

The personal attack was inexcusable. If Mr. Ferry cared to dignify the charges by explaining, it would be readily seen what a brave fight the McKinney people made against a man who has always been faithful to his trust. He is too big a man to go into the matter, or it would be easy for him to show that urgent personal affairs and serious family illness made it imperative for him to occasionally be absent from the sessions of the council. None of his work in the important deliberations of that body was neglected. Just what the public thought of the attack, was expressed in their votes on Tuesday.

The advertisement concluded with: "Mr. Voter, do you want to know anything more about this man Mont Ferry?" Yes, we do, Mr. James W. McKinney. What do you know to his detriment? If the fight were worth continuing we should like very much to compare his public record with yours, but you are out of the running just as you were before you started, and so there is no necessity of referring to the time when your bray was one of the amusing sidelights of a city council replete with prodigies of your calibre. We feel a little sorry for you though, for in our hearts we think you were just made a boob of by the designing gentlemen who had you in charge, and we suggest that if you have the temerity to again run for office, to do a little thinking on your own account and try to retain any respect your friends may have for you.

## STRAIGHT TALK

We wonder how much truth there is in the rumor that Slippery Dick Morris has had his South Temple street residence listed with a real estate dealer for sale for some time in contemplation of a move to San Diego. It is understood that he has investments there and that both he and George W. Snow, chief of the Bureau of Mechanical Inspection, who was imported from the southern city, are contemplating going there unless their present plans mature. By the way, Mr. Snow was very busy on the day of the primaries, using the automobile of the park department to further the interests of Slippery Dick. Other city machines were being used for the same purpose, but that the one from this department under Snow's direction should be pressed into service for the slippery one, was a matter of much surprise and comment.

In Lon J. Haddock's statement, following the primary election, he expressed profound sympathy for Mr. McKinney and Mr. Lawrence. Why should Mr. Haddock be so sympathetic for these gentlemen? Was it because they didn't do what they were brought out to do. The nice things he said of them, hardly paid them for the services that were required of them.

A great deal of the strength shown by Karl A. Scheid in his race for commissioner may be attributed to the fact that he has no entangling alliances and that he is not in any way connected with the Morris combine. Mr. Scheid has a very clear and concise understanding of every department of city government, and is absolutely free and independent, a fact readily recognized by the voters who came to his support. In these days of combines, crinations and recriminations, Mr. Scheid by virtue of his genuine independence of all factions occupies an enviable position.

If it is true that there were a large number of teachers in the public schools who were untiring in their efforts to secure votes for a certain candidate because of his influence in the board of education, they should be summarily dismissed from the service. The stories are persistent that their efforts were responsible for a great many votes, and in some instances it is said they went

so far as to instruct their pupils to carry the word to their parents in such a way that they, the parents, felt it necessary to vote for this candidate.

If politics is to be carried into the public schools and the teachers are to be used to further the interests of a candidate under the impression that their positions may be jeopardized, it is high time that an investigation be made and if such a thing occurred, make the example such that there will not be a repetition of the outrage.

A gentleman named Mellen is said to have hired fourteen automobiles and sent them over to the Morris headquarters on the day of the primaries, paying for them with a personal cheque. Could this have been J. W. Mellen, the contractor who is doing so much work for the city under the supervision of the department of which Slippery Dick is the head?

As a result of the monopolization of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo during his recent visit here, National Committeeman "Spinach" Wallace caused the breach in the local ranks of the Democracy to widen and the big men of the party are sore to the core. Elsewhere, the receptions to the distinguished gentleman have been more or less of a non-partisan nature and where they have not, all of the leading Democrats participated. It was different here, however, for true to his precedents, "Spinach" Wallace pushed himself to the front and didn't let anybody else get much closer than within shouting distance of the secretary. It is hardly possible that the local Democracy could be represented by anyone whose actions are so obnoxious to the rank and file as well as many of the big men of the party as "Spinach" Wallace, but if it was hard for the local gentlemen, think how the secretary must have suffered. Judging from the pictures, it was "Spinach" Wallace and not the secretary who was the central figure during the visit.

The vote for George N. Lawrence has been explained. Right square in the middle of the campaign, just like that, John Q. Critchlow departed from the city on what we understand was a stock selling expedition. No wonder the vote was light with Mr. Critchlow away. Far be it from John Q. to identify himself with anything that would fall.

The defeat of Martin E. Mulvey for commissioner is a sad commentary on the intelligence of the voters. When in the city council M. E. Mulvey had a record for straight dealing and good hard sense second to no one in that body and the city commission needs just such a fighter as Martin Mulvey to act as a balance in the administration of the city affairs. It is a matter of sincere regret that he was beaten.

One of the funniest contributions to current literature in the prominent and progressive journals of the day, appeared on the editorial page of the Salt Lake Tribune in a recent issue. It was headed "Penitent Wall Street," and read as follows:

Wall street repentant presents a curious spectacle. It is the old story of when the devil was sick. Just now Wall street is given to piety, as well as to enormous profits. Fearing that the frantic speculation will bring on a panic, the brokers are seeking some method to restrain the irrational speculation in war specialties.

After the governors had addressed a tearful letter to the brokers, the latter hit upon an excellent plan. Hitherto they had been charging only twenty per cent commission for deals in war specialties; now they began to charge forty per cent. Immediately the war specialties began to sag. The brokers still drew their fat commissions, but many an innocent lamb lost his fleece. Some of the specialties went down fourteen points in a single day's trading and the small business man, clerks and "widows and orphans" who were dealing on slender margins were the losers. Soon we shall hear of the further fate of the clerks and

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