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We welcome the Sappete Democrat, a bright and logical exponent of Democracy, published at Mantli, to our exchange table.

WILEY BROWN in his speech at Mercu Monday night said that "Utah had never sent to Washington a traitor to silver." How about ex-Senator Arthur Brown?

SENATOR MATTIE HUGHES CANNON in her address Monday evening alluded to the statement made by some Republican papers that the women of Utah are opposing B. H. Roberts.

The last issue of the Little Miner gives a list of five men, whom it calls the "Republican State leaders." One of the five is our own John C. Craham. The Miner evidently has the local p.m. vastly overrated.

The Tribune of Monday shows a toboggan slide with Hon. B. H. Roberts as the leading character. The majority Mr. Roberts will get will convince his opponents that he was on the toboggan slide to success.

We were surprised and pleased to note by the pictures in Sunday's Herald how young Judge Henderson is growing, although we at the same time regret to note that old age seems to be creeping upon Chairman J. H. Moyle.

The Spanish war cost the United States in money \$187,529,941 or a fraction over \$1,000,000 per day. This doesn't include the enormous amount which the people will pay before those "unnecessary interest-bearing bonds" are redeemed.

This Torrey rough riders have been mustered out and are on their way home. We wonder if Lieut. Col. Cannon will resign editorial charge of the Desert News. If so, that journal should soon take front rank as an exponent of military theories and tactics.

The Tribune says the voters of Utah "are agreed on the silver question." Is that so? How does C. C. Goodwin agree with Glen Miller? How does O. J. Salisbury agree with Alma Eldredge? How does Jos. Lippman agree with Dennis Eichnor or Wesley K. Walton? The Tribune's latest is the growing absurdity of the campaign.

In regard to the charge of the Mantli Messenger, endorsed by the Provo Enquirer, that the lodges are meddling in politics, the Sappete Democrat says:

Never was there a falsier idea circulated. Never was there a more reprehensible or contemptible political quack than he who would attempt to make capital out of such a charge, when he knows it was conceived in falsity and delivered in malice.

The Enquirer in Monday's issue, following its usual custom when defeated in argument on facts, simply begs the question as to Utah county's past and present financial condition and reiterates its time-worn falsehoods. The taxpayers of the county have been given by us a clear statement of facts and figures, and as the Enquirer cannot refute them except by bare-faced misstatement, we rest on the record of the county as we have heretofore published it.

We regret to note that Sheriff T. P. Lewis of Salt Lake county has filed the necessary petition with the county clerk of that county to have his name placed on the official ballot, after being defeated in the Democratic convention for the nomination. While we regard Sheriff Lewis as a most able official, and one who perhaps deserved re-election, still we cannot approve his action. The will of the majority is Democratic doctrine, and when the convention decided against him, Sheriff Lewis should have accepted the decision and given his support to the legitimate candidate. Not to do so is a hostile and un-Democratic

REGISTER.

Don't forget that next Tuesday is your last opportunity to register. See that your name is on the list. It is your duty to register and to vote, and no American citizen, and especially Democratic voter, should neglect this duty. Remember that next Tuesday, November 1st, is your last day to register.

THE ROOSTER STILL THERE.

The Enquirer in Monday's issue attempts to run another "blazer" to the effect that the rooster, the proud emblem of Democracy, will not appear on the official ballot of this and other counties. As usual the Enquirer is mistaken. On the head of the Democratic ticket in Utah county, and in every other county in the State, will appear the "rooster in defiant attitude." The rooster has not, as the Enquirer says, "been forgotten by the party it served so well in the past," and in casting your ballot this year the old advice is still applicable, "Put a cross up by the rooster and let it go at that." A newspaper must be reduced to great extremities to feel obliged to perpetrate such a palpable "yarn."

TRIBUNE'S ESTIMATE OF UTAH PEOPLE.

The Salt Lake Tribune is a great Republican newspaper, and is now busily engaged in instructing the people of this State how they should vote. Some years ago the Tribune published the following estimate of Utah people:

Here is a people that has been born in or brought under another form of government from that of our republic and held so firmly in hand that they are—the great mass of them—as ignorant as so many South American monkeys of American institutions and the principles of the government of the United States.

We wonder if the people of Utah are pleased to receive instruction from a source which so regards them. It ought to be a good many years before the Tribune is recognized as a political guide by those whom it declared are "as ignorant as so many South American monkeys of American institutions and the principles of the government of the United States."

CONSISTENCY, THOU ART A JEWEL.

For some time past the Enquirer has been howling about increased taxation and charging that while the rate has not materially increased that a great raise has been made in the assessments, and charging great increase in expenditures by the Democratic county commissioners. Now, in last Saturday's issue it says that the total assessment in the State for the present year is ten or twelve million dollars less than last year and that the raise in taxes is due to the action of the State Board of equalization. It says that the design of the State board was only to bring the taxes back to where they were last year, having been lowered by the assessor, and then closes by saying:

The State board of equalization cannot deal with individuals, but must confine itself to counties as a whole, and hence it is that everything in this county was raised five per cent in assessment; this may, and no doubt does, work an injustice in some cases, but it is not the fault of the State board, but of the county officers who lowered the assessment of the previous year.

The Enquirer has been saying ever since the campaign opened that the high taxes are the fault of the county officers, now it says the county officers are to blame for lowering the taxes. The question is, does the Enquirer ever mean what it says, or does it only talk to be talking?

"THE LETTER AND THE ANSWER"

The Democratic State committee has issued a thoroughly up-to-date and logical campaign poster entitled "The Letter and the Answer." The poster represents Boss Hanna holding in one hand the party lash and in the other his letter addressed to Glen Miller, August 3d last, as follows: "I have been informed that it has been suggested that the Republican party of Utah at the next State convention endorse in its platform the free coinage of silver. As chairman of the National Republican committee, charged with the duties of the position, I protest against the Republicans of any State taking such action. It would be clearly in opposition to the principles of the party as declared at St. Louis. I trust you will use your influence and efforts to the end that that declaration may be sustained." This letter has its answer in the following plank of the State Republican platform of Utah:

"We endorse and applaud the administration of President McKinley and the policies ably proposed and accomplished by him." This letter from Hanna to Glen Miller is the representative of Utah Republicans and the answer given the Republican party in its platform are amply sufficient to prove the subservience of Utah Republicans to the dictation of Hanna and the gold power. If any further proof were needed it is given by the choice

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of Arthur Brown as chairman of the State convention, by the choice of Wesley K. Walton as State chairman, and by the choice of such notorious goldbugs as Dennis Eichnor in Salt Lake, and John E. Booth in Provo, as county chairmen. Hanna still owns the Republican party, and the Republicans in Utah are apparently proud to wear the golden yoke.

A TRUE ESTIMATE OF M'KINLEY.

The last issue of the Salt Lake Bee in the course of an editorial concerning McKinley and the platitudes uttered by him during his recent trip east from Omaha, says:

As we have heretofore said, we believe McKinley is a more dangerous enemy to silver than was Cleveland, because he has neither courage nor convictions on the financial question. Silver men should not longer be deceived by such men. If a man is a silver man, he is not afraid to say so. If he is evasive, or talks about "good money" or "bimetallism," he is a goldbug, and should not be trusted.

McKinley is undoubtedly as great an enemy of silver as was Cleveland or as any man could possibly be. His public addresses all abound in vague expressions about "honest money," etc., all undoubtedly dictated by Hanna and the Wall street gold trust. And yet Utah Republicans in their State platform say: "We endorse and applaud the administration of President McKinley and the policies ably proposed and accomplished by him." Who do you suppose dictated this plank in the Republican State platform, if not Hanna, Glen Miller, et al? And yet many self-styled "silver" Republicans are lending their support to this "dangerous enemy to silver."

GROSS MISREPRESENTATION.

The following item taken from last Saturday's local g. o. p. organ caps the climax for gross and malicious misrepresentation, even for that notoriously unreliable sheet. The Enquirer says:

A widow lady was over from Salem today to pay her taxes, which amounted to \$14.70, and complained that she could not see how her taxes had taken such a big jump in one year, as last year \$3.50 paid them. Of course the expense of running the county is continually increasing, and the poor widow will have to help pay the fiddler if she doesn't dance.

Now as to the absurdity of the above it will only be necessary for each taxpayer to examine his own tax statement and see if there is such a ratio of increase. However, let us look at the facts. Last year this lady's tax assessment was \$13.50. She is a widow, and our board of county commissioners, always humane and generous, remitted her the full statutory limit of \$10, so that she only needed to pay \$3.50. The fore part of the present year our State Supreme court, composed of three Republicans, ruled that these remissions were illegal and could not be made. This Republican decision prevented the county board of equalization from remitting the taxes of this or any other poor widow, and she must consequently pay the full assessment of \$14.70. This is certainly neither the fault of our Democratic assessor or county commissioners. The Enquirer man knew the facts when the above item was penned, but preferred to falsify in order to bolster up the fast falling cause of the local Republicans. It must be a weak pause indeed which requires to use such methods in the attempt to gain support.

VARIAN, BROWN AND TRIBUNE.

In last Saturday's Salt Lake Herald Hon. C. S. Varian reviews the financial portion of a Republican speech delivered by ex-Senator Brown at Ogden the day before. In this speech Mr. Brown says:

Bimetallism must be approached conservatively, hence the tariff laws should continue in operation until this country becomes rich enough to pay off its great private indebtedness and then we can more easily obtain bimetallism. The greatest obstacle on the free coinage of silver is the great amount of production of silver to take the place of the paper money in circulation.

Mr. Varian justly calls this statement a "new departure," because the Republican party, at least in every

State except Utah, has pronounced for the single gold standard permanently. In Utah, while the Republicans have endorsed the "policies" of McKinley, which cannot mean anything but the perpetuation of the gold standard, they have still adopted a hybrid platform, which may mean something or nothing for the silver, probably the latter, Mr. Varian says:

Senator Brown was chairman of that convention and his influence appears to have dominated it. His interpretation of Republicanism in Utah may be accepted as authoritative. He holds that the restoration of the country of bimetallism must be deferred until through the operation of the tariff laws the country is able to pay off its private indebtedness, and that the greatest obstacle to the free coinage of silver is the paper money in circulation, which must be replaced by silver. This, he infers, must be done through the silver that is to be mined, for which reason the job will take ten years. Does Senator Brown anticipate a time in all eternity when the private indebtedness of the people will be liquidated? Does he understand the true relation between the money volume of the Nation and the debts of labor? The indebtedness of this country, public and private, must all be paid by the labor of the people, and month by month, year by year, with a restricted money volume and increasing population and necessities, the money with which the debts must be paid is appreciating in value.

We may say here that the Salt Lake Tribune in replying to Mr. Varian disclaims that ex-Senator Brown represents the Republican party or that he is authorized to speak for it. Also says that "he (Brown) has never opened his mouth about silver that he has not emphasized the fact that he knows nothing about it." Now, isn't that rather an absurd proposition in view of the fact that Mr. Brown was chosen chairman of the Republican State convention, that he is being sent out by the State Republican committee to speak for and represent the party? He evidently knows enough about the silver question to co-operate with the other agents of Hanna in hoodwinking some of the people, and we believe we are safe in saying that he represents vastly more of the Utah Republicans than does the Tribune. The Tribune answers one of Mr. Varian's inquiries by denying that it endorses ex-Senator Brown's position on the silver question, but it utterly fails to show why, when it could not support the St. Louis platform in 1896, it can now swallow all that platform, although it is now interpreted by the National Republican leaders to mean simply the gold standard. Mr. Varian refers to the fact that the great Republican leaders who spent years to bring that party to sound financial principles have abandoned it in despair, while the Tribune asserts that "there is no silver issue between the parties in Utah." As Mr. Varian says, Gage and Hanna have decided that the question is settled and are attempting to make the tariff question the dominating one. As to Utah Republicans, Mr. Varian says:

There is no question as to the attitude of the Republican party everywhere but in Utah. But here is an atmosphere of deceit and double dealing. Why, my Republican friends, do you not come out into the open and declare your principles, even as your great and honored Marcus A. Hanna urged you to do? Do you feel that you can enjoy the fruits of a victory obtained by means of false pretenses? And yet, a victory won upon the canvass you are making will not be an honest one, because you do not submit the great issue to the test of the people. With evasive and dishonest utterance you decaln your allegiance to the cause of humanity, but your party and platform are against you. Will your candidate for Congress, your candidates for the Senate, say upon their honor as men that if elected to those high stations they will vote and labor for a free coinage bill?

These questions are not answered by the Tribune or by anyone else, but the policy of the Republican party in Utah is to go far as possible ignore the great overshadowing issue of free silver. Several Republican journals in Utah have repeatedly asserted that Utah should elect a Republican representative who will be "in sympathy with the administration." In that case then the representative must be a goldbug, for as Mr. Varian says:

A Republican who shall go to Congress pledged to the free coinage of silver will be as severely excluded from

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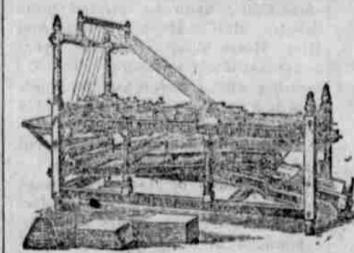
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