

Then let our harps no more
Be on the willow hung;
From ev'ry chord let music flow,
And praise from ev'ry tongue.

Our youthful songs proclaim
Henceforth is Israel free;
For Zion's motto and her aim
Is "TRUTH AND LIBERTY."

Which carried our feelings beyond this dull monotony of earthly scenes, and was as a foretaste of the heavenly worlds—such youth and beauty challenged the world for its equal.

Lieut. Col. Willard Snow was then called upon to address the people in behalf of the officers of the Legion, who delivered the following

ADDRESS.

FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS:—

I arise for the purpose of expressing some of the political views, feelings, and sentiments of my fellow officers and soldiers of the Legion, who have honored me as their representative upon this happy occasion. But in attempting to set forth our feelings, I find myself at a loss to find language expressive of the warm sensations of gratitude and joy which fill our bosoms, viewing the present happy condition of this people, contrasted with that which it has hitherto been for the last twenty years, at least. We are not here, my friends, to celebrate the day when Columbus discovered a new world; neither to commemorate the day when our fathers landed upon Plymouth Rock, safe from the storms of the mighty deep, free from the tyrant's rod, or the oppressor's grasp; nor yet the ever memorable Fourth of July; which followed in the course of human events, when our venerated ancestors of Seventy-six, declared themselves free men, without the assent of the English Parliament.

No; my fellow citizens, we have been made to feel that those days have long since passed away.—But we celebrate with thanksgiving, with music, and joy, a new-born day which this present era

has produced us; when, those 140 pioneers of an equally afflicted and oppressed people, led by God out of bondage, merged from yonder cloud-capped mountains, and solitary plains, into this then lonely vale, safe from the dangers of the wilderness, free from the hands of their relentless persecutors, and for once found rest in this beautiful valley, spread out in a carpet of green, where the cooling streams from the mountains, the pure air over their heads, and the free soil at their feet, all bade them welcome to repose under the genial influence of freedom's own native element.

And here let us pause, before spending one more thought on the future, or past, and acknowledge that *divine hand* that has ever led and saved us, as did our fathers who first discovered and settled this choice land, established the Constitution thereof; and redeemed it at the price of so much blood and treasure. The causes which impelled our ancient progenitors, to the important step which held their mother country like the rest of mankind, "enemies in war, in peace friends;" are truths so sacred and so self-evident in themselves, and so clearly set forth in their Declaration of Independence, that the justice of their cause, and the rectitude of their conduct, is now acknowledged, honored, and respected by all free men the world over, and by no people on earth more cordially than we, who can sympathize with them under a long train of similar injuries, received from those who should have been our friends and protectors, without which we never could have been planted in the midst of these mountains, so remote from the land of our nativity, and the graves of our fathers. I shall not, fellow citizens, undertake to-day, to set before you all the causes which have combined to produce our settlement in this Basin; though some of them bear such a striking contrast to the long train of evils endured by our fathers; that I can

not in justice to my feelings, let this opportunity pass without noticing some at least, which have been acted on the stage of the world, in presence of all mankind.

They have taken away, without our consent, our CHARTERS, granted in perpetual succession, and thereby abolished our most valuable, civil, and municipal laws. They have combined with others, to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, unacknowledged by our laws, and given assent to such acts of pretended legislation. They have declared us out of their protection, by waging a war of extermination upon us, and annihilated, or driven us out of the States.—They have plundered our property, ravaged our lands, burned our dwellings, desolated our cities and temples, destroyed the lives of our people, and most treacherously murdered our nearest and dearest friends, with a cruelty and perfidy unparalleled in the annals of history, and totally unworthy the great Washington, his contemporaries, or any republican State.

At every stage of these injuries and oppressions, we have continued in vain to importune for redress, at the feet of our Judges, Governors, President, and Rulers, of the Nation. Our petitions have been neglected, our supplications slighted, our remonstrances disregarded, and we have been spurned from their feet, and told that tho' our cause was just, nothing could be done for us. We have repeated our petitions and supplications, and, in the most humble terms, implored their protection and interposition to save us from further violence and insult, and arrest the tyrannical hand of oppression that constantly wasted our lives, and threatened our final OVERTHROW and EXPULSION.

My friends, they have been deaf to our sufferings and toils.—What was the gracious reception with which our last sympathetic and solemn appeal to the American people, was received in the Legis-