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THE POLITICS OF THE "SOLT."

Whatever may be thought of the wisdom of the course pursued by the western silver members in withdrawing from their party's convention at St. Louis—and we believe that we are prepared to give a unanswerable proof—the fact is indisputable that at one jump they have mounted into a prominence before the public eye in the nation at large scarcely second to that of McKinley himself—and that of itself is something that many a man would give his years of life for. Further more, their gallantry and earnestness extort admiration from even their most bitter opponents. Everybody likes courage, particularly the moral sort, which is shown to adherence to that which is believed to be right regardless of the jeers and taunts and threats of the opposition. Men who display the sort of heroism which the St. Louis bolters have done—barring their bridges, or to speak, so far as the party in the nation and the next administration are concerned—deserve and ought to receive a sympathetic and enthusiastic welcome from their people at home, to whose behalf the fight was made. We apprehend that while some may question their judgment, all will approve their devotion to principle and their welcome awaits them on their return.

Looking at the situation from the standpoint of local politics, we repeat that if anything can retain Utah in the Republican column—assuming that the Democrats at Chicago will name a silver candidate on a silver platform—it is the action of the three silver delegates from this Territory. Nothing but that can make that money question is with them an issue important than any other principle of the party, and could be ignored without grave misgivings as to party success. There will be no ignoring that in this view they are correct. For their own part they never larthed that they will not allow the great issue to be ignored; and while they exerted consistently battle under a banner and a leader that directly relegated a question which with them is most vital, they can still fight for and maintain the identical principles of the party on which all are agreed, and at the same time win friends for the issue in controversy which their party friends elsewhere have no hope for. The Republicans of Utah, almost to a man, would rather fight for silver than against it. Comparatively few could be persuaded again to do the latter. Yet were for the action of those three delegates the latter would be the only alternative, unless they gave up the fight altogether. Now they can work in Republicanism with silver as a part of the platform. Except for what they could not have wanted for Republicanism—namely, what they wanted for the destruction of silver.

We say it, however, that so far as local conditions go, there was good politics in the course that was taken. It may be, too, that in McKinley—probably it will, if the Democrats put no silver man on the ticket—there, that strong personal wind which otherwise have blown against the leader of the Silver cause in the Republican party at home. So we can now truthfully state that as to local politics the situation takes a mighty, of the favorable kind. At the election for delegates and time and officers for Assembly, Council, Governor, Auditor, Secretary, Treasurer and others, we can now hope for their party friends to be successful in all the positions called for by the Territory. If they fail of success in the assembly and in that case of success in the world, the fault will be theirs. Nothing will have been lost by the action of the three Silver Men from Utah, and there will have been gained a vital issue for the Republican party to make a strong appeal upon.

AN ENEMY'S PRAISE.

Some of our readers will remember the Jesse James episode, which ended in the death of the famous outlaw, who made up the Missouri gang. In life he was the very pattern of a desperado, and having his name or picture hanging in any saloon was a sure passport to the good graces of the lawless and reckless characters who formed the clientele of such places. But his death was the signal for a change of sentiment in the matter, and the man who was applauded in life was execrated in death. Even the detectives who had hunted him down were not spared the lash of the press, and they were denounced in the most bitter terms for taking the life of a man who was a public nuisance and a menace to the peace of the community.

Now a parallel case has arisen in this country in the person of Jesse James, with the difference that the man who was known as a chief of desperadoes, who was a terror to the peaceable people in his own locality, who was a public nuisance and a menace to the peace of the community, who was a thief and a murderer, who was a public enemy, who was a man who was hunted down and killed by officers of the law, who was a man who was applauded in life and execrated in death, who was a man