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Before the front doors of the Theatre were opened a few friends of the move to organize were admitted at the stage door. A number of leaders of the opposition saw some of them entering at this door, and at once raised the hue-and-cry that the building was being privately packed, and certain prominent "Liberal" leaders demanded admission also. This was at first refused, but the protest from the applicants was so emphatic that they were admitted and the front doors were thrown open before the hour announced, giving the opposers of the move

THE SAME OPPORTUNITY

Its friends had of obtaining seats.

The parquette and dress circles were quickly filled, and soon after the commencement of the speaking the doors of the first circle were thrown open and it was soon packed. A number of leaders of the opposition took seats upon the stage evidently thinking to be in readiness to make speeches. On the stage were also a score or two prominent Republicans who favored the object of the meeting. Promptly at 8 o'clock John M. Zane of the committee called the house to order and stated that he had been instructed by the committee to nominate Judge C. W. Bennett for chairman. He called for the affirmative vote, and the response was a full but orderly "Aye." He then called for the negative, when a prolonged and uproarious "No" was sounded. The noise made by the "noes" was so much greater than that made by the "ayes" that an unsuspicious person in the audience might have doubted the majority of the latter. But from the stage it was easy to perceive that the negative voices were shouting "Still" early and often" in line with the voting policy they so popularly charged with favoring.

Mr. Zane comprehended the situation, and on which side the real majority lay, and composedly announced that Mr. Bennett was elected. At this the undecentate element raised a great tumult, but they had no candidate, and contented themselves with merely making a noise of disappoval.

THE CHAIRMAN

then stepped forward and spoke substantially as follows: We have met to consider a matter of the gravest importance, and it is an occasion when we should all exercise our judgment rather than indulge in vociferation or recrimination. I therefore bespeak for every speaker careful attention, and as chairman of this meeting I propose to see to it that both sides have a full and fair hearing. I need not recite the past. Matters in Utah have been rapidly changing, and conditions have at length arrived under which, in my opinion, national party lines should be drawn. In material things there have been great changes, and we are all prospering; that we will continue at an increased rate. Population is increasing and our national resources are being developed. New ideas are spreading among the people, and it is patent to all that statehood cannot long be delayed. Let us look a little in advance and make some preparation for the inevitable. Is it not better to draw party lines now and educate the people so that when statehood comes they will be prepared to act intelligently on national questions? Old animosities between the dominant Church and the outsiders have largely gone by, and there is a strong tendency on the part of both classes to unite for the advance of their material interests. If we do not organize the Republican party now the Democrats will capture all the material.

Arthur Pratt nominated H. G. McMillan as secretary, and only two voices were heard to say "No."

W. G. Van Horn asked that the call be read, and the request was complied with. The chairman then explained that it was the thought proper that two or three ten minute speeches should be made by gentlemen favoring the purpose of the meeting, after which a hearing would be given to speakers from the other side.

E. D. CHTCHLOW

was the first speaker. He said in substance: I regard the question before this meeting as the most momentous one the Gentiles of Utah have ever been called upon to decide. It is this: Shall we organize the Republican party or perpetuate the "Liberal" party? The importance of the question is not to impart a tinge of bitterness to the remarks of those who debate it, for it is as easy to say the manly thing and as hard to be honest to earnest opponents at such a time as this.

Is it better to continue the old fight? Or will you, as Republicans, press on to new victories on the old lines? The Republicans have won, as sure as one, the victories of the "Liberal" party. You may reply that you will continue the fight as "Liberals," and that the Democrats who have deserted you will come back. I have seen Democrats break away from the "Liberal" party and return time different times, but I never saw them come back to old ideas. Many of you have shown more liberalness to give a dollar to a "Liberal" campaign fund, and how can you contend such a contest without money and without the Democrats? Statehood is inevitable. Three years ago we trembled lest our own national committee should put Utah in as a State over our heads. The speaker closed with a fine peroration in which he likened Utah to a ship ready to be launched, and recited Laughlin's "Launching of the ship."

The chairman here observed that, in order to render the discussion more pointed and intelligent the question would be presented in the form of

RESOLUTIONS

which he read as follows:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that political parties in Utah should be organized with reference to national questions and politics, and to act in harmony with national parties.

"That the general principles of the national Republican party are best adapted to promote the welfare of Utah and its people, and that the material and political condition of our Territory make it the duty of Republicans to at once organize in harmony with the national Republican party, and invite all voters of whatever former party or political affiliations to join our party and assist in perfecting such organization.

"Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of seven to take steps to perfect a county Republican organization for Salt Lake county, and a committee of seven to take steps to perfect a Territorial Republican organization by conferring with committees from other counties in the Territory."

Fred Simons arose and moved the adoption of the resolutions.

Judge Blair stood up in the audience and moved their indefinite postponement. The noisy element tumultuously demanded a vote on the question to indefinitely postpone, but the chairman declared that the order of procedure handed him by the committee was law to him, and tried to announce the next speaker.

Hollister, from a front seat, demanded to know what right the committee had to control a mass meeting in that manner.

C. C. Allen asked if every Democrat was going to be allowed to vote on the resolutions. The chair replied that no gentleman not a Republican would vote.

Voices from the audience, including those of Judge Blair, O. J. Hollister, E. R. Clute and other "Liberals" were heard making motions and suggestions, and stirring up strife and confusion. Allen, who was on the stage, put some questions of a sarcastic nature, and among those asked if the men admitted to the stage door, who had never been Republicans, would be allowed to vote on the resolutions. The chairman replied that the latter invited the support of every class of citizens, and this answer was loudly cheered. There were calls for Allen, but at length a degree of order was restored and the chairman announced as the next speaker,

MR. JAMES DEVINE,

who spoke in a moderate strain, and expressed the hope that Republicans present would act dispassionately and agree upon some basis of union that would prevent the Democrats from organizing the new State of Utah. He said Republicans were not there to assert that they would organize, regardless of the wish of the majority of the party, but to consider the question, and he denied that it was the purpose of a small minority to rule the party. He argued in favor of division on national party lines, holding that to be the course of wisdom and patriotism.

When Mr. Devine closed the opposition shouted "Allen! Allen!" amid great confusion. The chairman shouted "Gentlemen, I propose to run this meeting!" and refused to allow the proceedings to continue till order was restored. He then announced that the meeting would be addressed by

PROF. C. C. ALLEN,

of whom remarks the following is a synopsis:

For days past the absorbing question has been, "Are you in it?" The interrogation is put to Democrats by the Republicans and vice versa; but members of the People's party are anxiously asking (sarcastically) "Can we get in it?"

I have as much deference for the men at the head of this movement as I can have for any one that is mistaken, for mistakes they are. If the measures proposed are adopted it means suicide. When I see men who have opposed me in every question of national interest to the party under which I have fought so hard and long pursuing a course that means destruction to the principles I have strongly advocated and contended for, I say it is time to call a halt. The question involved is whether we shall be governed by things that cannot be considered here tonight. The organization of a Republican club, in and of itself, is a legitimate undertaking. [A voice, "That why do you attempt to thwart it?] I know, for one, that it is not wisdom, at this time, to divide on national party lines. History teaches us that a majority will not yield to a minority.

At the mention of the word "majority," some one in the gallery was heard to express himself in a clear and distinct voice, in the following pungent and suggestive language: "You needn't talk of 'majority' Mr. Allen. You only got there by one vote and that was stolen." Deafening applause followed this statement with cries of, "Hit him again!"

For a moment Mr. Allen was speechless, but recovering himself he continued: "The Republican party is not prepared to contend with an opposition of 12,000 majority. It might be safe to trust the party in the hands of the young Republicans of Salt Lake and Ogden, but as to the Territory, we will be in the minority for many years to come. Another statement I want to make is that if this movement is successful it means early and certain statehood for Utah. Do we want statehood? [Cries of "Old Nat" from the rule and fun gang: "No, we do not," said Mr. Allen, and with this remark he took his seat.

Amid cries of Dickson the chairman announced that the next speaker would be

JOHN H. RANE,

who proceeded to deliver a logical and powerful address, full of fire and sidesplitting points. He said: When the Democrats organized not a word was said openly, but we Republicans go at it manner and tongs. It has been asked here tonight if any Democrats have been made. Just look around you and see for yourselves. We do not need the speaker with tangles, but we need a man. A real place has such a man. It is others who need the Republican party here now. That was with its founders, but they are revered as prophets today. So if you think it is wise to organize in the interests of humanity, you will be the leaders of the party. It has been said if we organize we shall have to receive some who have never been Republicans. I remember that when the great national Republican party was first organized, it took in all that would come to it. Whigs, Free-soilers, Liberty men, and every shade of politics joined. It is asked, "Shall we divide the Liberal party on national lines?" Tumultuous cries of "Shut Not!" from the audience interrupted the speaker, who continued: "Gentlemen, you are all aware that it is divided already! We are here to make the situation. The Democrats have left us, organized a party, and we can't even try to organize a Republican club without being overpowered by a howling mob. I see Mr. Clute before me, who was formerly a Republican. If he had been hissed by the people we'd give a day he could not do better even for them. (Great laughter and confusion.) The Democrats are gone and the Republicans main more, but I say I am really to welcome all the "Mormons" who will join us. None of the gentlemen of the opposition are better "Liberals" than I was, but I am a "Liberal" no longer! (Great applause and tumult.) The hatred of the past must be buried. Under the flag it is our duty to unite and try to advance Republican principles.

Amid applause for Mr. Zane's sentiments, noisy disappoval of them and loud cries for

W. H. DICKSON,

the chair announced that gentleman, of whose remarks the following is a synopsis:

This is a time when a man, who has the best interests of his country at heart, cannot affect to stand aloof and be indifferent. We should be willing to sacrifice to one another the crush of severity. The question at hand is one that for importance is without precedent in Utah. Never before have the "Liberals" of this Territory been confronted by such a crisis. The measure is so far reaching in its nature as to be beyond limit, and the step once taken can never be retraced. Hasty and ill-considered conclusions, like unto this, are the extreme of unfoolishness and folly. It is asserted that the "Liberal" party has been destroyed. I deny it. The whole thing is a Democratic trick. The Democrats are exceedingly anxious for a Republican organization. Many of them have come to me personally, and said, "Dickson, you had better be up and doing, as we are cutting the ground from under your feet." Years ago a joint organization was effected in Boston city by Republicans and Democrats against an institution that was a menace to our government. To distant observers now is premature and unwise. A few months ago there was an official proclamation issued by the "Church," that no more plural marriages were to be consummated. I believe that the "Mormons" are sincere in the abolishment of polygamy. We should let good enough alone and allow it to rectify and bear fruit. I tell you why. Is there any one in the People's party, with or without the Priesthood, any one who has any authority to speak who has given any assurance that there is any intention of the "Mormons" to join either of the great parties? I am of the conviction that the leaders of the Church are playing an astute game to combine with the Liberal party, and that they (the "Mormons" are only anxious to secure statehood for Utah, which will be inevitable if this course is pressed to a finish. I believe further that there is a league of some kind with the Church authorities.

[Zane and others on the platform: "The statement is not true; there has been no understanding."] I believe the "Mormons" will keep faith with both parties for a time, I mean until they have secure a state. They will then elect their own governor and have their own legislature, and they would be fools if they didn't.

The chairman announced as the next speaker

HON. JOHN HENRY SMITH,

who was received with a hush of expectancy by the entire audience, there being a universal interest to know how this "Mormon leader" would treat the question. Mr. Smith said in substance:

Mr. Dickson has remarked that we should dispassionately consider propositions affecting the future prosperity of the Territory, and pleasure is made Republicanism prevalent in it. I endorse this sentiment. I stand here as a representative of the People's party, and can express my views with candor. The members of that party have believed that they were fighting for the principles of religious liberty. They would not consciously yield at the first attack, but felt bound in honor and in conscience to have the questions involved fully canvassed before Congress, the country and especially the court of last resort. We have received given the "Mormon" people for their guidance require them to obey the laws of the land in which they live, and the supreme tribunal of the nation having passed upon the questions involved in the contest, the "Mormon" people accept its arbitrament. They realize that the decisions of that court must be obeyed, or the government will be shattered to fragments.

From my youth I have been a pronounced Republican. I believe in a strong government, and in the protection of American industries. As for the duties and I have of those who have spoken tonight, I can say that among the disbanded members of the People's party there are thousands who will work and vote with the Republican party. I believe that as many votes science should be found, and while I have acted men to vote as I did, I never did nor will I ever coerce them. No man can point to a pledge broken by the Mormon people. They have accepted existing conditions, but they have not deserted their children. No man would respect one were he others and cower to an extent that would cause me to do such a thing. But I am willing to work for the cause of Republican principles. [Loud applause all over the house.]

Mr. Dickson has intimated that in the vest pocket of some men is carried the rules of action which govern the members of the People's party; but I want to say that, in all civil matters, I am as free and independent as he or men ever claimed to John Henry Smith his political faith, and as sure every will. [Tremendous applause from all classes present.] There is no change of heart with me. I have always been a Republican. In the last campaign it was publicly said that the Republicans are generally known in this city, that I was winning and ready, as soon as best conditions would allow, to appear as a Republican.

I ask you to deal with me as you would with each other. I am for a place among you in the Republican platform, if it is the opinion of the principles prevail in this Territory and are willing to labor to advance our young men to them.

When the speaker ceased there was long and tumultuous applause, and leading Republicans on the stage, including Messrs. Shoemaker, Parsons, McCornick and others, came down and grasped the hand and congratulated him upon his speech.

FRANK J. SAWYER, ESQ.,

president of the Republican club of Weber county, was next introduced and spoke in substance as follows: When we are such men as C. W. Bennett, Charles Stoughton, John M. Zane, Nick Trowbridge, James Devine and John Henry Smith on the same platform, selecting the banner of Republican principles and endeavoring to unitedly advance the material interests of our Territory, we know that the political reorganization of Utah is safe and that the "Liberal" party is dead dead. I will have anything to carry, let us bury it now, and here. It has been asserted that this is strictly a Mormon movement. I deny it. While the curtain appears with the great undercurrent is Republican. Up in Ogden we have 1,000 Republicans, to say nothing of the other towns throughout Weber county.

HON. F. KOCH,

At the time I placed my name on the Republican roll of honor, in Weber county, I consulted no one, but did so from a love of Republican principles. I am a "Liberal" and People's party no longer. I am in Ogden, but should be in Salt Lake. However, no matter what you do here, we will establish a national party division in Ogden.

There was a call for

C. E. STANTON,

and on the invitation of the chair that gentleman came upon the stage and made a characteristic speech. He opposed division on party lines, mainly for the reason that if the "Liberal" party were hold together they would soon capture the Territory. He said division on national lines meant a "Mormon" governor for Utah and three Democrats in Congress, and the complete loss of all the fruit of the victories of the "Liberal" parties.

W. H. VAN HORN

followed on speaking, and opposed the purpose of the meeting. If a majority of the Republicans of the Territory were ready to join in a love feast with the "Mormons" all right. But the purpose of the party to divide on national lines could only be properly expressed through primaries and county and Territorial conventions.

JOSEPH RAWLINS

made a speech favoring the proposal to divide the "Liberal" party, and giving his reasons. Frank R. Stevens, Esq., spoke in a similar strain.

It was now nearly eleven o'clock, and the previous question was being urgently demanded. There were, however, loud calls from the opposition for "Dollinger," and that individual responded for a few minutes and was characterized by humor, caution and indiscretion, in which he attempted to tell why division should not take place.

General Connor was on the stage, and after many attempts at securing recognition at length succeeded. He began by saying in a clear voice:

Mr. Friends and fellow "Liberals" Cheers.—

A voice—This ain't a "Liberal" meeting, its a Republican meeting.

The General continued: "I am the first Liberal of Utah, and the question is shall we kill that party. I opposed to doing so, fair and I call for the previous question."

By request, the chairman read the resolutions, and declared the question to be on their adoption.

Fred Simons rose and denied that the motion in favor of organization had pursued a secret or improper course.

Mat Allen demanded a rising vote and Judge Blair wanted tellers. The chair announced that the vote would be viva voce, and put the question on the adoption of the resolutions. The "aye" vote was full and strong, and without disorder or tumult. The "no" vote was of the same kind when on the election of chairman, who declared that the affirmative had prevailed.

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