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A PETITE POLITICAL FARCE.

THE Democrats of Utah will be surprised to learn that the tactics of the few Republicans who recently presumed to act for the body without the consent of the latter, have been copied by a handful of professed Democrats. The assumption of the Republican Central Committee met with a severe but fitting rebuke at Chicago. The unauthorized action of these so-called Democrats will amount to nothing either here or at Cincinnati.

Last evening, a meeting was held in this city, pursuant to a call by a gentleman claiming to be "Chairman pro tem. of the Democratic Territorial Central Committee." It was attended by eight persons, who proceeded to elect a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention. The whole proceedings can only be regarded in the light of a farce. We know of but one Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, and his name is Hadley D. Johnson. He had nothing to do with the call or the meeting, and neither one nor the other was authorized by him or the members of the party in Utah. The octagonal assembly, without any warrant or authority from the party, appointed a gentleman not present in the Territory to attend, as Delegate, a convention which admits no delegates from the Territories. The eight also selected the names of seven other persons, who with themselves were denominated the Central Committee.

Utah contains a large number of Democrats. They have not been consulted in this matter, and are not likely to pay any attention whatever to the action of this self-appointed committee. If the party in this Territory has become disorganized—which we by no means assert, it would be only decent for those who consider that it is in such a condition, and desire that it may be re-organized, to call its members together and attempt its resuscitation. Eight men, no matter how intelligent or ambitious they may be, have no right to constitute themselves the representatives of the body, nor to presume to make appointments as its chiefs. There is about as much Democracy in such a course as there is in Granite Radicalism.

If half a dozen or eight persons choose to hold a meeting and elect for themselves a delegate to any convention under the sun, whether it is likely to recognize him or not, no Democrat will offer any objection, but will accord them as much liberty to play such antics as he claims to laugh at them for their pains. But in no sense whatever can their nonsense or assumption be recognized as coming from the Democratic party. The whole thing was but a small circus, and we are surprised to see such smart men cut so ridiculous a figure before the public.

A NUT FOR MALCONTENTS.

It is very amusing to note the complaints of the anti-"Mormon" adventurers, who desire to ride over the will and votes of the great majority of the people in Utah. They first whine about being "practically disfranchised," and then turn round and threaten and bluster, as though the whole army of the United States was at their command, to enforce what they please to call their "rights." No election law that could be enacted would please them, unless it empowered the small minority to rule and legislate instead of the large majority.

These persons all told would not make up a twentieth part of the population, for it is safe to say that at least one half of the non-"Mormon" element despises their mingled nonsense and malignity, as much as the "Mormons" do. Yet this little knot of plotters want to lay the

fault of their impotence in local affairs, not to their lack of comparative numbers, but to some imaginary despotism in local management.

Is it not funny, as well as singular, that a very few individuals compared with the bulk of the people, should even feel aggrieved—to say nothing of appealing to the country and to political parties and to Congress for relief—because they cannot regulate and control the majority and handle their finances? Yet this is all their grievance, simply told. It is nothing more. For their reflection we have clipped the following paragraph from the New York Herald, which goes straight to the mark and illustrates the subject clearly. We commend it to their careful consideration:

"It is the very principle of government by legal majorities that the votes of a minority are no more account than if the citizens casting them had stayed away from the polls. When a party is outvoted, it consents to have all its ballots treated as a nullity from the moment that they are counted, recorded and found to be less than they needed. Republican government cannot be successfully conducted on any other principle."

GARFIELD AND HIS RECORD.

As soon as the news of Garfield's nomination was confirmed his political record was made the subject of close scrutiny, and Democratic journals commenced to charge him with corruption. The chief accusations against him are his connection with the Credit Mobilier infamy, and with the De Golyer contract swindle.

It is claimed that notwithstanding his positive and specific denial of receiving any Credit Mobilier stock or dividends, Oakes Ames testified, and produced documentary evidence in proof, that Garfield had really received stock, and claimed and obtained dividends upon it. It is further claimed that Garfield took a straight bribe of \$5,000 for his influence in the De Golyer paving contract and the immense appropriations out of which Boss Shepherd is said to have made so large a haul.

If these statements are true, they will greatly damage Garfield's canvass, as they ought to do, for a jobbing, bribe-taking President is not what the people want, no matter how well he might suit politicians of his own kidney. If they are false, as we hope they are, they are of too important a character, and are uttered with too much force and assurance to be ignored. A plain, straightforward publication of the facts, or a suit or prosecution for libel against the chief source of the slanders, would be in order as soon as possible.

Garfield seems to suit most of the prominent men of his party, and not a few Democrats have words of praise to say in his favor. But if there is truth in these charges, or they are not refuted by something stronger than a general denial, they will prove potent weapons in the hands of his political opponents, particularly if the Cincinnati convention selects a champion of the Democratic cause whose record is above reproach.

General Garfield is claimed as a church member by the Baptists. He is generally understood to be one of the "Brethren," sometimes called "Campbellites," who believe in "baptism for the remission of sins," but not in the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

There is one thing that recommends this candidate to thinking people, and would have considerable influence here if Utah had any voice in the election, and that is, he did not work for nor seek his own nomination. If there is one thing more than another that the people of Utah despise, it is a politician who hunts for office and lays schemes and pulls wires to secure his own nomination for any position, great or small, in the gift of the people. The "Mormons" believe in the doctrine that "the office should seek the man and not the man the office."

RUSSIAN INTOLERANCE.

RUSSIA, which pretended to be the champion of Christianity against Moslem intolerance, is probably the

most intolerant of all the European Powers. Its barbaric treatment of the Jews is fresh in the public mind, and now come tidings of fresh acts of intolerance in another direction. General Pashkoff has been banished from the dominions of the "Christian" Czar.

General Pashkoff is the leader of a body of religious worshippers popularly called Pashkovites, but who are really a branch of the Evangelical Christian Association whose headquarters are in England. The General received his religious views from Lord Radstock, who labored in the cause at St. Petersburg and succeeded in creating considerable interest in the minds of many influential Russians. After Lord Radstock's return to England, Bible reading meetings were held regularly at the residence of General Pashkoff, and the movement spread until there were meetings held in fifteen different places in the Russian capital. This was more than the Holy Synod could stand, and so pressure was brought to bear which resulted in an order for General Pashkoff to leave is native land for ever, his only offence being heterodoxy.

This is the way that the champion of Christian freedom in Turkey stands up for religious liberty in its own domain. Such a course is in direct conflict with the spirit of the times, and we look for mighty changes at no distant date in the despotism that terrorizes so many millions in Northern Europe.

CONTINUED PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

WE are pleased to make frequent mention of the progress of the work of God in various parts of the earth. Letters from our missionaries in the States appear from time to time in the NEWS, and from the *Millennial Star* we often publish extracts from the correspondence of Elders laboring in Europe.

From the *Star* of May 31 we learn that in the Glasgow Conference large and interesting meetings have been held, and recently, Elder Hugh Findlay assisted Elder Jack in baptizing nine persons, four of whom were to emigrate with the next company, and two other baptisms were arranged for. Elder Henry Rampton reported increased interest in the Nottingham Conference and ten baptisms on May 22d. Elder E. E. Brain wrote of three baptisms at Devonport, Bristol Conference, with four or five others prepared at the same town, with several more in scattered places. Elder John Alexander baptized four persons at Worcester, May 13th, and with Elder Thomas Maycock, organized a branch there of sixteen persons. Elder Newton Farr wrote of encouraging prospects and one baptism at Atherton, Manchester Conference. Elders Nicholson, Cope, Martineau, Andrews and others, have been holding open air meetings in Waverley Park, Liverpool, which were largely attended. Some violent opposition was aroused, but the police protected the brethren.

The clergy at Manheim, Germany, unable to controvert the doctrines preached by our Elders, have invoked the aid of the law, and the police have interdicted the preaching of the gospel in that place. The decision is appealable to the "Gross-hertzlicher Ministerium."

In Iceland three persons were baptized at Reykjavik, in April, and excitement was the consequence, resulting in the arrest of the Elders and their acquittal twice. But finally they were condemned to pay a fine of 100 Danish crowns each. They appealed their case to the Superior Court.

The *Star* announces the arrival of another batch of missionaries, and the following releases and appointments:

"The following elders are released to return home:—

With the company sailing June 5th:

Evan Wride, from being President of the Welsh Conference, his release being made necessary on account of sickness in his family.

With the company sailing July 10th:

Hugh Findlay, from being president of the Glasgow Conference.

Henry Rampton, from being traveling elder in the Nottingham Conference.

Wm. Barnes, from being traveling elder in the Manchester Conference.

David C. Dunbar, heretofore president of the Nottingham Conference, is appointed to preside over the Glasgow Conference.

Gscar F. Hunter, heretofore president of the Norwich Conference, is appointed to preside over the Nottingham Conference.

Joseph R. Mathews, heretofore traveling elder in the Welsh Conference, is appointed to preside over that conference.

George S. Grant, heretofore traveling elder in the London Conference, is appointed to preside over the Norwich Conference.

Charles W. Stayner is appointed a traveling elder in the Nottingham Conference, to labor under the direction of Elder David C. Dunbar.

James Low is appointed a traveling elder in the Glasgow Conference, to labor under the direction of Elder H. Findlay.

Robert Irvine is appointed a traveling elder in the Dundee Conference, to labor under the direction of Elder A. Ferguson.

Hugh Watson, heretofore traveling elder in the Glasgow Conference, to labor in the Manchester Conference, under the direction of Elder J. Rider.

Mark Beazer, heretofore appointed to labor in the Glasgow Conference, is appointed a traveling elder in the Bristol Conference, to labor under the direction of Elder E. E. Brain, the change being in consequence of his finding relatives and a good prospect for an opening for the gospel in the latter district.

BOGUS DIPLOMAS.

THE news will be received with general satisfaction, that the chief manager of the Philadelphia medical institution, which has been for years issuing bogus diplomas at \$25 apiece, has at last come to grief. The name of this notorious person is John Buchanan, and he has figured as "Dean of the American University of Philadelphia," "Dean of the Eclectic Medical College of Pennsylvania," "President of the National Medical Eclectic Association," and, under the alias of James Murray, D.D., as "Dean of the Livingston University of America."

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of diplomas have been sold to persons who had no more right to such a certificate of learning and skill than an ignorant school boy. For \$25, any one could set up for a physician, with the supposed essential sealed and certified parchment, or for a D. D. or an L.L.D. at pleasure. This has been known to the Philadelphia authorities for years, but as one, if not more of these medical colleges were regularly chartered, it was found difficult to suppress them. Quite recently the Philadelphia News made an expose of some other and more criminal transactions of this bogus "Dean's" and a trap was laid which caught him.

Mr. John Norris, city editor of the Philadelphia Record, was the prime mover in the scheme to ensnare the swindler. In collusion with special P. O. Agent Chas. Barrett, he opened a correspondence with "Dr. Murray" and "Dr. Buchanan"—the same person however—and under the name of "Dr. Fauning, of Tippecanoe City, Ohio, he obtained by Express, C. O. D., diplomas for M. D., one in English and the other in Latin, duly signed and sealed by Dr. Buchanan and the faculty of the Medical college and American University; and through the mails diplomas for himself for D. D. and L.L.D., and for his brother for D. D. Ph. D. Money was sent for the latter in a registered letter for which the "Dr." receipted, and he was arrested while receiving it. Subsequently three others of the rogues—Doctors Spriggins, Forbes and Polk, "members of the faculty"—were also arrested. Buchanan had a hearing on the 10th inst., before a United States Commissioner, and was held in \$10,000 for trial next August. As he could not produce bail for more than \$5,000, he was sent to jail.

Search through his house disclosed stacks of diploma forms ready for filling out, and printing apparatus and parchment to produce them, also numbers of letters on the subject of negotiations for the sheepskins. It is estimated that the sales of these cheats amount to at least three thousand, and that they have been sent as far as Germany.

It is to be hoped that the rascals will not escape through any legal technicality, but that the efforts of the Philadelphians to purge their city of the shame of these bogus colleges will be crowned with full success.

TWO FINE POEMS.

Two poems in a neat sixteen page pamphlet have just been published at the DESERET NEWS Office. They are from the fruitful pen of Bishop O. F. Whitney. The first is on the "Women of the Everlasting Covenant," and is dedicated to Mrs. Helen M. Whitney, and other true-hearted ladies of the Church who have laid their all upon the altar of religious devotion. It is a poem of considerable merit and breathes the true spirit of poetry and of Gospel truth. It will be appreciated by those in whose praise it was written. The other, is entitled "The Land of Shenehah," and is already known to some of our readers. In our opinion it excels the first as a literary production and proves the author's inspiration by the sacred muse. The object of printing not being to speculate, the price of the pamphlet is placed at 15 cents per copy, two for 25 cents. They will be for sale next week, at the office of the *Woman's Exponent*. We commend it to all who admire poetry composed in the interest of true principle.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 18.

For the South.—Dr. Jno. R. Park started for Provo this morning. He will be joined there by Professor M. H. Hardy, when they will set out on their trip through Southern Utah on educational business. They expect to return about the middle of August.

Held in Bonds.—The two colored boys, H. S. and Samuel Dorsey, arrested on suspicion of burglary, and examined on that charge yesterday afternoon, were, at the conclusion of the hearing, each bound over in \$500 to await the action of the Grand Jury. The stolen jewelry found in their possession was identified by the various owners, and there was no room left for a doubt that they were guilty of the robberies of which they were accused.

Relief Society Conference.—Yesterday the quarterly Conference of the relief societies of Weber Stake convened in the Ogden Tabernacle. There was a very large attendance. On the stand were Apostle Chas. C. Rich, President D. H. Peery and counselors, Elder D. M. Stuart, and other brethren, and Sisters E. R. Snow and E. B. Wells, of Salt Lake, Sarah S. Richards, President of the relief societies of Summit Stake, and ladies of Weber County. The meeting was presided over by Sister Jane S. Richards. The speakers were Elders Peery, Rich, Stuart, Middleton, McQuarry and Eggleston, Sisters E. R. Snow, E. B. Wells, S. S. Richards and Jane S. Richards. The meetings were very interesting and at the close of the afternoon the congregation arose and sang, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," with grand effect.

To-day the conference of the Young Ladies was held.

The Ladies' Conference.—The quarterly conference of the sisters of this Stake commenced at 10 o'clock this morning, in the Assembly Hall, Sister M. I. Horne presiding. Singing, "Awake my Slumberin Minstrel." Prayer by Sister E. Taylor. Singing, "Come, O, thou King of Kings." The most of the time in the forenoon was occupied by the reading of reports. The president remarked upon the desirability of these being made out accurately, so that a faithful record could be kept of the proceedings and progress of the various societies. If the secretaries could not prepare their reports perfectly, they should get some of the brethren, with more experience in such matters, to assist them. The Prophet Joseph once said, that he wanted the sisters to become business women, and one of the most important features of business transactions was accuracy in statements.

Sister E. R. Snow spoke of her recent visit to Brigham City, and of the interesting time experienced at the sister's meetings there. The young ladies of Box Elder Stake not only spoke on practical matters, but were fast putting them into