to the people of this

city? Why not point out some public benefit that has accrued through the incoming of the "Liberals" to power? Designate the street that has been improved. Show us a single thing accomplished. Hold up the fire chief as a sample of "Liberal" efficiency and executive ability. Bring out the City Councilors whose flashes of genius make food for common mirth. Tell how pleasant it is for owners of vehicles to drive over the cobbles and other obstructions that rack carriages to pieces, and through the mud made by "sprinklers," or the dust that never receives a drop of moisture. Dilate upon the encomiums which even "Liberals," who now have their eyes open, pass upon the elected officials and those who continue to hold on to places in which all acknowledge they are usurpers.

There are plenty of things to talk about instead of this old, worn out and dirty strain of anti-"Mormon" blackguardism. Not even the faded flowers of speech and the watered bathos of the "Prince of Neptune" can excuse or make decent his assaults upon his political adversaries, who return no railing for railing, nor his support of an attempt to take forcible possession of private premises under a plea of sustaining "free speech."

We see no necessity for any conflict, either of speech or other weapons in this "campaign." Let the People's Party do its duty next Monday, quietly and unitedly, without flourish of trumpets or sound of drums, without bonfires or banners, without shouting or street oratory, without retaliation or interruption.

What we want is a good representation on the school board. We can only find that among our friends. No one supported by the kind of persons who are making night hideous with their inflammable epithets and stale platitudes, is worthy of the votes of sensible men.

The educational interests of the city should be placed in hands that can be trusted. Mere partizans are unfit for the responsibility. Let the ranters rage and the pot-house politicians bluster, but let the voters sustain good men and true at the polls and the result will be eminently satisfactory.

Stranger (in modern city)—Hello! Must be a big boom here. I see all the people are rushing to real estate offices. Trying to buy lots, I suppose.

Resident—No, sir. The boom is just over and they are trying to sell 'em.—*New York Weekly.*

## WATERY PROMISES BUT DRY FULFILMENTS.

THE northeastern portion of the city is practically without protection against fire. This is no fault of Chief Engineer Stanton nor the force under his command. They are just as ready and willing to rush to the aid of people in that section whose property is endangered by the devouring element as to give assistance to the citizens in any other locality. The absence of protection proceeds from the lack of water. In the district indicated there is scarcely any force, as it is expended by over draught upon the supply in the pipes. It is a fact that needs no argument to sustain it that in the work of subduing a fire the force of a stream does more execution than the water itself. When it is understood that not only can no copious stream be obtained in the locality indicated, but there is practically no force connected with what amount of water there is, what the predicament of the people would be in the event of a serious fire can readily be comprehended.

Some of the people living in the northeastern part of the city are even badly off for water for ordinary purposes, particularly toward the east part of the bench land. Many who have had the waterworks system introduced to their premises, receive but little water, being able to secure perhaps a thread-like stream during a small portion of the twenty-four hours.

The water from the upper system is most of the time exceedingly impure, being unfit for drinking without being strained or run through a filter. This is readily observed by running a quantity into a glass vessel and holding it in the light. Numbers of particles of vegetable matter can be seen floating in it, and occasionally animal-culke. It is probable that this impure condition is the result of the tanks not being cleaned out as frequently as they should be and on account of the water in them being kept low. So far as it may relate to the former cause, the evil can be speedily remedied.

The promises of the party in power, in relation to water supply, during the campaign which preceded the last city election, have not begun to be fulfilled. They have extended the mains without increasing the supply thus only drawing upon the system already existing. This has improved the situation but little, having dimin-