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## A POLITICAL POINT SETTLED.

Our Democratic friends got together on Saturday evening in primary convention in each of the five municipal wards. The proceedings entire will be found in their proper place in our news columns, to which those interested are referred. One thing, however, it might be advisable to notice, as it raised and perhaps settled a point concerning which there has been some little controversy.

In the Second ward (or precinct) the question was raised as to whether or not those who had previously participated in the Independent or Citizens' primaries were debarred from participation in the Democratic primary. A motion was made that all who had heretofore acted with the Democracy and those who intended to act with it be entitled to participate, and this created a lively debate, a few holding stubbornly to the position that Democrats forfeited their political birthright by training with any other squad. One of the speeches in opposition to this view was quite lengthy and set out the whole situation. It showed that the previous meeting was not strictly political in character but rather in the nature of a business gathering in which all political elements joined for the purpose of cleansing the municipal Augean stables; it being, in brief, a union of the conditions presumed to be good in our midst against those known to be bad. No man's political standing was thereby impaired and each could pursue his preferred ideals the same as before. The vote showed only three dissenters to the proposition, so it may be regarded as settled that way.

## UNUSUALLY BAREFACED, THAT'S ALL

Save for the fact that the following appeared in the *Tribune*, it would scarcely be worth while to notice it. The miserable devices of those who try to make money or notoriety out of an old-time curiosity regarding the Mormons, have been exposed so often that there is no longer either satisfaction or novelty in mentioning them. The base deception here alluded to is no worse nor any less ingenious than hundreds of others with which all Utah readers are familiar; but, as stated above, there is something unique in its exposure through the columns of the Salt Lake *Tribune*. With this much of explanation and apology, we quote from the Ogden items of that paper of Sunday, September 14th:

Some few months ago the Rev. J. L. Brandt, pastor of the Christian church of Ogden, started east on a lecturing tour, the proceeds to go towards building a church for that denomination in Ogden. Brandt was something of a sensationalist as far as his ability would permit, and the

following story sounds natural enough, being vouched for by two Ogden ladies.

Brandt delivered lectures on Utah and her people, and illustrated his remarks with stereopticon views. It seems that Brandt advertised to deliver a lecture in a small Kansas town, where the two ladies referred to were visiting friends. They knew the Rev. Brandt and concluded to attend the lecture. Accordingly they went, arriving a little late. The hall was darkened, it being a stereopticon performance, and hence Brandt did not see the ladies.

The lecture proceeded smoothly. Soon the performer reached that part of his discourse treating of Mormonism. He spoke of the down-trodden condition of the women of Utah, and said that he would next show the picture of a fourth wife of a Mormon bishop—a most estimable lady, but one who had suffered much, and whose sole thought for years has been to secure her freedom from the terrible bondage she endured. What was the surprise of the Ogden ladies when the reverend performer showed upon the canvas the picture of his own wife! After the performance, when the lights were turned on in the hall, the ladies spoke to Brandt, who, seeing that he had been caught, made his escape with great haste.

The ladies who tell the story are of high standing in Ogden, and they give the above as the facts.

## A SACRED CHOLERA WELL.

Attention was called some time ago by the NEWS to the fact that the yearly pilgrimages of Mohammedans to Mecca undoubtedly have something to do with the periodically appearing cholera epidemics in Europe, and that precautions might be taken in the very center of Mohammedanism to prevent it from being a hotbed of disease. One of the duties of the devotees is to drink the water of the well Zemzem, supposed to be the identical spring from which Hagar quenched her thirst. The pilgrims ascribe to the contents of this well many peculiar virtues and regard it much as the Catholics do certain holy places in Palestine. Travelers describe the water as having a bad taste and being cathartic in its effects. Mr. E. Frankland, writing to the *London Times*, says he has recently analyzed it, and that the sample of water that came to him through the India office was full of dead microbes and contained, in an equal volume, considerably more animal matter than is found in average London sewage. In addition, it afforded evidence of previous pollution with an amount of such matter at least six times as great as that contained in an equal volume of average London sewage. The water has been again, quite recently, analyzed by Colonel Bonkowski Bey, consulting chemist to his majesty the sultan of Turkey. His results confirm Mr. Frankland's analysis. They show that the water is still abominably polluted by excrementitious matters. The surroundings of this well are such as as would be likely to impart to the water these dangerous ingredients. Mecca appears to have no sewerage system; all foul matters being hurled in the earth within or near the city. Hence the foulness of the water percolating into the well through this mass of corruption. Colonel Bonkowski Bey is one authority that Mecca is

supplied with water of excellent quality; but, of course, the pilgrims are bound to drink at the holy well. Tens of thousands of pilgrims continue to die of cholera at Mecca and to spread the disease elsewhere; but, so far as is known, no measures have been taken to prevent pollution, and Mecca continues to be a cholera center.

## THE WORK OF THE LAWLESS.

As decaying animal and vegetable substances breed the lower forms of organic life, so do social conditions representing neglect or depression engender crime and cruelty among those who are in the nether levels. Anarchy is a natural outgrowth of enforced poverty, communism of aristocracy, socialism of unjust discrimination and nihilism of tyranny, in all of which cases we find the actors those who are beneath and the intended victims the ones who are above or who control. These elements always exist wherever there is civilization and no doubt always have existed; but as a rule those who prefer the sway of law and the guiding hand of order even at the price of some penury and more domineering have been in the majority and kept their more boisterous and troublesome neighbors in subjection—that is, in times of peace; for war is but an outbreak between nations or parts of nations in which all the elements of disorder above set out figure as a national rather than an individual or a purely local source of discord.

The desperation of some of those who compose the organizations named has been exhibited on numerous occasions; knowing that their own lives would pay the penalty, and that too in a most summary if not cruel manner, they have not suffered themselves to be deterred from their purpose. Being delegated to murder, openly and defiantly, it is done or at least attempted. A most startling performance was that of yesterday at Barcelona, Spain, where an anarchist threw two bombs at General Campos while reviewing a military parade. The design was to slay him, but the attempts resulted only in severely wounding him, while the horse on which he rode and a bystander were killed outright and several bystanders were more or less injured. No doubt the desperate wretch is slain, and properly so, by this time; but this will not discourage or even abash for so much as an instant those who remain. On the contrary, they will canonize him—so far as believers in nothing but this life and the things thereof may canonize any one—as a martyr and go on with their plotting and bomb-making the same as though nothing unusual had happened.

We are further advised that two of New York's wealthiest citizens have received warnings from the anarchists that their residences are to be destroyed with dynamite, one of them having this anonymous announcement supplemented with another posted on the front entrance to his house. This is audacious enough, but does not, we think, preface as much of real danger as the perpetrators would have the others believe. We observe that the real disasters at the hands of