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A CHILD'S LAUGHTER.

All the bells of heaven may ring,
All the birds of heaven may sing,
All the wells on earth may spring,
All the winds on earth may bring
All sweet sounds together;
Sweeter far than all things heard,
Hand of harper, tone of bird,
Sound of woods at sundown stirred,
Welling water's winsome word,
Wind in wan warm weather.

One thing yet there is that none
Hearing ere its chime be done
Knows not well the sweetest one
Heard of men beneath the sun,
Hoped in heaven hereafter;
Soft and strong and loud and light,
Very sound of very light
Heard from morning's rosiest light,
When the soul of all delight
Fills a child's clear laughter.

Golden bells of welcome rolled
Never forth such notes, nor tolled
Hours so blithe in tones so bold,
As the radiant mouth of gold
Here that rings forth heaven.
If the golden-crested wren
Were a nightingale—why, then,
Something seen and heard of men
Might be half as sweet as when
Laughs a child of seven.

A. C. SWINBURNE.

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THE UTAH SITUATION.

[From the Chicago Herald, June 17.]

Charles Ellis, whose name is not unfamiliar to readers of the *Herald*, and who has been a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, since early in 1889, is in the city taking a day's rest in the journey from Mormonland to the home of the Knickerbockers. Mr. Ellis received a dispatch from Salt Lake City yesterday, which said: "The Territorial Central Committee of the People's Party met at 2 o'clock today and unanimously adopted resolutions dissolving the organization." Mr. Ellis says this is most welcome news, as it means the end of the strife that has for many years stood in the way of Utah's progress. The Mormons will henceforth vote as Democrats or Republicans, according to their predilections, and, as a necessary consequence, the anti-Mormon or Liberal party must also disappear in the near future. In fact, its best men have already deserted it, and are pushing

work on Democratic or Republican party lines throughout the territory, fully convinced that polygamy has been honestly abandoned by the Mormons, and that they are desirous of all the rights and protection accorded to other religious sects.

The *Herald* representative interviewed Mr. Ellis at the Sherman House and inquired: "What is new in the Utah situation?"

"Well," said Mr. Ellis, "everything is new. The Scriptures have something, at least they had when I was a boy, about all the old things passing away and everything being made new. Whether that had any reference to Utah I do not know, but certain it is that in the Territory today there exists a condition which has never been there before; and it is not only new, but it is good, excellent—the best, in short, that could be produced in the beginning of a movement that is destined in the near future to bring Utah into the grandest of the American States."

"When President Harrison was in Salt Lake a few weeks ago he saw there a very large gathering of people and received the finest welcome given to him on his journey by any community of 50,000 population. He may not have reflected that fully three-fourths of them were Mormons; yet such was the fact. He probably did not realize that the finest decorations displayed in honor of a visit from 'the President' were on Mormon business blocks; yet they were. At one point on his journey through the city 5,000 children were awaiting for him and greeted him with 'Hall Columbia' and the waving of 5,000 miniature American flags. He spoke of it as the most beautiful and touching welcome he had been given. He may not have thought at the time that fully three-fourths of them were Mormon children; yet they were. Half an hour later he was making an address in which he reminded the Mormon people that the American government rested upon clean, honest elections and the home in which one woman reigned the uncrowned queen. It was all true enough, and when Mr. Harrison made that address it was as true in Utah as elsewhere in the United States that the 'home' recognized the reign of 'one woman' as queen. The old regime had passed away. As to clean elections, it never was true that the Mormon people offended in that

way. The only dishonesty in the elections in Utah has been practiced by the anti-Mormon or so-called 'Liberal' party, and the curious thing about it is that the dishonesty has occurred largely since the control of the election machinery in the Territory was placed in the hands of men appointed in Washington.

MORMONS ARE LOYAL CITIZENS.

"But Mr. Harrison cannot avoid the reflection that he saw nothing in Utah which would indicate that the Mormons are not as loyal as the inhabitants of Illinois, and that they should not be deprived of their rights in the Union on the ground of a religious faith the only objectionable feature of which has been abandoned.

"Do you think the Mormons are Republican in politics?"

"It is too soon to say what they are as a whole. There has never been any politics in Utah. What has passed for that has been simply a local strife between the 'Gentiles,' who have been striving to get control of the Territory, and the Mormons, who have been working solely in self-defense. For years the Gentiles have been striving to get the Mormon voters disfranchised by national legislation. Today the fair minded men of the Gentiles insist that since the Mormon people have renounced the only feature of their faith against which the country protested, there no longer exists any ground upon which to keep up the strife, and hence the old local party hostility should cease. A month ago the leading Democrats withdrew from the Liberal party, organized a Democratic club and are extending their work through the Territory. Two weeks later the leading Republicans also withdrew from the Liberal party and organized a Republican club, and they, too, are pushing their work through the Territory. The Mormon voters at once met them. The night before I left Salt Lake the Salt Lake county committee of the People's, or Mormon, party met, and after discussing the situation disbanded. But it will take time for the people to settle for themselves whether they will vote for high tariff or for revenue only. One thing is quite certain—they will all vote for free coinage, not of the world's, but of American silver. But since both the Republican and Democratic statesmen of the near future, in the West, will be on that platform, and as Mr. Harrison will probably get there himself before '92.