

monstrous as it was then. To the vast majority of the people of Utah that foreign infliction upon us, whether under its own name or under the petty disguise of "international bimetallicism," means the subservience of this nation to other nations whose direct interest is in the perpetuation of their authority over our enslavement; while bimetallicism, immediate (before further rule shall have irremediably enervated the courage of patriots) is one step, and the first step necessary on the long and splendid journey toward the social reform.

The Republican financial plank adopted at St. Louis represents, to my mind, the worst form in which the single gold standard can be presented to the American people. It admits by inference the wrong of that standard, and in cold blood repudiates the only possible method of its rectification. To such a plank there is in my judgment neither honor nor palliation. As a Republican I can not and will not support it at the polls, nor will I support by vote, voice or pen the election of the men who were nominated upon that plank. To accept the declaration of the St. Louis convention on the money question, and to aid in the election of the candidates there nominated would be to violate every implied promise made to the people of Utah during the years since political division here, and to violate every conviction concerning the necessity for social advancement in the world if the masses are to be permitted to fulfill their possible destiny. I deny the right of any organization within the party to make such declaration as, if it could be effective, would exclude Republican belief in and acting for bimetallicism from participation in conventions within the party. In frankly repudiating the hereby enunciated at St. Louis, and in declining to support the men who were nominated to put it into vicious execution against the rights of the people and against party tradition, I feel that I am more true to Republicanism than I would be in accepting a falsehood and laboring for wrong to secure temporary and dangerous power to our party. To my mind there is no reason in the argument which has been advanced by Republicans outside of Utah that we should support the party platform and fight for the national party candidates this year and wait until 1900 to labor for bimetallicism. If the single gold standard is a menace to civilization all labor sincerely directed against it is merited, and the best moment for its extinction is the present moment.

In face of the emergency which confronts believers in bimetallicism of all classes and all parties in the United States, in face of the current knowledge that believers in the single gold standard of all classes and all parties will be united to a man in working for William McKinley and the English gold money system from now until election day next November, it is scarcely worth while at the present moment to criticize the methods and the men of the convention at Chicago; the great point is, that convention sincerely declared the paramount consideration to be the restoration of the money of the Constitution. It is not certain that William J. Bryan can be elected President this year, but the hope for his

election is the only hope for bimetallicism visible above the horizon. Believing in his personal integrity and in his devotion to this great cause, I shall devote my humble endeavor to carry this State for electors who are pledged to cast their vote for him. Loyalty to the Republican platform of Utah, fulfillment of a thousand pledges made to the people, and respect for the rights of humanity will all be secured by this action.

No severance from the Republican party or from party faith is hereby involved. It is my hope that the Republican party of Utah, when it shall assemble in convention, will reiterate its declarations of past years; will nominate a complete ticket, including presidential electors, selecting for its nominees for all offices Republicans of pronounced conviction and utterance, of tried and approved courage, of firm belief in bimetallicism and protection; will pledge the Republican electors of this State, if the party shall succeed at the polls, to cast their ballots in the electoral college for William J. Bryan of Nebraska for President.

There is no necessity for Republicans to enter into the Democratic party or to vote its ticket in order to work effectively for bimetallicism. On the contrary, three Republican electors from Utah and other Republican electors from surrounding states by casting their vote in the electoral college for William J. Bryan, as a bimetallicist, will do more for bimetallicism than Democratic electors from the same states, and performing the same act would do; for this reason—that elevated to the Presidency by the vote of men who themselves have arisen superior to partisanship, William J. Bryan would feel that his fellow citizens, of all classes and all parties, had realized with him the sanctity of this mighty cause, and had found in him their trusted defender. The people of Utah, of all parties, could do no more gracious or helpful act than to invest this responsibility and authority in Republican hands under solemn covenant, to thus cast the electoral vote of the State, since many Republicans here expect to and are willing to trust a still greater authority to William J. Bryan, a Democratic bimetallicist.

If the assumption is unjust that political authority within the Republican party is to be used to exclude the masses of the party from participation in conventions and to abrogate Republican doctrines, then no harm will have been done to any man by this letter. But if the implication in the Tribune's editorial is correct, it is none too soon to sound a warning note. I respectfully invoke the activity and the courage of the Republican men and women of Utah who know that human justice is the first consideration, that party is not so dear as truth, that offices are not so important as principles, and who, out of their knowledge and their bravery in this trying time can send a word of comfort from ocean to ocean, lifting up the despondent and assuring the less hopeful and less comfortable of the land that within these mountain fastnesses is no room for threat or fear. I respectfully suggest to the believers in bimetallicism within the Republican party that they have the right to stand upon the party platforms of this State.

The last official declaration of the party here declared bimetallicism to be the paramount issue of the times. There has been no official acceptance of the St. Louis financial plank by the Republicans of Utah. No executive committee no central committee, no newspaper, no authority is sufficient to limit our right to work from the primaries to the State convention to control it in the interest of justice and party supremacy.

FRANK J. CANNON.
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SUNDAY SERVICES.

In the absence of President Angus M. Cannon, the services at the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon were presided over by his first counselor, Elder Joseph E. Taylor.

The choir sang:

O God! our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.

Prayer was offered by Elder N. V. Jones.

The choir further sang:

Hark! listen to the trumpeters!
They sound for volunteers.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor of the Stake presidency was the first speaker. He said that in arising to speak, he was possessed of peculiar feelings, and while he had spent a great part of his life in the work of God, he realized that there were before him men and women who had spent just as many years in the Church and were equally as well versed in the law of God as he. These brethren and sisters assembled together from Sunday to Sunday to be fed spiritually and in their gatherings together they became acquainted with the drift of the sermons and could generally tell whether or not the speaker was actuated by the proper spirit. There were also present perhaps, people who were temporarily sojourning in this city and the remarks which he might utter would no doubt seem rather peculiar to them, especially if they had not heard the Gospel expounded before.

The Prophet Joseph Smith was the instrument in the hands of the Lord in bringing His work before the people of the earth in these latter days. He, when but a mere youth, was led to ask the Lord to show him which of the churches then extant was true. The result was that the boy was favored with a visitation from God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. Imagine the feelings of that boy to receive a call from such noble personages! They are best told in the Prophet's own words as published in a history of his life. At this time Joseph was told that none of the churches then organized were true and was made the repository of heavenly truths, receiving authority from God to prepare himself for the great work which he was to shoulder in bringing about the restoration of the Gospel. After some few years preparatory work during which time Joseph was instructed by the Father through his servants, the authority to proclaim His Gospel to the nations of the earth was given him by the Holy Priesthood being conferred upon him. After receiving that authority he established every fundamental principle, necessary to the salvation and redemption of the human family, upon the earth, and before his assassin-