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### PEOPLE'S TICKET.

For Delegate to Congress,

JOHN T. CAINE.

### RELIGION AND POLITICS.

THE public opponents of the People's Party are very disingenuous when they are not actually mendacious. Some of their accusations are utterly untrue; others have enough of the elements of untruth to be misleading and are the same in effect as though they were positive falsehoods. Among the latter is the attempt to show a union between Church and State in Utah.

When the impossibility of such a condition of affairs is pointed out, and facts are adduced to prove beyond question that the ecclesiastical and the political machinery in Utah are entirely separate and distinct, the ground is shifted and arguments are used to show that the "Mormon" Church exercises influence in the politics of its members, or that some leading Elders have given advice to their followers on political movements. They then purposely confuse two different ideas; the influence of religion in politics they interpret as a union of Church and State.

Now, while we deny that the Church and State are made one in Utah, we do not dispute the fact that religion has some bearing upon its politics, nor that men who figure as religious teachers exercise an influence in the political affairs of the Territory. But we claim that there is nothing in this antagonistic to American institutions. Ministers of religion have as much right to talk in public about politics as lawyers, or doctors, or generals, or civil officials. But their influence in that direction does not constitute a union of Church and State, any more than the political influence of physicians makes a union of politics and physic.

In Utah, Methodist priests have taken the lead in political meetings and they preach more on the subject of local political affairs than "Mormon" Elders do. But their action is endorsed by the howlers about Church and State, while anything said or done by a "Mormon" preacher is denounced as a mingling of religion and politics. Now we affirm that it is the right and the duty of every American citizen to take an active interest in the affairs of the country, and particularly in those of his own State or Territory. And a public minister should be something more than a mere sentimentalist. He should take part in the discussion of every measure affecting the public welfare. And so long as he uses no undue means, it is his right to exercise his influence in favor of the best measures and the best men, according to the light that is in him; and this as much if he is a "Mormon" as if he were a Methodist, a Catholic, a Jew or an Infidel.

The New York Herald has the following on this subject in a recent issue:

"It is a healthful sign of the times to see the pulpit take up and discuss in a manly, earnest way the political questions and issues of the day. While great crimes in the body politic are being committed the Church should not be silent."

At another date the Herald says:

"A reference to another page will show that what are called political

sermons were vigorously preached in many of the churches yesterday. We welcome this as a healthful sign of the times. Religion and politics have often before gone hand in hand. It is impossible to divorce them in this political canvass."

The annexed are from the Providence (R. I.) Star concerning the preaching of politics by several clergymen:

"This valuable accession to the ranks of competent critics is everywhere regarded as a hopeful sign of good to come."

The teachings of christianity can as well be illustrated by contemporary politics as by the statesmanship of Moses. When with the dignity, the sedateness, the candor, and the authority with which it is endowed the pulpit speaks on the daily topics of human life, and the stirring issues of national struggles, it speaks with a weight and carries a conviction to its listeners that is equalled by no other agency."

In fact, rightly used, and especially when employed on the great question of human present interest, the power of the pulpit has been second alone to the power of the press, and then second only because of necessity confined to a smaller circle. Evidences of the recognition and employment of this power are cheering indications of the growth of a broad, progressive liberality."

The clergyman who confines himself solely to the spiritual motives governing a man's life will fail to understand that life as a whole, and his neglect to attempt such an understanding is an obvious failure of his duty.

The way it works is this: It is all right with the Democrats if the preacher favors democracy; all right with the Republicans if he enunciates republican dogmas; all right with the "Liberals" if he fiercely attacks the "Mormons;" all wrong if he speaks in favor of the People's Party. That is the way with the anti-"Mormons." But the "Mormon" way is to accord perfect liberty to any preacher or layman to support just such politics as he chooses, so long as he does not lie and abuse his opponents nor seek to injure them in life, liberty or the pursuit of happiness; and even then the "Mormons" do not propose to retaliate, but only to hold him up to the contempt of the thoughtful and the despising of the just

### NON-"MORMON" ENDORSEMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE.

THE Silver Reef Miner in an editorial on the political situation in Utah has the following, which commends itself to all thinking people of every creed and party in this Territory who are not blinded by the fogs of prejudice and the dust of misrepresentation raised by "Liberal" stump orators:

A few things we can refer to with pride in behalf of the People's Party in the past. Under their administration the Territory and every county and city is to-day free from debt; taxes are very low compared with other Territories and States, the custody and care of public funds have been wisely and judiciously managed, and if there has been any embezzlements of officers, so far, we have not heard of it.

Mr. Caine, if elected, we believe will represent the people, in the halls of Congress, regardless of party cliques or religious views, with credit and in an honorable, straightforward manner.

As to Judge Van Zile, he is strictly a party man, bitterly opposed, in fact an enemy to the People's Party, and would remain so if the practice of polygamy was stamped out entirely.

What we need is a man that will represent the people, the whole people, and nothing but the people, and leave sectional opinions and party quarrels entirely out of the question.

The interests of the commonwealth of our growing Territory demand impartial representation, and those who take an opposite view, are enemies to their own interests and future prosperity.

### FIGURES THAT DO NOT LIE.

In another part of this paper will be found some very interesting data collected by "Historians," which will form good reading for all who

are interested in Utah affairs and have taken notice of the hostful assumptions of the so-called "Liberal" party in regard to the financial benefits its chief members have conferred upon this Territory.

From the figures presented it appears that most of the men now on the stump abusing the old settlers, misrepresenting their creed and their intentions, telling falsehoods about being unequally and unjustly taxed, and conveying the idea that they have done wonders in developing and enriching the country, are in reality non-producers and non-taxpayers, and their contributions to the general growth consists merely of "gas" giving forth no light and darkening counsel by words, words, words without knowledge and without truth.

The figures show that the Chairman of the People's Territorial Central Committee pays more taxes than the thirty-three most prominent "Liberals," whose names are given, all put together. Twenty of them pay no property taxes at all, and several of them have even evaded the payment of their poll tax. Not a cent from the whole score for the support of the district schools; and yet they are always prating about education and clamoring for free schools to be supported entirely by taxes, and also falsifying the facts in regard to the status of our public school system.

These are nice specimen bricks in the "Liberal" structure; fine examples to the community of zeal for a system of schooling by taxes; consistent declaimers about "unjust taxation!" Only four out of the whole number pay anything like a decent sum into the local treasury, and not one of them can truthfully say that he is "unequally taxed."

Now let it not be understood that we find fault with any man because he is impecunious. Poverty is no sin of itself. Lack of property is no sign of dishonor or of personal inferiority. But when men go shouting through the country about the waste of public money, unjust assessments and taxation without representation, all abominable falsehoods when applied to Utah, it is natural to inquire how much they are injured in this direction. The glaring untruth is repeated from stump to stump, that they contribute more to the revenue of the Territory than the people whom they are striving to rob of the last vestige of political liberty. They declare that it is through their presence and property that Utah has been redeemed from poverty and the barter system. These screeching pelicans, without a feather to fly with, have, according to their own mendacious showing, laid all the golden eggs that have been enjoyed in this mountain region since its occupation by the Caucasian race. It is their falsehood, their impudence, their baseless brag that we expose, not their poverty.

The rest of their assumptions will be found on investigation to rest upon as little foundation and to be justified by as little excuse as their bald and base assertions in regard to the local finances. Mind this, we are not opposed to their having full liberty to talk as much and as publicly as they please. The more they say the more they will expose their own folly and the weakness of their cause. Figures are facts and those we have given may be relied upon; the proof is in the public records and may be seen by all who wish to examine them.

### RELIGIOUS TENETS AND THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

AMONG the numerous untruths contained in the so-called "Liberal" platform and dilated upon by the public speakers who are pouring forth floods of watery verbiage in behalf of the "Liberal" candidate, is the charge that the "Mormon power in Utah" "taxes the people to build school houses and therein teaches the tenets of the sect licensed only by the priesthood."

Now, in the first place, the "Mormon power" does not tax the people at all. The school taxes are levied by law enacted by legislators elected by the people. The territorial school tax is used entirely for the payment of school teachers. The tax for building school houses is levied by the people who pay it, in each district. It takes a two-thirds majority vote cast by the taxpayers themselves to levy a tax to build a school house. The "Mormon pow-

er," otherwise called the "Mormon Church" in the same slanderous "Liberal" document, has nothing to do with the school taxes in any way whatever.

Second. The tenets of a sect are not taught in the schools held in the school houses built by taxation, unless it may be in the Sunday schools conducted entirely independent of the District School system. The tenets of "Mormonism" are not taught to the District Schools, and the statement of the "Liberal platform" is a liberal wilful falsehood.

Third. The teachers in the District Schools are not licensed by the Priesthood. They are licensed by a Board of Education, regularly appointed by law who examine teachers, not on their religious belief but their secular educational qualifications for the position desired, and any person may teach in the District Schools who obtains the certificate of such Board. Thus the whole charge is false and it is false in all its details.

Now, let us take a look on the other side. On Friday a well known "Liberal" at Bountiful, was heard loudly complaining, in the presence of the Chairman of the People's County Central Committee, that he had paid over sixty dollars for the erection of a "Liberal" school house in that settlement, on the express understanding that no religion of any kind should be taught therein. And now here was his little girl come home from that "Liberal" school with a list of Bible texts and subjects to learn, as long as his arm. He was as mad as a hornet. He was asked whether his children were taught religious tenets when they went to the District School. He replied he could not say that they were.

### TAXES! TAXES!!

WHO PAY THEM AND WHO DON'T.

WHAT THE RECORDS SAY OF THEM.

Editor Deseret News:

Among the total half hundred notorious anti-"Mormon" anarchists in this city who have and are plotting against the liberties and lives of the law-abiding "Mormons," the appended list of "Liberals" are the most prominent and mouthy, rarely opening their mouths without clapping about paying most of the taxes and the immense help they are extending towards educating the local youth by the payment of large sums of school tax.

The following exhibit, taken from the official records, shows the amount of territorial, county, city, school and poll tax, each paid in 1881 by the annexed named chiefs of the self-styled "Liberal party." It will be seen that the Hon. John Sharp, chairman of the Central

These are the facts. You will find in every case that the very things the "Liberals" falsely charge the "Mormon power" with, they are guilty of themselves. It is easy to accuse. It is one of the easiest things in the world to find fault. General and sweeping accusations form the stock in trade of these pretended "Liberals." Of proof they advance nothing, or if they pretend to do so their statements are as baseless as the charges. Give them the control of the District Schools, and they would make opposition to the tenets of a Church one of the main features of the instruction imparted. Their whole movement is founded on hatred of the "Mormon" Church, and this is apparent in everything they say and everything they attempt.

In a New England town the price of chewing gum has risen ten per cent. since the re-opening of the young ladies' seminaries.

It doesn't follow that you must do a mean thing to a man who has done a mean thing to you. The old proverb runs: Because the cur has bitten me, shall I bite the cur?

It would be no harm if certain politicians would commit this sentence of Coleridge to memory:—"The history of the world tells us that immoral means will always intercept good ends."

The Christian Union church is "mixing religion with politics," referring to the present "managers of the Republican party," says: "These men still appeal to old memories, and count over old victories, but an impassable chasm separates them from the heights of the past."

Committee of the People's Party of the Territory alone paid 498.81 more taxes than the aggregated 33 anti-"Mormon" dictators, and \$98.79 more school tax than the same aggregation of usurpers.

The reader will observe the marplot chiefchain of the "Liberal" party—J. R. McBride—is wholly innocent of paying any tax whatever.

In this connection it would be interesting to know what taxes the gubernatorial nominees throughout the Territory paid last year. Will the collectors please send this valuable data to the News for publication and for future reference, and greatly oblige. HISTORIOUS.

Now for the statistical recap:

The Territorial tax is 3 mills on the dollar.  
County " 6 " "  
City " 5 " "  
School " 3 " "

Total, - 17 " "

The poll tax assessed against only able bodied men over 21 and under 60 years is \$3.00 per capita.

### WHAT THE RECORD SAYS.

	Territ'l	County	City	School	Poll	Total
Van Zile P T	1 80	3 60	3 00	1 80	3 00	13 20
Murray E H	3 64	7 23	6 06	3 64	3 00	23 62
McBride J R	90	1 80	1 50	90	...	5 10
Bane M M	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Hollister O J	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Boreman J S	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Goodwin C C	5 25	10 60	8 75	5 25	3 00	32 75
McKay Wm	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Bradley J F	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Agramonte O H M y	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Kaighn M M	2 25	4 50	3 75	2 25	...	12 75
McNiece R G Rev	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Hilton T B Rev	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Douglas G C	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Prosser G F b	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Maxwell G B c	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Coyner J M	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Blair W W	8 53	17 06	14 23	8 53	...	48 34
Hoge E D	15 82	31 64	26 37	15 82	3 00	92 65
Williams P L	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Silver Jos J	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Baskin R N c	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Harkness M K	6 75	13 50	1 25	6 75	3 00	41 25
Rudisill L A Rev	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Tuttle D S Bishop	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Scanlan Vicar General	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Gleghrist C K	30	60	50	30	3 00	4 70
Jonasson S J	4 50	9 00	7 50	4 50	...	25 50
Lawrence H W	66 48	132 96	110 80	66 48	3 00	379 72
Benner E Prof	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
Pierce G M	6 00	12 00	10 00	6 00	3 00	37 00
McKenzie Dr Banks	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wenner U J	...	...	...	...	...	...
John Sharp	221 1	442 02	368 35	221 01	...	1,252 89

Nearly all owe their 1882 taxes. Possibly awaiting the installation of the gubernatorial appointees. Eh? A few of the above persons, as trustees pay taxes on parsonages, etc.

- \* "Liberal" candidate for Delegate to Congress.
- + Governor's appointee for Prosecuting Attorney for Salt Lake County.
- ‡ Governor's appointee for Assessor for Salt Lake County.
- § Governor's appointee for Territorial Auditor.
- ¶ Always evades payment till obliged to pay: owes delinquent taxes, 1873, \$7.20; Realty in wife's name.
- \*\* Realty in wife. Owes delinquent taxes for 1880, \$20.40.
- †† Governor's appointee for Commissioner to locate University Lands.
- ‡‡ Governor's appointee for Probate Judge for Salt Lake County.
- a Property in wife.
- b Owes delinquent taxes for 1879 and 1880, \$20.40.
- ¶¶ Chairman of the People's Territorial Central Committee.