

our silver coins, and would take steps at once to get our gold and to save themselves from the possibility of getting our silver. They would do this by selling all the securities created in this country for which they could find a market. They would seek that market here, and the result would be that, for a time at least, this country would have the use of much less foreign capital than it has now. Certainly the first result of this action on the part of foreigners would be to depress values here and to create more or less scarcity of money in this country. Every one can answer for himself whether this condition would be well for us or not."

The editor of the *Silver Dollar*, defending the opposite side, remarks:

"For eighteen years the basis of credit in gold standard countries has been growing narrower as the single standard has been extended and the production of gold has fallen off, while the structure of credit has been growing proportionately larger and more insecure, until the relation of credit to actual money, as disclosed by the Barings failure in gold standard England, has alarmed the world and started anew a scramble for gold, which threatens all business undertakings and becomes a menace to every legitimate enterprise.

"We have been doing business, paying debts and distributing our annual products by a money standard that has been growing dearer and dearer until it has become 50 per cent. more valuable than eighteen years ago when silver was clandestinely demonetized.

"The people are determined that this injustice shall cease, and it will cease, in spite of the sophistry of gold-worshippers or the cupidity of the credit holding class. The remedy is in the restoration of bimetalism. Place our money system again upon the broad basis of gold and silver, as the money of ultimate redemption, instead of gold alone."

RINGING RESOLUTIONS.

WE commend the resolutions passed at the Democratic Convention July 20th to [the consideration of all people who are interested in Utah affairs. It has been been claimed by persons who desire to obstruct the progress of this Territory, that the great object of the present political movement here is to obtain immediate statehood for Utah. On this point the convention expressed itself as follows:

"That the question of statehood for Utah is not involved in the present movement for division on national party lines. The living, burning issue is, whether this people shall have an opportunity to prepare themselves for statehood in the future, or whether the Liberal faction, by its misrepresentations, its appeals to prejudice and hate, shall keep the people so separate and apart as to postpone the admission of Utah indefinitely. We have no hesitancy in declaring that statehood would be a great boon to this Territory, and when Utah is fully prepared and the people desire it, that we as a party will be found as we have ever been supporting the right."

This is how we have understood the matter from the beginning. This movement did not originate with the "Mormons" nor with the People's party. It was started by Democrats in the spirit and for the purpose ex-

pressed in the foregoing. Republicans imbued with the same desire, organized so that their natural political opponents might not gain a party advantage. Both parties took as fair a position on the "Mormon" question that numbers of People's party men went over to them, according to individual political leanings, and the result was the disbanding of the People's party.

The question of immediate statehood, or of any attempt to secure it, was not mooted and is not in the programme. It has only been raised, in a spirit of obstruction and misrepresentation, by those persons who are too full of bigotry and hate to agree with anything that savors of fairness toward the "Mormons."

The Republicans have yet to speak on this subject. We have no doubt that they will be as explicit and pronounced upon it as the Democrats. If anything is being done by the Democrats or the Republicans here toward securing immediate statehood, it is entirely unknown to us. We say "immediate," for the reason that the political education now in progress and the division of the people into national party organizations, are natural steps toward ultimate statehood. But that they are not intended by either party to have immediate effect in that way, we think, is evident to every candid mind.

Another important resolution adopted by the convention is this:

"That we accept the declarations and action of the Mormon people abandoning the practice of polygamy, and the People's party in disbanding the same, as done in good faith and all sincerity; and we favor the restoration of the franchise to all disfranchised citizens who will obey the laws of the United States."

We believe these sentiments will be endorsed by just people of different political faiths. They will lead to the healing of old wounds and the settlement of strifes which we hope will never be revived. It is expressions like those that won the "Mormon" people from the local party which had held their allegiance so long and that caused its dissolution.

Henceforth, whatever may be the local results, they will train with the respective national parties according to their choice. And there are no people in the land who will be more faithful to their agreements and party duties than the "Mormons," as their past record substantiates beyond a reasonable doubt.

From an independent standpoint and without reference to party proclivities, we endorse the resolutions we have quoted, and believe they will not be opposed except by those unreasonable and bitter extremists who are the enemies of the "Mormon" people and the enemies of Utah.

SELF-CONVICTED ONCE MORE.

IN SPITE of the fact that the resolutions adopted in the Democratic convention Monday, July 20 are published on the local page of the *Tribune*, in the editorial columns of the same issue of that paper the following appears in reference to the gentlemen who are working to establish the national parties here:

"Almost to a man, two weeks ago, they insisted that their only purposes were, first to inaugurate an educational campaign, and second, to have a fair chance before the Mormon people to draw to their side as many converts as possible but they insisted all the time that it would be suicide to think of giving Utah statehood in the immediate future. No one can find any Democrat or Republican of that kind now; their lips are sealed; they are as mum as oysters, and the secret is they have received their instructions from the Saints, and those instructions are that if they are to take part in politics they are to be received in full fellowship, without probation, without any questions of the past, without any demoralizing explanations, and that if there has got to be linked with their alliance of the new order of things an edict against statehood, they are not in the ring."

We have italicized a few words that our readers may contrast them with the emphatic language of the resolutions, which can be found in our preceding article as well as in the *Tribune*.

It is not uncommon for the rash and reckless writers of that paper to deny emphatically in their editorial articles facts that are set forth in their local pages, thus convicting themselves of wilful falsehood.

The Democrats and Republicans maligning by those impudent libellers know how much "instructions from the Saints" they have received. They can appreciate the worth of anything such creatures may utter in regard to "instructions to the Mormons from the priesthood." As they lie about the Democrats and Republicans who are in this movement, so they lie about the "Mormons."

In another editorial on the same page they say that:

"In a precinct not a thousand miles from Ogden just previous to the school election, in a certain school house, the Saints were called together, and then a man who is a connecting link between the lower grade of Saints and the first families, counseled all good Saints to unite on a certain ticket and clinched it by saying, 'It is the order from headquarters, that you, this year, shall vote on the school question just as solidly as you always have voted.'"

How exceedingly definite, is it not? How very probable! If there had been any truth in it the name, the place and the time would have been given. It is all of a stripe with the falsehood about the "Gentile" Democrats and Republicans "receiving instructions from the Saints." Every friend of