

A GENEROUS OFFER.

THE following letter was handed to us by a member of the Old Folks' Committee, and we take pleasure in giving place to it in these columns:

PAYSON, April 19th, 1892.

Bishop Wm. B. Preston:

Dear Brother—In behalf of the people of Payson City we respectfully invite the old folks of Salt Lake City to come to Payson for their yearly out or excursion. We will make them welcome, and will do our best to make their visit a pleasant and happy one. Your brethren,

JONA. S. PAGE, JR.
JOHN E. HULSE.

P. S.—Please answer.

We believe this generous offer will be accepted in the same kindly spirit that prompted it, therefore, the next place where the Old Folks will be entertained on their annual trip will be the progressive city of Payson. We understand there is a fine grove not far from the railroad at that place, and groves are, as one of the committee remarked, a weakness with that body, or rather as we responded, one of their strong points. From what we know of the Payson people we judge that they will fall behind none of the entertainers of the aged people who have exhibited their generosity and respect toward the fathers and mothers in Israel. The committee will give due notice of the time and place for the next excursion, and we are pleased to see that a spot has been tendered them for the occasion with such a welcome as that which they are sure to receive. Let the Old Folks' excursion of ninety-two be the best they have ever enjoyed!

"OLD LINE" REPUBLICANS.

A NUMBER of the "Liberals" of Ogden are organizing to assist in the "Liberal" movement to obtain recognition from the National Republican party at the Minneapolis convention. So they invite their confederates to meet for this purpose and in a published card offer the annexed peculiar reasons for calling themselves "Republicans":

"We are straight-out, old line Republicans, and recognize no party or organization in Utah which shall tend to disturb or disrupt the Liberal party, and in this behalf we offer to unite with all patriotic citizens in aid of the objects and purposes of the Liberal party. Prominent Republicans from Salt Lake City will be in attendance to address our citizens and take part in our organization."

The National Republican party will no doubt be profoundly impressed with the straight-out, old line, Republicanism which recognizes no party or organization in Utah but the "Liberal" faction, and proclaims as its main purpose and object the support and perpetuation of "Liberal" views and designs. The prominent bogus Republicans from Salt Lake will have an excellent theme on which to address those "Liberal" citizens and will, no doubt, make as clear as mud that genuine, straight out, old line republicanism means Utah "Liberalism" with all that it implies. Whether the National Republican convention can be made to understand things in this

light will be another question. The real Republican party of Utah will do well to keep a record of these exposures of the "Liberal hyena through the borrowed skin of the Republican lion.

INVENTING WAYS TO SPEND MONEY IN POLITICAL AWARDS.

THE public may perhaps take interest in knowing something about the duties of the inspector of retaining walls on State street, appointed by the city board of public works. We learn that the cost of construction of the walls, over which this subject of "Liberal" political reward was appointed to preside, is \$750. The duty of this officer—whose appointment antedated the creation of the office—was evidently to draw \$100 a month, and make himself as costly to the taxpayers as the retaining walls.

In view of the appointment, and that of inspector of sidewalks for paving districts even and eight, we suggested the probability of the appointment of an inspector of muskrat holes on the Jordan and Salt Lake Canal. This anticipation came near being realized last night by means of one of Councilman Wantland's numerous resolutions, which provided for the employment—at a salary not to exceed \$150 a month—of a mounted inspector of canyons to see that the city water rights are protected. The necessity for this appointment will be seen at a glance, as there are a superintendent of waterworks and a watermaster, each with deputies. Mr. Wantland wanted this sinecure established at once, and fizzed and spluttered at the bare suggestion of the question being referred to a committee before the Council should take action. The resolutionist did not carry his point, however, as the question was referred.

AN IMAGINARY "ROD IN PICKLE."

THE following appears as a special dispatch from Denver in the "Liberal" organ this morning:

"Agent Walker of the United States Secret Service has a rod in pickle for the Mormon Church, and, when it descends, the bigamous brethren will think they have been scourged with nettles and thorns. During his recent visit to Utah he observed the business methods of the Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Company. Printed promises to pay supersede bank bills, and change was made in scrip about the size of the old-fashioned 'shin-plasters,' issued in denominations ranging from 5 to 50 cents. The issue is not illegal with proper restrictions, and Agent Walker has recommended to his superiors at Washington the imposition of a tax of 8 per cent. per annum on Church currency. Such a tax would be prohibitory, as no institution could afford to maintain a circulation that only is legalized by the payment of a greater rate of interest than the use of the money is worth. The 8 per cent. law was enacted to bring the circulation of State banks under rigid control, and the object sought was gained. Unsecured paper currency was suppressed. The abolition of Mormon paper would be a death blow at the immense profits of the Church, and the circulation of hard money and National bank notes in Utah would be increased by two million or more. Mr. Walker is awaiting instructions from

headquarters before taking any steps toward reforming the circulating medium."

This is published with headlines informing the public that it relates to "Tithing House Scrip." It will be seen that there is no mention of such scrip in the body of the dispatch. It relates entirely to "printed promises to pay" issued by "Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Company." What this has to do with the "Tithing Office" as stated in the headline, or with the "Mormon Church" as mentioned by the veracious (?) dispatcher, is not made to appear.

Z. C. M. I. is as separate and distinct from the "Mormon" Church as the State Bank of Utah, the Co-operative Wagon and Machine Company, or any other commercial or mercantile institution in which members of that Church may happen to be stockholders. The "rod in pickle," then, which the agent of the Secret Service Department may have for some person or corporation, has no terrors for the "Mormon Church."

As to the orders issued on Z. C. M. I. which are honored by that institution, they are beyond attack from any legal standpoint. They are not issued in any denomination less than one dollar. They are not "promises to pay." They do not "supersede bank bills." They are not "Church currency." They are not "paper currency." They are not "Mormon paper." If they were discontinued "the circulation of hard money and bank notes" would not be "increased" a dollar. They do not affect the "profits of the Mormon Church" one cent. With these few inaccuracies, it will be perceived that the special dispatch is not an exceedingly reliable piece of news.

The "scourge with nettles and thorns" which the vivid imagination of the dispatch fiend has conjured up, ought to be held, not "in pickle" but in actual exercise, over the manufacturer of this anti-"Mormon" stuff palmed upon the public for special information by telegraph.

These orders on Z. C. M. I. are simply a convenience for those who issue and use them; they are no hardship upon anybody; they are a great benefit to many persons; they do not interfere with the circulation of money; they are not liable to a tax; they do not violate the revenue laws; and they would not suggest to anyone the desirability of an attack upon them, but for the mistake made that connects them with the "Mormon" Church and the animus that somebody feels toward that religious body.

It will be remembered that all our co-operative institutions were badly affected several years ago, by an endeavor to mulet them in large sums, because of their issuance of printed orders payable in merchandise. Some of them were broken up in consequence. It was on that rock that Brigham City cooperation was partly wrecked. The matter was tested in the courts and decided in favor of the institutions that issued the orders, and the money filched from them was subsequently restored.

We do not think the threatened attempt to tax them eight per cent., or