

"carpet-baggers" was applied to a certain class of "Gentiles" during the election canvass, and it has doubtless been used in the same connection many times before. But that it has ever been attached to "Gentiles" indiscriminately, in the way O. W. Powers explained, is certainly untrue. If he takes the term to himself and to others who are residents of Utah for the time being to see what they can make, and who calculate on profits to be reaped out of schemes that involve the disfranchisement of the majority of the permanent citizens of Utah, it will probably be all right. But no one that we have heard of has uttered it in reference to respectable *bona fide* Utonians whatever may be their creed, or race, or politics.

It is a common trick of the free lances, adventurers, political strikers, and carpet-baggers who infest this Territory and this city in particular, to constitute themselves the champions and exponents of the "Gentiles" of Utah, and to apply to others what is specifically and exclusively meant for them alone. They even go further than that. Anything said against them is actually construed as against the Government, and "loyalty" or "disloyalty" is gauged by them according to the support extended to or the opposition waged against them and their measures.

It is a striking manifestation of that quality which is vulgarly denominated "cheek." The impudence of that class of beings is phenomenal. Without contributing a dollar to the public revenue, they attempt to dictate the expenditure of the taxes and pose as great financiers. With no personal interest in prominent enterprises, they assume to find all manner of fault with their management. And almost as soon as they arrive here to take what advantage they can of the labors and investments of the actual residents, they talk of "our city" as though they owned it, commence to "run down" the civic authorities and plot against the liberties of the people, and expect to be foisted into some official or other lucrative position by the very voters whom they abuse.

Carpet-baggers? Yes. A very mild term for the class against whom it has been used. There is scarcely any epithet of that character that some of them do not deserve. They have everything to gain and nothing to lose. If the word suited their fellows in the

South after the war, it fits them now and in this Territory. But it does not apply and was never intended to apply to the bankers, merchants, business men of different avocations and working people who have settled here permanently and who are numbered among the "Gentiles" of Utah. It would be just as absurd in that connection as if applied to "Mormons" engaged in similar trades and professions.

So in regard to the "Liberal" party. There are Liberals and "Liberals." One class simply oppose the People's Party at the polls and disagree with the majority here on religious and social questions. The other are aggressive, unscrupulous, plotting partizans, who seek to build themselves up by pulling others down. They never proceed by fair and honorable methods. Their policy is one of destruction. Their idea of liberty, is freedom to deprive their opponents of every political right. To gain local control they would destroy local self-government. In the name of republicanism they seek to establish an oligarchy. If citizens will not vote for their ticket they try to prevent them from voting at all. Dealing out continual slander, they are insolvent when action for libel is suggested as a remedy, and when proven beyond question to have falsified with malicious intent, their apologies are worse than their slanders and exhibit an utter lack of manliness and honor.

It is to that class that the terms "carpet-bagger," "adventurer," etc., have been applied. They are the agitators and strife-breeders, and colossal liars of the "Liberal" party, whom the decent men of that organization will repudiate and cast out when they become wiser and think they can do without them. The very worst elements of society are in league with them and they are a detriment to any community cursed with their presence and influence. When they shift the terms intended only for themselves upon the heads of honorable "Gentiles," they libel the latter and do so to foment disturbance and prevent any union of interests that might, peradventure, break down the wall of partition between the two classes of reputable citizens who are divided upon certain issues. No permanent resident or "Gentile" gentleman need take to himself the title of "carpet-bagger."

Habit renders wrong-doing of any kind a sort of second nature.

THE UTAH WESTERN.

SINCE the discussion in the City Council August twenty-seventh over the reconsideration of the resolution granting a right of way to the Utah Western, there have been many queries as to the reason why a railroad started in this city should not be allowed a way to get out, as cheerfully as one started in some other place is granted a way to get in. We must confess our inability to grasp the logic of this proposition.

We can understand the objection of some residents of a street to the noise and other inconveniences of a railroad along that street. We can understand the reasons why railroad corporations already established and enjoying a right of way, would selfishly desire the exclusive right, and throw blocks in the way of a competing or other line not likely to swell their revenue.

But we cannot understand why there should be any difference made to a railroad project simply because it originated in this city and was not born outside, nor why the road should be denied the means of getting out, when the objectors confess they do not protest against an outside road's coming in. We would like a little light on this dark and mysterious declaration.

WHERE NEXT?

A NUMBER of eastern papers are sagely informing their readers that in consequence of the defeat of the "Mormons" at "the recent city election," they are preparing for "another exodus." As there has been no "city election" here and will not be this year, the alleged cause for this exodus is conspicuous by its absence, and as there is no evidence of such a movement, both cause and effect are purely imaginary.

The objective point of the "Mormon" stampede is this time located in Canada. Well, our friends at a distance may just as well save themselves the trouble of speculating any more as to this "hegira" and its probable consequences, as there is not the remotest shadow of a foundation for the story. The "Mormons" are doing just as well in Utah as they could expect to do anywhere else on the continent, and their enemies who have been counting on such a vacation of real estate here as would give the birds of prey a chance to fatten on the fruits of their toil, will find themselves woefully mistaken.

There are a few "Mormons" in