

ANALYSIS OF JUDICIARY.

There are many reasons why the Republican judicial ticket should not be elected this year. In the first place, the man whose only claim to the bench is his ability to swing enough votes for his election is not the person for the place because other qualifications are necessary. In naming Charles C. Richards and Valentine Gideon as the judicial candidates the Democrats acted wisely. Both of these men are especially fitted for the positions to which they aspire.

It is pointed out that Judge Howell never so much as tried a case in the district court prior to the time he was elevated to the bench to pass judgment upon the law as propounded by attorneys of long and varied experience and practice. Certainly it cannot be argued that Judge Howell ever demonstrated his fitness for the position by exhibiting ability as a lawyer. Having gained his advancement through his success as a politician, is it any wonder that he has used his high office to better his standing politically.

It is generally conceded that a man seeking such a high and important office as that of district judge must have qualifications other than those of the politician. It matters not whether a man has been graduated from half a dozen colleges or law schools, he must experience much actual practice before the courts before he is qualified for the bench. This is a universal fact recognized by all members of the bar.

The fact that Judge Howell has occupied the bench for the past four years, does not mean that he possesses the qualifications necessary. In fact, it is argued that quite the contrary is true and that he has shown by his actions, both in and out of the court room, that he is not the proper person for the place; that he has no appreciation of the proper duties of that office and its relationship to the bar and public.

Compare this with the Democratic nominee, Charles C. Richards, who for many years has practiced before the bar of the state and who today stands a peer in his profession. He is a man whose life has been clean and who is known to be a person of integrity, honor and conscientiousness. His long experience as a practitioner and recognized good judgment, will make him an ideal judge. It therefore becomes the duty of all regardless of party affiliations, to cast their ballot for him on next election day.

What about Mr. Harris? Mr. Harris stands in much the same light as Judge Howell except that his record is, if anything, worse. He has made a miserable failure as county attorney, and certainly has, in no sense, demonstrated his fitness for the added responsibilities connected with the office of district attorney. His record, as far as politics are concerned, shows that he has been a flopper and, with each flop, he has appeared as a candidate for office. His ability to use the authority of his office to bring back to this state, at the expense of the taxpayers, men upon whom he desires to serve papers, or from whom he wants to collect attorney's fees under the guise of alimony, may appeal to the few but will readily be condemned by the citizens who have to foot the bills.

On the other hand, Valentine Gideon is a man who has practiced law in Utah for more than eighteen years and who has yet to connect himself with the first case wherein his actions could in any way be questioned. He is an able lawyer and one who possesses all the qualifications which go to make up an ideal, public officer. The election of Mr. Gideon means an able administration of the affairs of the office of district attorney.

In bringing up the franchise matter it looks a whole lot as if those dishing out the Republican "dope" have overlooked the point that O. B. Madson, Republican county chairman, has had a pretty big finger in this pie. Has not Mr. Madson informed the street railway people that he is favorable to the granting of the franchise through Ogden canyon? Has not County Attorney Nathan J. Harris done the same thing? The next county attorney, therefore, will have nothing to do with this franchise, so what's the use of these false representations?