

The Council was seized last night with a spasm of virtue, and passed a resolution that the committee should continue their labors, by extending their investigations to all other departments of the municipal government. It is a good deal like fencing a railroad street crossing after somebody has been run over and mangled. The danger of such an occurrence was apparent from the beginning.

Mr. Hyams was given the recordership as a reward because of his partisan work in the capacity of registrar for the "Liberal" cause in the campaign preceding the last municipal election. He was suspected of having been one of the chief operators in the "Liberal" frauds that were then perpetrated. In our opinion a man who will thwart the popular will and invade by fraudulent practices the sacred right of suffrage, is not to be trusted in other respects. Such a person is, according to Judge Zane, "a traitor to his country." If the late recorder was engaged in that kind of work, and was rewarded for it, is not the present event a natural result of the transaction?

It is impossible to regard the position of the chief morning "Liberal" organ on this occurrence as other than inconsistent. It glossed over the "Liberal" frauds committed during the last municipal campaign, while forced to admit that special trains were run out on the R. G. W. to the Colorado line to bring in voters. It brazenly said, in effect, "what of it?" It jubilated over the official birth of Hyams when he was rewarded for his partisan labors, yet now it malignantly rubs its hands in demoniacal glee over the official funeral of the same individual. Indirectly it contributed toward the production of the result over which it—probably for personal reasons—now rejoices. We held from the beginning that Mr. Hyams was totally unfit, in every way, for the office of recorder. The correctness of that view is now placed beyond any room for doubt.

It seems to us that the resolution of Mr. James in relation to the investigation of all other departments of the municipal government, was equal to a vote of censure upon the finance committee, the inference being that they had not been doing their duty. The nature of their report on the shortage in the recorder's office shows that their work was in this investigation either imperfectly done or partly suppressed.

### SEEING THE COUNTRY.

Having reached a resting-place in this remote valley, I take the opportunity of sending a few items which may be of interest to your readers.

The recent change in the U. P. time table enables the traveler from Salt Lake to reach Milford about 8:30 p. m. The ride from Juab is very wearisome, as the passengers board a "mixed" train at that point, and most travelers would prefer to cross the dreary desert in the night, thereby enjoying a comfortable bed in the "sleeper," oblivious of the many delays and stoppages necessitated by the loading and unloading of freight.

From Milford to Minersville is but a few hours' drive; but just prior to entering the town we pass close to the unfenced graveyard. Too many settlements in Utah have their cemeteries in this neglected condition. Often we see horses and cattle tramping over the sacred mounds. Of all people, the Latter-day Saints ought to be foremost in protecting the resting-places of their beloved dead. Several years ago the First Presidency, in a general epistle, called attention to this important subject. Why not make Decoration day a special time for improving and beautifying our graveyards?

The people of Minersville have raised moderately good crops during the past season, considering the drawback of losing their dam in the spring.

Increased school attendance has necessitated the enlargement of the school premises.

Beaver City was visited on election day. Early in the morning an ambitious candidate of the so-called "Independent" party was busily engaged distributing tickets and soliciting votes, and others were button-holing the electors. However, the citizens' ticket prevailed and Beaver is to be congratulated on having placed at the head of its municipal government a man of sterling worth—Mayor Bennett.

The schools of Beaver are well attended and the Stake Academy is progressing favorably under the management of Prof. Jos. McGregor.

A six hours' drive enabled me to reach Paragonah, better known as Red Creek, where I was cordially received by mine host Topham. The residents of this little burg are principally engaged in stock-raising and farming, and have the reputation of being an industrious, "mind-your-own-business" class of people.

Parowan, four miles distant, is well known as the county seat of Iron County. In co-operative industries it has always taken the lead. It is gratifying to notice that the co-operative store is doing a flourishing trade, and that a new building has been erected recently for the furniture department.

The Latter-day Saints' Seminary commenced operations a few weeks ago, under very favorable auspices. A familiar face was noticed at the Principal's desk and a hearty greeting was extended to Brother Edwin

Cutler, a graduate of the B. Y. Academy, who has been called to take charge of the institution.

The basement of the Tabernacle has been re-modeled and comfortably seated, but it will soon be necessary to erect a building to accommodate the students.

Passing the residence of President Morgan Richards my attention was directed to a fine marble monument. The inscriptions thereon awakened memories of the past and revived recollections of a tragical event which caused a thrill of sorrow and indignation throughout the Territory. The bond of brotherhood existing among the Latter-day Saints caused all to mourn when the news of the killing of Edward M. Dalton was flashed across the wires. The monument is of Vermont marble and will be mounted on a large granite base. Its cost (several hundred dollars) will be defrayed by the voluntary subscriptions of the citizens. The inscriptions will be of general interest, and are very appropriate. On the front is inscribed the name of Edward M. Dalton, with the dates of his birth and death, also his age (34 years, 3 months and 21 days.) On the reverse side is a quotation from Revelations vi: 10:

"And they cried with a loud voice saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

On the south side is engraved the statement:

"He was shot and killed Dec. 16th, 1886, in cold blood, by a Deputy United States Marshal, while under indictment for a misdemeanor under the Edmunds anti-polygamy act."

The north side of the monument contains the following:

Here lies a victim of a Nation's blunder,  
Which many to untimely graves hath brought;  
It, nature's holy ties hath torn asunder,  
And untold suffering, woe and anguish wrought.  
By ruthless hand this man crossed death's dark river,  
His was the sacred blood of innocence;  
The taker of his life will meet the Giver,  
Before the Tribune of Omnipotence.

PHOENIX.

MEADOW VALLEY WASH,  
Lincoln County, Nevada,  
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### SALT LAKE TO NEW YORK.

I have just reached the scenes to be found in a few parts of the Dismal Swamp of Virginia. Arriving at Norfolk, we discovered it to be a flourishing city, growing apace, and one of the largest cotton ports in the world. It is in the way of possessing of natural advantages, by far the foremost southern harbor on the Atlantic coast. The immense coal beds of Virginia that find outlets to the sea board at Norfolk and Newport News seem to be destined at no distant date to make these ports the great coaling stations of the eastern side of the continent. Geographically, Norfolk is situated twelve miles from Fortress Monroe, on an arm of the Chesapeake Bay, and known as the Elizabeth River.

Our train was late, but arrived at the Old Dominion steamship dock just in time to board the *Roanoke*,