

the idea of "clearing" something or stealing something in the transfer of title to second hands.

Now let us see what Mr. McKnight did with his official trust,—for present purposes we will call it a purchase; the routine of being a "candidate," and so on and so forth, is merely the sentimental part of the transaction which in such cases is endured for the sake of preserving the traditional ceremonies of free government among the people. Instead of entering upon the actual labor or oversight of the business entrusted to him, Mr. McKnight disposed of his charge just as he might of any other purchasable property by transferring it to a Mr. George Raymond, presumably on a margin, and never went near it again. Mr. George Raymond in his turn conducted it in the typical margin-getting style. According to the *News and Republican*, he "opened it up to the treasury looters," probably realizing a fair profit on the risk.

Of the final results of the transaction Mr. McKnight pleads total ignorance, and on the strength of his ignorance has arraigned the *Republican* manager on a suit for libel. He probably hopes to purchase some paying jury "stock" and win a margin in decisions in the same fashion as he transacted the business of his office. There are plenty of cunning operators in the legal business just as there are in the election business and the office business on hand for any sort of commission that will insure or promise a "margin."

We are not disposed to decide Mr. McKnight's case in advance, but it is our belief from the present showing that he would much better have deferred his suit until the committee on investigation had closed its work in his office. Because there is no telling what might turn up in the meantime. He might, before they are done, procure some strengthening testimony for his case, a thing it very much needs, and he might have occasion to join the little defaulting colony in Canada. The men who are after him are not of his political faith, which means very much in such matters now-a-days.

#### PROGRESS OF THE ELECTRIC CURRENT

THE science of electricity is marching on. An exhibition has just been given in New York of processes of forging and tempering by electricity of obdurate metals. One experiment was the melting into liquid form of a bar of steel an inch in diameter and twelve inches long, in forty-five seconds, without the temperature of the room

being raised a single degree from its normal condition.

Another thing shown was the making of a steel railroad spike. The bar is cut into the required length, the pieces passed through the electrical machine, where one end is heated, and then to a die, which shapes the head on the heated end, the point being compressed into shape without heating. Another exhibit was the forming of an auger, the flat bar of iron being fastened in the machine at the two ends and heated almost instantly, and then twisted into the required spiral by the automatic turn of the machine. A little machine is devised for making spherical ball bearings, such as are used for bicycles, etc. While the exhibit was in progress a cablegram was received from the Krupps, the great gun makers of Germany, in furtherance of negotiations for the rights of the invention in Germany and other countries of the European Continent.

#### THE LOGAN "REVOLUTION."

A LETTER to the *Times* by Mr. Calvin Reasoner will be found in our columns today. It should end the controversy that has been going on ever since the general election, in regard to the influence exerted upon the voters in Logan.

Mr. Reasoner has impartially investigated the matter, and in a gentlemanly way gives the result of his inquiries. It must be clear to all rational readers of his letter that the charge of Church dictation in Cache Valley politics has not the slightest foundation in fact. This we have maintained from the beginning. And the figures we have cited have been conclusive in their demonstration that the "revolution" said to have occurred had no existence except in the mind that invented it, and that instead of Republicans being turned from their party ticket they greatly added to their numbers and their votes.

We have no idea that the proofs offered will have any effect upon the "Liberal" organ that persisted in its baseless charges in face of the figures and the facts which proved them false, but it ought at least to make it silent on the subject, if only out of discretion which, however, is not a characteristic quality of its editors.

We hope, too, that the active politicians of Cache Valley in general and Logan in particular, will now cool down and cease all offensive partizanship. Political differences should not affect private associations not embitter personal feelings. Each party, no doubt, did its best to gain the election.

Both, perhaps, went to extremes in their methods. Now that the result is known the friction should cease, and social and business harmony should prevail.

The truth is, the Democrats carried their ticket because they had the most votes. The Republicans made an excellent showing, and the field is open for further operations. These should be conducted without bitterness and without recrimination. Let living issues be discussed and party principles be held up to view, and whichever party meets with the greater success let no false motives be imputed nor untruthful charges be preferred against the other party, but let the public verdict be considered decisive as to officers and measures.

That the people of Cache County have been left entirely free in their politics by the Church and its Presidency, is an irrefutable fact, and no rumor to the contrary has been supported by the slightest particle of proof.

#### DESERVING OF CREDIT.

THE *Philadelphia Press* of August 10th contains a letter from Mr. William Balderston, editor of the *Salt Lake Times*. It is in refutation of remarks which appeared in the *Press* as the utterances of the notorious J. Wesley Hill, the plagiarist preacher of Ogden. Hill stated to a *Press* reporter that "polygamy is still rampant in Utah and there are arrests made every week of those guilty of this crime." Mr. Balderston emphatically denies this, and gives a fair and dispassionate statement of the Utah situation.

It is astonishing that such disreputable and puerile individuals as the man indicted by complaint of Sam Small for lying, can obtain recognition from respectable public journals. We do not believe they would be noticed but for their readiness to tell sensational stories about the "Mormons."

Utah people may think that the editor of the *Times* is wasting powder on such small game as J. Wesley Hill. But these little libellers often do a great deal of mischief, and such stories as those told by Hill are damaging to the material interests of the Territory. It is well therefore to nail them wherever they appear, and if other non-"Mormons" besides Mr. Balderston would tell the truth once in a while in refutation of the many falsehoods that are set afloat about Utah, they would benefit the Territory and gain the applause of just people.

When traveling preachers not only