

For this he was savagely attacked by the "Liberal" organ, which with its accustomed brazen mendacity avowed that the "Liberal" party was not organized with respect to religion. The resolution we have quoted proves that Judge Zane's reference to the "Liberal" faction was correct. It is organized "with respect to religion." It is organized with respect to religious faith and worship. The resolution is not only against "Mormon" religious faith but against the religious faith and worship of all Christendom. And the Rev. Dr. Iliff was one of the cheering crowd that adopted and endorsed the opposition.

Whatever reference to religion there may have been in the organization of the People's party it is certain that it never in any way dragged religious faith into its political conventions. That was left for the "Liberal" faction which is so emphatic against religion in politics.

We might have expected that the crowd which follows the gang at the head of the "Liberal" faction, and which includes all the most disreputable elements of the city, would echo the atheistical sentiment expressed in the resolution on revelation. But that the leading Methodist divine in Utah should join with them, is indeed surprising and provocative of great disgust "from within."

#### AN ASSAULT UPON FREEDOM.

ON Monday evening a remark made by Justice Laney was published in this paper, to the effect that Parley's canyon conduct men, some of whom had been convicted in his court, were being voted by the "Liberal" runners in the First Precinct. This occasioned considerable confusion in "Liberal" ranks and not a little wrath against the once "Liberal" Justice.

The "Liberal" organ has this to say of an occurrence at the police court on Tuesday, speaking of some unpleasantness between Justice Laney and the police:

"There were, besides, several other actions of the police judge which the police department did not consider were 'according to Hoyle,' and yesterday Marshal Young relieved that functionary of the trouble of attending to the criminal cases. He called in Justice of the Peace Gee, who held court in the Marshal's office for a short time."

In its report of the "Liberal" convention the organ also says that the following resolution was introduced by Jake Greenwald:

"Whereas, H. S. Laney, who now holds the position of police judge in this city, was elected on the Liberal ticket and selected by a Liberal city council to fill said position, and

"Whereas, Said H. S. Laney has deserted the Liberal party and still holds said position, now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that said Laney should be given leave of absence by the city council until after the 16th of February next."

This would have been passed with the usual noisy acclamations if it had not been for technicalities raised by wiser heads and sustained by the chair.

There are two points worth public notice in this connection. They are these: It is the first time an attempt has been made in this city, or anywhere else so far as we are aware, to place a judicial officer under the control of a subordinate executive officer. The police have no right to take any such action as that reported above. We do not know what provocation the Marshal and the police may have had from the police justice, but we do know that this action is not proper. We think the Marshal has made a mistake and that he has exceeded his authority. The police cannot make choice of the Justice of the Peace who shall sit in the City Hall to decide police cases. That is for the City Council to determine. It is the principle of the thing to which we object.

But it looks as though Justice Laney had been singled out for assault because he has dared to announce himself a Democrat when he was elected by "Liberal" votes. That appears to be his great offense. Even with that crime (?) at his door, the step taken on Tuesday morning was a bad way to show "Liberal" animosity, because it was not done lawfully or discreetly.

The resolution introduced at the convention is characteristically "Liberal" and in full accord with Boss Powers' demand for "Liberals" who had become Democrats or Republicans to resign their offices. It is impudent, tyrannical and shameful. It is a notice to everybody that if a man joins the party of irreligion and hate, he must remain with it under all circumstances. If he is elected to an office by its votes he must endorse all its vagaries and bow to its boss, or he will be doomed to decapitation.

When a man is elected to a public office by the votes of the people, it is supposed that he becomes the servant of the whole people and not the tool of a clique. And that when any faction or party attempts to control that officer in its special interests, it is a shameful act and one that he ought to resist to the uttermost.

If Justice Laney is to be "bounced," as announced by the "Liberals" organ and recommended in "Liberal" reso-

lutions, because he has dared to join the Democratic party, then the whole Democratic influence of the city ought to be exerted in his behalf and the infamy of such a proceeding should be fitly exposed.

If this public officer has done anything unworthy of his position, that is another thing. We cannot be accused of any personal or party friendship for him. We only stand up for a principle and for personal and official rights. And we regard those resolutions as an assault upon individual liberty, and at the same time a fitting exposition of "Liberal" doctrines and methods.

#### PARTY FIRST.

THE City Council had to be adjourned again, on Tuesday, July 21st, because the "Liberal" members were away engaged in party politics. Thus the public business is made secondary to "Liberal" interests. It is on the surface of things, all the time, that the profit of the "Liberal" faction is paramount with the public officers, who swear by the "Liberal" Shibboleth, and are regulated by the "Liberal" boss. We make exception of Mayor Scott in this connection, for on each occasion when his "Liberal" associates were absent he was present, long enough at least to make a decent show of attention to official duty. But it is easy to see in every movement that is made, attachment to party interests looming up, over and above the concerns of the public. Citizens and taxpayers, take notice of this palpable fact!

By the way, is it not about time that J. Fewson Smith, who was elected by the People's party, was at his post? It is true he was kept out of his office by "Liberal" fraud and so accepted a position which took him out of the Territory. But his presence is needed in the Council and the public look for his speedy return and occupation of his seat.

#### A FRIEND TO EDUCATION.

WE LEARN that Prof. Benner is to be retired from his position at Hammond Hall and that he will shortly leave the Territory. We are sorry for this for more than one reason. It looks as though he was to be sacrificed in the interest of a sect and at the same time the educational cause is to be made to suffer.

Professor Benner has been a persevering, able and intelligent worker in the cause of the schools ever since he came to the Territory. In his zeal he overstepped the bounds of propriety, in our opinion, particularly in his eastern