

## WHY THE "TRIBUNE" RAVES.

In an editorial addressed to "Young Utah," the *Tribune* of July 21 talks to the younger voters of the Mormon population in a serio-comic way about their duty of voting with the alleged Liberal party.

One would think that after "Young Utah" replied to the editor of the *Tribune* in the delegate election last autumn in such volume of voice and storm of ballots remanding him to private life, he would not soon attempt the old role of adviser to "Young Utah." But it is another evidence that some men never profit by experience.

The *Tribune's* solicitude about the "little sisters" of "Young Utah" in its fear that they "will become polygamous wives by and bye," is to be matched only by such an anxiety as Mephistopheles may be supposed to have expressed for young Margaret when he bought Faust's soul and in payment gave him power to seduce that same fair maid.

This insistence of the *Tribune* upon its statement that the Mormons have not given up the practice of polygamy, that they are still carrying it on in secret, is becoming monotonous. It is the insane drivel and screech of a man who cannot stand defeat. There are such people in the world. They are self-made men who spend their lives devoutly worshipping their makers. Their egotism is so mountainous that unto all who will not, so to speak, fall down and worship with them they become actuated by a spirit of vengeance. They will be content with nothing less than the eternal damnation of those who will not recognize them at their own estimate of themselves.

The *Tribune* has assumed, ever since its founder, E. L. T. Harrison, was forced to leave it and lose every dollar he had in the world because he wanted to be honest and truthful towards the Mormons, that the latter had no rights that it would respect. It has assumed that because the Mormons were unpopular with the dominant sects they were legitimate game for any who would shoot at them. It has stood towards the Mormons as though it believed that it would be in no wise wrong to rob them of everything, and it has hated them because they have defended themselves, because they have refused to be driven the sixth time from their homes!

Believing that the Constitution of the United States gave them the right to practice any and all religious doctrines of the Bible, the Mormons adopted polygamy. They did it that all of their women might fulfil the object of their existence and aid in the peopling of the earth. The nation declared polygamy a crime. The Mormons denied the action of Congress and tested the question in the courts until at last the Supreme Court of the land ruled against them. Then they had to get out of polygamy, a much more difficult task than was the getting into it. As soon as the way appeared to them, however, they relinquished it. They did this publicly, solemnly in a religious convention representing the whole Mormon Church. A quarter of a million people said that since the nation commanded them to give up

polygamy they would obey it, because God had commanded them to submit to the laws of the nations in which they should dwell.

They have put themselves on record. The nation has their pledge. If they violate it the nation will then have ground upon which to stand and say "You cannot be trusted. You attempted to play us a trick." But until the Mormons do so show themselves false the nation is bound to accept their action as sincere.

But the *Tribune*, seeing defeat staring it in the face, knowing that if the nation accepts the act of the Mormons as sincere there will soon be no longer any place or use for the *Tribune* and it will become a losing business to run it, insists that it knows the actions of the Mormons in giving up polygamy to have been "a trick," and becomes more rabid in its denunciation of them than before. At home, that sort of talk makes no impression because we all know the *Tribune* and its motives. But abroad it is different. The only harm the *Tribune* can do is outside of Utah, and something should be done in a systematic and determined way to show that that paper is actuated by ignoble motives and is utterly untrustworthy.

Its assumption that the "Mormons" are lying when they say they have given up polygamy, is precisely the same as it would be to insist that the Calvinists *et al.* are lying when they say they have given up the old belief in infant damnation. That hateful and hideous doctrine, preached for centuries, has been outgrown by the people and condemned by a large part of the Calvinists. It is tacitly condemned by all church members. It would be as mean to accuse them of lying about it and of secretly keeping alive their old belief that God will burn little babes eternally in hell, as it is to accuse the Mormons of wholesale lying in having given up polygamy.

The *Tribune's* vanity makes it assume that nothing occurs in this world without its knowledge and consent, and as the Mormons did not see fit to consult it as to what they should do, therefore they have done nothing and are lying about it! Of all the blank fools in this world the blindest blank fool is the egotistical idiot who, like the *Tribune* scribbler, assumes that he is any less a "scrub" than any one of the people for whom he entertains such burning animosity.

CHARLES ELLIS.

## DEATH OF GEORGE M'KIBBENS.

The remains of George E. McKibben, who died in Denver, on Sunday last, arrived in this city yesterday and were taken to Skewes & Son's undertaking establishment where they are being prepared for burial and in the course of a few days will be buried in the city cemetery, in accordance with the final wish of the deceased.

The deceased recently contested the most important will case that has ever occupied the attention of the Probate Court in this Territory, the will of Sarah E. McKibben, widow of Joab Lawrence, deceased, and George E. McKibben, made by the latter.

The property involved is valued at considerably over \$1,000,000. Shortly

after the death of Mr. Lawrence, Mrs. McKibben made a will leaving all property, except a few legacies, to her daughter, by a former husband, Mrs. Amelia C. Fox, wife of Moylan C. Fox, who as well as Mr. Jacobus, a wealthy New Yorker, was named as an executor. Some time after making the will Mrs. Lawrence married Geo. E. McKibben, and a year later died at the Cullen hotel in this city. The heirs at once took possession, but Mr. McKibben entered proceedings to contest the will, on the grounds that under the laws of Utah a widow marrying invalidates all wills she may have already made. This being the case the contestant would get half the property.

Judge Barch denied the petition and the case is now on appeal. The result will be anxiously awaited for by the interested parties.

## GENERAL ELECTION, AUGUST 3.

Salt Lake County.

## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR COLLECTOR:  
M. B. SOWLES.

FOR SELECTMEN:  
H. R. QUINN.  
E. G. WOOLLEY.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:  
DAVID R. ALLEN.

For the Legislative Assembly.

COUNCIL.

P. L. WILLIAMS,  
LE GRAND YOUNG,  
WENDELL BENSON.

HOUSE.

R. C. CHAMBERS,  
F. S. RICHARDS,  
J. L. RAWLINS,  
E. A. SMITH,  
WILLIAM BURKE,  
G. R. CUSHING.

## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR COLLECTOR:  
FRANK D. KIMBALL.

FOR SELECTMEN:  
J. R. MILLER.  
LEONARD G. HARDY.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:  
B. W. ASHTON.

For the Legislative Assembly.

COUNCIL.

ROBERT HARKNESS,  
JAMES SHARP,  
GEORGE A. LOWE.

HOUSE.

E. B. CRITCHLOW,  
LOUIS COHN,  
JAMES DEVINE,  
NICHOLAS TREWEAK,  
A. W. CARLSON,  
DANIEL HARRINGTON.

The famous Whitely reaper works of Springfield, Ohio, have passed into the hands of a syndicate. They were sold for two-thirds of the appraised value—\$300,000.

Gold coin is shipped abroad in five-gallon, iron-bound oaken kegs. Each keg holds ten bags and each bag contains \$5,000, so that the value of each keg is \$50,000. Gold from the other side usually comes in boxes.