

and Wood River region in Idaho, where, as is well known, these subsequent losses are an accomplished fact.

It is easily within the knowledge of any experienced man on the Pacific coast and Rocky Mountain region, that the foregoing but faintly outlines a vast array of similar statistics that could be furnished. There is no doubt that the cash balance in the business of silver mining, taken as a whole, is largely on the debit side of the account.

Yours respectfully,

R. C. CHAMBERS.

STARTLING STATEMENTS.

For months past there have been rumors and charges of a serious character quietly circulated against Chief Stanton of the fire department. It is stated that Frank B. McIlroy has been principally responsible for them. Intense animus between Messrs. McIlroy and Stanton has existed for weeks. Threats of exposure have been whispered about secretly. Finally they were reduced to writing and last night Councilman Lawson placed them on the recorder's table at the meeting of the City Council. The reading of them caused a sensation. The paper is as follows:

Gentlemen—You will please pardon the liberty I take in addressing you in condemnation of the actions of the chief of your fire department. But to protect the interests of my company I am compelled to take this method of bringing to your notice the double dealings of your chief. I represent a company of chemical engine builders and visit cities and towns at an expense in their interest. The chief of your fire department also visits cities in the interests of the Holloway Chemical Engine, but presumably as a disinterested party, outside of the interests he takes in seeing corporations purchase the apparatus that is best adapted to their use. He has recently delivered and tested personally to Park City and Logan Holloway engines.

He not only visited these cities once on the above business but several times. Is it likely he does that at his own expense? I say no. I am not afraid of competition, for I am willing to test my engine against any engine in the United States or elsewhere; but Chief Stanton's position as chief of the largest fire department in this Territory makes his recommendation carry a

GREAT DEAL OF WEIGHT,

so you can readily appreciate that fact and see how I would be handicapped. At Ogden, when that city purchased their chemical engine Stanton was there in the interest of the Holloway, and that city realizing that Stanton was acting as an agent, did not consider his recommendation, and bought a better make of engine than the one Stanton tried to sell, such competition is not just or right, hence my protest. There is not another city

ON THIS CONTINENT

that has a paid chief of fire department that will allow him to travel in the interest of a fire apparatus company. Now, why was the Holloway purchased by this city? Stanton after the contract was signed just a short time previous to his going east, to attend the

National Convention of Chief Engineers received an order from one Horace Moore, the agent of the Holloway chemical engine, for \$100 on the Holloway people at Baltimore, Maryland, Stanton visited Baltimore on his trip east and received the amount of that order. Mr. Moore afterwards became my partner in business in Portland, Oregon, and the \$100 was charged against the firm of McJeroy & Moon. Only yesterday in Justice Hall's court a judgment was sustained against me for a suit of clothes received by Stanton and charged to me. Am I supposed to

PAY FOR THE CLOTHES

the chief of your fire department wears simply because I am a city contractor? I have sold this city many thousand dollars' worth of goods and all my contracts have been faithfully carried out.

Last spring when your city purchased 30,000 feet of paragon Brand Hose, which was the brand I represented, my company in New York received a letter from this city to the effect that if McIlroy had anything whatever to do in any manner, shape or form with the sale of fire hose, to the Salt Lake fire department. The order would go elsewhere. The object of that letter was quite obvious to me.

STANTON'S REPUTATION

has traveled far as extracts from the fire extinguishing company of Chicago will prove, and I beg your consideration of same to confirm my statements. Extracts from a letter under date of August 1, 1892, Frank E. McIlroy, Portland, Oregon:

DEAR SIR:—About a week or ten days ago we wrote you regarding Salt Lake City, Logan and several other places, and this is to inform you that when Stanton was here at the Democratic convention, he being one of the Gentile delegation which was not admitted, we showed him a great deal of attention, and Bob Young, our city agent, was asked by Stanton to send him an umbrella some patent advice, and the writer instructed Mr. Young to get it and send it to him. It cost us \$9.00. Stanton promised to do the square thing by us, and we hope he will.

Signed FIRE EXTINGUISHING Co.
per E. J. MITCHELL.

Now, regarding this letter I might say, I left Portland, Oregon, at once and went to Logan, this Territory. Upon my arrival there I was informed that the council had purchased a Holloway engine, and that Chief Stanton of Salt Lake would deliver it in a few weeks. That

SHOWS HIS APPRECIATION

of the hospitality shown him and what his promise is worth.

Extract from letter under date of September 2nd, 1892:

Frank E. McIlroy, Ogden:

We have had several letters from Stanton of Salt Lake, that when the time comes for the purchase of the chemical engine he would let us know, and that he would have the buying, but his letters were not written in any assuring kind of tone to make us think that there is any reliance to be placed on his statements, and this we give you as a pointer.

(Signed)

FIRE EXTINGUISHING COMPANY,
Per E. J. MITCHELL.

Regarding the above, it seems Stanton claimed to have the authority to purchase supplies for the department,

notwithstanding an ordinance was passed prior to the date of this letter, and placing the authority in the hands of the fire committee only.

Extract from letter under date of September 8th, 1892:

We will make you a special price on our engines for Salt Lake City, in order to keep you towards your contract, this on the engines will afford a good margin, and even if rumors are correct, that everything goes through Salt Lake City has to pay Chief Stanton you have a margin left, but if you can pull through without him by all means do so, as we are afraid he is not sincere in his promises to anybody, except to Holloway. As we understand he never knows when he gets commission enough. We want to make this matter a satisfactory deal, and we hope you will not be caught, napping neither that you hang your hopes upon any such a weak show as Stanton unless you know him better than we do.

Signed.

FIRE EXTINGUISHING COMPANY.
Per E. J. MITCHELL.

In conclusion I might say that I regret this unpleasant affair, but Stanton has stooped to very low devices to ruin my business and reputation.

The charges were referred to a special committee for investigation, consisting of Councilmen Kelly, Hardy, Beardsley, Lawson and Karrick.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

"My fellow citizens—In obedience to the mandate of my countrymen, I am about to dedicate myself to their service under the sanction of a solemn oath. Deeply moved by the expressions of confidence and personal attachment which have called me to this service, I am sure my gratitude can make no better return than the pledge I now give before God and these witnesses of unreserved, complete devotion to the interests and welfare of those who have honored me.

I deem it fitting on this occasion, while indicating the opinions I hold concerning public questions of present importance, to also briefly refer to the existence of certain conditions and tendencies among our people which seem to menace the integrity and usefulness of their government. While every American citizen must contemplate with the utmost pride and enthusiasm the growth and expansion of our country, the sufficiency of our institutions to stand against the rudest shocks of violence, the wonderful thrift and enterprise of our people, and the demonstrated superiority of our free government, it behooves us constantly to watch for every symptom of insidious infirmity that threatens our national vigor. The strong man who in the confidence of sturdy health courts the sternest activities of life and rejoices in the hardihood of constant labor may still have lurking near his vitals an unheeded disease that dooms him to a sudden collapse.

It cannot be doubted that our stupendous achievements as a people and our country's robust strength have given rise to heedlessness of those laws governing our national health which we can no more evade than human life can escape the laws of God and nature.