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PEOPLE'S TICKET.

GENERAL ELECTION.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1886.

For Commissioners to Locate
University Lands:

CHARLES W. STANLEY,
FREDERICK M. WADSWORTH,
ISAAC H. WADSWORTH.

SALT LAKE COUNTY OFFICERS.

For Probate Judge:

ELIAS A. SMITH.

For Selectman:

SAMUEL BENNETT.

For County Clerk:

JOHN C. CUTLER.

For Prosecuting Attorney:

JAMES H. MOYLE.

For Assessor:

JESSE W. FOX, JR.

For Collector:

NATHANIEL W. JONES.

For Sheriff:

ANDREW J. BURT.

For Surveyor:

JOHN D. McALLISTER.

For Coroner:

GEORGE J. TAYLOR.

TRUE CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

There are people in every so-called

"Christian" country who consider it

part of their duty to interfere with the

opinions and feelings of their neighbors.

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order of the community in which they

live or of the nation at large. They are

simply acting upon their guaranteed

liberty of conscience and religion, do-

ing no injury to their neighbors or to

society. It does not signify that the

epistolary and Puritan consider them in

gross error, doing a wrong to them-

selves and risking their eternal salva-

tion. That is not the business of the

Governments. It is the business of the

individuals to be met with argu-

ment and persuasion, not with pain

and penalties, because it does not

attempt to destroy or injure society

or invade the rights of in-

dividuals.

The venerable Madison, speaking in

support of the religious liberty guaran-

teed in the Virginia Declaration of

Rights, said:

"The only proper objects of civil

government are the happiness and pro-

tection of the present state of exist-

ence, the security of the life, liberty

and property of the citizens, and to

restrain the vicious and licentious

the virtuous by wholesome laws, equally

extending to every individual; but the

chief duty of government is to secure

the manner of discharging it can

be directed by reason and con-

science, and is not to be controlled

at the tribunal of the Universal Judge.

That is the position taken by the

Law of the Saints. They claim this

religious liberty for themselves, and

accord it and extend it to others. The

laws that have been specially framed

against a part of their religion violate

this principle of freedom and, in that

respect, violate the Constitution of

our country. To obey and sustain all

Constitutional laws is enjoined upon

the "Mormons" by their religion, and

the indisputable fact is that they do

obey the laws, both local and national,

with such fidelity that they are an

eminent example to their traducers

and persecutors.

Only a small portion of the people of

Utah, comparatively have practically

entered into the order of celestial mar-

riage, which comprehends and includes

a plurality of wives, and they have

done it under religious ordinances and

regulations. They do not interfere in

any way with the practice of mono-

gamy. A great deal of foolish bluster

is indulged in about "the danger

threatened to the American home."

But it has never been shown how, in

the remotest degree, a family in

which there is but one wife is injuri-

ously affected by the fact that in

another family there are two or more

wives. The same husband. Both

forms of family life exist side by

side in Utah harmoniously, and all the

interference and infringement upon the

rights of others, comes from the mo-

nomaniacs who desire to force their sys-

tem upon the polygamists. If any re-

straint on the law is needed, it is for

protection of the latter, because they

are assailed in "the free exercise" of

their religion, and make no assaults

upon or attempts to restrain or com-

pel others.

The coexistence of people who come

here from the great cities of the East,

where the very air is impregnated with

the odors of debauchery and crime,

and, on common roads, without learn-

ing anything of the facts, commence to

berate and threaten the "Mormons."

They talk of using force to compel

to do what they think is right, and re-

frain from what they think is wrong, is

not very apparent to reflecting minds.

And yet there are many good

people—apart from those four-moun-

tain blatherskites—who are to be met

with in most crowds, and a few of

whom have exhibited their ruffian

natures and coarse manners at the

few men here marry more wives than

one, an army of United States soldiers

are to slaughter men, women and chil-

dren who are innocent. The Michi-

ganders ought to muzzle their Gov-

ernment, if they would do it to their

public. If he shows no more sense

and humanity on other topics than he

did on the "Mormon" question, of

which he is ignorant as a post, he

ought to be kept quiet for the honor of

his State. There is no law here that

can be met by arms, and such re-

marks as Alger was betrayed into mak-

ing are only self-abnegations for a being

who is half idiot and half ruffian.

Corporal Tanner had to be brought

forward again to help effect by his

coarse vulgarly the rational remain-

ing of General Logan. We should not

have alluded to this low-lived person

again but for his reference to the Des-

ert News. He claimed that we re-

presented him as saying that he would

"consign this whole Territory to hell"

after he came here, while, he declared,

he said it before he came here. It does

not matter when and where he uttered

the villainous words, they are just as

much to be considered as if he had

said them at a lunatic or a blackguard.

It would take a large number of souls

of the calibre of the Corporal's to make

up a consignment for any place.

The rest of the speeches, including

the remarks of Governor Wood, were

of a moderate character, excepting the

fulsome eulogy of General Logan,

which he did not appear to appreciate.

Altogether, Friday evening's "camp-

fire" was much of a disappointment to

the gang of schemers who are seeking

to make the G. A. R. movement an in-

strument of malicious mischief.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

There is no great excitement to make

the election on Monday one of extra-

ordinary interest. Nevertheless the

votes of the People's Party should be

counted for the candidates selected at

the county conventions. We consider the

ticket for Salt Lake County an excel-

lent one, and believe this to be the

general opinion of the members of the

People's Party. The only objection

has been made to the ticket is that

the ticket is dissipated by a correct

understanding of the matter. The nom-

inee for Assessor is now a selectman and

it is thought he should not hold both

positions. If he is elected he will not be

required to act until the new year's as-

essment is to be made, when he can

resign his present position and the dif-

ference will vanish.

We exhort all our friends who have

the right to vote, male and female, to

go to the polls on Monday, August 2nd,

and sustain the People's ticket. Every

ballot shows where the voter stands on

the questions of the hour. Every

voter who is able to go, and yet stays

away from the polls, exhibits either

weakness or indifference to the

People's cause. Leading men and

respective precincts should exert

themselves to make the vote a large

one, and the aged and infirm of both

sexes should have conveyance to the

polling places. Let there be a general

rally, and let us show to the enemy

that we are wide awake and at our

posts. Give the People's ticket the

rolling vote on Monday, and go early

to the polls!

FROM THE CAMP-FIRES.

A CLEAR, LOGICAL AND DISPASSIONATE

DEFENSE OF THE "MORMON" PEOP-

LE BY A STRANGER.

Editor Desert News:

The writer of these lines is only a

visitor to this famous city, who came

to see and hear and see and hear, and

possibly, just to be able to judge for

himself about the people located here,

and their institutions.

should like the soldiers of the Grand

Army to fancy their own dear soldiers

and mothers and daughters in this

position and to tell them that they

too would forgive them. Nobody

can think that they are otherwise

than sinners connected with sin, even

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