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THE NEW SALT LAKE "HERALD."

THE Salt Lake *Herald* of May 24th contained the announcement of the sale of that paper to a new company, which will conduct it specially in the interests of Democracy. It has been understood for some time that negotiations were in progress looking to this end.

The company consists of the following named gentlemen, viz., R. C. Chambers, A. W. McCune, F. H. Dyer, H. J. Grant, R. W. Young, Elias A. Smith, John R. Winder, H. G. Whitney, John T. Caine, L. G. Hardy, J. W. Judd, George Cullins, J. L. Rawlins, A. L. Pollock, Simon Bamberger, Thomas Marshall, P. L. Williams. It will be seen that the list includes many of the holders of stock in the former company. They are subscribers to the amount of \$49,000 in the present company, while the new members hold \$51,000, giving them control of the paper, the capital stock being \$100,000.

The *Herald* has always maintained Democratic principles, therefore the present movement cannot be regarded as a new departure in this respect. But henceforth it will be a party organ. Its influence will be exercised in behalf of the Democratic party, locally and nationally. The *Herald* has always been a strong champion of Utah, and has fought the battles of the People as against all who have sought to deprive them of the rights and privileges of American citizenship. It announces that it will do this in the future.

We hope and believe that the new Salt Lake *Herald* will be true to the policy which it has already defined. The gentlemen formerly connected with the paper who retain their interest are well known and respected in the community, and so far as their power extends will certainly uphold the true interests of the people in this Territory, according to their political views and predilections. The gentlemen who have obtained control appear also to be determined to make the paper a champion of equal rights and civil and religious liberty within the lines of the

law. The former editors and writers, we understand, are to remain on the staff and others are to be added. With such a combination of influence and good purpose the *Herald*, we think, cannot fail to be a power in the community, and one that will be wielded against oppression, fanaticism and obstruction in every form.

We therefore welcome the *Herald* under its new management and wish it prosperity. As it is to be strictly a party paper we may not always agree with its sentiments or endorse its utterances. But we are ready to second every effort, whether of Democrats or Republicans or members of any party, in the interest of peace, progress, the development of the Territory, the destruction of old hates, the burying of dead issues and the elevation of Utah into the dignity and might of a free and sovereign State of the Union. Success to the Salt Lake *Herald*!

THE METHODIST UNIVERSITY SQUABBLE.

THE public is familiar with the disgraceful squabble that has been in progress for some time over the proposed Methodist University in Ogden. In which the Rev. Sam Small on the one side and the Rev. J. Wesley Hill et al on the other, are principals. An indignation meeting was held in the Ogden Chamber of Commerce building on Saturday, May 23rd, the object of which was to formulate an expression of wrath concerning the ravings of the Rev. Small, and publish it for the benefit of the people at large, that human confidence in the clerical libeller might be completely wiped out.

The *Standard* of May 24th contains an account of the proceedings of the meeting, some of the details of which are suggestive and racy. Mr. V. C. Gunnell presided on the occasion. It was suggested that the mind of the audience be ascertained as to whether both sides of the subject be discussed. Mr. Hill, the leading objective point of Mr. Small's animadversions, favored the one-sided process and it went that way, with but little exception.

Some of the terms applied to Small at long range were more striking on account of their expressiveness than because of their elegance. A Mr. A. B. Johnson referred to him as a hypocrite and a skunk, and applied to him such other suggestive titles as occurred to him on the spot.

Mr. J. Wesley Hill treated the audience to an account of the connection of the Rev. Small with the university enterprise. At the conclusion of the narrative Mr. Fred Shiells,

who seemed to be a sort of thorn in the side of Mr. Hill, addressed this question to the latter:

"Is it not true that you took with you to the east a plat of University Place and sold lots there?"

"I sold some lots there. Yes, sir."

It will be remembered that Sam Small charged Mr. Hill with having made a private real estate speculation out of the university enterprise and unloaded pieces of real estate upon guileless eastern Methodists, and thus succeeded in lining his private pockets. That was evidently what Mr. Shiells was digging after. The same gentleman wanted to know who was responsible for Small's election to the presidency of the institution, and then proceeded to go over the ex-president's previous record. He was making it clear that it was understood at the time that the alleged defaulter was not at all a fit person for the position. A gentleman interposed to stop this reference to the musty past, and the objection was sustained by the chair. Admissions heretofore made by Mr. Hill, however, show that the latter worked eagerly for the election of Small, and it was admitted by some who participated in Saturday night's meeting that his past unsavory history was lost sight of in the one grand idea that he was the most likely individual in sight who could obtain money with which to erect the proposed building. It seems to have been an act pretty closely in unison with the advice of the Quaker to the son, who was about to launch upon the ocean of life to carve a fortune for himself: "With all thy gettings, get money. Get it honestly if you can, but get it anyway."

After a while the meeting gave birth to the following resolutions in reference to Sam Small, who is supposed to be rusticated in Canada:

"Whereas, Sam Small has issued a letter to the American people from Toronto, Canada, in which he maliciously assails our city, the Utah university and those connected therewith, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we denounce his statements concerning the university as well as the men connected with it as unqualifiedly false, malicious and emanating from corrupt motives and an un-Christian heart.

"That over two years ago the Utah university was located in this city after a fair and honorable contest with Salt Lake and other cities. After receiving propositions from different points the committee on location met and located the institution in Ogden. The land donated consisted of about one hundred acres admirably located. The trustees of the university now hold a warrant deed for the same. The subscriptions from individuals were all made in good faith and are being paid according to the conditions upon which they were taken.

"The board of trustees are men of known integrity and their lives here are a sufficient refutation of the slanderous