

favor of legislation of any kind except for party or personal ends. That justice to a community which has every proper requisite for self-government can be the motive of either Republican or Democratic legislators in advocating its claims, seems to be out of the question. This is a mean estimate of prominent public men, and we are glad that we entertain a better opinion of the champions of both bills now before Congress. Utah should be considered irrespective of its party politics or its attitude as to silver. Its people have done all that lies in their power to conform to the laws and the customs of the country, and it now rests with the nation to do what is right and magnanimous, or allow prejudice and injustice to prevail.

### THE CANDIDATES.

We publish in another column the names of the candidates for election to city offices next Monday. They are presented in the order of their adoption by the conventions of the several parties. In making selections from them, voters ought to study the interests of the city and support by their ballots only such men as are known to the community to be moral, able and firm, and adapted to the positions for which they are nominated.

On the "Liberal" ticket are the names of several persons who are unknown outside of the municipal wards in which they reside, and are also strangers to a large number of the people within those wards. They may be decent men enough, we do not know. One of them has already been denounced by the organ of the faction that nominated him, and "Liberal" voters are notified to reject him at the polls if he does not withdraw from the ticket.

The name of the candidate for Mayor is a standing insult to the capable business men of "Liberal" proclivities. We do not know of a "Liberal" of any prominence who is less capable for the position than he. The chief thing for which he is noted is his unceasing and crabbed and unscrupulous hostility to the "Mormon" Church and people. You may always count him as against them, and thus he has this recommendation to bitter irreconcilables—they know for a certainty where he stands on that question. He is a lawyer of fair abilities but of past usefulness and practice. "A back number," as he is called by the Democrats, describes him fairly. Neither in person, nor mind, nor habits, nor special fitness in any way is he cut out by nature or qualified by training for the

position of Mayor for Salt Lake City. Considering the number of strong business men in the "Liberal" ranks his selection by the bosses is a slur on them all. What is the matter? Would they not "put up" enough? Is this the reason they are thus thrust aside?

There are a few men among the "Liberal" selections who, but for one thing, would fill the places picked out for them very well. That one thing is they represent the party which has injured this city in such a way that it will take many years to repair the damage.

Two years ago the real estate men helped in the scheme to force the election. They put up their money, indifferent as to the means to which it was put, and thus helped to perpetrate the undeniable frauds that were perpetrated. What have they made by it? From the day that corruptly gained victory was achieved real estate went down in value. Vice and crime increased at a rapid ratio. New offices with big salaries were created, and these with other places were filled with "Liberal" wire-workers as political rewards. The public moneys were recklessly squandered. Taxation was so increased that general execration was the result. Projected public improvements were stopped. The funds in hand were frittered away, and the municipality was plunged into heavy debt.

What is there to show for it all? Some work on the streets, a few water mains—extended the chief expense of which the people benefited have had personally to pay, the same as to the sidewalks, many of which are block-lengths of absurdity and costly marks of defiance of property owners' protests. What else? Nothing. And the "Liberal" faction itself has now repudiated its own selections of two years ago, or those who were left after the courts turned them out of their stolen seats.

It is the same faction and the same hired boss, with the same lack of principle, that now seek to perpetuate their hold upon the city that they have cursed and degraded. And all the nominees on their ticket are representatives of them and their policy and therefore the decent citizens ought to repudiate it entirely.

As to the Democratic and Republican tickets we do not think anything can be truthfully said against either. Scan them both carefully and see if they do not contain names which people who desire the public interest could consistently support. The tusked roars who have found their level as imitation Indians have proclaimed as their motto, "Country first and Party afterwards." Are there no respectable

"Liberals" who will take them at their word? It is only "party" that induces hundreds of voters to support the "Liberal" ticket, side by side with the lowest and vilest elements in the city and shoulder to shoulder with the criminal classes. We call upon the better people of Salt Lake, of all shades of belief and all proclivities as to politics, to arise in their might and put such men into municipal control as will redeem the city from the domination of evil, and place it where it belongs among the fairest and most prosperous citizens of the Union.

### AN EXPLANATION.

In discussing the election bill which has passed both houses of the Legislature and is now in the hands of the Governor, we said on Wednesday evening:

The Governor has partly, if not fully, committed himself to this measure in the main. In his message to this Legislative Assembly, under the head of Municipal Charters he recommends:

"That all elections except school elections be held on the same day as that on which the Delegate election is held."

We have no desire to misrepresent in the least any public official or private individual. The foregoing extract is not exactly correct, and lest it may be viewed as unfair to the Governor we will explain:

The recommendation we quoted does appear in the Governor's message to the Legislature, but it forms one of a group of recommendations which he said he had received from the Mayors of Salt Lake, Mount Pleasant, Richmond, Parowan, Provo, American Fork and Ephraim cities. To these he offered no objection nor did he say he endorsed them. So, while it was too much to say the Governor recommended the main provisions of the election bill himself, yet the recommendation did appear in his message and therefore the legislators had some grounds for supposing that he favored it.

Our aim is always to be exact and just, and we give the Governor the benefit of the difference exhibited in this explanation. It is evident that the provisions of the bill meet the views of the people of many cities—even the Mayor of this city it seems recommended the holding of all but school elections on one day—and we believe that not only would the people of the Territory but the voters of this city endorse the measure of it was put to the test of the ballot.