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LOCAL APPOINTMENTS.

The DEMOCRAT a few days since referred to appointments for Utah by Mr. Cleveland. We think the circumstances justify a further discussion of the subject. Newspaper men not infrequently warp out of shape the talk of men in exalted positions, when caught off their guard, to serve the purposes of their party. There is little reason to believe, however, that the quartet of reporters combined to invent statements or misrepresent the sayings of Surveyor-General Dement; indeed, it was plain from the first that his assertions would lead to further discussion, and probable investigation. Such has not only been the result, but he has received such a shaking up from the press as to give him, for the time being at least, national notoriety. Such being the case, and since Utah is more interested in the matter than any other section, the DEMOCRAT thinks there could be no more fitting time to discuss, not only Mr. Dement and his appointment, but the manner rather than the *personnel* of the appointments made for Utah since our party came into power.

The Presidential patronage has grown to such an extent that it is not possible for that officer to know all, indeed a tithe, of the men he must name for positions. For this, if for no other reason, the Democratic doctrine of having the locality where the service is to be rendered furnish, endorse and become responsible for the officer has been settled upon as best; hence the platform adopted at Chicago in July, 1884, to which Mr. Cleveland subscribed, and to which his administration is pledged, has the following:

> The selection of Federal officers for the Territories should be restricted to citizens previously resident therein.

This plank is brief and plain, and in accordance with the teachings of the party and commended by experience. To a considerable extent in the other Territories the pledge has been kept, but not in Utah. Does the peculiar condition of affairs here justify the sweeping exception practised in our case? We think not. Local Democrats were willing to admit that the peculiar condition of the Territory might warrant the President in exercising greater latitude in selecting, especially as to certain officers, and it is admitted that local candidates were urged with less persistency than from any other section. This of itself should have gained for us a greater consideration, and if the selection were to be made from the sixty millions outside, we were justified in expecting they would be well and wisely made.

This Territory is the most prominent, populous and troublesome under the care of the general Government, and is deserving of special attention. When England has a troublesome colony she sends able men, selected with judgment and with a view to their peculiar fitness for the place. The Administration at its outset gave out that in filling offices or in making changes it did not propose to lower the standard. This was well said, and Democrats here, while modestly urging local applicants, were rather indifferent from where the appointments were made providing they could point with pride and say, "Have not the promises been kept?"

Whether the selections made are of such fitting and unquestionable excellence as to warrant the disregard of the pledge and the ignoring of the plank or declaration of principles quoted above, will be discussed hereafter.

SIGNIFICANT.

On Monday last United States Marshal Ireland caused to be printed and circulated a certain hand-bill, of which the following is a copy:

> $500 REWARD.
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>
> E. A. IRELAND,
> U. S. Marshal.

This announcement has already been widely read in Utah, yet it is doubtful if the great majority of the people here comprehend its true significance. But that there is something more in it than appears on its face, admits of no doubt. Marshal Ireland has proven himself a most efficient officer; he has, we believe, done all that in his power lay to secure the apprehension of offenders against whom indictments have been returned, no matter what their social, political or religious standing in the community has been or may be at the present time. But here is a case where, baffled in all his attempts to arrest a man against whom an indictment is pending for unlawful cohabitation, Marshal Ireland finds it necessary to announce that he will pay a reward of five hundred dollars to any person who will furnish him the information that he desires.

Does anyone suppose for a moment that Marshal Ireland proposes to reach down into his own pocket and pay that reward? Hardly. Then from what source is the money obtained? Can the Mormon people not guess? We should say that the general Government furnishes it, and if that be a fact, what inference is to be drawn therefrom? Simply this. Finding that the ordinary methods employed elsewhere for the apprehension of offenders against the laws, are not equal to the emergency in Utah, the parent government, through the proper department, has determined to furnish the means that will avail, and in pursuance of that determination places at the disposal of the U. S. Marshal moneys to be used as in his discretion may be deemed proper.

Is not this indisputable evidence that a sense of the true situation here has finally been impressed upon the minds of those in authority at Washington. We think so. Does it not furnish evidence that those who have the power and the authority to, in a great degree, do much toward settling the vexed question here, have at last come to the conclusion that forbearance has ceased to be a virtue, and are now ready to lend all the aid they can in the suppression of these evils? It has very much that appearance.

Verily, the inevitable crisis is fast approaching, and it will be well for those whom the change will most unfavorably affect, to ponder well these things and listen to the promptings of reason. *The laws must be obeyed.*

THE RIOTS IN LONDON.

All England is in a ferment to-day over the acts of mob violence perpetrated in London on Monday and renewed this afternoon. The trouble is the natural outgrowth of legislation which has the effect to make the rich richer and the poor poorer. Only a short time ago Professor Kirk, of Edinburg, writing of the poor of England, said: "There are 70,000 souls in the east end of London who must emigrate shortly or perish. Hundreds exist in tenements, without clothing or furniture, all having been sold to procure food. They are without fuel and dependent upon others for charity."

What a picture to contemplate. Though England is deafened with spinning wheels, her people have not clothes; though she is black with digging coal, her people have not fuel, and they die of cold; and though she has sold her soul for grain, they die of hunger. Is it any wonder, then, that among the masses of the poor the first law of nature should assert itself, even at the cost of plunder and murder?

In many of the shires the situation is scarcely less horrible than in the city of London. Whole districts have been nearly depopulated to make room for game parks, and where millions of sheep were once raised to feed and clothe humanity, only deer are now kept to gratify the sporting propensities of an idle aristocracy.

Sooner or later a radical change must be made in the Old Country, in which the bone and sinew of the land shall be given a chance to earn what will suffice to properly feed and clothe them and those dependent upon them, otherwise there will be such a revolution in England as that country has not experienced in many long years.

The telegraph quotes one Hyndman, the President of the Democratic Confederation, as saying, in justification of the acts of the rioters, that "men will not starve forever, and if the authorities refuse to help them, then they must not be surprised if force is resorted to in order to procure bread." And he is right. Men who are willing to work should not be obliged through enforced idleness to depend upon the charity of others for the bread which they and their families eat; and there is something radically wrong in the system of government under which such a state of affairs becomes possible.

The London rioters demand bread or blood, and while it is to be hoped that they may get all of the bread they need, both now and hereafter, there are just grounds for fearing that much blood will be shed before the trouble is over.

IT MUST CEASE.

Just as we supposed would be the case, the *News* exultingly points to Monday's election as furnishing indisputable evidence that the people knew the City Marshal-elect to be a good man and true, and therefore gave him their endorsement for the office. The *News* further says that "the election on Monday proves that the People's party is alive and compact." Just so. But what is it that holds the members of the People's party in a body so compact that in spite of the detestation in which many of them hold the man Solomon, they go to the polls and vote him into an office that ought to be held by a decent man? It is simply this. The members of the People's party, male and female, are all members of the Mormon Church, and they have been taught that unquestioning obedience to the commands of the Church leaders must be rendered if they hope for religious or political preferment here below and exaltation in the world to come. The Church authorities hope to establish here a vile theocracy, in order that they may with impunity, at the expense of virtue, and by robbing the toiling masses, gratify their basest passions and live on the fat of the land. To accomplish this they do not hesitate to make the local government subservient to the Church, and in obedience to instructions all good Mormons must vote for whomsoever their superiors see fit to name for office. To put the thing in a nutshell, it may be said that in Utah the ballot is simply an instrument through which to carry out the will of the Church authorities, and if it were possible in all Utah to find a more objectionable person than this man Solomon to place before the people as a candidate for office, and the Church authorities saw fit to nominate him, he would be elected by the People's party just as sure as that night follows day. And simply because the Church so wills it.

It is this domination of State by Church that the non-Mormons complain of most. It must cease, now and forever, and the sooner the people here recognize that fact, the better will it be for all concerned.

The following bills was introduced in the House yesterday, by Henley, providing that settlers may have 640 acres of desert land, provided they irrigate and cultivate it. A bill providing that the Court of Claims shall hear and determine all claims for depredations committed by Indians. A bill repealing all laws of preemption of public lands; and also the laws allowing entries for timber culture.

Queer Books in a German Library.

One of the most curiously original collections of books in any library is said to be a botanical collection at Warsenstein, in Germany. At first sight the volumes appear like rough blocks of wood; but on closer examination it is found that each is a complete history of the tree which it represents. At the back of the book the bark has been removed from a space large enough to admit the scientific and the common name of the tree as a title. One side is formed from the split wood of the tree, showing its grain and natural fracture; the other shows the wood when worked smooth and varnished. One end shows the grain as left by the saw, and the other the finely polished wood. On opening the book one finds the fruit, seeds, leaves, and other products of the tree, and moss which usually grows upon its trunk, and the insects which feed upon the various parts of the tree. To all this is added a well-printed description of the habits, usual location and manner of growth of the tree.—*London Daily News.*

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