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PEOPLE'S TICKET.

SALT LAKE COUNTY OFFICERS.

For Probate Judge,
ELIAS A. SMITH.

For County Clerk,
JOHN C. CUTLER.

For Selectman, Unexpired Term,
E. M. WEILER.

For Selectman, Full Term,
EZEKIEL HOLMAN.

For Prosecuting Attorney,
ISAAC M. WADDELL.

For Sheriff,
JOHN A. GROESBECK.

For Assessor,
W. S. BURTON.

For Collector,
N. V. JONES.

For Treasurer,
M. E. CUMMINGS.

For Surveyor,
J. D. H. McALLISTER.

For Coroner,
GEO. J. TAYLOR.

For Superintendent of District
Schools:
JOHN MORGAN.

THE OLD FOLKS EXCURSION.

At half-past seven o'clock on Wednesday morning a special train, consisting of eleven cars and a caboose, moved out from the Utah Central Depot, having on board the Old Folks' Excursion party bound for Provo. There were four persons over ninety years of age, fifty-four aged between eighty and ninety, and about four hundred and twenty between seventy and eighty years. The young people under seventy were not counted, although there were many who were just below the age line marked with the red ribbon.

At various points on the way there were additions to the company, seats being found for all comers, and more might have been accommodated if it had been known that the railroad company was able to furnish so many cars.

The morning was bright and beautiful, and a pleasant breeze meeting the moving train removed unpleasantness from the heat. The old folks were gay and chatty, and the re-union of separated acquaintances and familiar friends was very gratifying. Old times were talked over, sentiments of gratitude for the preservation of life, the possession of health and comforts and the providences of the Almighty were freely expressed, and striking reminiscences of past history were related. Brother Wm. H. Foster and his choir treated the company to excellent singing in every car, and the committee were early astir with cakes and crackers, candy and lemonade—a most excellent drink, no kin to the circus article, but the genuine beverage, and everything possible was done to make the trip agreeable.

The train was met on the way by Brother Albert Jones, of Provo, with word that Mrs. Scott's grove, tendered for the use of the party, was rendered ungitable by falling cotton from the trees, and that arrangements had been hurriedly made to conduct the company to

Father Daniel Graves' grove, teams being ready for their conveyance. On arrival at Provo, President A. O. Smoot was ready with a number of active Provo men, the Provo Silver Band, and lots of teams; and the aged people were carefully lifted into the wagons and carriages, Brother Nels Empey of the Committee doing a Sampson's work in this direction. The trip to the grove was of course somewhat dusty, but an ample picnic was ready, tables were spread under the trees, and the party was regaled with an abundance of provisions, being waited upon by the ladies of Provo in their usual style of elegant hospitality. We are pleased to say that Ma Smoot was able to be out in a carriage and was seen and spoken to by a number of the company, which was very gratifying.

As soon as the picnic was over the party gathered around a stand improvised for the occasion, on which were seated President Wilford Woodruff, Bishop Edward Hunter, the oldest persons present, members of the Committee, etc., and the exercises were opened with prayer by Elder David John, of the Utah Stake Presidency. Elder Andrew Jensen made a brief speech in the Danish language, explaining the nature and object of the gathering to the Scandinavians present. He was followed by Prest. W. Woodruff in a spirited and cheering address. Bishop Edward Hunter was the next speaker. His remarks were in his usual happy vein on such occasions, and he pronounced a deserved eulogy upon Brothers Savage and Goddard and other members of the Committee.

Those present over 90 years old were brought forward. Father W. Wilding 99, who will be 100 years of age if he lives until November 11th, Wm. Hines 98, Mary Bishop 95, Elizabeth Thomas 91, Bishop Edward Hunter 90 years and one month; the Bishop was presented with a silver mounted pickle-caster, the others with suitable presents and \$2 each in cash.

Nr. T. A. Lyne, the veteran actor, then made a few remarks, and recited in his well known vigorous and artistic style, Shakespeare's "Seven Ages of Man," and, inspired by close proximity to the grand old mountains he also declaimed Tell's famous speech, "Ye crags and peaks I'm with you once again," etc. He was loudly applauded.

The couple who had lived together the longest were called for, and C. Merkley and wife, who had been married nearly fifty-six years—exceeding by a few months Brother and Sister Moss, of the 11th Ward—were given a silver teapot.

An eight-day clock and a present of \$10 were given to Father Daniel Graves for the use of his fine grove, which was considerably trampled by the host of visitors.

A gold breast-pin for the young lady who had waited the longest on a sick mother, was awarded to Hannah Leonard, (recently Goddard) who had waited assiduously on her invalid parent for over twenty years. The oldest person present from Pleasant Grove—Christian Petersen, 85, received an eight-day clock. An arm chair each was given to Roger Farrow, 88, Elizabeth Vincent, 90, and Esther Dugdale, 84, all of Provo. Prizes were given to working old ladies—Elizabeth Garlick, 84, and Hannah Ringwood, 20th Ward; also to the oldest man present who never grumbled when his dinner wasn't ready—Bishop Wm. Fawcett, of Second Ward, Provo, and to Jeanette Lewis, an aged widow gaining her own living.

Old ladies now over 70 years who had pulled a handcart over the plains were called for, and presented with suitable gifts, viz: Christina Anderson, Mrs. Rogers, Catherine Wilson, Margaret Parrish, Bettie Low, Mary Jones and Ann Loder, the three last named being over 80 years of age. James Albion, Jonathan Wostenholme and B. J. Beers were each given a prize, being over 70 and having drawn a handcart over the plains.

Five gentlemen over 80 years were called for that the ladies might vote who was the handsomest. John B. Lewis, of the 20th Ward, received the prize. Jas. Burgen received the fewest votes and was rewarded with a double prize.

Six ladies over 80 years were voted on for the handsomest, but as this was a delicate matter they were all treated to a suitable present.

The oldest man present who was in Zion's Camp, Thomas Colborn aged close on 82, received a prize, also Thomas Hawk, who was older but did not appear when called.

Rasmus Petersen, of Pleasant Grove, aged 75, who came in the first Scandinavian Company; John Gray, of the 9th Ward, over 80, the Scotchman present who had been the longest time in the country; Solomona Nui, the oldest Kanaka, 85; each received a present.

Then a number of aged Provo people were given presents for various reasons, chiefly for good works and faithfulness; among them were Mrs. Duke, Peter Holsen, Sarah Ann Scott, Jane Garner, Mary Williams, Laura Holden, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Tiffany, Mrs. Barrett, and Ann Allen. A blind man, Wm. Jenkins, of the 16th Ward, a blind woman—Mrs. Lisonbee, 85 years old, Elizabeth Woodruff, aged 85, of Farmers' Ward, and Talma Miner, each received a present. A box of hats for Sunday school children was given to Mrs. Rhua Holden, of the Provo Relief Society. Shoes, shawls, dress patterns, and delicacies of various kinds were lavishly distributed and gladly received as mementoes of the occasion. Brother C. R. Savage enlivened the distribution with jokes and witticisms which were received with roars of merriment.

In consequence of the short time to be spent in the grove, some of the amusements intended had to be relinquished. The Provo Silver Band and the Second Ward (Provo) Martial Band enlivened the affair with music, Father Theo. Colborn, nearly 82, danced a hornpipe, and the teams then took the folks back to the depot, where all were put safely on the train, which started at 5.15 for Salt Lake.

On the way Foster's choir sang, refreshments were distributed, everybody was cheerful, few complained of fatigue, and Salt Lake was reached a little before 8 o'clock. The country looked lovely on the way, and the air was fragrant with perfume from the clover blossoms and fresh cut hay.

The people of Provo and Father Graves in particular are deserving of great praise for their labors and kind treatment of the party. Brothers C. R. Savage and Geo. Goddard were as usual full of life, jocularity and encouragement; Brothers Binder, Empey, Eddington, W. Naylor, Kirkman and Jousou were attentive, active, kind and careful, and that no accident of any kind occurred is due, under the blessing of heaven, to their watchfulness and wise management. Bishop Hunter with his Counselors heartily enjoyed the trip, and were ready with kind words and good advice to all. The only regret was that the stay in Provo had to be so short, and that all of the aged participants had not comfortable vehicles in which to reach their homes. It was a very agreeable trip and the old folks enjoyed it immensely. They will now have the privilege of the local railroads until the 20th inst., at quarter fares. We congratulate the projectors of this annual entertainment on the success which invariably attends their labors of love, and trust that the consciousness of performing a good work will not be their only reward.

IS POLYGAMY THE CAUSE?

NOTHING that has occurred in this Territory for a long time has given so much joy to the small clique of "Mormon"-eaters from whom emanate the sensational stories of Utah depravity that occasionally startle the American public, as the assault and robbery at the Savings Bank in this city on Tuesday. The wild delight of those "Christian" creatures is occasioned by the fact that the offenders are connected with prominent "Mormon" families. It is so rare that an occasion of this kind occurs that they take unrestrained advantage of it. They are intoxicated with exuberant hilarity. They point at the outrage as conclusive evidence of the evil tendencies of polygamy. They claim that the two guilty men are "polygamous offspring," brought up without the influences of home or the care of tender parents, and intimate that robbery and assault and all kinds of crime are the natural outgrowths of polygamous relations and teachings.

People who use their own reasoning faculties will receive these statements and deductions with great doubt, and the wise and fair-minded will reject them as inconsistent and illogical. But there are a great many people who do not exercise personal judgment to any great extent, and therefore it may be well to enough

to offer a few reflections for their benefit.

First, let the facts be understood: On Tuesday afternoon, July 10th, the Assistant Cashier of Zion's Savings Bank, Mr. B. H. Schettler, was struck on the forehead with an iron rod in the hands of David P. Rich, who gathered up all the loose coin he could hurriedly seize and decamped. He was assisted by a companion known as Adolphus Smith. The particulars of the assault and robbery appeared first in this paper. The same night both the robbers were captured, "Smith" in the room of his sweetheart, and Rich in a house of ill repute. Most of the money (not quite \$200) was recovered. Rich is the son of a leading "Mormon," the other is an adopted son of another prominent "Mormon." Neither of them is what is commonly denominated a "polygamous child." Rich's mother is the first wife of his father. "Smith" was born in Switzerland, lost his parents in childhood, and was adopted into a "Mormon" family here. He was a wild boy, left this city and went to California and was not improved by his associations there, which were certainly not polygamous.

But suppose that the facts would bear out the imputation. Supposing that both of these misguided young men were really polygamous sons. Does it follow that their crime is traceable to their birth conditions? If so, by the same rule of reasoning all the crimes committed in monogamous communities is chargeable to monogamy. This is the first case of bank robbery committed by a person of "Mormon" parentage. If polygamy is the root of the evil growth in his heart, what is the source and origin of the tendencies to crime in the "Christian" world? Are the bank robberies and assaults on cashiers in the great cities of the east outgrowths of polygamy? Certainly not. Are they the fruits of monogamy? There is a thousand fold more reason to come to that conclusion than for the deduction drawn in the case of Rich and Smith.

Compare the two conditions. In monogamous communities bank robberies and assaults are so frequent as to be common things. The telegraph brings news of such occurrences among people who scoff at polygamy, almost every day. This case is the first of the kind known to history. And only one of the culprits is really of "Mormon" parentage. The very novelty of the thing has made so much excitement and caused so much comment. Which is the more reasonable, to say that this crime is the direct result of polygamy, or that a wayward child of a polygamous family has been led astray and has copied after the pattern of monogamous society? Neither of these conclusions would probably be arrived at by logical and just persons, but if one of them is essential, is not the latter the more rational of the twain?

A "Mormon" boy has contracted bad habits, and, influenced by drink, has committed a grave crime; therefore polygamy is the cause of bank robbery and drunkenness. Who ever heard such logic before? "Well, but his father is a Mormon Apostle." Just so. And are there no sons of "Christian" clergymen, archbishops, reverends, D. D's and preachers of morality who go to the bad? Are there any religious societies in Christendom, the teachers and representatives of which have no bad sons, no children who will not listen to the advice and follow the leadings of exemplary parents?

Just look for a moment at the legitimate consequence of the infamous reasoning of these "Mormon" eaters. If this crime is the result of polygamy, then all the multifarious crimes of Christendom, which are so numerous, awful and fiendish as to horrify the sensitive soul at their mere mention, are the result of monogamy. It's a poor rule that only works one way.

The attacks and sneers and shameful epithets hurled at the father of the young man now in prison, are characteristic of those who use them, but would not be tolerated anywhere else on the face of this broad earth. An aged gentleman, who has been helpless in body for many months, whose life has been so honest and fair and kindly and above reproach (except on the one question which pretended moralists, but corrupt scoundrels, use as a convenient excuse for their scurrility) that people of all creeds speak of it with respect, is blamed and defamed with fiendish violence because a wild son has disgraced himself! Can anything be more con-

temptible? Is there any lower degree of meanness to which such dogs as have done this can descend?

As a matter of fact, "Mormon" parents are required by their religion to teach their children everything that is recognized as moral, virtuous and religious in the Christian faith. If they do not pursue this course it is contrary to their religion. After-day revelations and disclosures of leading men in the Church with instructions as to the duties of parents in this regard. The absence in strictly "Mormon" families and villages of the crimes so common in Christendom, is evidence that our youth are so instructed that they profit by parental teachings. It is only to be expected some will despise counsel and go into evil ways. And in those cases where the customs and vices of "Gentiles" have been introduced is not remarkable that boys and girls who have been taught better astray and do wickedly. charge this to the parents, and creed that continually inculcates them to the contrary, a very essence of inconsistency and injustice and could only be from an anti-"Mormon" source.

In this particular case, the young man's father has been exercised to lead him in the rectitude. His course has been a result of, not in consequence of, training. This morning we heard from him the annexed communication, which we commend to the usual of just people:

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To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that the only in which I now find myself caused by disobeying the wise and good advice given by my parents. I desire it understood and do solemnly affirm before man and man, that no teaching of a sample of my parents, or of the elders of the Church to which I long, has ever given me cause to do wrong, or to follow the bad example which have blinded me to real times, so that I laid myself out such disgrace as that in which have now fallen. I solemnly other young men to shun the violations which have overcome and am determined as far as I have opportunity in future, not to do better myself and set an example, if God shall give strength, but to do all I awaken the same feeling of tion in others of my acquaintance. I again repeat that none but the of teaching and example have been given me by my parents, and who had a right to mark in life.

The truth of the foregoing is to many. The contrary is none. Those who publish against the parental influence of young man's home, their cowardly slanders, and exhibit themselves in the character; there are no decent dictionary which justice to their degraded and able politronery. And the logic rebounds upon them. The glee that "they make cause one "Mormon" has committed a crime is so and suggestive of the infrequent occurrences as to show a verse of what they try to and to stamp them as unworthy any respect whatever.

We suggest for the consideration of those who may have been deceived by the abundant malignant suggestions of the principal persons, the fact that anti-"Mormon" monogamous movements of Utah, while forming one-tenth of the population, are about nine-tenths criminals, the denizens of prisons, and that it is a thing for the offspring of one parents to sink down level of crime and infamy are peculiarly the consequence of monogamous civilized society. Inference needs no pointing. The argument which the assailants of our best people make to prove a great deal; it is a boomerang which ought to have sense enough to have them decency enough to discharge.

Ottawa, 14.—A proclamation soon be issued regarding the quarantine of vessels from the Mediterranean coming to Canadian ports. It is rendered necessary on account of the spread of cholera in Egyptian ports.