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OBJECTIONS TO UTAH'S STATEHOOD.

THE census returns of Utah have brought before the public again the claims of this Territory to admission into the Union as a State.

"Undoubtedly the civilized population of Utah exceeds that of Oregon or Nevada, and is but little below that of Delaware.

It should be understood that the people of Utah are not making, and have not made for some time, any special efforts to assume the responsibilities and expenses of a State government.

How much force is there in it? If Utah were a State, with a preponderance of "Mormon" population, they might fortify their religion by State power and discourage other religions.

To "fortify our religion by the powers of a State," then, would be in direct antagonism to the very genius of our faith, and the letter of our text books.

WHY NOT?

THE Mormons must not exult over their possessions in Colorado. That is what the Colorado Chief-

tain says. We would like to know why. The "Mormons" may do what they please over or upon the land which they purchase and occupy in Colorado or elsewhere, so long as they do not violate the laws of the country or of the State.

If there is any "must" in the case the Chiefstain must not threaten. Neither must its editors try to fan into a flame the spark of religious prejudice that smoulders in the bosoms of bigots.

However, we do not think it is good to "exult" a great deal, either over the possession of good land and favorable opportunities for making permanent homes, or any other blessing vouchsafed by a beneficent Providence.

But if they should happen to be enthusiastic over the prospects that lie before them in their new settlements, we know of nothing in the Constitution and laws of the United States, or in the statutes or customs of Colorado, which would justify any one in trying to prevent them, or in saying they "must not exult over their possessions."

A GREAT TRUTH, OR "SPECULATIVE NONSENSE?"

In our editorial of August 6th, treating on the subject of nutrition, we made use of these remarks: "The action of food on the human system may yet be proven different in some respects to that which is now accepted as the process.

We are not unacquainted with the commonly accepted theory of waste and repair, the elimination of effete tissue and the assimilation of food, the process of digestion and the action of nitrogenous and carbonaceous combinations.

Now, according to the generally adopted theory, when a man eats a piece of beefsteak, after it has gone through the chemical changes wrought upon it in the body, portions of that meat masticated, insalivated, deglutinated, chymified,

chylified, etc., are conveyed to the various parts of the system, take the place of cast off particles and enter into the actual composition of the individual.

But the Prophet Joseph Smith made the following emphatic statement, as recorded in his history, April 7, 1843:

"There is no fundamental principle belonging to a human system that ever goes into another in this world or in the world to come: I care not what the theories of men are.

This may not be considered very good authority by the scientific world. It is, however, to the Latter-day Saints. The Seer of the nineteenth century had means of learning the secrets of nature as well as of theology, about which the most profound thinker and most experienced bookworm know nothing whatever.

President Brigham Young, in a sermon delivered in this city October 8, 1875, endorsed this declaration of the Prophet in these words:

"Some philosophers have asserted that the human body changes every seven or ten years. This is not correct, for it never changes; that is, the substances of which it is composed do not pass off and other particles of matter come and take their place.

"Matter may be divided into an infinitude of atoms until they pass beyond the power of the microscope to discover them, and the most skillful chemist who dwells upon the earth knows not whither they go.

Some persons, on reading or hearing such sentences as those we have quoted, will denounce them as "mere verbiage" or "speculative nonsense" and think no more about them.

We have attempted to make no assertions explanatory of the action of food upon the body, but have merely offered some suggestions touching on views that we entertain, derived from the positive assertions of inspired men.

After a careful investigation of the returns of Milford, we rejected the entire ballot of said precinct on the following grounds, to wit: 58 votes who were never registered in Beaver County were sworn in and accepted by the judges of election.

After the rejection of the entire vote of Adamsville, Minersville, Milford and Grampion precincts, the following table shows the result of the election of Beaver and Greenville precincts, which are the only ones in Beaver County wherein no

"Why may not the auras, ether and unseen forces of the earth and atmosphere penetrate the body and accomplish the matter. It is the force, the energizing principle in food that constitutes its nutritive power; and yet the scientist has not reached this by the microscope or evolved it by manipulation.

The power of mind over matter, the action of the will upon the physical part of our being, the part that unseen forces play in sustaining the human economy, are yet but little understood even by those very wise persons who attempt to ridicule that which does not harmonize with their modicum of information.

THE BEAVER COUNTY ELECTION CANVASS.

WE have received a transcript from the record of the Beaver County Court, containing the findings of the canvassing board at the late election in that County. The first part gives details of the returns in every precinct, with a summary of the whole in tabulated form, showing a complete and thorough canvass in the manner prescribed by law.

The canvass was made August 4th by the County Clerk, Wm. Fotheringham, and James McKnight, a member of the County Court, who was not a candidate for office at the election in question.

From the foregoing returns it appears through the irregularities, discrepancies and frauds shown on the face of the returns that the office of Sheriff was affected.

We reject the ballot of Minersville precinct on the following grounds, to wit: Two votes, not on registry list, sworn in and polled.

After a careful investigation of the returns of Milford, we rejected the entire ballot of said precinct on the following grounds, to wit: 58 votes who were never registered in Beaver County were sworn in and accepted by the judges of election.

After a re-canvass of the returns and ballots of Grampion we reject the entire ballot of said precinct on the following grounds, to wit: 124 votes not registered were sworn in and their ballots received by judges of election, also we found several marked ballots, upon which was supposed to be the names of the parties who voted, also we are in possession of evidence that the senior judge of election did in numerous instances take the ballot out of the envelope, examine the same, after which he replaced the ballot in envelope, then deposited the ballot in the box, thus intimidating voters.

After the rejection of the entire vote of Adamsville, Minersville, Milford and Grampion precincts, the following table shows the result of the election of Beaver and Greenville precincts, which are the only ones in Beaver County wherein no

irregularities, discrepancies or fraud appears:

Table with 3 columns: Names of Office, Names of Candidate, Beaver Precinct. Rows include Probate Judge, County Clerk, Ass. and Coll., Selectmen, Sheriff, Pros. Atty., Coroner.

From the annexed table, Wm. Cox is elected probate judge majority of 353 votes; Wm. Fotheringham, county clerk, by a majority of 355; J. Rogerson, assessor collector, by a majority of 341; Shepherd, selectman, by a majority of 358; W. Coplan, selectman, majority of 356; J. M. Co-sheriff, by a majority of 205; Wixom, prosecuting attorney, majority of 360; Geo. Hales, cor-by a majority of 347.

We, the undersigned, (after rejecting the entire ballots of Adamsville, Minersville, Milford and Grampion precincts, for irregularities, discrepancies, marked ballots, and intimidation) do hereby certify that the foregoing returns from Beaver and Greenville precincts are correct, and that the county clerk issue certificates of election accordance with the foregoing returns.

Witness our hand and the seal of the Beaver County Court, this 7th day of August, A.D. 1880.

(Signed) JAMES MCKNIGHT, Sheriff; WM. FOTHERINGHAM, County Clerk.

It will be seen that the law has been complied with on the part of the canvassers, and that under circumstances nothing was done with the returns of the precincts where the gross irregularities occurred, except to throw them out. We understand one attempt to deny the fact in the record of the canvass that there will be no contest. The only persons who have taken the decision of the canvass as the candidates for the office of Sheriff, The People's Ticket, that exception was fully even counting in the votes cast by the "Liberals."

One reason why the ticket is lighter for Jno. M. Coombs than the rest of the candidates on the People's Ticket was, less the trick that was played by the very "Liberal" party, a dodge that ought not to be anywhere. A ticket was drawn an exact counterpart of the People's Ticket, heading and all, with exception of the name of the date for Sheriff; William Stang substituted for John M. Coombs and was voted by many who had voted that it was the full People's Ticket.

We do not accuse Mr. Stang any hand in this subterfuge; the ticket was a printed lie, not the People's Ticket, fraud. When persons who make it appear that the "Mormons" are guilty of fraudulent practices at elections, resort to such temptable tricks as that we have named, and also try to pose on the public with the idea that they know are contrary to the plain to all thinking people that such persons are to be treated as frauds and watched as such, and that they are guilty of offences which they attribute to others. The "Mormons" by the large majority, have never occasion, to say nothing of their "Liberal" accusers.

We understand that the "Liberal" tricksters, angry at the ill success of their schemes, have resolved to no taxes, on the ground, that they have been "disfranchised" by the action of the canvassers. This would only be another step towards failure. They would not be exempted from taxation if they had no right to vote. It is not that is taxed, not the individual. An alien that holds taxable property must pay his lawful proportion of the public expenses as well as