

and salvation that have been revealed to them, or any of the covenants made with their God, I say with all my soul it never will be solved. No power on earth, not that of this great nation or of other nations combined, can overthrow this work, for it is the work of the God of Israel. The decree of Jehovah is that it shall never be overthrown. He has said that it will not fall to the ground and that not one word uttered by Him will fail to be fulfilled regarding this work. Neither will prophecy fail with respect to this people. The Lord, however, has not told us that all will be well with us unless we maintain our integrity before Him. The promises made are only on condition that we will stand firm and true to Him. The people as a whole will stand true as they have stood in the trials that are past, and will not bow the knee to Baal. They recognize in the powers of heaven none but the God who gave them being. They recognize that worldly powers are operated by His will.

I believe the testimony of the Gospel is increasing in our midst. The testimony of this work is not growing cold in the hearts of the Latter-day Saints. My testimony is that God is with this people to-day, and will not forget nor neglect them.

We are being persecuted, but if this will make us a purer and better people, I say welcome all the persecution that God in His mercy shall permit. It will make us nobler, humble and more worthy the name of Latter-day Saints. Do not forget that you are the offspring of God; that you came from above and not from beneath. You have descended from the royal lineage of heaven. Shrink from doing anything that is mean, or that is degrading or unbecoming a son or daughter of the King of heaven. Royal blood runs through the veins of the Latter-day Saints. They have shown their kingly power. They have refused to bow themselves to those who have tried to bring them into subjection. Stone walls and iron bars have never been able to do this, and no adversities can subjugate a God-fearing people. Nothing can stand between them and their Maker.

A man whose soul is free, who has nothing between him and heaven, is free though he may be cast into a dungeon. His soul cannot be fettered, nor can the peace of God be shut out from his heart. We are not a race of slaves, and those of our enemies who are seeking to put their feet upon our necks do not know what they are about. The Man of Sorrows was put upon the cross and crucified by His enemies, and there are many who would do likewise with the Saints today. But the Lord Jesus was not overcome, and as He conquered death and was glorified, so will He bring about the triumph and glory of His work today, and the deliverance of those who trust in him. As for those who fight against the truth, we judge them not, but leave them in the hands of God. Though the Saints may be cast within prison walls and be confined in dark cells and lie

upon dungeon floors, they cannot by this means be deprived of communion with heaven. They may be deprived of their rights as citizens; they may be subjected to many great trials and hardships; injustice may be heaped upon them by their fellow-beings; but if they seek the glory of God, they will receive His favor and approbation, which is more to be desired than all else. Those who trust in Him will receive of the peace and the joy and the glory which comes from no other source. His promises cannot fail, and He is ready to manifest His power in our behalf. He is only awaiting our preparation. Let us be true to Him. Let us place ourselves in harmony with His laws, that we may merit His blessing, and it will be poured out upon us to our eternal salvation and the glory of the mighty Jehovah.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

Ye who are called to labor and minister for God,

Blest with the royal Priesthood, and called by His word.

Benediction was pronounced by Patriarch John Smith.

AN INSULTING COMPARISON.

THE Scandinavians are everywhere in this republic recognized as a valuable element in every community where they have gathered in any considerable numbers. They are a solid, stable, industrious and honest race, second to no people of any other nationality in these and other substantial elements of character. In such States as Minnesota and Michigan, where they are settled in large numbers, they have exhibited those progressive traits that are needed in the building up of enduring and prosperous commonwealths. In this Territory they form no inconsiderable portion of the community and are justly esteemed as a valuable integral component of it. And while Young Utah is so prevalent a theme, it can be truly said that that portion of the youthful element of this Territory which has sprung from Scandinavian stock is inferior to no other in either physical or mental endowments that go to constitute a great people.

These facts make base and brutal insinuations to the contrary all the more ungenerous and unwarrantable. After the opening of the campaign which preceded the election of last August, insults were offered the Scandinavians that were disgraceful and uncalled for, through the columns of the chief "Liberal" organ. For instance, here is an extract from the Salt Lake Tribune of June 16th last:

"Brother John Pike called on Col. Page again yesterday to persuade the

Colonel to give him access to the registration books of one of the precincts. But it was no go, and the good brother retired as empty-handed as he came. He made some encouraging and complimentary remarks about bootblacks and coons voting the Liberal ticket, but concluded not to enter into extended argument when shown that bootblacks and coons were to be preferred to besotted and ignorant Scandinavians, unable to speak a word of English, and who were herded into San Pete and adjoining counties, where they were taught that the American Republic was their bitterest foe."

In the light of the foregoing the impudence of the same journal, representing the "Liberal" party, in asking the votes of this class of people at the ensuing municipal election reaches a point that is seldom attained even in politics. If there is a Scandinavian who will so far forget his manhood as to train and vote with a party that classes him with "coons and bootblacks," and stamps him as an enemy of the American Republic, then all we have to say is that he practically accepts of the comparison, and is a discredit to his race, who, as a rule, are acted for their self-respect.

PEOPLE'S RATIFICATION.

January 29, was not the first time the Theatre has been crowded to its utmost by a political meeting of the People's Party. But there could not be a better attended one, as the building could accommodate no more, even with standing room. The enthusiasm was almost unbounded, and is only equalled by the earnestness with which the people are engaging in the campaign.

The special drum corps and bands paraded the streets before the hour of meeting, and when the Theatre doors were opened at 7:30, the crowd surged into the building, which was literally jammed, and many had to turn away.

The front of the stage and circles were decorated with the Stars and Stripes, while arranged around the stage from the boxes were the beautiful banners of the various People's Party clubs, the whole forming a delightful picture.

While the people were waiting the Special Drum Corps and the Gatling Band played.

On the rising of the curtain there was discovered on the stage the nominees on the People's Ticket, and the Municipal Central Committee, members and members-elect, seated. Attached to the curtain was a large canvas, on which were the names of the People's candidates for Mayor, Recorder, Treasurer, Assessor and Collector, Marshal, Councilmen, Justices of the Peace, and Aldermen.

As soon as the scene was presented to the view of the vast audience, they broke forth in thunders of applause.

HON. F. S. RICHARDS called the assemblage to order and began his address. He had uttered