

Liberal City Committee there offer the following:

"We have advocated free schools, and better schools, and whenever we have obtained power in a school district, we have given you better educational facilities and we have made no distinction with reference to race, religion or politics. Take the Twentieth Ward school district as the latest example. The Liberals have improved and beautified the dingy old school room until it is cheerful and attractive, and they have furnished teachers of the highest grade."

It may not be out of place to briefly refer to the methods adopted by our "Liberal" friends to obtain control of the Twentieth School District. It is well known that their efforts at the annual election of school trustees were characterized by bulldozing and assuming power never legally conferred upon them. Their actions all through that meeting were such that even members of their own party were disgusted to see law and order outraged. Notwithstanding the fact that the retiring trustees had entered into a written agreement with the then principal of the school for the next year (Mr. Horace Cummings), the trustees claiming to be elected set aside this agreement completely ignoring its force and effect and simply told Mr. Cummings it was necessary there should be a change. They even discharged the janitor who had occupied that position for some length of time satisfactorily; he was told that his services were dispensed with. Thus a complete change was made in the school staff, although not a single complaint had been made as to the efficiency or capacity of any of them. The only apparent conclusion that can be arrived at is that they were members of the People's Party. This, and this alone, can constitute their offensiveness in the eyes of the trustees. Now, Mr. Powers, pray tell us how you can reconcile this with your declaration that you "have made no distinction with reference to race, religion or politics."

Before the advent of the Liberal trustees a successful, well filled school was running to the satisfaction at least of the trustees and the great majority of the taxpayers and voters of that district. Immediately upon the new trustees qualifying last July, why was it necessary to dispense with services of the then teaching force? and why was it necessary to import teachers from the East? The answers to these questions are best known to the Liberal party where the responsibility for the change also rests. Under the circumstances, was it surprising that the people, after their rights had been stolen and justice had been outraged, should refuse to patronize the school? Moreover, why should the Liberals refuse to take their own medicine? Previous to their advent not a single non-"Mormon" child attended the school. But just as soon as they assume control a fearful howl is made on account of the people withdrawing their children. The

result is that the school is a complete failure under "Liberal" rule, and some \$1500 a year is being paid for the tuition of a mere handful of children.

Mr. Orlando W. Powers next tells us that the "Liberals" have improved and beautified the dingy old school-room until it is cheerful and attractive." The baldness and audacity with which this assertion is made are staggering. Why, there is not a man, woman or child in the Twentieth Ward but knows this is an out and out malicious fabrication. Not a word of truth in the whole sentence. Truly, the "Liberals" are making a "record" and in this respect the People's Party have no particular ambition to "compare." O, Orlando! you have overshot the mark and the effect will act as a boomerang on your own head. You have maligned your opponents and disgusted your friends. Next time have a little regard for truth. See that "No. 4" before it is finally circulated is thoroughly revised. The following from the late trustees puts at rest this question.

To whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned, trustees of the Twentieth School District up to July 8 last, hereby certify that under our administration as trustees of that district the alterations and improvements of the interior of the schoolhouse building, together with the fencing of the school lot and also the furnishing of the seats, desks, maps, charts, etc., for the school use were made and provided during our administration as such trustees.

HENRY PUZEY,
OLIVER HODGSON,
CHARLES H. WRIGHT.

If unhung gates, erected before the advent of the Liberals, tends to "improve and beautify" then they have done it sure enough. It is admitted even by the People's Party that the present trustees seem willing to do right by both parties in relation to the schoolhouse, but there is some peculiar fatality about their orders being carried out. If they command their orders are certainly not obeyed. The Sunday School has been held there for many years, but now for some reason the place is not prepared and ready for them. Other meetings are similarly treated and have to be given up entirely. Under "Mormon" rule such things did not occur. The "Liberals" were granted the use of the building on application, which of course was nothing but right. But under the present condition of things people are apt to ask themselves whether the janitor or the trustees or the "Liberal" city committee are running things.

Enough has probably been said. The People's Party have been shamefully misrepresented, whether ignorantly or not it matters very little. The gentlemen signing the document are responsible for the contents thereof. They have either been terribly imposed upon and thus ignorantly abused and misrepresented the People's Party, or else they have knowingly and intentionally misstated facts for the accomplishment of their own ends and purposes to the injury and detriment

of their opponents. It is bad enough in either case, and justice demands reparation.

Will Messrs. "O. W. Powers, chairman, Louis Hyams, secretary, J. M. Harvey, A. L. Williams, J. M. Ricketts, Liberal City Committee," make it and circulate the truth as widely as they have falsehood?

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LETTER FROM SWITZERLAND.

Perhaps a few items from this part of the world may be welcome to the readers of the NEWS. Matters are moving in a rather quiet way just now. The great military maneuvers, sham battles, etc., have closed for the season. One of the most important questions for Switzerland which today occupies the time and thought of her leading authorities is the introduction of a new gun for her infantry, and the smokeless and noiseless powder with which trials are daily made. What a revolution this sort of powder would make in the warfare of nations. Instead of contending armies being hidden from each other's sight by the smoke of the powder, they would by the use of this new article be in open view of each other right along. The roar of cannon and musket would no longer drown the groans of the wounded and dying, the deadly missiles would come in silence. The smoke of the black powder now in use hides the horrors of the battlefield even from the eyes of those engaged in the fight. They can only see within a very few feet of their own bodies. How will it be to the young soldier, fearless though he may be, when as far as his eyes can reach he sees his comrades fall and hears their cries. Will it not have the effect of unnerving the stoutest heart?

There are so many advantages claimed for this new powder that it will undoubtedly come into use by all the European powers. Then just imagine two great contending armies sending forth the shafts of death from musket and cannon in deadly silence. Such a spectacle will the battlefield of the future present.

Switzerland will expend some twenty millions upon the introduction of a new weapon. The *Bundesrath* has been petitioned by a company of wealthy men to grant the concession for the building of a railroad to the summit of the Jungfrau mountain, which is 4,167 meters (12,500 feet) high, nearly twice the height of the famous Rigi, and the ascent of which is so dangerous that but few tourists undertake the task. Some, indeed, have lost their lives in the attempt. The summit is covered with eternal snow, and can only be gained by traversing great snow and ice fields. It is estimated that the road will cost about nine and three-quarter million francs. Mr. Moritz Koechlin, from Zurich, the engineer of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, is to construct this marvel of engineering skill.

The past season has been a very wet one, and unusual destruction