

lar position in that regard to that of his Honor Chief Justice Zaue, who judicially settled the status of the alleged Councilman from the Fourth precinct, who *never was elected*. Mr. Cohn and his five compatriots who are in a similar position are "object lessons" which exhibit the perfidy and lawless outrages of the party who selected them for candidates. They also serve to show how small a sense of honor occasionally can be found in individuals, when they can accept of office and emolument to which they are not legally or otherwise entitled. It is somewhat singular that such men should be so sensitive when their public acts, which are public property, are properly, justly and correctly criticized and called in question.

### OUT OF THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE.

At last the author of the whole-cloth falsehood that the People's Party in Tooele County, in 1878, defrauded the "Liberals" of one hundred and fifty legal votes, has been compelled to acknowledge that no such thing occurred. The "Liberal" organ of Wednesday says it was a "misapprehension," and tries to put the fault upon a "gentleman from Tooele." It is not this time "a reliable old woman," or "a truthful reporter." We do not believe any "gentleman from Tooele" or from any other place, told such a tissue of irrational and groundless lies as the *Tribune* writer repeated again and again, and assured his readers that they were "well known" and "facts of record," and it was useless to deny them. They were not given out as matters of information and belief, but as such established and recorded facts that all who attempted to dispute them were "liars" and "scrubs" and subjects of *Tribune* scorn and black-guardism.

There was not and could not be any truth in the story, because the election machinery was all in the hands of "Liberals" at that time. And it is not at all likely that these "Liberal" officials would deprive their party of a hundred and fifty legal votes, when they hung on to the offices which they had obtained by fraud, and would not give them up to their legally elected successors until forced to do so by mandate from the Supreme Court of the Territory. Even the reckless and utterly unscrupulous writer of the falsehood must have been more than

usually dense when he peened, again and again, the stupid and groundless fabrication.

But now, driven into a corner, he calls his trumped-up nonsense and mendacity a "misapprehension," and proceeds, with his accustomed meanness, to invent other falsehoods as a sort of semi-justification for his blunder and of the frauds perpetrated by the "Liberals" recently. He now makes out it was not the "Liberals" who were prevented from voting, it was a number of the People's Party who were allowed to vote illegally and so the result was the same.

Here is what he says:

"In 1878 F. M. Lyman was president of the Tooele Stake and a candidate for county recorder, and I believe a member of the Legislature. It was proposed by the Liberal committee to purge the registry lists in all the precincts of illegal voters of the People's Party. Those lists were stuffed with the names of people who under the law had no possible right to vote; unnaturalized men, women, young girls—a regular hotch potch.

"Blanks were printed in the usual form and application made to one or more of the Justices of the Peace in precincts where it was known a large number of names were registered, male and female, who were not entitled to vote. The senior Justice in Tooele precinct informed the party offering to file the objections, that he had been instructed by the President of the Stake that had charge of the campaign of the People's party, not to file any objections unless the objector paid, as an advance to cover the fees of the Justice in the matter, the sum of \$5.

"The President of the Stake was spoken to about it, and he said that an officer wasn't required to work without his fees were paid or secured, and that he had instructed the Justices in all the precincts considerable in the county to demand \$5 for each case, and not to file the objection without getting the sum in advance.

"In consequence of this, the whole matter of purging the lists was abandoned in all the precincts, and the county was carried by votes improperly on the lists, and which could not be stricken off because of the money demanded by the Justices. In Grantsville, Tooele City, Erda, in Pine Canyon, in fact all of the big precincts in the county, the senior justices were Mormons."

This is worse and worse. He has jumped out of the frying pan into the fire. The "Liberals" had been in possession of the County for four years. How did these members of the People's Party who were not legal voters get their names on the registration list? Remember this was the first year the registration law went into force and the county offices, with the exception of one selectman, were all held by "Liberals."

The "Liberal" Committee proposed to have the lists "purged," did they? How could they do that when that was the first registration

and it was done under "Liberal" administration. How did these "unnaturalized men, women and young girls" get their names placed on the list by "Liberal" registrars, and why were not some of them prosecuted for perjury, in taking the oath that they were citizens and over twenty-one years of age? There is not a word of truth in it. If there is, let names be produced. The old lists can be had. And if any such registration was done it was "Liberal" officials who were responsible for it.

"The facts of record" are that the People's Party had a clear majority of from 268 to 343 legal votes, that the County Court, in which there was only one member of the People's Party, knowing this refused to count any returns except those from Ophir and Lake View precincts, and so declared the "Liberal" candidates elected by majorities of from 13 to 25 votes. The matter was taken into the courts, was decided against the "Liberals" in the Third District Court, appealed by them to the Supreme Court with the same result, and after they had exhausted every trick subterfuge and legal technicality, the People's Party candidates were declared legally elected and at length took the offices.

Now if any People's Party voters were illegally registered, why were they not challenged at the polls by the "Liberal" committeemen and "Liberal" judges? And why was not this charge made when the matter was contested in the courts? It was never heard of till now, and is just as absurd as the falsehood about the "one hundred and fifty" which is now admitted to be a myth.

Then again the story about the Justice of the Peace at Tooele is ridiculous. If we are not mistaken, the present "Liberal" Probate Judge of Tooele County, was then the Justice at Tooele who is said to have made this extraordinary statement. Hon. F. M. Lyman most emphatically denies ever having given any such advice to any Justice as stated in the above extract, and never heard of this till we questioned him. And how is it that the Justices of the Peace for all those precincts named were "Mormons" if the "Liberals" were in the majority? If they were elected, the "Mormons" must have elected them and had a majority of votes so to do. If they were appointed by the County Court, that was all "Liberal" but one member