

POLITICO-PERSONAL

With two substantial, solid, vote-getting tickets in the field, the American party is ready for November.

Never in the history of Utah have there been two such conventions as those held at the Salt Lake Theater Monday morning, afternoon and evening, when Americans placed before the voters of the state and Salt Lake county the candidates named above. Enthusiasm swung in early on the crowds that filled the theater, and by afternoon was at fever heat. Fights for nominations were sharp, hard and friendly. Seldom, if ever, have the church politicians of Utah received so severe and terrible a condemnation as that given them by Frank J. Cannon, Joseph Lippman and other speakers at the two conventions, state and county. They were cheered to the echo. The adoption of the state platform brought out an ovation the equal of which the old Theater has probably never known. When the delegates broke up, after midnight, Monday, history had been made for Utah.

The state ticket is given above. Judge John A. Street is nominated for governor, and it would have been difficult to have found a stronger man for the race. Down on through the list, Littlefield of Ogden, Hiles, Thompson, Welsh, Park, Sweazey and Douglas, the whole ticket is strong, and with the race fairly started the church politicians have one of the hardest fights on their hands that has ever been given them.

Whatever strength the American vote will show for the state must be judged principally by the showing to be made in Salt Lake county in November. That the churchmen have ruled the county politically for the last time is certain. It will go under the leadership of E. B. Critchlow, W. W. Armstrong and George J. Gibson as nominees for the senate.

In the race for sheriff, Charon took the place from Fitzpatrick at 311 to 219 votes. After two ballots had been taken, W. O. Norrel took the nomination for auditor from T. W. Armstrong and H. A. Mercer. Charles W. Lawrence was nominated for recorder after the splendid campaign he made. M. E. Wilson was nominated for county attorney by acclamation, and Joseph Ulmer took the county surveyorship from Holman and Wight after a hard fight on the convention floor. A. L. Brattain carried the nomination for assessor over Barney Quinn by a vote of 313 to 229.

The platform on which the nominees go before the voters of the county is clear, well-defined and solid in every plank.

Salt Lake county for Americans!

There have been mutterings from many insurgent camps within the Smoot ranks in the past, but combined the echo has rolled on and on until it has become a sullen roar, and with each new recruit the handwriting on the wall becomes plainer and plainer to the Provo apostle. For anyone to say he is not worried is the height of absurdity.

Conservative men are now estimating that at the very least, Salt Lake county will go American by two thousand votes—mostly American votes—with the number augmented by hundreds of young Democrats and enough insurgents from the Smoot party to make a victory not only a certainty, but a slaughter.

What about Steve Love and his strong following? What of Parley Christensen and his friends? What of Sam Park and the strong men who are with him? What of hundreds of others, more or less prominent? There isn't the slightest doubt of the way they will vote, once they go in the booth, and though they may profess to be Republicans, and probably are on national lines, it would be worth seeing when they pull the levers on election day.

Really the only danger that besets the American party in the county campaign is the possibility that Harry Joseph will flop and declare that he is one of us.

Blustering, bristling, bellicose and belligerent, Harry is out with a new street car and curb campaign, assuring the populace in no uncertain tones that he will get certain scalps, which heretofore he counted among the most lovable in Zion.

Harry is mad clear through, and his predicament is the most amusing incident of the campaign up to date. It was early in the week when the Hon. George Sutherland, who had evidently been assigned the pleasant task, took the Joseph person to one side and gently whispered that he was a load on the party, and that the rest of the church would greatly appreciate it if he would move some distance to the rear and be seated.

For a moment Harry just gasped. Momentarily he couldn't comprehend the enormity of the affront which the masters had given to one who had been so faithful in their service; and when it dawned upon him the storm scene from Cleopatra by comparison was a summer zephyr.

Straightway he called an insurgent meeting—think of the Joseph undesirable calling an insurgent meeting—which accomplished nothing; but his street car platform campaign has been a vigorous one, and if he does all the things he says he will, something sensational may be expected from this worn out tool of a once triumphant machine.

It is not so long since the Joseph person assured the curb that he would be a state senator this fall, and to be passed up so ruthlessly by the gang he has hung onto with such tenacity, was a pill too bitter to pass the Joseph thorax.

But no one cares but Harry, unless he should take it into his head to shout for the American cause. In that event it would be serious, but not for the Joseph person.

The nomination of Judge Dana T. Smith on the city judicial ticket meets with as much favor as any American nomination of the campaign. Judge Smith is one of the best-known and most capable attorneys affiliated with the American party and he will unquestionably go into office in November by a handsome majority. His record as justice of the peace is of the best and with his personal popularity his success at the polls should prove one of the most satisfactory features of the American campaign. He deserves the support of every man in the party.

J. E. Darmer is also well fitted for the place of city judge, and through service faithfully performed is deserving of the honor given him by his party; for in the case of the city judgeships, a nomination on the American ticket is equivalent to election.

Possibly, too, in view of past performances, the city will not suffer from the change of administration.

It is a pity that as good an attorney as Frank J. Gustin, with as large a personal following, should be nominated for a judicial position on the Democratic ticket. When he has a nomination of that kind it ought to be where he would have a chance, in a place where his friends could elect him. And more's the pity, because at heart Frank Gustin is the best kind of an American, and will probably vote that way in November, excepting, of course, that part of the ticket which includes the judiciary nominees.

The county machine of the church Republicans struck the first rough weather of the early cam-

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