

tain such views as have been ascribed to them.

Those "Gentile" gentlemen determined in view of these facts that they would withdraw from a faction which was becoming a block in the way of progress, a drag on the wheels of prosperity, and a burlesque upon both Democracy and Republicanism. They organized and then invited the people of the Territory as citizens to join in the movement. They assured the "Mormon" people that, having relinquished that social custom which was repugnant to the country, there was nothing in the way of their uniting with the respective national political organizations.

The People's party in this and some other counties thereupon took steps to dissolve and the members to join either the Republican or Democratic organizations as they saw fit. This work is now going on and will doubtless continue much to the chagrin of the remnant of the "Liberal" faction.

These are the facts. Abuse will not alter them. Falsehood will not stop the movement nor prevent the better elements of the "Liberal" party from seeking their proper affiliations. And it is to be hoped that recent residents of this Territory will become acquainted with the true situation of affairs before they take any stand in relation to them, and that they will not be misled by the absurd outcries and ridiculous prognostications of disappointed and malicious demagogues.

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AT THE Methodist conference on Saturday a report was handed in from the committee on education which contains some quite useful as well as entertaining matter. It pertains largely to the embryotic affair generally spoken of as the "Utah University."

That the project is entitled to any such dignification was a subject of doubt in the beginning, and the doubt is by no means satisfied by this recent exposition from the "committee on education." For example:

"We deplore the present unsatisfactory status of the Utah University enterprise, a status brought about largely by what seems to be the hasty, unwise, if not illegal manner in which the Rev. S. W. Small was elected president of the proposed university."

As to this "unsatisfactory status" we will explain, since the committee has not, that up to this point the institution has been a very much overworked and altogether unprosperous hippodrome. The advance bill poster for the concern, who was also the duly elected president, has

for twelve months been wobbling about between Ogden and Philadelphia, and finally, for alleged causes which not unfrequently follow in the trail of financial agents of his caste, has shuffled into Canada.

The mischief of it is the public are finding out that the present "status" at the business, if fully reported, would exhibit a clearing in the suburbs of Ogden, if one corner of which is a hole alleged to contain the "corner stone" of the Utah University. In proximity to this "corner stone" is a tract of vacant and unfenced ground staked off into blocks, presumed some day or other to become city lots which, in the public mind, are more or less identified with the "corner stone" under the name of "Cliff Addition." Round about is a tract, we can't say how large, known in speculative circles as University place.

This little flourish in the way of title embellishment to all accounts is the only really successful humbug in the entire transaction. It has brought many a cash sale to the real estate people, which had no other basis for the profits of the trade. This result may be an mere accident of the situation, but here is a paragraph of the report that may suggest an idea to those acquainted with paper town speculations.

"We are of the opinion that the City of Ogden has failed to meet what seems to us to be its obligations to the University enterprise, in that it has failed to keep its agreement made by its representatives, Swan & Robinson Land company, in the following words: 'We further agree to donate lots in the various subdivisions or additions in the vicinity of the grounds heretofore offered, to the full value of \$10,000, at the fair reduction of the same.'"

We could form a more clear judgment of the extent to which Ogden has "failed" in its obligations, if the counter obligations had been more perfectly stated. The report says:

"Inasmuch as Ogden proposed to furnish the site, together with other lands for the University purposes, we are of the opinion that she was and is under obligation, without expense to the board of directors, to defend the right, title and interest of said board in and to said lands; and we look to the city of Ogden to meet the expenses of the suit now pending, contesting the right to said grounds, in order to make good its offer to the mission and church, as an inducement to secure the location of the proposed university."

We can scarcely believe that Ogden would obligate itself to enter into any very expensive complications of any sort upon such assurances as the University board have thus far been able to give. But:

"It has allowed the board of directors to be embarrassed with a judgment of \$4,000 obtained by suit in court for the said amount for material and labor for the foundation of the proposed University, while there are unpaid subscriptions

made by citizens of Ogden to the amount of \$20,000, many of which subscriptions have not been paid even in part."

In this there seems to be a rather foolish effort to confuse the city's obligation, whatever that might be, with the promises which private citizens may have made, either in the customary line of town lot speculation or with the misdirected idea of thus showing their loyalty to the city.

As to some of these promised subscriptions, there is a very important feature which the report has not included, but the committee will be excused by the circumstances of the case for not doing so. When the question of locating the affair at Ogden was agitated, "Mormons" were solicited to subscribe upon the theory that it would be of more or less business benefit to the town in the way of advertisement, etc. They responded to the amount of thousands of dollars.

In the first ceremony of the institution a conspicuous feature was a tirade of abuse of the church to which they belonged, and of themselves as members. The affront was totally out of place and uncalled for, and was of a nature so coarse and indecent that a self-respecting newspaper would hesitate in publishing it. This was from the man whom the board had chosen for president, and might properly be regarded as authoritative. We do not know what effect this gratuitous insult had upon the "Mormon" subscribers, but if this \$20,000 deficit belongs to them it is no cause for surprise.

To sum the matter up briefly, the Utah University has had the symptoms of a fake from the beginning without intermission to the present moment. And if it ever was an earnest, honest enterprise and the board are, as they say, disturbed by the prospect ahead of it, they have themselves to thank for their embarrassment. If their dismal experience has indeed convinced them that successful beggary is not the prime qualification of a University president the collapse of their enterprise is not entirely without profit. They elected a vulgar street corner brawler to stand at the head of their institution, solely for his money-gathering successes. He began his soliciting mission right here among them, and the bills they have had to foot on his account since, ought to be first-rate evidence to them that their judgment of Mr. Small as a beggar was the very best.

Two hundred cattle have died recently in the vicinity of Elbert, Col. On dissecting the kidneys alone seem affected.