

ment, and said this through their chairman:

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 7, 1890.

Mr. Charles W. Penrose, Editor "Deseret Evening News."

Dear Sir—In your paper of yesterday evening, in an editorial headed "Questionable Sincerity," you make among others this direct charge—"that two of the registration officers of this city made a trip in a special car over the Rio Grande Western, and registered by wholesale gang after gang of employees found at various points between here and the Colorado line," and further charge—"the members of the Utah Commission, it is presumed, have full information of this flagrant crime." The Commission, and each member thereof, emphatically denies having such information.

Will you have the kindness to furnish the Commission immediately with the names of the registration officers referred to in your article, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,
By order of the Commission,
G. L. GODFREY, Chairman.

The gentleman at whom the foregoing interrogation point was directed, replied appropriately as follows:

OFFICE OF THE DESERET NEWS CO.,
SALT LAKE, Feb. 7, 1890.

Hon. Utah Commission, Col. G. L. Godfrey, Chairman."

Gentlemen—Your favor of even date in relation to an article which appeared in the DESERET EVENING NEWS of the 6th instant is received.

Although I never wrote or inspired the article referred to, and did not see it until it was in print, I do not wish to avoid any responsibility which attaches to me as editor of the DESERET NEWS. I therefore reply to your assertion directly.

You say that I "make among others this direct charge—that two of the registration officers of this city made a trip in a special car over the Rio Grande Western and registered by wholesale gang after gang of employees," etc. I clip from the article the exact language used, as follows:

It is believed to have come to be as well understood to every citizen as is the season of the year or the state of the weather, that two of the registration officers of this city made a trip, in a special car, over the Rio Grande Western and registered by wholesale gang after gang of employees found at various points between here and the Colorado line. The members of the Utah Commission, it is presumed, have full information of this flagrant crime.

You will observe that instead of making any "direct charge" of the kind you mention, the DESERET NEWS simply commented upon something that is a topic of common conversation. The charge did not originate with the DESERET NEWS nor with any of its writers.

It is fair to presume that the Utah Commissioners present in this city have as "full information of this flagrant crime" as is current in the community. And I must confess my surprise at your statement that "the Commission, and each member thereof, emphatically denies having any such information."

I also respectfully suggest that if the Commission really desire to go to the bottom of this notorious affair, there must be better means of reaching it than through newspaper channels. The names of the appointees of the Commission who are said to have perpetrated one of the most shameful attempts at fraud ever committed in the

country, are bandied about by the public, and, as the DESERET NEWS has intimated, must surely have come to the ears of the Commission.

I am gentlemen,
Yours respectfully,
CHARLES W. PENROSE,
Editor DESERET NEWS.

IN FAVOR OF PEACE.

THERE is no element of cowardice in the sturdy men who comprise the mass of the People's Party. In any sort of an emergency they would be as cool, brave and dauntless as any men on earth. They are not lacking, either, in a disposition to defend both their rights and their persons.

But they are, to a man, in favor of peace. They will never seek nor countenance anything in violation of it. They may always be counted upon to maintain law and order, and respect the rights of all other classes, including their most relentless opponents. Their disposition in this regard was amply shown last night. Though there were carried in the "Liberal" procession transparencies, banners and mottoes which were designedly, needlessly and senselessly insulting to the members of the People's Party, and though catch cries were shouted from the column, of a character and significance calculated to incense the spectators who belonged to the opposite party, the insults were not resented, and aside from good-natured shouts from People's Party boys and some retaliatory banter returned in exchange by them, the marchers were not molested in the least degree, and good order was maintained among People's Party spectators. The latter have a right to ask that no worse treatment be accorded to them this evening and on Monday. They desire that all violations of the peace be avoided, and can be relied upon to pursue a course in line with that end. If the co-operation of the other party shall be given in good faith, the proceedings of tonight and the election on Monday will pass off peacefully.

STRONG REASONS.

WORKINGMEN, attention! You have your homes. If the "Liberals" go into power it means that the amount of taxes you will have to pay will run up to from three to five times what you have heretofore paid under the rule of the People's Party. The brief "Liberal" reign in Ogden places that fact beyond doubt. This being the case

your homes are threatened. You cannot stand such a draw on your earnings. Think of that on Monday and cast your votes for the representatives of pacific, prudent and economic government.

Besides this inevitable weight of immediate increased taxation that would take from the pockets of the poor their hard earnings, there is now on foot a scheme to plunge this and other cities into irretrievable debt, which means still heavier taxation burdens and speedy ruin. It is in the shape of a proposal to increase the limit of municipal indebtedness from four—the present limit—to ten per cent of the assessed property valuation.

Take into consideration the hoist the assessed valuation would receive under the "Liberal" regime, and an idea of the fearful burdens that would ensue may be formed. Besides, the opportunities for speculation would be almost limitless, and a dishonest politician cannot be made into an honest official, even if he were ground over.

As an evidence of what is stated above we here quote from a circular letter issued by O. J. Hollister, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce:

"At a meeting of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce and citizens, held at the Chamber at Salt Lake at eight o'clock p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23, instant, it was voted that the chair appoint a special committee of fifteen to prepare a petition to Congress that the limit of municipal indebtedness in the case of the cities of Utah be extended from 4 to 10 per cent on assessed valuation."

These considerations alone should be sufficient to induce all intelligent workingmen who are electors to vote the People's ticket on Monday, February 10th.

PLOT TO ROB THE PEOPLE.

The Registrars' "courts" were in operation again Feb. 4, and there was nothing to vary the order that has been followed for some days. Before Mr. McCallum Austin Shipp, who was a polygamist eleven years ago, appeared, and his case was taken under advisement. In the case of John B. Almon, who had not been a polygamist since 1862, the challenge was denied.

Wm. H. Naylor did not respond when his name was called, and an investigation showed that he had not been served with notice of the challenge.

Default was entered against George Burton, for non-appearance.

There were quite a number challenged for non-residence, most of whom have lived in the city many years. One of these was A. H. Woolley, who, when asked how long he had resided in Salt Lake, replied 27 years. He is 27 years old.