

Up in the Superstition mountain there is an ancient drawing upon a rock representing a group of men whose form and features show that they were intended to represent a race different from the Indian type. Around their necks are ropes that extend back to another group of men whose form and features show plainly that they are Indians. It is supposed that this drawing was made to commemorate the event preserved in the tradition given above.

The whole race seem to have cremated their dead, and, placing the charred bones and ashes in a large olla, they buried them on the plain. The Maricopa Indians of the present day follow the same custom while their neighbors, the Pimas, bury their dead in the usual manner.

It is to be regretted that we know little about the history of this ancient people. Still, if a careful examination was made of the mounds, and excavations were made into them, I believe we would learn a great deal about them. As it is at present, there is comparatively no interest taken in either preserving the mounds or the pottery and stone implements found about them. If a man plows up an olla or vase he allows it to be broken and destroyed. Comparatively no value is placed upon any of these things. I know of only two or three cabinets of curios in the valley. There have been enough relics found around Mesa City to make one of the finest collections of antiquity in the country, yet I will venture that today there isn't even a small cabinet in the town. The Latter-day Saints' seminary there could not do a better work than to encourage the preserving of relics of value found in the vicinity. Now and then small slates are found and some of them are covered with written characters. I was shown one that was covered on both sides with characters and hieroglyphics. Such things ought to be preserved. They show us that the old people had a written language, and lead us to hope that some time we may find other records that will give us the history of the ancient people.

JOEL RICKS.

### INDEPENDENT CITIZEN'S CONVENTION.

The Independent Citizens' convention opened its adjourned and final session in the Federal Hall at 7 o'clock September 26. The first business was the announcement by Hoyt Sherman Jr. that the committee of twenty-five had waited on the committee of fifty and that the latter would support the following ticket:

Mayor—R. N. Baskin.  
Recorder—J. C. Conklin.  
Treasurer—Charles Burton.  
Marshal—Arthur Pratt.  
Justice of the Peace—Grant H. Smith.  
Councilmen, First precinct—L. G. Hardy, Le Grande Young, E. P. Newell.  
Second precinct—George D. Dean, A. G. Glauque, Boyd Park.  
Third precinct—Jos. Watson, W. S. McCormick, R. P. Morris.  
Fourth precinct—John J. Daly, L. M. Earl, J. P. Bachur.  
Fifth precinct—Elijah Belle, George A. Lowe, Charles L. Rood.

Sam Gilson vigorously protested against the ticket and methods and said that he would rather be dragged to death than vote for a Liberal. He accordingly tendered his resignation as a delegate from the First precinct and withdrew.

A great deal of discussion ensued, after which nominations for Mayor began. Elias A. Smith nominated Judge Baskin. Joe Cohen seconded the nomination, and E. W. Tatlock took the floor and suggested the name of Wendell Benson. Judge McNally gave a hearty second and nominations closed. Following is the result of the vote:

	Baskin.	Benson.
First precinct.....	8	19
Second precinct.....	10 10-19	9 9-19
Third precinct.....	11	6
Fourth precinct.....	15	5
Fifth precinct.....	17	3
	60 10-19	39 9 19

Fifty-one votes were necessary to a choice, and as Judge Baskin received considerably more than that number he was declared the regular nominee and his nomination was made unanimous, after which a committee consisting of C. L. Hawley, E. W. Tatlock, E. A. Smith, A. G. Nonell and H. G. McMillan were sent out to inform his honor that he was the convention's choice and to bring him before the meeting.

Nominations for recorder were then declared in order. J. E. Hansen announced that he had, by request, waited upon Mr. J. C. Conklin, and asked that gentleman if he would accept the nomination tendered by the conference committee and that he had positively declined, saying his business was such that he could not consent to allow his name to go on any ticket.

George Alder nominated Fred. J. Bassett. Mr. Lynch suggested the name of George E. Blair. W. B. Douglass nominated D. C. Dunbar, who politely and emphatically declined. J. C. McNally presented the name of James Devine. Thomas Hull offered the name of W. J. Bateman, and T. D. Lewis nominated Gustave Bachman. The result of the first ballot was:

Blair.....	28
Bassett.....	8
Devine.....	11
Bachman.....	12
Pembroke.....	26
Bateman.....	16

Neither of the candidates received a requisite majority and another vote was being taken when Mayor Baskin was brought in by the committee. His honor was warmly applauded as he walked up the aisle and took a seat on the elevated platform, from which he spoke as follows, being introduced by Chairman Sherman as Salt Lake's present and next chief magistrate:

Fellow Citizens—I have just been informed by a committee that this convention has selected me to be a standard bearer of the people in the coming campaign. I will say to you that I am in full sympathy with the people's movement. On account of my experience as Mayor of this city during the past two years, I recognize the necessity of reform in our municipal government. A municipal government should be run in the interests of the people; its business should be honestly and economically administered. I am not here to advance my own cause, but I will say that since the

beginning of my administration as Mayor I have aimed to do right, and to deal correctly with every question that has been presented to me. I saw a great deal of things, when I assumed office, which needed correction. I started in with the enthusiasm of a boy, but I soon found myself handicapped by those who should have given me aid and assistance. I have not been formally notified of the fact, but your committee has informed me that the other branch of the Citizens' movement has named me as its standard bearer. I believe it should bring all together. I understand that all are shooting at the same mark, and how foolish it is to scatter your shot. I believe these nominations are an endorsement of my administration as mayor. They either made a great mistake in electing me mayor or in electing the city council they did. Our methods were as antagonistic as anything could possibly be. If I was right I think I am entitled to the appreciation of the people; if I was wrong I will expect the verdict at the ballot box and will round up my shoulders to receive it. I will allow my public record to speak for me in the campaign, and will not appear on the stand in advocacy of my own cause. I appreciate the honors conferred upon me, because I esteem the good will of the people among whom I live, and if I ever forfeit that good opinion I will at once remove my residence. I hope to meet with the approval of the people at the ballot box, and it will be my endeavor in the future, as in the past, to do right. While I do not claim to be infallible, I believe I am possessed of a reasonable amount of common sense. Throughout my life I have endeavored to take a common sense view of everything and acted as my judgment dictated. I believe you will credit me with having backbone enough to do what I consider right. I thank the convention for the honor and hope that nothing I may do in the future will cause me to forfeit the esteem in which I believe you hold me.

Mayor Baskin was frequently interrupted by rounds of applause and as he finished speaking he was enthusiastically cheered.

Three more ballots for recorder were taken before a choice was made. They were as follows:

Blair.....	41
Bassett.....	3
Devine.....	6
Bachman.....	12
Pembroke.....	23
Bateman.....	15

The third ballot resulted as follows:

Blair.....	43½
Pembroke.....	26½
Bachman.....	24
Bateman.....	5
Devine.....	1

The fourth resulted as follows:

Blair.....	29
Pembroke.....	19
Bachman.....	51
Bateman.....	1

The nomination of Bachman was made unanimous on motion of Mr. Blair.

For city treasurer, Hoyt Sherman vacated the chair in favor of Grant H. Smith and nominated P. W. Madsen.

John E. Hansen nominated C. S. Burton. The vote by precincts resulted as follows: