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AN APPEAL.

Young men and women of Utah of the dominant church, are you keeping watch of things nowadays? Are you noting the fact that every indication promises the election of Republican candidates for the Legislature even in the Democratic strongholds of Cache and Utah counties? You understand what that means, do you not?

An apostle is a candidate for election to the United States Senate and all the laity must bow down to ratify that ambition of his. Have you not had about enough of this? Can you not see that by the jugglery of the system which you are attached to, the offices, the honors, the emoluments are to be reserved for a few families for all time to come, and you are to be told that it is God's sovereign will? Is that a square deal? What hopes have you for yourselves or the children that may be given you after awhile? Is there any reason why your children that are to be should be branded by the red-hot iron of inferiority in their cradles? At the late conference you heard the rantings of a Rich, a Taylor and a Woodruff, one an apostle, the others in the line of promotion. Would either of them have been recipients of high church honors on their merits? Were not their places given them because they were of the royal line and for no other reason?

Look around you and note where from the first, the offices, the honors and the emoluments have gravitated.

Suppose the original design had been to establish a church aristocracy and make all other ministers to this select few, could there have been a shrewder device than the one fixed upon?

Have you not manhood and womanhood enough to resent this imputation upon your right and competency to aspire to have a voice in your country's government? You surely have the right, for Statehood was given to Utah on the solemn promise of those highest in church offices that thenceforth there should be no church interference with the political views or votes of the people.

The man who is president of the church today was more pronounced in that declaration than any other one man in the church. He will not deny the promise that he made, hence you are by his word absolved from any duty to "obey counsel" in casting your vote.

There are other reasons why you should arouse yourselves and not permit this proposed programme to be carried out. It is a duty which you owe the Government which holds its protecting aegis before and above you and opens all the op-

portunities of this free land to every one of you. If you are coerced to vote a certain ticket you not only degrade yourselves, but you dishonor the flag above you, and the free ballot placed in your hands.

There is still another reason. Look in any country of the Old World, where the priesthood has a controlling vote in the government and you will see that the common people are degraded, ignorant, and in the depths of poverty. Look a little further and you will see all the coasts of Asia strewn with the wrecks of nations which were founded on the assumption that there was an undefinable divinity that hedged Kings and priests around. Do you desire to help anew an experiment which so far has never failed to debase men and women and to swiftly bring about national decay?

Why did our own country from almost nothing, in a single century, leap to the forefront of nations? It was because of the personal, religious and political liberty vouchsafed to every citizen, thereby kindling the delicious hope in each heart, no matter how humble, that all the country's honors were within his grasp if he had but the genius to hope and the courage to try.

Have you not manhood and womanhood enough to assert yourselves and to perform your political duties without dictation?

Have you not the strength to say to Apostle Reed Smoot, through your ballots: "If you are worthy to be an apostle of a holy religion, then your work in the past has unfitted you to undertake the duties of a United States Senator; if you are not worthy as an apostle, then you are on the same plane that we all are and we will make our own selection for Senator."

It seems almost like a joke to those who know, to see Mr. Bryan and Senator Clark come here to expound the gospel of politics, as though the whole business had not been fixed and the result already recorded. To an insider it looks very much like a simulated row that is sometimes kicked up in a border barroom in order to scare away the timid and put out the lights so that the fighters can steal the only demijohn of fire water left and at their leisure drink each other's healths.

THE LOS ANGELES ROAD IS COMING.

It seems that the affairs of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Company have finally reached a tangib' basis. Work is slowly but steadily progressing on the western terminus and it is reasonably clear that Senator Clark has made either a purchase or a lease, or a traffic arrangement by which, when he wants it, he will take possession of the Short Line from this point southward. With this arrangement consummated there will be but a single road between this city and Los Angeles but it will be an independent road and of course it will be to the interest of the chief owner to so conduct the management of the road as to draw to it business and good will. Then under the arrangement half the distance is covered to begin with and there are no serious engineering difficulties to meet. Should it be decided to build from both terminals the road ought to be completed within the coming year, but we doubt about this being the intention, it being a long

haul for material. But building from one way the road should be completed year after next. Whether any branches are still contemplated we have no means of ascertaining, but that the main line will be pushed through there does not seem longer to be any doubt. It will be a great boom to Los Angeles and Salt Lake, and its advantage as a financial proposition will be the wonder of railroad men when once it shall be completed. Southern Nevada is rapidly coming to the front as a mining region, Utah will keep up and add to her ancient reputation; the road would on local business pay a handsome return on the investment, but the through trade in passengers and freight will be enormous. It will cut off one thousand miles from the journey from the Northern and Eastern States to Los Angeles; then its coal and iron trade will be very great and it will make possible the shipment of Southern California fruit cheaply all over this interior.

When completed men will wonder why its construction was so long postponed.

When Senator W. A. Clark pushes his road through to a connection in the desert, so that the journey between this city and Los Angeles can be made in from twenty to twenty-four hours, he will find that the people of Utah are not ungrateful. He will have as many friends in Utah as he has in Montana. If in the past he had taken the people here a little more into his confidence, it would have saved a vast amount of misapprehension.

UTAH POLITICS—AN INDIAN WEDDING.

One would imagine that the innate sense of Irish humor would sometimes get the best of Senator Thomas Kearns as he rises to urge his audiences to cling fast to the Republican faith and try to win a Republican victory next month; speaking as though he knew of no combination, no alliance, no "sure thing" game by which those who are not prophets and seers were able to foretell what was to be months in advance.

What matter if the State is debauched? What if free government is mocked? What if the ballot is dishonored when those who are in control assume that public office is a private snap and make their preparations accordingly, and look upon a commission for a high office as valuable only as a certificate of character, a prima facie evidence of respectability, even as is the certificate which is issued when a squaw man finally exalts his squaw by marrying her.

A man is not a good thinking citizen who votes a straight ticket for city or county officials.

WAS BRYAN'S PRINTER WRONG?

Mr. Bryan has not been very long in editorial harness, but he has learned how impotent and helpless a typographical error can make, for the time being at least, even a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. A circular was recently sent out from the office of the Commoner which read as follows:

"It is my intention to discuss through the Commoner, from a Democratic standpoint, all questions of public importance, and to use the Democratic party for mercenary purposes."

It is said that when Mr. Bryan read the fore-