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For President:
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
For Vice-President:
CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.

But how can a straight Republican ticket be voted unless there is a straight Republican ticket to vote?

Throughout the campaign, Brother Cutler will be strongly opposed to the use of any church influence—for his opponent.

If Judge Parker were not already a silent man, the Vermont election returns would doubtless tend to make him speechless.

Democratic campaigners did very good work in Vermont by stirring up the Republicans and causing them to get out to vote.

Being Democrats, the delegates in today's State convention will probably not see any of the best opportunities offered the gathering.

Perhaps Brother Cutler feels that it would be a sufficient honor for him, under the circumstances, to have merely the name of Governor.

Brother Roberts doesn't want to run for Governor. He is too devout a man to seek to interfere with the plans for the election of Brother Cutler.

While there may not be anything worth fighting over in today's State convention, surely it will be Democratic enough to have a few rows.

While considering the baneful influence of Smootism in the Republican convention, will Democrats feel sure today that it is not operating in their own?

All Republicans will take pleasure in voting for those nominated by the State Republican convention—those nominated for Presidential electors, as amended.

Friends of Mr. Moyle wish to call the attention of anyone seeking a dark horse for the Democratic nomination for Governor, to the color of their candidate's hair.

Chairman Spry is quoted as saying that Mormon Democrats will vote for Brother Cutler. As Chairman Spry does not have to be consistent, he also says that there is no church interference.

Mr. Heber S. Wells had no doubt "prospected the prospects" when he showed such apathy toward becoming a candidate for Governor. No one understands better than he the fact that there are depths beneath depths.

It is incomprehensible why the Chicago strikers should vote, more than ten to one, in favor of continuing the strike against the packers. The strike, so far as appears, is irretrievably lost, and the strikers in other towns so regard it, and return to work, while even in Chicago a thousand of the strikers went to work. And as a matter of fact, there is no strike left.

Mr. Spry, the chairman of the State Republican committee, is hardly a consistent talker. After his admission that he had promised Mr. Clegg to help make Clegg the unanimous nominee to the State Senate if he would promise to oppose Kearns, it was a bad break for him to give out for publication a statement that "we had no part in the Senatorial matter—that was none of our business." If he felt the latter, he should not have done the former. A man should always stand by his acts and make his words conform to them. In this matter Mr. Spry convicts himself.

The Chinese Minister to this country is also the Chinese Minister to Mexico, and he views without protest a singular state of affairs in our neighboring republic to the south. He says that in Mexico many Chinamen have become full-fledged Mexican citizens, have cut off their cues, adopted the native dress, and are marrying Mexican wives. An eastern contemporary notes this with approval, and seems to regret that we don't allow the China-

men to invade the United States in the same way. It was for the very reason that we don't want the irruption of Chinamen on any terms that the exclusion laws were passed and are enforced. The Chinamen as a confessed and evident Chinaman, is bad enough; the Chinaman disguised and as a citizen would be intolerable.

THE NEW MOVEMENT IN POLITICS.

A movement springing from a deep popular discontent with the intrusion of the Mormon church leaders into politics, and particularly their action in forcing the election of Apostle Reed Smoot as a United States Senator from Utah and his assumption of the position of political boss in this State, took definite form last night. At a meeting of a considerable number of representative men it was resolved to form an organization in the nature of a political party to resist that church intrusion and domination, and to strike for the complete separation of church and state in Utah.

No one could have attended that meeting without being impressed with the earnestness and enthusiasm manifested, and the determination expressed to strike for the actual instead of the nominal spread of American feeling, sentiment, and practice in Utah, as these exist in communities elsewhere.

Convinced that the so-called division on party lines is and has been a sham and a fraud, a trap for loyal people which would cripple any effort they might be disposed to make to redeem the State from the deplorable condition of servitude to the Mormon church into which it has fallen; seeing that conditions in this respect are getting worse instead of better, and realizing that the only way to right a wrong is to expose and denounce it, those taking part in this movement have resolved to strike the blow for breaking the shackles of this people, and to keep striking until the voters are indeed free from the evil domination and thralldom in which they have been and are held.

With this movement The Tribune is in hearty accord. It will support it with its might, and with loyal fidelity to the end. All it asks of its fellow workers in this cause is that they will also stand by it with equal earnestness, activity and fidelity. It does not doubt in the least that they will do so. Their expression on this point at the meeting last night was too enthusiastic, determined, and whole-hearted to be doubted for a moment.

This new movement is, therefore, formally launched. It will draw to itself the hearty support of all the outspoken loyalty in Utah. It will be supported quietly by vast numbers who do not care to make an open warfare. That it will attract thousands of Mormons who wish to be free and who will hope that this movement will point the way, cannot be doubted.

The purpose declared is a single one. It disavows all others. That the need of such a movement is great is as certain as that the time is ripe for starting it. The purpose is to put a complete ticket in the field at the ensuing election, and to invite to the support of the principles it represents, every voter who wishes to see the political arena in Utah made something different from an apostolic ring. The cause is just; it must prevail. Speed the day for its final and complete triumph!

THE CONFESSION IS COMPLETE.

At a private conference in this city on Tuesday evening in Senator Kearns's office and participated in at the request of the Republican State committee by the Senator and Mr. Lippman of The Tribune, no definite results were reached, but the ground was gone over pretty thoroughly, and the animus of the members of the committee against the Senator was admitted.

The members of the committee who were present, gave a report of the meeting to the Herald, the Democratic organ, showing thereby their desire to make whatever breach there may be, complete, and to emphasize their determination to press forward on apostolic lines, ignoring politics. The Tribune was not anxious to expose the animus of the committee, nor to emphasize the differences that exist; and besides, it understood the meeting to be a private one, and was willing to respect any desire for privacy.

But in this report which the committee gave out for publication there is a complete confession of every allegation of church power to control, and also of the church purpose to do so. Read this from a statement made by Mr. Spry, chairman of the committee:

"Where they get one of the old Liberals away from us here in town, we will get two Mormon Democrats from them in the country."

That shows emphatically and conclusively that the Mormon vote is at the disposal of the church, and that it is the purpose of the church to use its power in the present campaign to detach two Mormons from the Democrat-

ic party to every Gentile who may refuse to vote for Cutler.

No confession could be more complete.

It admits not only the power of the church to control its adherents in politics, but its habit of doing so, and its purpose to do so in this campaign.

What further evidence on this point is needed, especially when taken in connection with facts that are notorious, and with events that have recently stirred the State to its depths, throughout all of its boundaries?

The church will elect Cutler by detaching enough Mormon Democrats from their alleged Democratic affiliation, to elect Cutler, and defeat the Democratic candidate.

It is a pleasant prospect for the Democrat who is to be nominated by the Democrats today, is it not?

In view of this declaration by Mr. Spry, in continuation of the influences that have controlled the politics of this State since Statehood, we ask the people how they like it.

Especially do we ask the Democrats who are to meet today, it appears, in a mock State convention, How do you like it?

The menace to the people is open; it is declared. Let all the people take note of it, and make up their minds what they will do in this severe crisis in the political affairs of Utah.

SMOOTH MR. SMOOT, AS SMOOT.

Would Cutler have been a candidate, if it had not been for Smoot? No. Would Cutler have been nominated, if it had not been for Smoot? Not this year.

Would the bishops have worked for Cutler, if it had not been for Smoot? Not without a salary.

Would the Mormon church influence have been for Cutler, if it had not been for Smoot? Guess.

Would the Mormon church influence have been for Cutler, if Smoot had not been an apostle? Don't you believe it.

Would the bishops have worked for Cutler, if Smoot had not been an apostle? Ask them.

Would the delegates have voted for Cutler in convention, if the orders had not come through the bishops of the church from an apostle? Not by a jugful.

Would Cutler have been a candidate, if Smoot had not been an apostle? Not in a hundred years.

Would Cutler ever have been heard of in politics, if Smoot had not been an apostle? Never.

Could any one less powerful in the Mormon church than an apostle, have done what Smoot has done? Not on your life.

Then what does all this mean? It means that Smoot as Smoot, is a colossal nonentity.

It means that Smoot as an apostle, represents all the power of the Mormon church, because Smoot as an apostle can't do anything without the aid and consent of the Mormon church.

It means that the Mormon church, through Smoot, one of the twelve apostles, deliberately violated all the sacred pledges given to secure Statehood for Utah; openly entered the political field, nominated a church ticket and split the Republican party wide open in Utah.

There was no way that Smoot as Smoot could have done this, and there is no way that Smoot as an apostle could have done it, without the aid and consent of the Mormon church.

The Mormon church must keep out of politics. The solemn vows given for Statehood must be kept.

There is one way to do it, and that is to repudiate Smoot, not as Smoot, but as the apostle.

If the church doesn't do this, the Mormons of Utah are up against it and—so is Smoot, as Smoot and as the apostle.

THE RESULT IN VERMONT.

The returns from the election held in Vermont on Tuesday are full of cheer for the Republicans. Their majority is over 51,000, and reaching pretty well along toward 52,000. This is practically, in the light of the past, a guarantee of the success of the Republican general campaign this year.

It has been said that Vermont, while a steadfast Republican State, is a barometer of the public sentiment of the country. This barometer is on the scale of a zero mark of 25,000 Republican majority; when that majority falls below 25,000 at the State election in September, the country is liable to go Democratic; when it goes materially above it, the Republican triumph is sure at the ensuing election in November. Here is a statement of the Republican majorities in Vermont in the Presidential year for the past six quadrennial periods:

1900 51,312 1888 28,995
1896 38,671 1884 23,838
1892 19,702 1880 26,603

It will be noted that but twice in the twenty-four years has the Republican majority fallen below 25,000. In one of these years, 1892, it was but 19,702, and that year there was a veritable landslide for Cleveland and the Democracy, Cleveland getting 377 of the electoral votes to Harrison's 145, and the Democracy elected 214 Representatives in Congress, to the Republicans 128.

The other time that the Republican majority fell below 25,000 was in 1884, when it was 23,838. That year Cleveland won by a very narrow margin, the result hinging on New York, which was given to him by the small plurality of 1947 over Blaine, and the Democrats elected 182 Representatives in Congress to the Republicans 140.

The Democrats had great hopes of reducing the Republican majority in Vermont this year to 25,000 or below. They canvassed and stumped the State as never before, and they were treated to

the surprise of their lives. They admit that they had not considered such a tremendous Republican majority possible, and are correspondingly depressed. Vermont's political barometer shows that it is a cold year for them.

On the other hand the Republicans are correspondingly elated. They had a surprise, too, in a majority the greatest, save once, in twenty-four years, during a Presidential campaign, and far above the average. It is a significant and cheering sign of the times.

FEWER CLOTHES FOR ARMY OFFICERS.

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

There are several hundred young army officers who will read with delight that the Inspector General is of the opinion that the amount of clothing required of each officer by the regulations is excessive. He thinks the required uniforms can be reduced from seven to two. That seems reasonable. Most men manage to get along on two suits of clothing or two general styles, one for common and one for best, with, in some cases, a dress suit added. The cost is not so great to the average man, but to the officer it is a matter of importance. It has been stated over and over again in publications entitled to respect that no young man can enter the service without \$700 worth of clothing, and he is lucky if his annual expenses on this account do not reach \$500.

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