

is necessary is to point to the fact that the registrars are not empowered under the law to strike names from the lists at all! That is one of the wrong of the "Liberal" perversion of the law. There is no law for it. It is done by improper persons and it is a flagrant violation of the law.

The frauds, the robbery, the criminality, the unlawful striking off of voters' names, the personating of voters at the polls, the changing of ballots by election judges, and all the roguery and villainy perpetrated in election affairs have been the work of "Liberal" officers, condoned if not directed by "Liberal" leaders, apologized for by "Liberal" writers, and taken advantage of by "Liberal" candidates. And the impudence which charges it to the law which it tramples upon and defies is almost equal in infamy to the crimes which it seeks to palliate. Every decent citizen, of every class and party, should show his aversion to the whole contemptible business by declining to train with the party and the persons that originated and now seek to perpetuate the wrong.

THE CEMETERY JOB.

ON Friday last we exhibited a few strong facts and some pertinent ideas regarding the proposed emanating in the first place from the city sexton and in the second from Councilmen Cohn and Karrick, to induce the Council to pass an amendment to the ordinance on cemetery. The object of the measure is to take a width of 16½ feet from the main avenue running north and south in the city burying grounds, plat it into a tier of lots (sixty in number) and sell them; also to raise the maximum price of cemetery lots from \$20 to \$125.

We have already denounced the proposition as an outrage. Further consideration of the subject deepens the conviction that our position is emphatically proper. It is evident, and has been for some time, that the present management of the "city of the dead," propose to work it for all it is worth to themselves, without reference to the public good. The pretense that the main avenue should be cut into in order to obtain funds to improve the grounds is a hollow pretense. It could be as reasonably asserted outright that beauty is enhanced by disfigurement. The revenue derived from the cemetery without any innovation of that kind, and without an enormous increase in the

price of lots—over six times the former maximum price—ought to be sufficient for every purpose of improvement.

When the late Sexton Patrick pressed the question of water supply for the cemetery he was told the city had no money to spare for that purpose. He then showed that in the last ten years of Sexton Taylor's administration not only had the cemetery been self-supporting but there had accumulated during that time, after paying all expenses, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4000, which had been paid into the treasury. It was then decided that that sum at least should be expended on the grounds and the water-works was the result. This improvement itself is a valuable facility in the process of beautifying the grounds. The works operate excellently, and as the sexton charges \$7.50 for the season to each lot owner whose lot he waters, this is a decided source of income.

A large appropriation was made some time ago and placed to the sexton's account for improvements. About \$4,000 of the amount was expended in erecting a two-story building, in which he has taken up his residence, enabling him to rent his house in town for \$50 a month. In connection with this building Mr. Dunn presented certain bills for painting, paperhanging and for office furniture. The Council never authorized them, and there was some demurring to their payment, in open session. The amounts were, however, subsequently appropriated.

We have already cited the fact that for the sale of the proposed new lots on the main avenue alone, the sexton's per centage for selling them would probably not be less than \$600, for about thirty hours' work. Besides he receives 50 cents for each certificate issued to the purchaser. The price of grave digging, according to size, ranges from \$2 to \$4. The man who digs the grave gets one half and the sexton pockets the other half, and he has nothing to do with collection, he being paid by the undertakers who order the graves. The cost of making removals is from \$4 to \$8, the operator getting one half and the sexton the other. He also gets 25 cents for recording each death and burial that occurs. He also charges for his personal time by the day while engaged on the cemetery. From these statements it will be easy to understand the nature of the bonanza that is attempted to be created for the sexton—besides the inexcus-

able draft upon the people to fill the treasury with means to be lavishly squandered—by placing the maximum price of lots at \$125 in place of \$20.

When the proposed outrage comes up again for action, we hope the Council will recollect in connection with the scheme to cut up the main avenue into lots, that the plats of the cemetery have all been approved by the Council and that certificates of ownership have been issued in conformity with the relative position of the lots to each other and to the streets. They should also take into account the fact that there are at least 44 acres of platted cemetery ground, east of the main portion all fenced in, yet unoccupied, and a considerable acreage in the same condition on the northeast. This makes the necessity of the disfigurement, by contraction of the main street, an invisible necessity except for purposes of "grab."

We wish to ask Mr. Cohn, who is a Hebrew, how much the people of his race in this city paid the corporation for their burial ground. In case he is unable to give a proper reply, we will answer the interrogation in his stead, and say that they paid nothing. The City Council, in behalf of the people, set those grounds apart and presented them to the Jewish fraternity, without asking or receiving a dollar in return. As a token of appreciation of this kindness, as one of the beneficiaries, Mr. Cohn, turns around and recommends that the majority part of the people be made liable to pay a sum for lots more than six times what they have heretofore been charged. Surely the soul of such a man could dance on a pin-point and leave plenty of room to take on Karrick and Dunn for partners in a reel.

It does seem as if the men in the Council who were never elected have more assurance and lack of consideration than the real members of that body. Louis Cohn was a "Liberal" candidate from the Fourth precinct. The District Court, Judge Zane presiding, decided that the candidates of the People's party were elected last February from the Fourth and Second precincts. Consequently Mr. Cohn is, in the eyes of the law and the people, a usurper. He seems to be acting in conformity with that status when he makes such a monstrous recommendation in relation to the cemetery as that which has called forth these comments.

The same action of the Council