

ENGINEER KANE WHITEWASHED.

The committee to investigate the charges against City Engineer Kane has made its report through the *Time*—the agreement was that it should be done at a called meeting of the council, if the arduous (?) labors could be finished before the time of the next regular one—and a most bespattering, deluging piece of whitewashing it was too.

Their little exult cry to the public reminded us very much of the boy whose father told him to whitewash a chicken coop in the yard. The boy threw several buckets full over the coop and while the fluid was streaming from it he howled out to his father, in tones of pride—"ee! look here pap! what a good job I've done."

It was just a little better job than the committee did with Mr. Kane.

Whoever charged or alleged that Mr. Kane was not a competent engineer? Who said he was not a good architect? Who cared whether he was a good architect or not?

Why did not the committee have Mr. Kane get letters showing that he was a splendid billiard player and matchless as a lecturer on progressive morals—this latter seems to be a pet hobby with one member of the Big Five, who, however, prefers to show the faith that is in him by words not work. The fruits of his labors seem to be only wind-bags, not sacks filled with fruit.

Yes, gentlemen of the committee! give Brother Kane letters to Damascus authorizing him to oust Mayor McKellar, Comptroller Murf, Councilmen Toombs, Danbreun and Quigles and to imprison every citizen who thinks their way—this would only be about nine-tenths. Assuredly this committee would give him such authority if he asked for it and it had the power.

But what a grand coupe this committee has accomplished. O! how it did do the mayor up. Of course it is the city, the taxpayers, the people who is the butt, the sufferers from all this, but "d—n the public" to h—ll with the people! What right have they that this committee, this pride of the Big Five; this specially endowed Big Five must respect? In the majesty of their great wisdom; in the sublimity of their superhuman judgment; in the magnitude of their supernal knowledge they have fashioned an air ship, sailed to mount Olympus, captured the God of Civil Engineers and Architecture; this Kohinoor among all the brilliant gems of that profession and installed him as city engineer of Shreveport; the king of our people. O, Columbus! Columbus! no longer will thy name be the chief honored one among the people of our Nation; but its luster, its fame has been cast into a deep shadow by the effulgence which glows around that of

Morris, Alston, Holzman, Wim-bish and Youree. You discovered a great country and presented to the Nations a hemisphere abounding in riches, beauties and grandeur. They have discovered an semi-obscure civil engineer and have presented to—no foisted upon the people—one of that avocation who had been impeached by the city council of Fort Worth. A body—we dare say—as intelligent and well meaning as ours.

Now The Progress would not be unjust to Mr. Kane, but this article and its tenor is the natural outcome of a whitewash so weak as the one he received. It was as thinly disguised a whitewash as politics can clothe a favorite with. Mr. Kane's defense was no defense at all. It seemed only an excuse for the committee and Rig Five to stick to some agreement, some compact that the public has never understood. In the beginning The Progress thought the mayor erred when he refused to swear in the city engineer elect. He had been duly elected and we thought the city executive was rebelling against a legal authority. But since that adjourned meeting, when Mr. Kane was not even suspended under charges that should have done so; charges which bode no good to our city under his administration as city engineer; then things appeared in a new light and The Progress saw that Mayor McKellar was terribly fright; that he was doing his best to protect the city of Shreveport while the Big Five—Youree was not present however—impelled by some spirit, Hearen only knows what we suppose, seemed to be determined to crush and subdue him—all in the interest of one man who comes to our bosom under an official cloud. Stand FIRM Mayor McKellar! Yield not an inch. By force of numbers alone the Big Five may control you for awhile, but the will of the people is with you and this will eventually overthrow even the Big Five.

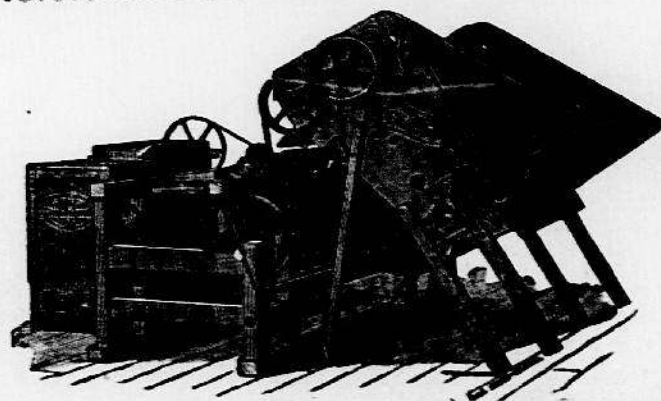
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