

DEMOCRATS START
WORK IN INDIANA

VAIL BLUNDERED
MORE THAN ONCE

Insurance Men Do Not Figure
Risks Greater Because of
Redman Fire Alone.

LEFT HALF FINISHED 108

When He Did It the Loss Was
Less Than \$1,000, But When
Recalled Loss Was \$9,000.

On Feb 7 He Drenched Tenants Out of
Kopp Property and Then Left
With Fire Still Burning.

In the development of information which shows how expensive a luxury to the people of Salt Lake, is Fire Chief

Vail, and how powerless is Mayor John S. Bransford to reorganize the department in the face of opposition from the persuader ring which is the real power that governs, it has so far appeared that the one conspicuous example of the futility of fighting fire with politics was the destruction of the Redman storage warehouse.

This is an unnecessary centering of the proposition, however, as other insurance men than those who paid the bills resulting from the Redman fire, are also in the business of figuring losses now and then, and they, too,

have encountered Chief Vail, measured his achievements, and decided what to do in estimating risks from an improperly handled department.

Eli H. Peirce, fire insurance writer, had nothing to do with the Redman losses. He had all to do with a \$9,000

000 loss in February of this year, however, and Mr. Pearce makes a positive and assuring declaration that the amount of competency shown in handling the fire for which he had to settle, was much less than that shown in the

case of the Redman fire.

DESERTED A FIRE.

The incredible blunder was made at this fire of leaving before it was fully out, allowing the flames to recover their lost advantage, and then rushing back for a second time.

to find what was originally a \$5000 loss, amount up to a \$30,000 loss to the insurance company. With all the "American" party boast of having "the" "American" on guard, Vail deserted a fire half out, leaving the fire raging according to the declaration of Mr. Pierce in a petition with only \$1000.

break out in full force a half hour after the department had gone, and to cause it to be resummoned again when a really serious fire had to be fought down. It was such a blunder as a rank outsider would make, but never an experienced fire fighter whose experience spells capability. In leave-

During the first time, not the slightest effort was made to leave a man on guard over the still smoking debris of the fire's first center, or to notify the owners of the building that they might watch it to see that the flames did not start up afresh. The tenants of the building had been forced to leave

on account of the drenching of water on the first visit of the firemen.

SOMEBODY BLUNDERED.

"Had the department really brought the flames under control on its first visit," declared Mr. Pierce today, "our loss would have been considerably less."

than \$1,000. Because they left fire still burning in a partition wall which was not inspected, and left no one to watch it so that the fire could be quickly detected, it had gained such headway when the department was summoned later in the night, that our loss mounted up to \$9,000. I can see no

Explanation for this situation, except what lies in the charge that the fire department is incompetently organized, and this fact is now so well known that it hardly needs the added evidence of this fire to point the truth. We shall either put on maximum rates when we have to consider the danger from a spreading fire, or have our faith in

"The fire was at the Kopp property, formerly known as the Reggel property, at 223 west Fifth South street. The first alarm was turned in at 11 p. m. Feb. 10."

and the building, which was a double residence, was so thoroughly drenched in water that the tenants left. After the fire department had gone fire was discovered to have broken out again, and they were recalled to fight a blaze which had gained great headway, and increased the insurance loss \$90 per

HALL DONS WAR PAINT

City Administration.

It was intimated at the office of City Auditor Alf today that Councilman E. Hall is preparing to attack the

ense policy of the present city administration. Particulars were lacking in the department as to just what Mr. Hall intended to do, but it was stated that he spent some time there, looking over data in possession of the police inspector, and the rumor was afloat among the employees that the councilman was going to resign.

member from the fourth had something up his sleeve which would not be kept a secret.

RAIN OR SNOW COMING.

March Wind Reaches Velocity of Thirty-

March came like a lamb and true to the rule of contraries is going out like lion. All foretold today a 30-mile wind was blowing. It lifted hats from their stilted places and sent them (the hats) sailing down the street. It blew dust and mud and dirt up in the air, and it sign and made itself a nuisance generally. It was mostly a south breeze, though it shifted from east to north and north to east as the morning progressed. When the wind is a rain or snow rain and a colder wave, says the weather man, the remainder of a winter is credited to put in an appearance tomorrow at least.