

none but anti-"Mormon" rabidists were present, a sentiment in point was uttered and unanimously endorsed. It was—"Once a Mormon always a"—The end of the sentence is omitted as unfit for publication in a respectable journal.

The epithet had direct reference to the class to which Mr. Lawrence belongs, and was the worst form of insult that could be uttered. Soon afterwards, in order to break the effect of the rash expression, which showed the real state of feeling in the hearts of those who enunciated it, the chief "Liberal" organ contained a eulogy on "apostates." It overshot the mark, being nauseatingly fulsome, and to those who were not posted regarding the insult that had been tendered the class to which it referred, it appeared to be objectless.

We here repeat on this point the language of the former article:

"Once in a while the real sentiment towards ex-'Mormons' in certain quarters crops out. A report came to us of a manifestation of that kind that occurred two or three months ago. When its probable effects were estimated, there followed a fulsome dissertation upon the heroic qualities of apostates in general. Even among seceders from the Church there is a growing belief that in the event of certain conditions arising the 'Liberals' would demonstrate in a manner unqualifiedly practical, that the class referred to are only wanted so long as they can be of use for the attainment of the objects of their pretended friends."

The "Liberal" anti-"Mormons" intend, if possible, by fraudulent means, to wrest the government of this city out of the hands of the majority. They believe there is a prospect that, the manipulation of election matters being in their hands and in the hands of those who favor them, the scheme may possibly carry. Their ticket has been formulated accordingly, being practically in line with the anti-"Mormon" sentiment above referred to.

Where, for instance, is the man who, according to surface professions, was the idol of the "Liberal" party, often lauded to the skies as a person who would make a superb Mayor for Salt Lake City. The evidence is conclusive that Mr. Lawrence was politically useful to his friends only in times when the majority of the People's Party was so overwhelming as to preclude the possibility of a "Liberal" steal of the government being successful. In such times he was handy as a "Liberal" political puppet, to be set up in order to be knocked down. He was thrust into that position on two occasions, when he was candi-

date of the opposition for mayor. We anticipated that he would be accorded just such treatment as he is now receiving. That was really the intimation of the former article from which we have quoted. The feint at putting him forward in the convention was, instead of being a compliment, a back-handed slap. It would have been much more courteous to have let the gentleman quietly alone.

Take the ticket as it stands and practically the blow has not merely been struck at Mr. Lawrence, but at the class to which he belongs. The sickly pretense of recognition is too transparent to act as a cover. Besides, the gentleman specially named herein has been practically looked upon as the head and front of the ex-"Mormons" in Utah. This treatment of him and his class is bad, and is but a significant indication of the real sentiment of the rabid element among the "Gentile" population toward seceders from the Church. This is not the first symptom of that kind that will make them understand the hollowness of the professed friendship of those with whom they have been cheek by jowl politically, and that will cause them to chew the cud of bitter disappointment.

THE EPIDEMIC DISAPPEARING.

It seems that the epidemic, *la grippe*, exhausts itself and dies out in the course of a few weeks. A recent telegram from Moscow, Russia, one of the first cities in which it made its appearance, and where it afflicted a large proportion of the inhabitants during November, says that the disease is disappearing. It was not attended with extensively fatal results, and the assertion is being reiterated that the malady is not to be particularly dreaded.

The fatality which has attended its spread in the large cities of the Atlantic coast is explained by the statement that *la grippe*, while not dangerous in the case of an otherwise healthy person, becomes a serious complication with other diseases of the air passages and lungs. Utah has so far escaped a visitation of this popular malady; at least it has not spread here to any noteworthy extent, and perhaps it will not. It is said that cold, frosty weather is unfavorable to the spread of it, and the low range of temperature we have been having may have been a protection to our citizens against its attacks.

INTEREST IN THE CAMPAIGN.

THE material of which the rank and file of the People's Party are composed is the opposite of mercurial and erratic. It is solid, staid and conservative, and is not given to ebullitions of effervescent enthusiasm. Its public assemblies are usually characterized by a quiet demeanor often mistaken for apathy, and anything in the way of gush or grandiloquent "spouting" is distasteful to the members of the party, and is seldom indulged in by any of them.

But the members of the People's Party of this city are aroused as they never were before. They are displaying a remarkable enthusiasm about which, however, there is nothing effervescent. Underlying their outward demonstrations of interest is a stratum of solidified determination to work and win. The political meetings in the different wards of the city are often crowded with eager audiences, who respond with tremendous applause to enunciations, by the speakers, of the principles and purposes of the party.

The flag and banner presentations which have taken place in all or nearly all the wards, have, as a rule, been remarkable occasions in the elements which they have developed. Prominent among these are the intense interest in and sympathy for the People's cause and principles which the ladies have displayed. A depth and intensity of patriotic feeling, both melting and thrilling to witness, have been shown by the ladies of the party on these and other occasions, warranting the belief that on no spot over which wave the stars and stripes are hearts found more devoted to the Constitution and the principles of American government, than are those which beat in the breasts of the women of Utah, who are in sympathy with the People's Party.

The People's Political Clubs were organized mainly for the purpose of interesting the members of the party in the principles of good government, and they have accomplished a goodly work in that direction. The exercises embraced in the programmes of their meetings, and especially the addresses that have been delivered by the speakers of the party, have been of a character to make the people more familiar with and more attached to the principles of our government.

When the campaign opened it was held, probably with truth, that there were many voters in the city