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WHY ARE THEY SO DUMB?

THE terrible exposure by a former "Liberal" of "Liberal" roguery practiced at the last municipal election, meets with no response from the criminals who engaged in it, or their accomplices in and out of the office of the "Liberal" organ.

The weak and watery efforts to make light of G. H. Gilson's powerful letter, show how it has affected the usually audacious persons whom it holds up to public inspection. The straightforward statements it contains are not even denied. They are evidently too true to be alluded to by the guilty parties. If there were any doubts remaining in the public mind as to the frauds complained of by the People's Party, that letter and the ominous silence of the persons accused of participation therein, ought to dissipate all dubiety.

In addition to the robbery of hundreds of American citizens of their legal right to vote at the February election, the scoundrels who planned and perpetrated the crimes exposed, opened the way for hundreds of non-residents to vote illegally. And it was by this means that the "Liberal" ticket was partly elected. By unblushing effrontery and sheer usurpation, the unelected "Liberal" candidates have stolen the offices to which the People's Party nominees were elected by good majorities.

That is "Liberal" politics. The chief actors in the nefarious game ought to have been prosecuted. And their no less vile accomplices should have shared the fate of the principals. They are all under the black shade of the charges made by Mr. Gilson and rendered doubly dark by the light he has thrown on the indisputable facts.

The truth is bound to come uppermost and justice is sure to be done, but time is required for the rising, and occasionally it takes a long period. Sooner or later the perfidious enemies of a free ballot will reap

their just deserts and be known for exactly what they are. Honest people can afford to wait, but they should remember that it is their duty also to work.

JOHNSTOWN RELIEF REPORT.

WE are in receipt of the report of the secretary of the Johnstown Relief Commission, which is a voluminous document, and purports to give an account of all the moneys received and disbursed by the commission, and the details of the procedure they pursued. Utah is credited with having contributed \$7,487.85. Only one other Territory contributed so large an amount. This was Washington, which is credited with \$8,590.06. Eighteen states and Territories fell behind Utah in the amounts they contributed. Among them are the large and wealthy States of Kansas and Georgia, and the aristocratic commonwealth of Virginia, which, by the way, lies much nearer to the centre of the great disaster, is an iron producing State, and might be supposed to have much closer ties with the afflicted district than the remote west.

The above facts and figures prove that the people of Utah are not deaf to the cry of distress, nor callous when genuine appeals are made to their sympathies.

"TREASONABLE LANGUAGE."

A "LIBERAL" retailer of stale falsehoods, whose personal record is not of the most savory character, but whose effrontery carries him buoyantly on the surface of society, has been shouting "treason" against some prominent members of the People's Party. This is an old "Liberal" trick, and a common exhibition of "Liberal" ignorance and "Liberal" impudence.

Treason, fortunately, is defined in the Constitution of the United States. It consists of making war against the nation or giving aid and comfort to its enemies. One of the rights guaranteed to all citizens is that of free speech. When pyrotechnical orators talk about "treasonable language," they betray their lack of common sense. There is no such thing in this country unless it is an actual incitement to arms. There is no one here who is foolish enough to provoke hostilities against the Government, even if he entertained sentiments of a belligerent nature.

It is evident to observers, that the

"Liberal" idea of the right of free speech is the right of "Liberals" to abuse the "Mormons" without stint. And the "Liberal" idea of "rebellion" is revolt against their tyrannical and infamous measures and methods. If Federal officials air their pompous vanity in support of "Liberal" schemes, and the People denounce them and their ways, they strut and swell with offended dignity (?) and claim that this is "rebellion" against the Government which they misrepresent, and that utterances of this kind are "treasonable language."

Cannot these cheap and flippant stump orators see what a snob figure they cut before the public, with their impudent and ridiculous epithets? "Treasonable language," indeed! "Treason," to denounce a gang of adventurers who seek to crawl into place and power over the rights and liberties of honest citizens. "Treason" to expose the tricks and crimes, the rogueries and defalcations of "Liberal" officials and their friends. "Treason" to point out the wrongs and oppressions sought to be imposed on a law-abiding and peaceable people!

A just person is in doubt whether such flatulent flagellators of the evening air are more knave than fool or more imbecile than dishonest. But everybody with common sense and a common perception of what is fit and seemly can detect the bogus patriotism, the swelling assumption, the overpowering ignorance of these "treason" shouters, these "Liberal" abusers of their betters, these impertinent and shallowbrained utterers of counterfeit epithets, who should retire to the shade, and whose presence in the glare is a striking comment on the class which recognizes them as fit for the front of their society.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL INTEREST.

SUNDAY, August 3rd, at South Cottonwood meeting-house, an important conference convened. It was attended by the Saints residing in six contiguous wards, namely: South Cottonwood, Mill Creek, Big Cottonwood, East Mill Creek, Union and Granite. The leading object was to take into consideration the advisability of establishing Church schools in the section of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion covered by the wards already mentioned. There were present on the stand, besides the Bishops and other representative brethren located within the area described, Counselors Jos.