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ABSURD HERESIES.

In its issue of yesterday the News pointed out certain grave objections to the selection of one applicant for the seat in the United States Senate, concerning which there is no much anxiety among Utah politicians just now. We tried to show that both good sense and good politics were opposed to the candidate; and yet there was no politics in the article itself, neither was there any animosity towards anyone. There was no expression or implication of any threat. Attention was merely called to the fact that the election of the individual referred to would not be otherwise regarded than as an attack upon and an affront to the body of religious worshippers most numerous in the State; that in fact his recent attitude was the chief basis or excuse for his candidacy; and that those who sought to promote his interests ought to know that they were deliberately attempting to moderate a vital feature of the religious law of a Church, which the latter might naturally be expected to try to maintain.

From the manner in which a pair of meeting contemporaries comment upon the News' observations, one would imagine that Sumpter had just been fired upon, or some similar event of awful portent had just occurred or was imminently impending. One of them talks incessantly of "tyranny," and "opening the old fight," and with much heroism shouts: "Hands off!" Another prattles with its customary simplicity when trying to say something without knowing what to talk about.

The grotesque absurdity of all this is so difficult to account for reasonably as it is to describe adequately. Here is one paper which, when a prominent ecclesiastic is first named as United States Senator from Utah, opposes him with a vigor which exceeds all discretion; declares his candidacy means an opening of "the old fight;" calls upon his superiors in the Church to require him to withdraw; insists that his candidacy means a clash between Church and State; and for weeks and months fills its columns with editorials to this strain. When the announcement is made that the Church, which has been thus long and fruitlessly appealed to to "call off" this candidate, is affirmatively opposed to his election, this same paper, with a vigor which far exceeds its former excess of vituperation, calls wildly upon the Church not to interfere with the candidacy of the individual in question, on pain of "opening the old fight," etc.

What reeling! What confusion and hysteria! What inconsistency and rubbish! May we venture to ask our contemporaries and all other critics to draw in the wanderings of their minds long enough to concentrate them upon one plain proposition? That proposition is this: The candidacy of the person to whom all this has reference, is antagonized by the News because it is an assault upon the doctrines and organic existence of the Church in which this paper is the official organ. His appearance in the political arena at this time is nothing more nor less than this, and every candid voter in the commonwealth will admit it. He himself announces that he stands upon a platform equivalent to this very proposition. It is not a political question, for the candidate's politics cuts no figure in it. It is religious, pure and simple, in that it involves nothing more nor less than questions relative to the integrity of a religious organization, the maintenance of its discipline, and the perpetuity of its doctrines. Yet we note that "Young Utah" is appealed to to support this candidate. Why? That they may be prevailed upon to oppose their Church discipline and doctrines; in other words, become anti-Mormon. When a candidate, therefore, steps out upon a distinct and unequivocal anti-Church platform, when it is expected by his friends that his "vindication" means the tearing of the Church, can any sane man deny the right of the Church to put forth efforts to preserve itself, and to avert the sorrow of its members from that condemnation which its theology teaches will be visited upon all who, having partaken of its blessings, become its opponents?

The protest of "hands off" may properly come with force and justice from the Church, on this occasion, but with neither from any political paper, clique or party. As to the threats with which one of the local papers closes its editorial, they have become utterly tiresome and excite only derision. It is no great crime, we take it, for one man high in Church councils to go to Wyoming, or for another Churchman to go to Idaho. They are not the only men who travel, and are they going to be restrained in the exercise of that or any other act in that business may properly take. Moreover, neither the Church leaders nor the Church papers are going to be muzzled because of some silly people's disappointed hopes or timorous imbecility. If the politicians and the party press will leave the Church alone, they will have no occasion to quarrel with it. But they must stay within their own confines, and mind their own business. Any trespass, such as some of them seem now fondly hoping, will always find, as this has found, the Church on the defensive. And in all kindness we say again, as we said yesterday, that both good sense and good politics would seem to avoid any reputable party from joining in the assault and insult that a week sentimentality has inaugurated and an ignorance of the real facts in the case has somewhat forwarded. Every truly patriotic citizen, of whatever religious or political creed, will insist that this whole question be rigidly excluded from the politics of the State, and that no aspirant for office, who bases his claim for support on his opposition to any church, receive the slightest encouragement.

THAT ELECTION LAW.

The opinion of County Attorney Whitlemore, published in Tuesday's News, presents a rather peculiar situation from several points of view, some of which are particularly gratifying to the cause of its coming forth. In it, Mr. Whitlemore says the election law of this State is invalid, but the county commissioners must count the votes and certify to the results thereof. In other words, he says that the subject of the validity of the election law is no business of the county canvassing board, and that they should perform their duty independent of its existence; and this latter view, so far as the canvassing board's action is concerned, is just right, even if the attorney be wrong on the validity proposition, and in the further of the remainder of his reply.

In looking over the matter, it is quite clear that one of two conditions exists, namely: Either the county canvassers have been extremely foolish in asking the attorney for his opinion upon a law which did not affect them in that capacity and therefore was none of their business; or the county attorney has shown himself foolish in obtruding upon the canvassers an opinion on a statute regarding which no inquiry was made of him. So far as the documentary evidence is concerned—the resolution of the canvassing board and the reply of the attorney—the canvassers may properly have made the inquiry they did as to the law under which they were acting, but it was when the attorney opened his mouth that a big lost got into it.

This situation is made plain when it is known that the county canvassing board acts under chapter 75 of the Laws of Utah, 1896, and that also, while the county attorney says that chapter 69, with which the canvassers have nothing to do, is in his opinion, invalid. The ludicrous aspect of the thing ought to induce somebody to engage the services of a kicking machine right away. As a canvassing board, the commissioners had a right to inquire about chapter 75; chapter 69 was none of their affair. But, so far as the resolution of inquiry is concerned, the attorney had no more business to give an opinion on the validity of chapter 69 than he had to tell about the warnings of the astral law. A wise public adviser would have saved himself much deserved criticism by answering the question asked instead of trying to give tangible form to goodly an another issue.

So far as the canvass of the returns is concerned, the county commissioners have nothing to do with the particular form, dimensions or contents of the ballots used. Those ballots never reach them, and officially they know nothing of whether they constitute a secret ballot or not. The canvassers must take the returns of the judges of election, consisting of the tally sheets and some other papers, count the ballots, and most certify to the effect thereof. There is no room for contest on that matter upon any ground yet suggested, and the intimation of the county attorney that the board might be prevailed by a court of competent jurisdiction from issuing the certificate has no immediate on which to hope that such action will be taken. The issue of election certificates without delay is next in order.

As to a contest over the results of an election, interested parties always are justified therein when there is good reason to believe that the will of the voters has been defeated. But in the recent election there is nothing of that kind claimed. Secret or open ballot, the electors of this county and State have expressed their will in unmistakable terms, and in no time the official should be hitched over to the officer elected. Nobody else has a right thereto, and no contest session, or a usurped tribunal, by subverting the will of the people will receive public approval.

Now as to the opinion of County Attorney Whitlemore on the validity of the election. He says it was void because there was not a secret ballot. How does he determine that? Because the ballots were numbered to correspond with the poll lists. But how was a ballot so numbered, and the number covered so that it shall not be visible, reveal to the elector his vote? The opinion does not tell, because it cannot. If the number be invisible, as the law requires, the ballot is as secret as is perfectly voted from scrutiny as if it were blank; so the numbering has nothing to do with the secrecy of the ballot.

It has been urged that the number can be "seen through," on exposing the ballot to the light, and then examining it between poll list and ballot would tell how a person has voted. But such a comparison would be as unlawful as if a judge of election were to open the ballot when it is tendered by the voter, to see what it contained and after the judges make their count the ballots are not within reach for such comparison. But if the ballots can be "seen through" as alleged, then somebody has violated the law in not providing paper with which the number can be folded under and pasted down, so as to be "not thereafter visible," as the statute expressly provides.

Or is it because a court can blank the seal in a contest? The effect of that would be that in case there were a question as to the votes cast, there being too many in the box, the court could destroy those that it saw fit, and thus, if there was fraud was. If there were no two ballots numbered the same, then the court would throw out the excess numbers, and there would be no occasion to ascertain how any individual voted. The court would not allow the gratification of such unlawful inquisitiveness. But if there were two ballots numbered the same and differently marked, who could tell which was the lawful ballot? Only the person who cast it; and in that case it is as Cooley says in the quotation by the county attorney; the veil of secrecy is impenetrable, "unless the voter himself voluntarily determines to lift it; his ballot is absolutely privileged."

It does appear then, that much fuss has been made where there is no occasion for it. No doubt the election laws of the State are susceptible of improvement; if so, the Legislature probably will give them the needed attention. But the recent proceedings to throw doubt on t[illegible] in such trivial manner as has be[illegible] attempted cannot receive the approval of an enlightened public sentiment.

STRANGE POLITICAL BEDFELLOWS.

A city contemporary, Republican in politics, which, a year or so ago, was simply frantic in its opposition to one of the Senatorial candidates, a Democrat, on Sunday last brought him to the front with a flourish, and in "a leader today still more frantically defends him. This paper still claims to be Republican, and the candidate is still a Democrat.

Another city paper which, at the time referred to, was a recognized Democratic organ, and was the ardent champion of this candidate, in measures long and loud proclaimed that his election was the only means of vindicating certain principles that sort to be vindicated in order to prevent our new State from going to the everlasting bow-wows, this morning gives an assurance that the conflict involved in his candidacy will not be precipitated.

This candidate's organ of last year did not bring him out this year, and gives Lion only perfunctory support, if any at all; while the paper that bitterly opposed him last year, is now, with even greater ardor, working in his interest. The sincerity, steadfastness and consistency of political organs in this State is sufficiently indicated by this brief reference to their course.

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