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A PROPHETIC SPEECH.

"Let the carpet-bagger, expelled finally from every state in the American union by the brand of disgrace stamped upon his brow, lift up his head once more and turn his face toward the setting sun. Utah beckons him to a new field of pillage and fresh pastures of pilfering. Let him pack his grip-sack and start. The Mormons have no friends and no one will come forward to defend or protect their rights. A returning board, from whose decisions there is no appeal, sent out from the American Congress baptized with the spirit of persecution and intolerance, will enter Utah to trample beneath their feet the rights of the people that far-off and ill-fated land. Mr. Speaker, I would not place a dog under the dominion of a set of carpet-baggers re-enforced by a returning board, unless I meant to have him robbed of his bone. A more grinding tyranny, a more absolute despotism was never established over any people."—Hon. John F. House, of Tennessee, in the House of Representatives, April 18, 1885.

GOVERNOR THOMAS' POSITION.

"Some Federal agency should be authorized to appoint the following county officers: Selection, clerks, recorders, superintendents of district schools and assessors."—Arthur L. Thomas.

THE PEOPLE'S POSITION.

"The basis of free government is the right of the people to govern themselves."—People's Party "Declaration of Principles."

COLONIZATION.

NEPHI, October 28, 1889. O. W. Powers, Esq., DEAR SIR:—The bearer of this wants to vote, look after a job for him. JOHN WITBECK, TONY, Levan, Juab co., Utah.

A WARNING.

Our election law is singularly plain and concise in the matter of defining the qualifications of voters and pointing out what the individual must do in order to acquire the right to vote. He must take an oath before the registration officer of his voting precinct that he is over twenty-one years of age, that he has resided in the territory of Utah for six months then last past, and in the precinct for one month immediately preceding the date of the registration; that he is a citizen of the United States; that he will support the constitution of the United States and faithfully obey the laws thereof, and especially the EDWARDS and the TUCKER-EDWARDS acts in respect of the crimes in said acts defined and forbidden, and that he will not, directly or indirectly, aid or abet, counsel or advise, any other person to commit any of said crimes.

There can be no mistaking the reading or intent of the registration and voting laws. A violation of them must necessarily be willful; it cannot occur through ignorance if the person possesses ordinary intelligence and exercises ordinary care. It is common talk that there have been numerous and flagrant violations of the registration law. It is in everybody's mouth that scores of men have been registered who are not entitled to vote. It is publicly asserted that strangers spending a few days in the city have been listed. It is alleged that employees of the Rio Grande Western railway between this city and Green river have been registered, though they are in no sense citizens of Salt Lake, never having resided here. It is stated that men who have not been here the requisite six months, but who expect to make this city their home, have taken the oath and had their names placed on the registration list. It has even been asserted that registration officers went over the line of the Rio Grande Western road in a special car and listed men who cannot claim a residence in this city which has never been their home, and where they have never owned a dollar's worth of property and in which they have never even labored.

It will develop before election and at the polls whether or not there is any truth in these allegations. It cannot, as a matter of course, be ascertained just how much or how little of truth there is in them, as it will be impossible to run down every suspected person whose name is on the list, and fix the exact time of his coming to Utah, and the date of his arrival at Salt Lake, as well as the period of his sojourn. But the facts may be arrived at in many cases, and they will be reached with a definiteness that cannot fail to astonish and alarm those who are guilty. THE HERALD does not put forth this as a threat for the purpose of frightening anybody, but as a warning to all whose names are not rightfully on the registration list, that in so far as it is possible the law will be vigorously enforced, and men who attempt to vote fraudulently will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. If it shall be ascertained that a man has sworn that he has been a resident of the territory six months and of the city one month, when he has been here less time, he will be proceeded against for perjury, and if he shall attempt to vote he will be arrested and prosecuted for violation of the election law. If poor, ignorant, laboring men have been duped into the belief that they will be protected in the commission of fraud, they should at once come to their natural senses, and understand that they and not those who have deceived them, must suffer the consequences of breaking the statute and committing crime. Only partisan and cor-

rupt courts can stand between the guilty and their punishment, and we apprehend that the local tribunals are as eager as private citizens to see justice meted out to those who would undertake to commit the awful crime against the community of carrying the election by fraud.

If half that has been charged regarding the registration is true, and if a half of the truth shall be developed, there will occur such a sensation hereabouts as has not before been experienced. It is to be hoped the sensation will not come; it is to be hoped that those who have been wheedled into illegal registration will show more respect for the law and a higher regard for their personal reputations and safety, and carefully avoid the polls on election day; and it is also to be hoped that no one will tempt the prison by offering to vote in a name other than his own.

THE HOTELS are given as the residence of men whose names appear on the registration list of the Second precinct as follows: Cullen, 41; Continental, 27; Walker, 24; Cliff, 16; Metropolitan, 13; all the other hotels, 10. Would it not be worth the while of somebody to inquire at the hotels named, "just for the fun of the thing," and learn how many of the listed gentlemen are bona fide residents?

A RIDICULOUS CLAIM.

One of the laughable things brought out by the municipal election campaign is the claim that the Liberals will elect the next Delegate to Congress. That the talk is reckless and at random is evidenced by the fact that those who make it fix the election for August, when it will not occur until November. How idle is the claim will be seen by a casual glance at the facts and the situation. At the last Delegate election, fifteen months ago, the Liberals were united as never before on their candidate; their nominee was the most pronounced and thoroughgoing of all Liberals, and was heartily endorsed by every member of the party; there was an active and earnest campaign, the mining camps and the Liberal strongholds being drummed and stormed most vigorously, and Salt Lake and Ogden being worked for all there was in them. It was conceded by the knowing members of the party that the vote was very full, in some districts reaching very nearly the total registration. The poles being closed and the votes canvassed, it transpired that there were just 3,841 ballots for the popular Liberal nominee in all this vast and populous territory. Nearly one-fourth of these votes were cast in a single mining camp.

And how was it with the People? Their nominee did not reach home from Washington, where he had been for almost a year, until a few days before the election. Nothing in a campaigning way was done before his arrival; there was no time for campaign work, hence little if any such work was attempted. There was no organized canvass, and the meetings were confined to not more than half a dozen. It may be said that the chief campaign work consisted of a brief address issued by the candidate from a sick bed a few days before the opening of the polls. The consequence of the inaction was the calling out of only a small percentage of the party voters, and yet the votes numbered 10,127. Thus without a campaign, almost without effort, the People's candidate received over 74 per cent of the total vote, while the Liberals, with all their work, and mustering their strength in good style, polled less than 26 per cent of the votes.

Since 1888 it is conceded that the Liberals have increased, but the increase is confined almost exclusively to Salt Lake and Ogden cities. Elsewhere the party vote has not grown perceptibly. In one mining camp there has been a slight increase, and in others there has occurred a falling off. While the Liberal strength has increased in Salt Lake and Ogden, the People have grown in every county from Cache on the north to Washington on the south, and have increased proportionately with the Liberal growth in the cities named. It is doubted that the Liberal with a popular candidate and after a thorough canvass will be able to poll 6,000 votes in November, while nobody of intelligence will question the ability of the People to give their nominee fully 15,000 ballots.

A PIOUS POLITICIAN.

It seems that our clerical friend, the Rev. LUFF, who is away on one of his pious begging expeditions, is giving variety to his pleas for cash by interspersing a good deal of Liberal politics in his sermons or lectures or whatever he may call his talks in the churches. Last week he was canvassing in Denver for money, and in the reports of his address we find many peculiar expressions to come from the mouth of a minister of the gospel in a Christian pulpit. Speaking of the Liberal victory in Ogden last February, he asked: "Do you wonder when we saw the rifts in the clouds that we cried, 'The Lord God omnipotent reigneth—over in Utah.'" The pious gentleman did not tell his audience that soon after that election which had brought forth the glad shouts the United States marshal had to step in over the officials who were reigning as the "Lord God omnipotent," and enforce the law against gambling and prostitution; nor did he mention the other fact that the Christian and decent people, many of them members of Mr. Luff's own church, signed a paper endorsing the course of the federal marshal, applauding him for trying to purify the moral atmosphere of the town that they might continue to occupy their homes and be members of the community. He did tell of one "instant effect of this election. People, brains and money poured in." And then he forgot to say that the taxes were increased from two hundred to five hundred per cent., and many poor people were and are greatly distressed thereby. Nor did he say that at the succeeding election, only six months later, the disgust with Liberal rule had grown so great that the party vote fell off some hundreds. He failed to mention that next February the clean and reputable Liberals of Ogden will join hands with the People and drive their own party of extravagance, incompetency and misrule into retirement. Holding high his hands and shaking his wavy locks the reverend gentleman shouted: "Even Salt Lake has wheeled into line and sent a thrill of joy through the nation. The present indications are that on February 10 this city will join the great ranks of American cities and unfurl beyond the Wasatch range the American banner never to be furled." Now, wouldn't the reverend hard! Without a thought of being offensive or casting a doubt or reflection upon any statement made by so good a man as Mr. Luff, we will ask if he has never seen the American banner unfurled this side of the Wasatch? Does he expect to see that banner unfurled here for the first time on February 10? Does the gentleman not know that the banner was unfurled here when he was a very small child if not be-

fore he came upon this earth, and unfurled by the people he goes abroad to slander and vilify?

THE HERALD will be excused for making one or two suggestions to the Reverend LUFF, for we do it with the best possible motives. One is, that he should bear in mind the cloth he wears when speaking from the pulpit, and the other is, that the American theory is that partisan politics and his profession should have no connection.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The joint resolution introduced in the House last month by Representative Taylor, of Ohio, "for the amendment of the constitution of the United States in regard to polygamy and polygamous association or cohabitation between the sexes," declares "that it is deemed necessary" to so amend the constitution. The article is numbered sixteen, and is as follows:

Section 1. The marriage relation, by contract or fact, between one person of either sex and more than one person of the other sex shall be deemed polygamy. Neither polygamy nor any polygamous association or cohabitation between the sexes shall exist or be lawful in any place within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any state.

Section 2. The United States shall not, nor shall any state, make or enforce any law which shall carry the punishment thereof, or any law of cohabitation between the sexes, but the United States and every state shall prohibit the same by law within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any state.

Section 3. The judicial power of the United States shall extend to the prosecution of the crimes of polygamy and of polygamous association or cohabitation between the sexes under this article; and Congress shall have power to declare by law the punishment thereof.

Section 4. Nothing in the constitution or in this article shall be construed to deny to any state the exclusive power, provided they conform to this article, to make and enforce all laws concerning marriage and divorce within its jurisdiction, or to withhold from the United States any power respecting the same within any state.

On the 13th instant Representative SPRUNGER, of Illinois, introduced a joint resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution declaring that "The Congress shall have power to make a uniform law of marriage and divorce." It is not believed that either of these proposed amendments will be ratified by the necessary three-fourths of the legislatures of the several states, provided they shall be adopted by Congress and be submitted to the states, which is also doubtful. The majority of the people of the United States are not willing to declare that "polygamous association or cohabitation between the sexes" shall be an offense punishable by the United States. They do not object to the United States dealing with the business in the territories, the Mormons only being concerned, but it is quite another matter when it comes to applying the rule to everybody. Nor are the states inclined to confess that they cannot manage the subject of marriage and divorce within their respective jurisdictions. It is not surprising to find a Republican offering the proposed amendment, it being a part of the Republican doctrine and aim to centralize legislation and political power in the federal government; but it seems a little peculiar that a prominent Democrat like SPRUNGER should desire to abridge the rights of the states in matters which are purely local.

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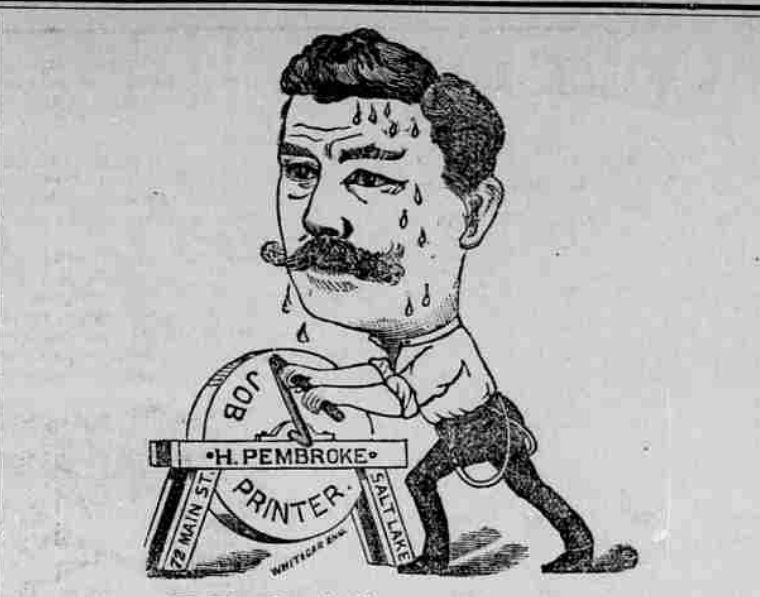
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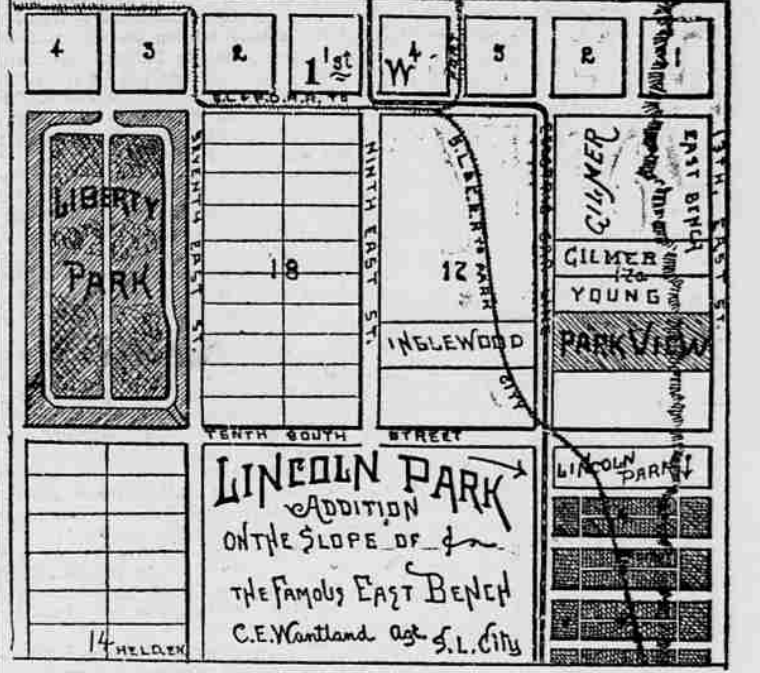
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