

in the interest of capital and so-called "Liberalism?"

Powers posing as "the poor workingman's friend" and declaiming against capital, with the crisp rustle of that \$10,000 fee for carrying an election in the interest of capital, is a spectacle that must attract attention, and one only wonders in gazing upon it whether it is food for laughter or cause for ineffable disgust.

WIDE OF THE MARK.

THE Boise *Statesman* has a long article on the "Mormon" vote in Idaho, which is more than usually dense and nonsensical. The annexed paragraph is part of it:

"Every Mormon sheet in Idaho and Utah is filled with dire prophecies of utter defeat for the Republicans in Idaho this year, and every member of the organization is being quietly assessed to increase the already large campaign fund which will be used to help out the Democratic vote."

We would like the *Statesman* to quote one of these "dire prophecies" which have appeared in any "Mormon" paper, either in Utah or Idaho. The DESERET NEWS has repeatedly expressed the opinion that the Republicans will carry the State. We believe that now. As to help for the campaign fund, we do not believe there is a "Mormon" in Idaho who has paid a cent for any such purpose. The feeling among the "Mormons" in Idaho is that the so-called Democracy of Idaho has exhibited such cowardice and treachery, that it is utterly unworthy of the support of any one connected with the people whose interests it has betrayed.

If the *Statesman* will take the trouble to enquire with a desire to learn the truth, it will find that the "Mormons" of Idaho will not attempt to vote for either party, and that some seceding "Mormons" who can vote without violating any law, have determined to vote the Republican ticket. These Republican howls about the "Mormon" vote are a terrible waste of breath and very impolitic as well.

THE BRAINS AND MUSCLE TRADE.

WE TAKE pleasure in giving credit where it is due, even when we are not overwhelmed with admiration for the person entitled to it. There, for instance, is Judge O. W. Powers, a man given to much speaking. Occasionally he strikes a subject on which he possesses a wealth of information. Regarding

some special themes upon which he touches he is as well posted as a man could be. When on Monday, Sept. 22nd, in addressing a political meeting of workingmen, he said, "Capital can buy brains and muscle; even the sacred ballot is obtainable with money," he touched a theme on which, because of his familiarity with fact, bearing upon it, he was doubtless at home.

The judge's having been paid the sum of \$10,000 for manipulation of the municipal election of last February for the "Liberals" has already been mentioned in this connection, but besides his own part associated with payment for questionable political work, may he not be in a position to throw some light upon the doings of the individual referred to in the following brilliant paragraph taken from the *Butte Miner*?

"W. J. Allen, one of the best known bar attendants in Salt Lake, has just reached Butte and will accept a position at the Abbey with Slater & Hatton. Mr. Allen will make a splendid addition to the corps."

This is doubtless the same Allen who acted as leading "flim flammer"—to use a slang term—for the "Liberal" party at the July school election, and whose conduct in that connection was referred to the grand jury by Judge Zane.

This bar-tender, ex-footracer with numerous aliases, ballot-box manipulator, etc., could hardly be regarded as the kind of fellow to perform sleight-of-hand feats as a "Liberal" election judge, merely for his health. We doubt if anybody believes otherwise than that his case illustrated the force of Orlando W. Powers' remarks to the effect that capital can buy "brains and muscle," and that "even the sacred ballot was obtainable with money." Now the amount which Judge Powers received for the use of his expert political brains is a matter of notoriety, but what Allen received—if anything—has not yet reached the general public. The judge indicates in his speech his familiarity with the purchase business. If he is informed on this particular point, would he not be kind enough to gratify popular curiosity?

Now that the address of W. J. Allen, with many aliases, is known, the "Liberal" political manipulators will know where to find him, so that the use of his "brains" may be obtained for some future campaign. If there is any idea of buying his services in that line, it may be well to make no effort to get him until the matter of Judge Zane's refer-

ence of his conduct to the grand jury for investigation dies out to some extent. Should the "flim flammer" be wanted again the "Abbey" saloon might spare one of its most brilliant bar-tenders long enough to enable H. S. McCallum to use him for a season as one of his "Liberal" judges of election, providing "Barkis" (otherwise Kesler) "is willing."

IN A MUDDLE.

THE press of the country seem to be in a muddle over the question of the "Mormon" vote in Wyoming. The papers always get muddled when they attempt to descant on anything relating to the "Mormons." To illustrate the present condition of the editorial mind take two or three sample comments:

The Buffalo, N. Y., *Commercial* says:

"In spite of the adverse Mormon vote republicans have carried Wyoming by a handsome majority. The Mormons voted the democratic ticket, naturally. It is on just that side of the fence that one might expect to find them."

The Boston, Mass., *Herald* remarks:

"There has been a good deal of chagrin that the Mormons were acting with the Democratic party out in the new Territories, yet they all marched up like little men and voted the straight Republican ticket in Wyoming last week. The Republicans know how to get their votes when things get down to business, every time."

We could give many more conflicting statements similar to the above from different papers. They show that the editors of the country know as little about the politics of the "Mormons" as they do of the religion of the "Mormons." Their writings on the subject are like parrot talk, and they only echo the unfounded opinions of half a dozen leading journals, or the lies that fly over the wires sent by the Salt Lake dispatch fiend.

ABUSE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

THE "Liberal" organ accuses the "Mormon" press of "abusing every member of the city government from the Mayor down." The DESERET NEWS is not conscious of having abused any member of the city government, and invites the reproduction of any abuse of the Mayor or other city official that has appeared in its columns. Nor has any other paper, that can be properly called "Mormon," indulged in abuse of the municipal authorities, so far as we are aware. If pointing