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OUR TICKET FOR 1896.

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WILLIAM J. BRYAN,
OF NEBRASKA.
For Vice-President:
ARTHUR SEWALL,
OF MAINE.

OLD FOLKS' DAY.

C. R. SAVAGE, Esq., in 1874, twenty-two years ago, conceived the idea of giving the Old Folks of Utah (Utah the imperial and the matchless new State of the intermountain region), a grand, free excursion annually, and during all of the intervening years, the old folks of Utah have continued to look forward to the days on which these annual outings would occur with a great deal of pleasure, and with the happy thought of being able to assemble together at least one day in the year somewhere in these God-blessed valleys, and converse with each other about the many and the wonderful changes which they have witnessed during the past forty-nine years here in Utah; and we imagine that it must be a source of infinite joy and pleasure to the old folks to thus commingle together and to meet their many old friends on these occasions.

The Broad Ax was informed by a member of the committee, to the effect that the grand, free excursion to Ogden (the queen city of the West), on July 16th, 1896, surpassed and excelled all of the others heretofore given.

The committee on arrangements consisted of the following well-known gentlemen: Bishop W. B. Preston, Wm. Eddington, George Goddard, John Kirkman, Andrew Jensen, C. R. Savage, W. L. Binder, B. S. Young, Wm. Naylor, Bishop N. A. Empey.

All of the above named gentlemen deserve great credit for the laborious work performed by each of them, in arranging and perfecting all of the preliminary details and in looking after the wants and comforts of the old folks.

The first train consisted of thirteen cars, and left the Rio Grand Western depot promptly at 8:35 a. m., and the second at 9 a. m. The train ran through in one hour. A representative of the Broad Ax caught onto the hind car of the first section, just as the train was pulling out of the depot, bound for Ogden. Somehow or other we lost both of our badges, and we felt like a lost sheep without the same. We sought out George Goddard, Esq., and tried to obtain a badge from him, but he informed us that all of the badges had been given out, and the result was that we were compelled to make the journey without a badge.

On the journey to and from Ogden, the old folks and all others on both trains, were served with lemonade and cake by beautiful young ladies. In passing, we cannot refrain from mentioning the name of the lady who so graciously served the Broad Ax with refreshments.

We have had the pleasure of meeting a great many handsome ladies in all parts of Utah, but we are of the opinion that none of the ladies which we have heretofore met, excels Miss E. Aris, late of Lathenhan, London, England, in beauty, nor in any of the other accomplishments which naturally

tend to make all ladies appear handsome and beautiful. Miss Aris has resided in this fair and beautiful city of Zion for about five weeks, and she is greatly in love with the same.

President Wilford Woodruff in passing through the cars, as other elderly gentlemen, extended his hand to us, and when we inquired the name, the response came, "Wilford Woodruff." We were somewhat embarrassed for a few moments, and President Woodruff perceiving this, he invited us to occupy the seat opposite to him and Mrs. Woodruff, which we did. After being seated, he began to converse with us on the various topics of the day. President Woodruff is a very remarkable man. He is in his eighty-ninth year, yet he does not appear to be one day over sixty. After being engaged in conversation with him for a long time, we finally came to the conclusion that there is no purer or better American than he. William E. Gladstone is the Grand Old Man of England, and Wilford Woodruff is the Grand Old Man of America.

On arriving at Ogden, the old folks were transported to Lester Park, and they were made welcome to the same by John A. Boyle, Esq., chairman of the citizens' committee.

Chairman Boyle and the following gentlemen, John Watson, Wm. Moyes, Heber Wright, G. H. Islaub, Joseph Clark, H. W. Gwilliams, J. D. Sullivan and many others whose names we cannot recall at present, were very attentive to the old folks while they were in the grove.

The exercises in the park were very interesting. The addresses of President L. W. Shurtliff, Bishop Wm. Naylor, George Goddard, President Wilford Woodruff, President Joseph F. Smith, Rev. C. F. Richardson, Bishop Stratford, C. R. Savage, C. W. Penrose; a native of New Zealand, said something about his country, but we could not catch on to his language.

All of the speakers were well received by the five thousand people who had assembled in the park. Apostle Brigham Young pronounced the benediction.

The Mormon Battalion was the leading attraction of the day. The singing by the old folks' choir was very fine. The music furnished by the two brass bands was very grand. The sumptuous repast furnished by the patriotic citizens of Ogden was enjoyed by all who partook of it.

It filled our heart with joy and delight to see the following members of our race mingling with the old folks as brothers and sisters: There was Isaac Manning, Esq., who is 81 years old; he lived with Joseph Smith, and he helped to build the Temple at Nauvoo, and he has been a member of the Church for fifty-five years. His sister, Mrs. Jane James, has been a faithful member of the Church for a great many years. Mr. Wesley Taylor, Mr. Knox, and Mr. Harris, are all very old gentlemen, and they are all faithful members of the Mormon Church.

Homeward bound. The first section left Ogden at 5:30 and the second at 6 p. m.

On the return trip the old folks' choir passed through the cars singing, "We are homeward bound," and when the trains arrived here, the old folks were feeling gay and

very lively. President Woodruff jumped off of the train without assistance, and all the rest of the old folks did likewise.

W. J. Ridd, traveling passenger agent, informed the Broad Ax that the Rio Grand Western transported 1,470 persons to and from Ogden without hitch or accident. The street car companies of both cities transported the old folks to and from the depots free. And we are of the opinion that it would be a grand idea if all the churches throughout the country would adopt the custom of giving the old folks a grand free excursion annually.

FREE ADVICE.

There are numerous reasons why no one should lie about political matters, any more than about private matters. In the first place, it is very wicked; it is also poor politics to try to deceive the people; and it is quite humiliating to get caught and have to own up, or else tell a lot more trying to make the first stand. In order to warn our goldbug opponents, and to keep them out of trouble, we would kindly and freely advise them on a few matters and give them a few pointers. Do not tell the people that there was but \$8,000,000 of silver coined in the United States during a hundred years of free coinage. It is not true.

Do not tell the people that the balance of trade is against the United States, for they will soon find out better, and you will lose their good opinion.

Do not tell the people that free coinage will make a 50 cent dollar and at the same time that it will double the value of the silver miner's product. This is contrary to natural law and will not be believed, unless you can prove that a man can be good and wicked at the same instant.

Do not try to convince the people that the Wall Street bankers are laboring for the best interests of the people. This may sound all right, but the people will not believe it.

Do not tell them that the hard times and low prices are the result of a Democratic tariff. They will deny this and call on you for the proof, and you cannot prove it.

Do not tell them that gold is the money of the world. It is not true. Gold is not the money of any country, except when it is made so by act of law and the stamp of the government. In international exchange it is weighed on the scales and sold as any other commodity, and not by the stamp which is on it. Therefore do not blunder into this fallacy.

Do not say that under free coinage foreigners would pay us in silver, while we would be compelled to pay them in gold. We are not forced to buy of such people, but many of them are forced to buy of us. We are an independent, self-sustaining nation. See!

Do not tell the people that the tariff is the main issue in this campaign. It is waste of time, and they will know you are lying. Even if you believe it yourself the people will not have it that way.

Do not say that all the advocates of the free and unlimited coinage of silver, at a ratio of 16 to 1, are cranks, anarchists and communists. They will know better, as they themselves belong to that class, and they know they are no more anarchists or communists than were the great-

est reformers of earth. Christ himself would be called an anarchist for the same reasons. Washington was esteemed a communist by the goldbugs of his day; and Jefferson would be a crank if living now. This kind of talk will only bring opposition to your cause, and bring contempt on your heads.

IT IS SAID

That Senator Arthur Brown will retire from politics as soon as his present term expires.

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