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AMONG THE POLITICIANS

Republican primaries for county convention Monday evening, October 1st.

Republican county convention, Monday, October 8th.

Democratic state convention, Salt Lake theatre October 4th.

Democratic county convention, Wednesday, October 10th.

Democratic state and county primaries, Monday evening, October 1st.

American state convention, Salt Lake theatre, Friday, September 21st. Mass convention—no delegates.

American county convention, Salt Lake theatre, Saturday, September 22.

What is troubling the politicians most at this time, particularly the Americans, is whether or not the Labor people are going to put a ticket in the field. Truth pointed out a good while ago that the action of the laborites would have a very important bearing on the result of the election. Last autumn the American party was almost the sole beneficiary of the labor vote. The railroad employes voted that ticket almost solidly, so did a great many members of the various labor unions. If the laborers put up a ticket of their own this fall it will be a very severe blow to the Americans, hence the anxiety of that party to form a coalition with the laborites and also the solicitude of the Republicans and Democrats to insure the laborites going it on their own account. The local labor organizations at a meeting held a week ago practically decided to put up a ticket of their own, and to hold a mass convention to nominate candidates about the end of this month. Since then the Americans have been using all the wiles and blandishments at their command to induce the labor leaders to change the plan, while the Republicans and Democrats have been encouraging them not to be swerver

from their purpose. How it will come out remains to be seen.

The anti-Americans realize that if the Republicans and Democrats stick to their tickets, the Americans will stand a good show of carrying Salt Lake county. It may very likely come out as it did last fall, when the Americans slid in between the other two parties. A crusade is on by the Republicans and Democrats, each party trying to convince the public that it is the stronger and the one with which to beat the Americans.

The Americans have a big load to carry in the shape of the present city administration, which has gained a reputation for graft and extravagance. It is running the city into debt every day. When their present term of office expires the bond money will be all gone and at the present rate of expenditure the city will be a quarter of a million in debt besides. The tax payers don't like the prospect any more than they liked the advance in taxes made in July.

Arthur J. Caron, a laborite, may be a candidate for the lower house of the legislature on the "American" ticket.

H. P. Mason and Joe Cohen are mentioned as probable legislative candidates on the "American" ticket.

Rulon S. Wells and John Dern are considered good legislative candidates by the Democrats.

Michael Mauss of Murray, a Democrat, wants to be sheriff of Salt Lake county.

Angus McKellar is seeking the nomination for county recorder from the "Americans."

Former Mayor Morris may be a candidate on the Democratic ticket for county commissioner. Mr. Morris has at all times been a wonderful vote getter.

Republican State Chairman Hammond maintained his reputation for sound judgment and good sense in the personnel of the executive committee he appointed. They are O. J. Salisbury, S. H. Love, George N. Lawrence, James Christianson, Fred C. Jensen, A. T. Wright and Wesley K. Walton. If the Republicans can't win with that committee, saltpeter couldn't save them.

The Americans hold their conventions Friday and Saturday, both too

late for Truth to handle in this issue.

C. E. Marks, who was in the late legislature on the Republican side, may be a candidate again for that position.

State Senator W. N. Williams will in all likelihood be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Williams is a staunch Republican and has already deserved well of his country.

GIVE COMMON SENSE A CHANCE

The following is an address issued by Chairman Cunningham of the Democratic county committee. It's a strong, well-written political document and maintains Mr. Cunningham's well-established reputation as a clear thinker and a forceful writer.

It reads as follows:
To the Citizens of Salt Lake County:
You are confronted by conditions that are a disgrace to the community. Neighbor is arrayed against neighbor in bitterness of heart. Bigotry, hate, cupidity and distorted ambition are the forces that govern the actions of men. Public offices are debauched in a wretched scramble for advantage. Public business is prostituted to partisan ends. Private citizens are made the victims of vicious crusades. Reason and the teachings of Christianity are banished from consideration. Violence is prevented only by the fear of punishment.

These conditions are traceable directly to the blunders and the misdeeds of the Republican party in Utah. In support of this statement let us review a scrap of history:

Six years ago, as a result of a deal with Reed Smoot and the men in his confidence, Thomas Kearns was elected to a seat in the United States senate. Entrenched in his position through the grace of the Republican party, then in complete control of the state, Mr. Kearns set up a dictatorship such as is rarely seen in a republic. No ruler was ever more absolute. He repudiated the men who raised him to office. Arrogance governed his every action.

The day of reckoning came and

Thomas Kearns was hurled from power. His place on the throne was immediately taken by Reed Smoot, an apt scholar. His highest ambition in politics is to out-Herod Herod, and up to this time success has crowned his efforts.

This disgraceful feud between Thomas Kearns and Reed Smoot led to an open rupture in the Republican party, and since then there has been little for the citizens of the community but sorrow and shame. Every legitimate interest in the state has been impaired by these wretched warring ambitions; throughout the land from ocean to ocean Utah has become a hissing and a by-word; and on all sides reasonable men are praying for some avenue of escape.

Two Republican Factions.

The Republican party is rent into two bitter factions as the direct result of the personal quarrel between Thomas Kearns and Reed Smoot. One faction is known as "the Smoot machine," the other as "the American party." The heart and center of "the Smoot machine" in this county is made up of federal, state and county officials. It is notorious that many of these officials are prostituting their positions and neglecting the duties for which they draw pay from all the people in a vicious and senseless endeavor, not to advance the public interests, but, at the expense of the public, to entrench themselves and their parasites more firmly in their positions, and in this way advance their own selfish ends. Corruption in some of the departments of the county government and gross incompet-