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Silver was quoted yesterday at \$1.12 1/2 per ounce; copper at \$17.50 per 100 pounds, and lead at \$5.50 per 100 pounds.

There remains but a few days more in which to register, and remember if you don't register you cant vote.

PIMA county Republicans have a splendid party organization and they are doing some campaign work that will tell in November.

GEORGE W. CHEYNEY is a live, progressive business man, just the kind of man that Arizona should have for her representative in Congress.

The County Central Committee is preparing for a vigorous campaign in Maricopa county. A number of meetings over the county have been appointed and local issues will be freely discussed before the people.

IS W. F. NICHOLS the Republicans present a progressive and active man for the Council from the Southern District. He is not wedded to the dead traditions of the past, but lives in the today and works for the upbuilding and advancement of the Territory from what it is. Vote for W. F. Nichols.

SAYS the Tombstone Epitaph: "Mr. Smith, the awful Republican Treasurer of this Territory, seems to be doing the Salt River Valley considerable good. During his recent visit to California he succeeded in obtaining a freight rate from the Southern Pacific Railroad that will enable the farmers of that section to ship their hay to California at a profit. This is a 'revolutionary' act, and the aid of the courts should be invoked to stop any such unlawful acts on the part of Republicans. The Gazette should hit Mr. Smith a swat behind the ear."

The first month of the Normal School term has closed, with excellent results apparent. Interest has been keen among the students, the percentage of attendance being 90.7, a higher standard than was ever attained in any school in the Territory. About half of those attending are young men of advanced acquirements, who are diligently studying to adapt themselves to the work of teaching in the public schools of Arizona. The professors in charge of the school are winning for themselves golden opinions on all sides, and the most gratifying success for the ensuing term is now assured.

THE Tucson Star, the old and reliable Democratic paper of Arizona, is not especially enthusiastic over the nomination of Peter J. Brady for Joint Councilman. The Star has labored for its party in season and out of season for over twenty years, but it speaks thus freely of Mr. Brady's nomination:

We believe the Democratic Convention made a mistake in not placing Mr. Francis J. Heney, of Tucson, on the ticket as a candidate for Joint Councilman. Mr. Heney is young, able and energetic and would have made a vigorous canvass and added many votes to the Democratic majority. Mr. Brady, the nominee, will, no doubt, be elected, but we believe that young men in a party should receive recognition, especially where that recognition will be an addition of strength.

NOTWITHSTANDING the heroic efforts of the Phoenix Gazette to sow discord in the ranks of the Republican party in Maricopa, the scheme doesn't seem to work. The Herald, REPUBLICAN and the whole party are working shoulder to shoulder, and it is this that makes the Zallack-Smith-Mormon combination so weary.

In the above paragraph the Tombstone Epitaph tells some solid facts. Republicans of Maricopa county were never more united and more harmonious than they are this year. The ticket nominated September 29 represents every element of the party, and it has awakened an enthusiasm that has frightened the Democracy, and the leaders of that party are resorting to every known means to try to offset the good work being done by Republicans.

THE UTAH COMMISSION.

The report of this Commission is in direct conflict with the statement of President Woodruff that there have been no plural marriages solemnized by the church during the past year. The report sets forth that since September 1, 1889, there were 292 complaints made against Mormons under the several heads of polygamy, bigamy, etc., and that of the 186 indictments found, no less than 149 convictions were secured. Evidently the Mormon authorities are disturbed by the statements made in this report. The number of cases enumerated does not include all by a long way. The report thus sets forth the difficulty of making any correct enumeration of polygamous violations of the law.

"When it is remembered that there is a large number of communities and precincts where there are no anti-Mormons to act as registrars, and the Commission is compelled to appoint them from the membership of the Mormon Church; that these reports (of polygamous unions) come only from precincts where there are watchful opponents of the crime; that Mormon registrars never report the cases occurring in the precincts in which they serve, and in which plural marriages are probably most frequently entered into; and that the greatest care is observed to keep such marriages secret, so secret that the birth of a child is generally the first cause to suspect the fact of unlawful marriage, it is more than probable that only a small proportion of the polygamous marriages really contracted are reported, and a still smaller proportion where convictions could be had even for unlawful cohabitation."

President Woodruff declares that there has been nothing in his teachings, or in those of his associates, since the law prohibiting polygamy was declared to be constitutional by the Federal Supreme Court, that could be construed to encourage polygamy. But not long ago this head of the Mormon Church, in a discourse delivered in the Tabernacle, made this reference to plural marriage: "These things are clear, they are pointed, they are strong and they are revelations of God, and they will be fulfilled whether men believe it or not. I say there is not a nation under Heaven, there is not a King, a Prince nor a President, nor any other man who has power over the sons of man, but should give unto their subjects the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of their own consciences; they are not responsible to the Emperors, or Kings, or Presidents, or Governors who rule over them."

Every Mormon must have understood the reference, and that it was no less than a direct sanction of polygamy. The doctrine is as zealously taught and defended as at any former time in the history of the Mormon Church. It is practiced only to a less extent because there is a Federal statute which forbids it as a crime. The Commission recommends the enactment of the Idaho test-oath for Utah, or a law of similar character.

The report of the Commission has created something of a sensation in Utah as well as outside of that Territory. The impression has been gaining ground that polygamy was well-nigh extinguished. That is the impression that the head of the Mormon church now seeks to strengthen. The Commission finds a different condition, and even goes so far as to recommend further legislation. There has never been any renunciation of the polygamous feature of the Mormon creed, save by the small number who profess to be followers of Joseph Smith. It is doubtful if there ever will be any absolute renunciation. It was not an original article of the creed. The "revelation" came to Brigham Young, The Reformed Mormon church, or the followers of Smith, have always declared that the "revelation" was a spurious one.

The Mormon problem is hardly less perplexing now than it has been for the last twenty years. Utah is seeking admission into the Union. Within the limits of that Territory there are about 200,000 inhabitants. The only obstacle today to Statehood is polygamy. It is practiced by only a small minority of the inhabitants. But the Mormon Church dominates the Territory. Without a provision in the Federal Constitution prohibiting polygamy, the State in the sovereign capacity might sanction it. The hope was that in Utah, without further legislation, there would soon be an end to this fanaticism. The Commission does not furnish much evidence which points to such a result. President Woodruff, however, immediately after the promulgation of this report concludes a manifesto with these words: "I now publicly declare that my advice to the Latter-day Saints is to refrain from contracting any marriage forbidden by the laws of the land." But substantially such advice has been given many times by the leaders of the Mormon Church. It was always understood, when given in a public way, to be for Gentile ears. Some of the leading bishops who sustained polygamous relations and who even officiated at plural marriages, gave substantially similar advice. It was understood to have no binding force. It could have none, for the very reason that a contrary doctrine was continually taught and practiced. Violations of the Federal statutes are less open and notorious. That result would virtually follow when severe penalties were occasionally enforced. The leaders of the Mormon Church have always maintained absolute power over all members. All the commands and edicts are absolutely obeyed.

It is worth while to note that the followers of Joseph Smith, who constituted what is known as the "Reformed Church," are not in good standing with the Utah church. The reason is that the former have disclaimed all connection with polygamy. They have never practiced it, and have never ceased to denounce it as a great wrong. It will not do for any Latter-day Saint who abstains from the practice himself to denounce what the church has constantly taught. A reformation in this respect is not quite beyond all hope. The Commission intimates that the real hope of

abating the evil lies in the possible renunciation of this feature of the Mormon creed.

If that is the only way in which the problem can be solved, then the settlement of one of the most vexatious questions of the day is only a remote possibility. The Federal Government has assumed, by the tenor of its legislation, that there is another and shorter way. It has not favored the theory that nothing can be done to abate the evil until a great and radical reform has been initiated in Utah which would sweep polygamy away. Utah waits for Statehood. In the meantime population increases. Converts are brought in from the "ends of the earth." The most prosperous and the most populous of all the Territories waits for a place in the Union, which could be gained readily enough if only the one foul stain were purged away.

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