

fore coined the word 'biogen' as the name of a hypothetical substance which should be capable of conveying this subtle force, one of whose modes of motion we call life. Thus it fell out that I had reasoned up to what I soon found had been named several thousand years ago 'acasa.' I soon went abroad and met the scholarly students of psychic research of three countries. Furthermore, I found myself inhabiting an organism which I could use for psychic experiment, and it was not long before I was on the broad sea of occultism. By experiment and reasoning, such as I would apply to any investigation, I found that man is a spirit which has a body. In other words, speaking scripturally, I found that the spiritual body of which St. Paul speaks is an entity, an objective reality. It is the direct instrument of the mind of which the psychic body is only the indirect instrument. I have satisfied myself that there is much truth in what has heretofore been considered wild speculation, and I think that eventually the current theories of materialistic science will be radically modified. The truth is that we know no more of the ultimate constitution of matter than of mind, as the essence of both is unknown."

To the Latter-day Saint comment on the above is needless. Here is a man after 30 years close study of science, philosophy, religion, materialism, and so forth comes back again to St. Paul and to Joseph Smith. The humblest "Mormon" in Utah who probably never saw even the outside of a scientific work could tell Professor Coues in five minutes what it took thirty years of painful, laborious, unceasing research to find out. Wisdom does not always dwell with authors, orators and statesmen. Happiness is not the lot of agnostics, atheists and materialists. Scientists, sophists and disputants don't possess all the knowledge in the world. After all religion and faith are the basis of all grandeur, sublimity and pathos, and both make the soul of poetry, spirituality and progress. How near the poet and the scientist come on this point. Here is what J. W. Riley says:

UNCLE SIDNEY'S VIEWS.

I hold that the true age of wisdom is when
We are boys and girls, and not women and
men—

When, as credulous children, we know
things because

We believe them—however adverse to the
laws.

It is faith, then, not science and reason, I
say,

That is genuine wisdom—and would that,
today,

We, as then, were as wise, and inoffably
blest,

As to live, love, and die, and trust God for
the rest!

So I simply deny the old notion, you know,
That the wiser we get as the older we
grow,

For in youth all we know we are certain of;
now

The greater our knowledge the more we
allow

For skeptical margin; and hence I regret
That the world isn't flat, and the sun
doesn't set.

And we may not go creeping up home
when we die,

Through the moon, like a round, yellow
hole in the sky.

JUNIOR.

RICH COUNTY POLITICS.

The political kettle of Rich County has been for some time "singing" and, in the coming days, before and including August 4th, will doubtless continue at the boiling point.

In all the precincts at the school election the People's nominees were elected. There was not much opposition in the three settlements in Bear Lake valley. In Bear River valley, at Woodruff and Randolph, excitement ran high. Both parties mustered its full strength. At Woodruff, thank fortune and the People's vigilance, the People's cause prevailed mightily. This means a restoration of the just belongings of the majority of the citizens.

The "Mormon" community have there been subject to vexatious litigation regarding the meeting house; and, on account of the abuse of a little brief authority by the rapacious "Liberals" thereabouts, the rightful owners of the meeting house were deprived of the use thereof, for religious worship. At times they could hold no religious services and when they did, they had to meet anywhere they could.

At Randolph, we are credibly informed, the election would remind one of an "old country" election. Every effort, on either side, was used to get every voter to the polls. John M. Baxter, a worthy specimen of "young Utah," and the People's standard bearer, "got there" by a nice majority.

People's primaries were held in all the five settlements last Saturday evening. A good ticket for Lake Town precinct was put in the field there. Alma Findlay and Samuel Weston, the present incumbents, and Joseph Robinson and John W. Shelby, received the majority votes, as the People's candidates, for the offices of justice of the peace, constable, and fence viewers respectively.

Ira Nebeker, John W. Shelby and Isaac T. Price, and Samuel Weston, Willis Johnson and Alma Findlay received the majority vote as three delegates to the county convention and three alternates, respectively. The delegates and alternates were elected by ballot, while the choice of candidates for the local offices was made *viva voce*. On the declaration of the results of these elections motions to make the choice unanimous were adopted.

The "Liberals" will work desperately at and preceding the coming county election. A few days since, to give color and prestige to the party, a select half-core or a dozen convened at Randolph for the first time as a "mass meeting of the Liberal party of Rich County." Probate Judge Frazier was elected chairman and J. W. Binzley (until recently a professed ardent supporter of the People's policy) was chosen secretary.

A county central committee was formed with E. S. Bisbing of Garden City, J. S. Moffat of Meadowville, John Johnson of Randolph, Mr. Frazier of Woodruff as members.

Lake Town not being represented, we presume there are either no

"Liberals" here, or, if there are, they cannot have acquired enough proficiency in the methods of "Liberalism" to entitle them to a place in the new county party's council.

Subjoined hereto will appear the People's county ticket. It may be observed in passing that the feeling which has been gratified so distastefully in some other localities—the desire for change for the mere sake of change—has found its way into our county. We think that Rich county has been favored greatly in having men in office who have, with ever-watchful eyes, guarded the interests of the commonwealth. They have done remarkably well, to the evident and oftentimes expressed satisfaction of "Mormon" and non-"Mormon" citizens. We have many honorable men in our county who differ from the majority religiously, but who do business with the people, and we dwell together in harmony as becomes good citizens of our common country. They mind their own business, are men of means, and on general principles have been very much pleased with the official acts of the "Mormon" officers.

But the "Liberals" make a specialty of propagating their notions, with the object of destroying the confidence so zealously placed by the majority in their elected servants. The results of the adoption of this policy of change, regardless whether the change would be an improvement, have, we think, been painfully and unprofitably experienced in other localities. Rich and all other counties will do well to avoid these mistakes, by continuing to retain men in office who have and do prove their fitness and worthiness of the trust reposed in them.

As hereinbefore indicated, the county convention was held at our county seat today. Wesley K. Walton, Esq., presided, and J. Morgan Grant, Esq., occupied the seat of chief scribe. After prayer by Chaplain Joseph Kimball, nominations for candidates were freely made and voted upon. Interspersed with these proceedings were several brief but telling speeches on the vital issues of the day.

The following gentlemen having received the majority votes, the convention sustained them with a united and enthusiastic voice for the offices named below:

Selectman, Ira Nebeker; assessor, A. W. Nebeker; county clerk, John M. Baxter; recorder, John Snowball; treasurer, Robert McKinnon; surveyor J. W. Fackrell; sheriff, Wm. Simpson; county attorney, Aquila Nebeker; coroner, Joseph Neville.

When Messrs. Byron Sessions, Wm. Rex, Isaac T. Price, Wm. E. Jenkins and D. S. Cook had been unanimously elected as the county central committee the convention adjourned *sine die*.

As the returning delegates passed through our town they expressed themselves as being specially pleased with the doings of the convention, and are determined to use their influence with every legal voter to make a long pull, a strong pull and a