

Mining alone, it is evident, will not give permanent prosperity to any State. Without agricultural and manufacturing interests that stability and progress which are characteristic of most of the States in the Union cannot be maintained. Nevada is an object lesson from which farmers and manufacturerers ought to draw much information and encouragement.

### MELBOURNE AND HIS RAIN MACHINE

MR. FRANK MELBOURNE, the rain compeller, has come up to his agreements so far with the people of Wyoming. He promised them rain on Tuesday and the rain came on time as agreed. But Prof. Foster, of the signal service, had likewise promised rain on Tuesday as a result of natural conditions. Melbourne now agrees to bring rain on Sunday next, whether Mr. Foster is willing or not.

This rain making phenomenon has thus far so much the look and the mysticism of jugglery about it that scientific opinions are more or less out of order. All that intelligence is able to do in the premises is to wait and wonder, and look wise when the time comes for wisdom to assert its rights.

Meanwhile we sincerely hope that whether by the intervention of nature, Foster or Melbourne, Wyoming may have all the rain her heart desires, and we hope also that whether by science or magic, Mr. Melbourne's power as a rain compeller may prove to be all that he assumes for it. If, as he claims, he can at will wring a half inch of rainfall out of a clear sky, he is the greatest waterman of his age.

### THE CENTRAL SEMINARY.

THE annual circular is out for the Central Seminary of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, located at Mill Creek, in this county. This is the second year since this school was organized and it has already become an important educational feature to the county. Under the supervision of Elder Horace Cummings its progress has been a surprise to all concerned in its establishment.

Mr. Cummings has been connected with the schools of Salt Lake for fifteen years or more, and his experience and the enviable reputation he has gained in that time admirably qualify him for the work he has undertaken. As an intermediate school for the children of Latter-day Saints none can be more highly recommended than this, or is more worthy of patronage.

The people comprising the six wards in the region where it is established should be liberal in their support of this institution. The building in pro-

cess of erection will require considerable money to complete it, and there is no object more worthy the aid of the public-spirited and liberal-minded Saints than this.

Religious teaching cannot be made a part of the instruction in the District Schools, and this Central Seminary is designed to supply that lack to the children of the Saints and to furnish more advanced education than is commonly obtained in the public schools. We hope this mark of progress in the southeastern part of the State will be maintained and become broader and brighter as the years pass on.

### THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

THE Republican convention represented the party most ably. The delegates were earnest, aggressive and energetic. The demand to select from Republicans appointees to office, by a Republican administration, is in accordance with party interests and logical. There is no reason in giving offices to a mongrel party, composed of discordant elements. The demand for protection of wool is in line with party doctrine. The plank relating to public lands admits of a double construction. The administration of Harrison is rightfully endorsed, but in the endorsement there is a suggestion that Blaine should be his successor. The plank relating to silver would seem to conflict with the endorsement of the administration. But the golden planks in the platform are—no disfranchisement, amnesty for law abiders, the Australian ballot and personal registration.

The opening lines of the platform, which say that "the time has come when we can push old differences behind them and move forward upon these lines that tend most directly to the public good," contain a sentiment which leading party Republicans in the East can hardly ignore. Hundreds of the brightest and most patriotic Americans, now citizens of Utah, endorse these lines. And the basic principle of Republicanism, as interpreted by its greatest apostle, Abraham Lincoln, is "Charity to all, malice to none." Therefore, patriotic Republicans, and Democrats too, will gladly hail and accept the new condition of political affairs in Utah.

The platform says:

"We affirm our unswerving devotion to the national Constitution and to the indissoluble union of the States, to the authority reserved to the States under the Constitution, and to the personal rights and liberties of citizens in all the States and Territories."

Will such men as James G. Blaine, President Harrison and Major McKin-

ley ignore the promulgators and adherents of that doctrine. Not at all. They are too much imbued with the spirit of true Americanism to pass lightly over such an emphatic expression of Utah Republicanism.

The demand for an Australian ballot or something similar is timely and in harmony with the most advanced ideas on ballot reform. And it is to be hoped that Democrats and Republicans alike will take steps to adopt some efficient electoral measures as soon as possible.

The demand for amnesty is also appropriate, and in line with the spirit of true Republicanism. The party which extended a fraternal hand to Longstreet, Jefferson Davis and other leaders of the Confederates, cannot consistently refuse the same to the men of Utah, who were never rebels, but whose peculiar position at present demands the kindly consideration of all noble minded Americans.

### SCHOOLS FOR DEAF MUTES.

WE are in receipt of the annual circular from the deaf mute department of the University of Deseret. This institution was added only seven years ago and has had such marked success that it is already one of the important features of the University. The next term opens on September 14th with prospects far better than those of any past year.

A new feature marks the opening of this year. So far as they are capable the pupils will be taught articulation. This new method is becoming more and more prominent in deaf mute instruction elsewhere, many students thereby learning how to speak, and competent teachers have been secured to introduce it into our deaf mute school here.

The tuition is free and by application to the principal, reduced rates may be secured on all the railroads of the Territory.

The pupils are now taught all the common branches and the higher branches will be added in due time to the course. There are according to the recent census 379 deaf mutes in the Territory. At least one hundred of these are capable of instruction and should be put in the way of receiving it.

### THE COMPLICATED SILVER QUESTION

MAJOR MCKINLEY's interpretation of the free-silver plank in the Ohio Democratic platform is not accepted by Democrats. He says that it means the receipt by Government of 80 cents worth of silver, rendered by flat worth