

## A REWARD OFFERED.

February 5, the stale threat of the "Liberals" that they proposed to steal the election was more widespread than ever. The intention of theft was unblushingly announced by many members of that party. This is the proposal that the People are resolved to prevent.

The community are familiar with the processes by which it is determined, if possible, to consummate the villainy—the registration of hosts of illegal voters who have no residential or other qualifications. The R. G. W. registration car infamy has been partly exposed; in course of time it will be fully thrown open to the light of day.

But that is not all. The lists are loaded with transients caught by the registrars at the hotels, and it is understood that personators have been secured to represent them at the polls on Monday next. Doubtless many of them will accept the offer of the chairman of the "Liberal" central committee to accept a free excursion to Salt Lake and return to their bona fide homes in adjacent states and territories. Those who have doubts on this subject only need to read the following "copy of a telegram sent on Tuesday last broadcast throughout the west, and especially through Idaho, Montana and Colorado." (The introductory passage within quotation marks is the language of the Salt Lake Tribune):

"Say to all Gentile registered voters of Salt Lake, that if those who cannot afford to pay fare will come home, vote, and apply at Liberal Headquarters, Walker House, election day, February 10th, Committee will refund actual traveling expenses. Voters, dear voters, come home.

O. W. POWERS,  
Chairman Liberal Committee."

The words "registered voters" that occur in the dispatch are superfluous. We suggest that personators would be, in our opinion, much more appropriate. "Bogus voters, dear bogus voters, leave home." Come to Salt Lake and get free passage and whisky, as a reward for Tim Smith appearing on the 10th of February as Tom Jones.

## THE REASON WHY.

OUR readers have perused the correspondence that has passed between Chairman Powers of the "Liberal" central committee and Chairman Richards of the People's central committee. The communications from both sides have appeared in the columns of the News and

*Herald*. Those of Judge Powers only have been published in the columns of the chief organ of the "Liberals."

Why did not the last named journal give space to the letters of Hon. F. S. Richards?

Every intelligent reader of the correspondence can frame an adequate answer, even if he be a "Liberal." It was because it *dared not do it*.

Why this fear of publishing both sides of the controversy?

Because the columns of the *Tribune* would have borne testimony to the truth that, in fact and logic, the "Liberal" chairman was polemically annihilated by Mr. Richards, by whom the contemptible and dishonest methods of the other side were laid bare in a manner that was totally unanswerable.

The only reply offered by the "Liberal" organ to the invincible array of logic and truth was the firing, at long range, of volleys of vituperation and impotent rage, in the hope of deceiving the class of people who had not read Mr. Richards' letters into the idea that they were the opposite of what they were. This evidence of cowardice and want of magnanimity has been evinced from the same quarter throughout the campaign.

## AN OBJECTIONABLE PARAGRAPH.

A SOMEWHAT lively debate occurred in the House February 6th, over the report of the committee on education on the report rendered to the Assembly by Hon. Jacob S. Boreman, Territorial School Commissioner. The committee recommended that a certain paragraph be expunged from the Commissioner's report, and that the balance, with accompanying information and statistics, be printed as a public document for the benefit of the citizens of the Territory, and to exchange for educational reports of other States and Territories.

Mr. C. F. Allen, a "Liberal," is chairman of the educational committee and as such signed the report. Mr. J. N. Kimball, "Liberal" member from Ogden, opposed the adoption of the report, declaring that the House had no right to amend the report of a Territorial officer, rendered in compliance with law to the Assembly. Speaker Sharp suggested that the question was not one of amending the Commissioner's report, but of printing such a portion of it as the House might see fit. Mr. Allen, by way of a personal ex-

planation, and for the information of the House, stated that the Commissioner had expressed himself willing that objectionable sentences should be omitted from his report for the sake of having the balance of it, and the accompanying statistics, etc., printed.

Mr. Williams insisted that the House ought to print the Commissioner's report entire or not at all. He said that a former session of the Assembly had refused to publish the Governor's message because the members did not like its contents, and that such refusal had been regarded ever since as a mistake. If a part of the Commissioner's report were expunged it would, he said, be a similar mistake.

The majority of the members of the House found themselves called upon to vote on the question whether or not they would spend the people's money to pay for the publication of matter which they believed was unjust and offensive to the great majority of the people of the Territory. At length the matter was re-committed to the committee on education, whose report will be awaited with some interest.

The paragraph proposed to be expunged from the Commissioner's report is as follows:

"Whilst the non-Mormon religious denominations are looking forward, and in many instances with anxiety, to the inauguration of good free public schools, so that their primary schools may be given up, the authorities of the Mormon church are inaugurating a system of church schools which are calculated to draw the children of the members of that church away from the district schools. The dislike of the district schools seems to be based to a large extent upon the fact that sectarian books are prohibited therein. If this policy of withdrawal be persisted in, the district schools will be greatly crippled, as there are several times as many children of Mormon parents as there are of non-Mormon parents. It is to be hoped that wiser counsels and better judgment will prevail and that the policy will be abandoned, and that the true American policy of providing free public schools for all shall be encouraged and adopted."

The intimation here conveyed that all religious societies in this Territory, except the "Mormons," propose to discontinue religious schools, on the establishment of a public free school system, means that the various sectarian churches here propose to cease giving their children a religious education in schools adapted to that purpose. That the various non-"Mormon" religious denominations contemplate anything of the kind is totally untrue. Even if they intended to cease sending their children to religious schools, it would be no rea-