

his report and next week, or the week after, you have your answer. That answer is final."

Politics cuts no more figure in appointments than in the selection of the board. The civil service is the real thing down there. There is but one way in which a department employee can assist his chief at the polls and that is by doing his individual part to make the administration of the department satisfactory to the people, for it is a point of pride as well as of honor that no one shall be encumbered on his election to the board by political debts.

The progress that has been made in paving and improving the streets is marvelous when one considers the slender resources of the citizens and the relatively small amount of money expended. If there has been any graft in the work, no evidence of it appears in the bills, and the taxpayers do not suspect such a thing. In Galveston you hear no jokes about the proverbial crookedness of city governments. They assume the honesty of their board as men assume the intelligence of their children and the virtue of their wives.

It is useless to tell a Galvestonian that his municipal system is not the best so far devised. I talked with men in all walks of life while I was there and every man of them proceeded to show me how and why the Galveston "idea" is better than all others, both in theory and in practice. They point with pride to the fact that the neighboring city of Houston has adopted the same system and that from cities all over the United States are coming requests for information concerning the "idea." It will be but a short time, I was informed, until Austin and San Antonio will have substituted boards for mayors and councils.

Houston is rapidly becoming the leading commercial city of the southwest. They cannot tell you the population, because the people do not stand still long enough to be counted. It is supposed to be somewhere between 40,000 and 50,000. Houston's weak point is in its hotel facilities. As I was going in on the train, I asked a native what hotel he would recommend. He said:

"Go to any of them. No matter which one you try, you will wish you had gone to one of the others."

One of the old hotels is being remodeled on a magnificent scale and when the work is done Houston will have at least one modern hostelry.

They were busy nominating a governor at Dallas when I was in Texas. I say "nominating a governor" advisedly, for the Democratic conventions always "nominate the governor." The subsequent election is a mere formality. More than the usual interest attached to the nomination this year, as the people were giving a new primary law its first trial. The law was intended to provide for direct nominations but, as no candidate had a clear majority, the nomination was made after all

by a convention. As a result of the test, the law will probably be amended to provide for reballoting until some candidate has a majority. There is no indication that Texas is likely to drift from its Democratic moorings, unless the fact that I met three new babies in Galveston, each one of whom was named "Theodore," may be regarded as a political straw.

Prohibition is the real issue of the hour in Texas. Politically the state has been mediaeval. In some things, such as municipal government, it has, like Japan, surpassed its teachers, but in others it is following the footsteps of older communities. So far as the temperance question is concerned, it is passing over the ground long ago traversed by Maine, Iowa and Kansas. It has a local option law that permits a houseowner to hold an election for himself and decree prohibition on his front porch. A step more and Texas will be back at its starting point, each may having local option over his own stomach which, after all, is the source of the only effective prohibition. In the "dry" towns a stranger need not wait to be told that "prohibition" is in force. He can tell it the moment he tastes the stuff they sell for liquor. It is the experience of the Ancient Mariner reversed; there is "not a drop of whiskey anywhere, but all you want to drink."

A letter on Texas without a mention of the negro would be as incomplete as an article on Utah without mention of the Mormons. But if you ask me to explain the "negro question," I beg to be excused. The real attitude of the Southerner toward the negro cannot be comprehended from a written description any more than the actual conditions in Utah can be made clear to a person who has never lived in the West. It may, however, be accepted as a truism, that the negroes are largely what the whites make of them. The black man is an imitative creature and patterns his conduct after that of the white persons he respects and admires. It will be found on investigation that in communities where the white men are just, upright and decent, the blacks are what is known locally as "good niggers." And where the negroes are vicious and criminal it is usually safe to infer that the white population is not of the best character.

Mexico, Texas, a town in which I once lived, is in the heart of the black belt, yet there has never been a lynching nor a serious crime on the part of the negroes in that vicinity. The white folks of Mexia are fair with one another, just to the negroes and of exceptionally high character.

I might write a column or more about the "street cars I have met" in Texas, but space forbids. The remainder must be used to impress upon the readers of Goodwin's Weekly a sense of the opportunities for missionary labor in Texas. Familiar as the southerners are with Colorado, they know nothing of Salt Lake City and Utah.

The summer is over. It is time to begin to think about ordering your winter goods. There is nothing used in a bar that we do not carry and nothing we do not carry that you would not like to use in a bar.

REIGER & LINDLEY,
"The Whiskey Merchants."

McCOY'S STABLES

T. McEVROY

¶ The only modern stables in the state. ¶ Best advantages for accommodation of stock. ¶ Carriages for parties, theatres and calling **Both Phones 81.**

SALT LAKE PHOTO SUPPLY Co.

Kodaks & Supplies Developing & Finishing

LYNGBERG & LEAKER

Hair Specialists

Suits 417 to 422 - - - - - Constitution Block
Dr. McLean's Methods and Tonics Used



Our Yearly Blanket Sale
commences Monday
August 27th

Hundreds of Sample Blankets
at about half price

Always Available

¶ If you wish to set aside a portion of your means where it will be available for immediate use, open an account with this Bank. You will find no other arrangement so convenient. You will be getting interest at 4% all the time.

UTAH SAVINGS & TRUST CO.
160 MAIN STREET, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

WE MAKE TRAVEL EASY



5-TRAINS DAILY-5

Colorado

TO

Kansas City, St. Joe, Chicago,
Galveston, El Paso, City
of Mexico

Ask me about reduced rates

C. F. WARREN, G. A., A. T. & S. F. Ry.
411 Dooly Block, Salt Lake City