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AN IMPORTANT INTERVIEW.

WE REPRINT from the Salt Lake *Times* the report of an interview with Presidents Wilford Woodruff and George Q. Cannon in relation to the questions of the hour. It makes good reading. The reasons for seeking the interview are given, and it appears the questions were formulated by the *Times* people and replied to by the gentlemen named.

We believe their unreserved and straightforward statements will have the effect of satisfying persons who are undecided as to the political attitude of the leaders of the "Mormon" Church. Although there has not been the slightest evidence that they either controlled or claimed the right to control the people of Utah in the exercise of the voting power, yet the charge that they did so has been reiterated so much that it has been taken by many as an undisputed fact. Students of the "Mormon" faith will find nothing in its accepted standards to warrant this idea. And the perfect freedom of the people to vote for whom they pleased has been evident to all who see with their own eyes without the colored spectacles of "Liberal" distortion.

True "Mormonism" is a perfect law of liberty. By that we do not mean lawlessness. The freedom of all is impossible without some individual restraint. And it is the "common consent" which is recognized in "Mormonism" as the regulating power. The Presidency of the Church do not assume to exercise any authority by way of compulsion. Neither do they presume to tell any man how or for whom he shall vote, or with which party he shall affiliate. If they did, their dictation would not be "Mormonism," which in its spirit and letter is utterly opposed to the bondage of humanity.

Of course the declarations of Presidents Woodruff and Cannon will not be satisfactory to the "Liberal" faction, for they sweep away the refuge of lies which its organ has relied upon as a covert for its assaults upon the movement for the political emancipation of

Utah. But the rational and just of all parties and creeds will weigh well the plain and important utterances of the "Mormon" leaders, and much prejudice and misapprehension will be thereby removed.

The *Times* has shown commendable enterprise and fairness in obtaining and publishing this important interview.

OF GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE.

THE action taken by the Democratic Central Committee on Saturday is undoubtedly of great political importance. By a majority of fourteen to five the committee declared its acceptance of the disbandment of the People's party in good faith, extended a cordial welcome to the former members of that party, and outlined a work without bitterness and strife, for the future prosperity and happiness of the Territory.

This means a great deal for Utah. It shows that the preponderance of sentiment, among the Democrats at least, is against the continuance of that foe to Utah's progress, which is misnamed "Liberalism." The committee is composed entirely of non-"Mormons," so it cannot be asserted with any appearance of truth that this "a Mormon movement." However, it is not improbable that it will be so described by the "Liberal" organ, which sticks at nothing in its rage and is equally inconsistent and untruthful.

The Democratic movement in Utah is being pushed with a great deal of vigor. The Republican campaign has so far been somewhat hampered by the adherence of a few of its alleged representatives to the "Liberal" faction. However, the convention at Ogden will no doubt remove such obstacles of that kind as have stood in the way, and a union of effort will be effected among the real Republicans of the Territory.

Both parties will soon be in such compact shape and official status as to command formal recognition from the national committees and the support of the respective parties throughout the country. This will sound the death knell of "Liberalism," and proclaim a new era for Utah, the beginning of its permanent prosperity, the opening of the way to that true and complete liberty which American citizens should enjoy in every part of this glorious land.

The battle of Keneshaw mountain is one of the events in Sherman's march through Georgia. It took place on this date, June 27, 1864. Union loss, 3,000, Confederate loss 600.

CLOSE AT HAND.

On the second Monday in July an election is to be held in this city for one school trustee from each municipal ward. There has been a vacancy in one office that has been filled by appointment, which holds good only until the regular election. Therefore six places in the Board of Education have to be filled at the election in July. Is it not time that some preparations were made and some thought exercised as to proper candidates? We do not think this is an occasion for party politics to cut a prominent figure. The best men for the place should be selected who will work for the interests of education regardless of religion or party. But it is time that something were done toward the selection of candidates, and each municipal ward ought to bring forward its most suitable man as its nominee.

SAMPLE OF LIBERALISM.

THE last issue of the Park City *Record* expresses its opinion of the new political division as follows:

"The present move is so very transparent to thinking men that they are amazed and dumbfounded to see men who have always claimed to be staunch Liberals joining issues with the movement. The fact that there is no agitation in any part of the Territory except where Liberals hold forth in numbers is conclusive proof that the sole object is to divide the Liberal ranks and secure statehood, when the old Mormon hosts will rally around the old standard, bury Americanism out of sight, and return to the old rule of God's kingdom on earth, when the Mormon priesthood will dictate all things."

This is a lamentable case of either pig-headed ignorance or brazen-faced mendacity. If it is ignorance it is without excuse, and if an intentional prevarication it is the climax of stupidity. The *Record* endeavors to be as near an echo as possible of the chief Liberal organ in this city, yet the prattling thing does not seem to possess the ambition to read that organ closely enough to keep in sight of its meandering policy, and so we have the big organ publishing official notices of the disbanding of the People's party all over the Territory, while the little organ is giving as a basis for its cry of "Mormon deception," "the fact that there is no agitation in any part of the Territory except where 'Liberals' hold forth in numbers."

The big organ reports a meeting in Logan at which Judge Henderson made a rousing speech after which a motion was put and carried that the People's party in Cache county be "dissolved by acclamation."

We have never yet heard the statement that in Cache county the "Liber-