

the signatures of the registrars according to the precinct in which the person resides. One before us, for instance, summons a voter of the Fourth Precinct to appear before R. D. Winters, "Liberal" candidate and registrar of that municipal Ward.

The summons might just as well read that the individual against whom the vexatious allegation is planted shall "appear before me that I may judge whether you shall be permitted to vote against me at the municipal election to be held on the 10th of February next."

Then what about the announcement of Colonel Page, the city registrar? Well, perhaps—as the chief "Liberal" organ said concerning his arbitrary and outrageous changes of the polling places—he may have "reasons" for this right-about-face business.

It can now be added as a matter of fact that the "Liberal" registrar-candidate referees have been sitting in judgment upon persons who have been cited to show cause why their names should not be stricken from the lists. They have begun the work of purging the lists of persons whom they are satisfied would not vote for them if their names remained. Thus the "Liberal" manipulation of election affairs reduces their pretense of desiring a just election to the status of a howling burlesque.

We learn that on January 29, the Utah Commission made a ruling in relation to the citations by "Liberal" committeemen of People's Party voters to show cause why their names should not be stricken from the registration lists. The ruling is to the effect that the burden of proof lies upon the person issuing the citation and not upon the person summoned. This ruling is good as far as it goes, but comes a little late—after a number of names have been eliminated without the summoning party showing any proof whatever. The burden of proof today has been placed entirely upon the people cited.

The "Liberal" representatives asked for an opportunity to be heard in opposition to the ruling, and their request was granted for January 30.

IS THIS IT?

On Sunday, January 26, the "Liberal" anti-"Mormon" organ, in announcing the fact that Col. Page had changed the location of three of the polling places, stated that the

city registrar had reasons for his action in the premises.

We insisted that the public had a right to know what those reasons are, if they exist. Col. Page is presumed to be acting in a public capacity, and not a private one. Neither is he presumed to be acting in behalf of a party, however much he may be conducting himself in that fashion. Being city registrar the presumption is that he is acting for the public of Salt Lake. The public are consequently entitled to the reasons for the changes referred to.

Thus far Col. Page has replied with a brilliant flash of silence. This being the case, it may be consistently asked if the change of the Second Precinct polling place from a public building like the County Court House to private premises like the Continental Hotel is because the former structure is better adapted to the conduct of a fair and open election, while the house of entertainment in question is owned, operated and conducted by James Glendenning, business partner of George M. Scott, "Liberal" candidate for mayor?

If this is not the reason, then why does not Col. Page say what reason he has for the change from a public building to the private premises of a gentleman indirectly interested personally in the result of the approaching election?

IT IS AN EXCELLENT TICKET.

"COMPARISONS are odious," and those that will be made from now on, between the two city tickets, will be particularly so—to the "Liberals." The People's convention has done itself proud. It has offered to the voters of this city a splendid galaxy of names. Long and careful consideration was devoted to every candidate before he was finally fixed upon, and the result is what might be expected from the deliberate and cool-headed selection of the best trees in a splendid forest; for be it remembered that the People's Party so abounds in good material for civil officers that the work of culling the best from the multitude of names laid before the convention, either in open session or before the members whose friends made suggestions, was like selecting the tallest and straightest stems from a vast grove of giant oaks.

The calm conclusions of the convention, embodied in its candidates, are now before the public. That a

majority of the genuine citizen voters of the city will adopt the same conclusions will, we feel perfectly safe in believing, be demonstrated on election day, on the principle that a candidate represents an idea, a doctrine or a purpose entertained by those who put him forward.

In Spencer Clawson is embodied, to a remarkable degree, the idea of an honest, conservative, resolute and just administration of municipal affairs, by the class who created the city from the dust of a desert. He is a typical representative of that class, and a strong man from whatever standpoint he may be viewed. He is as fine a type of "Young Utah" as could have been hit upon, by friend or foe. He is politically spotless. This is necessarily the case, as he never in his life concerned himself in politics in any other capacity than that of a voter. The ringing cheers that went up from the multitude in the Theatre when his name was first spoken in the convention attested the esteem in which he is universally held. He has no enemies, but his friends are a host while his success in life proves his ability. The name of Spencer Clawson will consolidate the whole vote of the People's Party, while it shatters that upon which the other ticket depends.

Heber M. Wells for recorder. He is one of the most popular men that ever held office in this city. His record in that office is a sufficient eulogy on his character, ability and fitness for it, and an abundant endorsement of the action of the convention in again naming him for the position. Heber M. Wells and Louis Hyams—who can hesitate on a choice between the two?

The choice of A. W. Carlson for treasurer was a particularly happy one. Hundreds of People's Party voters had in their minds fixed upon him for that position long before the convention was held. He is a perfect gentleman in the highest sense, a man whose business ability has made him assistant superintendent of the largest mercantile concern in the entire Rocky Mountain region, and he will not have a moment's difficulty in procuring the heavy bond required, \$150,000.

The character of John H. Rumel, Jr., for solidity, honesty and manliness is so thoroughly established and fortified by his whole past life that all assaults upon it must prove futile. Were he lacking in ability it would be impossible for him to show the