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It is to be presumed that the previous City Council and County committee who accepted Mr. Apponyi's work and the "Liberal" officers who later entered into the contract with him did not assume their positions in the dark. As intelligent agents of the people they should have considered, with the degree of doubtless considered, the degree involved before taking them. It is well known, however, that Mr. Apponyi incurred the bitter hatred of the Tribune gang and the rabid wing of the "Liberal" party because he expressed himself to the effect that he considered the holding of the carpenter-bag the indignity of a party—over the stars and stripes to be indignity to the national flag. For this he has been abused and cursed and an idea is prevalent that the war waged against him is more than that of a man against an individual. It is a war against a principle. If he is really incompetent, he ought not to be entrusted with the important work involved, but there is prima facie evidence that he is not being fairly treated. His party statements from interested parties are not proof. He has disposed of one of criticisms of that character, he should be given a chance at the other.

THE GREAT DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

The tremendous victory which the Democrats have gained fairly takes the breath away from their opponents. In some instances it seems to have taken away their souls. For instance, here is the Republican organ of the "Liberal" in this city, declaring, as a settled fact, that "the trouble is not due to the fault."

And yet the evidence comes from all parts of the country that the McKinley measure has been the chief cause of this great uprising against Republican administration. It aroused the people of New York to their sympathetic protest against Republicanism. It has brought apparent defeat to the distinguished Congressman himself. It has spread disaffection in the Republican ranks everywhere, and fired the hearts of Democrats to united and determined work.

HOW ABOUT THAT RAILROAD?

WILL C. C. Goodwin, ex-candidate for Delegate to Congress, built that railroad around Salt Lake, which he threatened to construct so as not to have ever again to pass that way if the Ogden "Liberal" failed to support him at the polls. They went back on him in spite of the terrible alternative. Some of them voted for his opponent and many more kept their ballots in their pockets. And now will he carry out his threat? Or will he be "fully" of something else that he had no room for reason, when he exhibited himself at the Junction city? The idea of the "Liberal" disfranchising ever building anything is food for laughter. His forte is breaking down, not building up. To destroy all the rights of citizens in his principal body, and to make political slaves of men is his plan to give them "liberty." Railroads are now entirely out of his line. Salt River is the route by which he has to travel. But, after all his brutal abuse and ribald threat, we feel truly sorry for him. In his overwhelming defeat he has his significant declaration by so many of his own party.

COMPLETE MERCANTILE CO-OPERATION.

The benefits of co-operation in mercantile, manufacturing, agricultural, stock-raising and irrigating enterprises have been demonstrated in the industrial history of Utah. Co-operation, however, in its fullest sense and operation has not yet been reached in many parts of this Territory. Joint-stock associations are of immense good to the public, but they are not an enlarged form of common co-operation. The intent of true mercantile co-operation is to make a complete union of interests between the buyer and the seller, or to make those who unite in the scheme both purchasers and purveyors. Capital does not absorb the profits. They go to the consumer, and investors of money only receive its agreed rental—a fixed percentage as though it were a loan.

We have received a prospectus which shows that the people of Parowan, in Iron County, intend to engage in this kind of mercantile co-operation and test its merits. They appear to have started out on a correct basis, and we give the prospectus in full for the benefit of the general public. The name of the concern is the Parowan Joint-stock Co-operative Association, and this is the prospectus:

"The object of the promoters of this enterprise is to have a mercantile establishment for the foundation to build upon, not as the power increases that would grow, to branch out into home industries or enterprises of different kinds, until it produces and manufactures all that is needed for the sustenance and comfort of man and animals depending upon him.

"CONSTITUTION OF MEMBERSHIP.—A person to become a full member must pay an entrance fee of \$10.00, and subscribe for stock to the amount of \$100.00 in hundred dollar shares, and receive the entrance fee.

"II.—A person wishing to become a

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STOP THIS SENSELESS STRIFE.

The conservative "Gentle" of Utah should take notice that the defeated candidate for Delegate to Congress is determined to pursue his policy of hate and his course of anti-Americanism in regard to the "Mormons."

From the first he has used his brain and pen to foment discord and promote strife in this Territory. Every man who has endeavored to cast off upon the troubled waters of Utah society has been the subject of his malicious and misrepresents. There is not an article in the "Mormon" question or in reference to the "Mormon" leaders, which has appeared in the columns that he controls, but has contained deliberate and malicious falsehoods as the basis of specious sophistry and the excuse for malignant propositions.

The notice served upon him in his humiliating defeat, that his disfranchisement measures and schemes of disputation are not favored by many of his own political party, seems to have made him, if anything, more venomous and spiteful than ever. The refutation of his daily lies about the election of the "Mormons" by their chiefs only causes him to repeat his ridiculous lies. And the evident desire of reasonable business men of both classes here, to put aside the old rancor and unite for the material progress and permanent prosperity of Utah, regardless of differences in faith and politics, appears to render him more rabid in his hostility and rancorous in his determination to promote division and stir up turmoil. It would take but little effort on the part of strong men—whether Republicans or Democrats—to put a stop to this flow of gall and incessant stream of calumny, which is bound, if continued, to keep up the agitation which prevents that harmony that ought to be established.

While every person of every creed is entitled to freedom in religious and political affairs, and may follow their will, he will be well advised that does not encroach upon the liberties of others, community interests should prompt sensible people not only to allow such differences proper latitude, but to pay no attention to them in the promotion of the general good and the conduct of public and private business.

If this antagonism is to be continued, it is not to be expected that those who are attached will remain unmoved, or that they will always maintain simply a defensive attitude. If force is to be established, for the common welfare, those who wish to see right, liberty and constitutional government prevail in Utah, should serve a notice on the obstructive to cease their vicious folly or get out of the way.

THE JOINT BUILDING.

We present in this issue some facts connected with the proposed and long delayed joint city and county building. The "Gentle" has been endeavoring to get the building erected, with that end in view, has caused a good deal of exasperation among members of the party in power in this city, as well as among people not belonging to it. A question has been raised regarding the competency of the architect with whom the contract was made for plans, specifications and supervision of construction, as will be seen by the documents which appear elsewhere in the News. It is appropriate now to examine, from the evidence presented, the status of the discussion.

Mr. Apponyi's work was referred to Mr. Hale, another architect, of this city. The latter severely criticized the drawings and specifications. Mr. Apponyi was given a hearing before the joint committee, and he disposed of Mr. Hale, whose objections to the work submitted to him for inspection were overruled. It does not require any stretch of conjecture to infer that had Mr. Hale done Mr. Apponyi before the committee as completely as he had appeared to do it on paper, the committee, or a majority of them, would have been satisfied to go no farther. Seeing that the book was on the other foot, someone else must be found whose criticisms could, by some means, be made to stick. Hence the reference of Mr. Apponyi's work to Mr. Charles L. Hiley.

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