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GANZ, FICKAS, MORFORD.

The city council met last night and delivered the goods. So far as the

THE infamous three—Ganz, INFAMOUS Morford, and Fickas— THREE could do it, they handed the city over to the tender mercies of the Phoenix water company—a corporation which sits in the city's highway of progress and levies a usurer's toll upon the earnings of every householder—a corporation which has shamefully violated its contracts with the city and given us a set of rotten water mains that are a standing invitation to destruction of the town by fire—a corporation whose thirty pieces of silver rang louder in the city hall last night than the fire bell which the grim sarcasm of fate called into voice during the proceedings.

The water company had its way. The unanimous mandate of the tax-payers expressed in an overflowing mass meeting was scorned, and the orders of the water company, that the people should not have an opportunity to vote on the question of municipal ownership of water works, was carried out.

But what of the infamous three who executed these orders? The voice of Judas Iscariot when he betrayed our Lord did not tremble as much as did the voice of Fickas as he attempted to read to a jeering audience of solid citizens the specious arguments prepared for him by a stronger brain. Were his flushed face and trembling lips a confession that he had begun to realize that he, Ganz and Morford, had at last taken the step which made them eternal objects of scorn in a community of self-respecting men? Perhaps so. It is certainly true that they will find hereafter that this town knows them for what they are. Life in a smaller city is not like existence in a metropolis. In a great city it is possible for public servants to betray the people and by shifting residence and keeping quiet regain a circle of more or less respectful acquaintances, but it is not so in a smaller city. Therefore the situation has a pathetic side to it for Ganz, Morford and Fickas. They will find, after the dirty work is all over, that the rule is invariably able, unscrupulous men have no use for tools after they have used those tools, and accord no pay but contempt. But that is not the worst of it—how do Ganz, Morford and Fickas like, now, to contemplate the future in another phase? It cannot be comforting to them to realize that they have deliberately placed themselves in a public pillory. How much consolation can they derive from the thought that their own children may be told for years to come that their fathers betrayed the city?

Phoenix will grow, and the people of Phoenix will yet have their way—never fear—but last night's black record cannot be lived down in all the years to come by Ganz, Morford and Fickas.

The Republican had no idea that Ganz, Fickas and Morford would go back on the Phoenix Water company. It HAS OVER-REACHED. It surprised if these three worthies had torn the water company's collar from their necks and performed their duty to the public. "Evil communications corrupt good manners," and it was not within the bonds of possibility that men who had betrayed their trust twice within

four months would spurn the corrupt influences surrounding them and take the manly stand their constituents had a right to expect of them.

They worked last night along cut and dried lines. Moses H. Sherman's misleading petition was employed according to Sherman's plan. Just as the Republican believed it would be. But we doubt if any person in Phoenix outside of the water company and the council was prepared for the complete details of that plan. Moses Sherman has the reputation in Arizona and California of being a "smooth" individual, the term "smooth" embracing the adjectives "unscrupulous" and "foxy," and the modern phrase "out for the stuff." The San Francisco Call recently published a series of letters written by him in connection with the Pacific bank failure which revealed the fact that Moses, like most "smooth" people, overreaches. He has overreached in his present fight against the taxpayers of Phoenix by naming William Christy, E. J. Bennett and Dr. J. M. Ford as a committee to investigate the question of the expense of a municipal water works system. The selection of these men removes the last doubt the taxpayers may have had concerning the honesty of Ganz, Fickas and Morford. William Christy is the business associate of Sherman. He is interested in seeing the Phoenix Water company strengthen its grip upon this town. He has been Sherman's constant adviser since Sherman came to Phoenix a week ago to manipulate the council and marshal the opposition to municipal ownership. He is not a resident of Phoenix and has no sympathy with the movement for a comprehensive water system. Common decency ought to induce him to withdraw from the committee to which the council has named him. But will he? As well might one ask if Moses H. Sherman will donate the water plant to the city. Col. Christy will "figure" on the cost of a complete system and you may depend that he will not cause his side partner to walk the floor and prate of the colonel's ingratitude.

And E. J. Bennett! He's another rank outsider. He lives in the Bennett addition and has been a prominent opponent of annexation. He is a director in the Valley bank, of which Col. Christy is president and Moses H. Sherman is vice president. His sympathies are with Christy and Sherman and therefore with the Phoenix Water company. Will E. J. Bennett have the nerve to figure with Christy on the proposition so vital to the future of Phoenix? If he does not then Moses H. Sherman has made another blunder.

As to Dr. Ford, we are told that he is opposed to municipal ownership. Elsewhere in this issue we quote the remarks of Councilman Dyer regarding the doctor's sentiments. The fact that Sherman selected him as a member of the committee will be pretty good evidence to the taxpayers that he considers Doctor Ford a friend of the water company.

And this committee of three is to deliberate and figure and make no report unless it is so minded. General Sherman was careful to omit a date for the presentation of the opinion of Messrs. Christy, Bennett and Ford. They have full license to consume a year or ten years in getting up their figures.

We repeat that Moses has overreached himself. The people of Phoenix now view his jobbery in all its enormity. They realize what General Ainsworth meant when he said "We've got you and you can't get away." That unblushing statement comprehended all that was done last night by Sherman's council, and more. The Phoenix Water company is in the saddle, and proposes to ride rough shod over this community with the aid of the infamous three—Ganz, Morford and Fickas. Will the people permit such an outrage? Hardly. The high-handed proceedings of last night have given the strongest possible impetus to the municipal ownership movement. Treachery and jobbery are to be rebuked, and to the task the majority of Phoenix taxpayers will now address themselves.

Mayor Ganz has made many promises to submit the water and sewerage question to a vote of the people. E. GANZ—the people. He was HIS charged last night at PROMISES the council meeting with having stated last spring that he was not going to wait until fall but would call the bond election right away. He admitted last night that he had made that statement, but still he decided to go back on his word. He proved himself entirely false to his duty as an officer of the people, and violated his many promises made to the taxpayers of this city.

The Phoenix water company prepared a long and fallacious statement of what the water company was doing and what the water company thought the city would do if it owned a water system. This statement was signed by Ganz, Morford and Fickas. City Attorney Darby, water works Attorney Ainsworth, and B. N. Pratt, superintendent of the water company, also gave their views. Two members of the council, Dyer and Saunders, never saw or heard of this wonderful statement of the water company until it was read in the council last night.

Ganz, Morford and Fickas will be called to account in the next few days

in a way that ought to put the fear of God in the hearts of unfaithful public servants for the next generation.

It is plain that the duty of the citizens of Phoenix is to hold a mass meeting and call upon Ganz, Morford and Fickas to resign. The appointment of William Christy, E. J. Bennett and J. M. Ford to estimate the cost of a municipal water works system for Phoenix is convincing proof that Ganz, Morford and Fickas do not intend to allow the people an opportunity to vote upon the water works question. They have betrayed the people and ought to be forced out of office.

All honor to Councilmen Sanders and Dyer. They manfully stood by their constituents in the face of temptation before which weaker men would have fallen. They will yet have an opportunity to redeem in tangible results the pledges which they have honestly tried to carry out.

The three generals and their three aids in the council have for the time being thwarted the wishes of the people of Phoenix. From this time on the people of Phoenix will live for the distinguished privilege of thwarting the generals and their aids. And great will be the thwarting thereof.

Speaking of sure things, Generals Sherman and Ainsworth can give the festive slot-machines "cards and spades." And what makes the case sadder still is that the machines are paying thirty dollars a month license while the generals are going scot free.

Over one hundred men could find employment in Williams just now, but they cannot be found anywhere. Still men will persist in electing republican presidents.—Williams News.

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Like a wild heifer going through a barbed wire fence Morford shut his eyes last night when he voted against the wishes of the people of Phoenix. The only wonder is that he has the nerve to open them again and look his honorable fellow citizens in the face.

A gamster takes chances, the water company does not. In choosing its committee of three last night to ignore an overwhelming sentiment in favor of a municipal water system the monopoly did not go out of the family.

In speaking of the position of the council in the water works matter yesterday, a gentleman who has lived in Arizona a quarter of a century, said: "Phoenix now has the most corrupt city council in its history."

It is only a few years since General Sherman was earning an honest living teaching school in Yavapai county at \$75 a month. His income is greater now, but as to his methods of getting it—God save the mark.

A man who would blot the county records in Tombstone cannot be expected to shy at a blot on his personal record in Phoenix. That is why he carried his bluff last night better than Ganz or Morford.

"They won't stay bought," wailed a politician at a national convention, referring to the colored delegates from North Carolina. That expression has no meaning in Phoenix just at present.

General Sherman has enlarged his kissing trust. William Christy, E. J. Bennett and J. M. Ford are the new members and they are in on the ground floor.

In his capacity as father confessor, "We have got you and you can't get away" Ainsworth will have to work over-time for a moon or two, after last night's job.

Fickas' Tombstone training stood him in good stead last night. It requires nerve to wear Moses H. Sherman's livery.



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