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## ELECTION LESSONS.

Take election yesterday—the first under the new law, developed two points for consideration. One is that a great many people who are endowed with the elective franchise are very indifferent in regard to its duties. And the other is that the certainty of registration does not give certainty of eligibility to vote.

We will notice the second point first. Quite a number of qualified voters, that is, citizens of the United States, either native born, or naturalized, over twenty-one years of age, taxpayers and residents in the Territory six months, and in their respective precincts one month preceding registration, or in the case of females, being the wife, widow or daughter of a citizen, were particular in attending to the requisite formalities of the law concerning registration. They naturally thought that the officers whose duty it was to copy the names of those registered on to the registry lists, would faithfully discharge that duty, and therefore felt no doubt about their right to vote when the proper time should come. But it appears that they resented too much confidence in the care and exactness of some of the deputy assessors. When they went to the polls, yesterday, some who had been thoughtful about registering, learned that their names were not enrolled upon the lists, and therefore could not deposit their ballots.

We have no idea that any registered name was intentionally left off the list. The intentions were, in fact, undoubtedly, that the effect at the polls was the same to registered voters, and the chagrin of those who had really the right to vote but were technically disqualified through official carelessness, was in some instances too deep for words.

Now they were only diligent in part, and therefore partly deserved their rebuff. A copy of the Registry List for each precinct was posted up at the polling places fifteen days before the election. Voters should have examined this list to see if their names were inscribed thereon, and if not, attention could have been called to the omission and the mistake rectified. It is true there is no special provision in the law for such a contingency, the supposition always being that the work required will be properly executed. But we think Section 5 will cover the ground and meet the emergency: "The clerk of the County Court shall deliver to the Assessor the Registry Lists whenever necessary for the revision thereof or adding names thereto, &c." This has special application to the revision and adding of names for a subsequent election, but we believe will apply to the error in question.

Our object in speaking on this matter is to induce care and diligence in the future. There was no opposition in this city yesterday, therefore the consequences of any neglect may not be serious. But another election will take place in November next, when a Delegate to Congress will be voted for, and we hope that the error and carelessness to which we have alluded will not then be repeated.

The other point alluded to involves grave considerations. Indifference is very difficult to overcome. Opposition stirs up energies on either side, and there is an opportunity in the struggle for the right to win. Apathy is deathlike and disgusting. People who are not interested in the exercise of the voting power ought not to be entrusted with it; they are unworthy the privilege and influence it bestows. Every man and woman holding the franchise is responsible to God and the community for the use thereof. And in failing to vote an elector falls in the discharge of a sacred duty. This has particular application to the "Mormon" people, indifference to politics will confirm people in a habit of indolence, and an evil example is often as likely to be followed as a good one. The possible effects of apathy in these matters are pointedly illustrated by a circumstance that occurred in Illinois on the 15th of last month.

An election was then held at Framingham, Fulton County, in that State, for police magistrate. It was a small matter, no opposition was anticipated; and the good, honest people who did not want to trouble themselves about local politics, thought it was too hot to go to the polls. They were caught napping. Every respectable voter trusted to some other respectable voter, and the consequence was they all stayed away from the polls. But the hummers and rogues, who are sometimes wide awake when honest people are asleep, learned the condition of affairs, and rallying their own kind, put up a jail-bird named Thompson Fountain for police magistrate, and actually elected him. The sleepy townsfolk were amazed and indignant when the result was made certain, and are now clamoring to the Governor not to issue a commission to the new magistrate. They have learned a lesson. Can't the old settlers of Utah learn it without being forced to activity by the things they suffer?

We hope that before the November election many who are now asleep, male and female, will have become naturalized; that all who are properly qualified will be sure to have their names on the registry list; and that every lawful elector will be ready to go to the polls and exercise the power bestowed, whether there be any opposition or only a

single candidate, entered upon the field. Vigilance, caution, exactness and union should be prominently exhibited in all that pertains to our political affairs. With these, victory is certain, without them or either of them, we cannot be positive about the issue.

## SOWING DISEASE.

This spread of contagious disease is often remarkable, and the means of their communication frequently beyond the ken of the closest observer. But there is a method of sowing the seeds of suffering and death which is very prevalent, and can be easily stopped. Furthermore, it ought to be stopped, and those who continue it after being told of its consequences will deserve the severest punishment.

Children afflicted with whooping cough and other diseases highly contagious, are taken out for an airing, and the mothers, nurses, or persons in charge, make calls on families where the little ones are carelessly and petted, and kissed by other children, the disease is communicated by contact, or generally by inhaling the breath of the afflicted, and thus a previously healthy and happy home is frequently invaded by the destroyer, and sorrow and mourning take the place of gladness and peace.

It would seem that words of caution on this subject would be unnecessary to people with common reflection. But it is a fact that many individuals appear to act in these important matters as though ordinary sense and judgment had no place within their brains. All persons, young or old, afflicted with any contagious disease should be kept as far as possible from contact with the healthy, and the carelessness of those who, in the manner we have described, carry misery and death into the households of their friends, is little less than criminal and very nearly unpardonable.

## Correspondence.

## DEATH OF JOHN WHITMER.

Testimony to the Book of Mormon.

The following letter contains several items that will prove interesting to the Latter-day Saints. We publish it without knowing anything personally of the incidents related by the writer. The testimony of John Whitmer, however, is prefaced to the Book of Mormon in connection with that of the other witnesses, and remains unimpeached and unimpeachable.

OVID CITY, Idaho, July 31, 1878.

Editors Deseret News:

I received, to-day, a letter from Miss Sarah Whitmer, at Far West, Missouri, in which she informs me about the death of her father, John Whitmer, Esq., one of the eight witnesses to the plates from which the Book of Mormon is translated. She writes:

"I sent myself to a painful task, this morning to inform you of the death of my dear father, who departed this life on the 21st day of this month (July). Father's disease was congestion of the lungs, heart and stomach. He died very easy. I have the great consolation in knowing that he was prepared to meet his God."

"He asked only a few days before his death when I thought you would come. He always felt so very anxious only to see you again."

"I visited Richmond directly after the storm, and it was a sad-looking sight to behold. Uncle David David Whitmer, one of the three witnesses, has about recovered from his injuries, and is out once more on the street."

"I visited this last one of the eight witnesses in April this year, at his fine residence at Far West. On John's farm, located on the fourth section of Far West Temple, and the corner-stone is laid of gray sandstone. A short distance from John Whitmer's residence we discovered the house in which the Prophet Joseph Smith dwelt with his family, and in the adjoining county is the beautiful valley, Adam-ondim-Absalom. John Whitmer received a message a dear father would receive a son, and answered readily all my questions. I said: I am aware that your name is affixed to the testimony in the Book of Mormon, that you saw the plates?"

"He—It is so, and that testimony is true."

"—Did you handle the plates with your hands?"

"He—I did not."

"—Then they were a material substance?"

"He—Yes, as material as anything can be."

"—They were heavy to lift?"

"He—Yes, and as you know gold he was very metal, they were very heavy."

"—How big were the leaves?"

"He—So far as I recollect, 8 by 6 or 7 inches."

"—How thick were the leaves?"

"He—Yes, just so thick that characters could be engraved on both sides."

"—How were the leaves joined together?"

"He—In three rings, each one in the shape of a D with the straight line towards the inside."

"—In what place did you see the plates?"

"He—In Joseph Smith's house; he had them there."

"—Did you see them covered with a cloth?"

"He—No. He handled them uncovered into our hands, and we turned the leaves sufficient to satisfy us."

"—Were you all eight witnesses present at the same time?"

"He—No. At that time Joseph showed the plates to us, we were four persons, present in the room, and at another time he showed them to four persons more."

"John Whitmer was about 77 years of age. He told me that he should not live and see the coming of Christ nor the restoration of Zion in Jackson County, Mo., that Joseph Smith gave him once the following promise:

"Thou shalt live to good old age, and shall walk over the ashes of all thy enemies. Then you shall sleep with your fathers, and meet the Lord, when he cometh in the clouds."

Now, said John Whitmer, I have lived to a good old age, and I have walked over the ashes of all my single ones of all my enemies. We say farewell to one of those who wrote part of the Book of Mormon from the dictation of the Prophet's voice, and one of the eight witnesses. He was firm as a rock in his faith, and when Joseph Smith, living in Platte, sent word to John Whitmer to reaffirm his testimony, he said, and I have nothing to retract."

In regard to joining the Church, he said: "I have a testimony within

me, that testimony I got when I was raised up as a witness—that testimony has never left my heart, it is by me to this day, and I am in the very place where I have taken, according to the Book of Mormon, which is the law that came out from Zion, which center stake is never to be taken away from here, in Jackson County, Mo. He had a firm and most absolute faith in the restoration and triumph of Zion on this continent, and the building of temples in Independence and Far West, Mo.

John Whitmer was in possession of copies from the plates, with the translation below, and showed that we, and also of other valuable records. I shall correspond with Sarah Whitmer, and hope she will be willing, with the permission of David Whitmer, to restore those documents to the Church.

Yours truly,

P. WILHELM FOULSON, M. D.

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EASTERN.

NEW YORK, 6.—Frederick Villmar, hair goods, has gone into bankruptcy; liabilities \$140,000.

Another Arrest. Cove Bennett, whose name has been so conspicuously connected with the Smith murder, in Jersey City, was arrested in that city, yesterday, and lodged in jail.

The "Sun" on the Kearney Demonstration. The Sun's Boston correspondent, describing the workingmen's meeting at Faneuil Hall last night, says: Kearney spoke with freedom and ready use of language, emphasizing his words with force, and sending shots home with effect; his voice clear and distinct, could have been heard in any part of the larger hall. He spoke deliberately and slowly. He walked the stage from end to end as though pacing the deck of a vessel, and when he desired to stress a point, he would throw a stone. His denunciation and vehement utterances seemed to take the Boston laborer by surprise, and the oaths, which occasionally escaped his lips, rarely received approval.

After Kearney had spoken for 20 or 30 minutes, he failed to sustain the enthusiasm that characterized his first appearance. It was evident that the orator realized he was not on the same level as San Francisco, and did not feel the liberty of thought and audacity which he was accustomed when hurling epithets at bondholders and mooned, leprosy Chinese. It is doubtful, from the manner in which Kearney's address was received, whether he will be as successful an agitator among the workingmen of the old Bay State. They laughed at his sharp sayings and occasional dashes of wit, applied his life to the associated press and capitalists, whom he termed "stealing land-grabbers," but showed no signs of being convinced, especially the more intelligent portion, who would have appreciated more an address from Gen. Butler.

An Actor Snatched. CINCINNATI, 6.—In a quarrel, early this morning, Donald, a variety actor, stabbed John Shay, manager of Henck's Opera House, probably fatally.

Kearney and the Associated Press. BOSTON, 6.—Kearney in his harangue, last night, used most of the matter, he willfully misrepresented Press. Reading from the San Francisco Chronicle a dispatch, he attributed it to the Associated Press. No such dispatch was sent from this office. The only dispatch we have sent, besides the simple announcement of his arrival and program for the meeting last night, was the report of an interview between Butler and Kearney, furnished by Kearney's private secretary, and afterwards peddled to the Boston morning papers for \$3 each, by said secretary.

Resolutions Adopted at the Kearney Meeting. The following resolutions were adopted at the Kearney meeting, last night:

Whereas, this republic instituted for the avowed purpose of advancing and conserving the interests of the masses, has been perverted into a plutocracy that employs republican and democratic parties in the perverted work of establishing the ruling monopolies and trusts, and that sap the blood of national industries so that it can be lapped up by the vampire of capital; and

Whereas, all laws enacted, that are not to the direct relief of the producing and laboring class, are a crime against the spirit and prosperity of this republic for which the legislators should be punished with infamy or criminal imprisonment; and

Whereas, infamous, if not criminal, class legislation has been enacted upon the instigation of national political parties until the burden has become a torture to the masses, from which there is no escape except by uniting the masses in interest of the producing and laboring people of all classes in such political action as will give them their rightful control of State and national legislation, privileges of which they have been plundered, and thereby restore this government to the just and lofty purposes for which it was instituted by our patriot fathers; therefore,

Be it resolved, by the citizens of Boston, in Faneuil Hall assembled, that it is in the highest and truest interests of all industrial classes in New England that they extend the hearty, cordial and united support to John D. Kearney, the great and efficient apostle of the laboring classes of California, who comes among them for the noble purpose of uniting them, as he has united their brothers in his own State, in that political action which is necessary to restore this government to the just and human principles for which it was instituted, so that the prosperity of the people may be recalled and firmly established.

Philadelphia, 6.—A terrible storm, passed over the town of Phoenixville, Pa., last night, doing considerable damage. Robert Townsend and Edwin Roberts, of Philadelphia, were struck by lightning. The former was instantly killed, and the latter is not expected to recover.

The village of Canton was also visited by a heavy storm. The reservoir belonging to the Canton Water Co., gave way, doing considerable damage. A large sack and blind factory, belonging to Coon & Brain, was entirely swept away, together with several barns and shops; many dwelling houses were filled with water, the inmates barely escaping with their lives, most of the bridges on Towanda Creek have been swept away.

Western. White Bird and Band. SAN FRANCISCO, 6.—A dispatch from Fort Lapwai says: The Indians, supposed to be White Bird's band, prove only a small party of

15 men and eight women. White Bird and most of his band are still with Sitting Bull.

## FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN. Pigeon Shooting Match. LONDON, 6.—In the great international pigeon shooting match, to-day, between Capt. Bogardus and Admiral Kennedy, Bogardus won by one bird.

Silver 52½ pence per ounce. Consols 94 13/16 @ 95 1/16; Bonds 4 1/2 100; 6 1/2, 100; new 105; Erie, 124, held, 33.

WEST INDIES. Political Progress. HAVANA, 6.—The first political mass meeting in Cuba, was held by the liberal party on Saturday, with the object of formulating a political programme for the November elections, when deputies to the Cortes are to be chosen. The government secretary presided. The meeting adjourned until the 10th, when a vote will be taken on the choice of programme.

FRANCE. An Official Denial. PARIS, 6.—The National officially denies that negotiations are in progress for the annexation of Selo and Rhodes.

ITALY. Mediation Requested. ROME, 6.—The Italian papers state that the Sultan has telegraphed Queen Victoria, requesting her mediation to prevent the Austrians from advancing beyond Banja-Luka.

AUSTRIA. An Ambuscade. VIENNA, 6.—Detailed reports show that the inhabitants of Maglaj, after promising unconditional submission, had barricaded the main street and deliberately prepared an elaborate ambuscade for the returning Hussar.

No Opposition. The Austrian troops entered Mostar, Herzegovina, at six o'clock on Monday evening, without opposition, the inhabitants appearing very friendly.

A Cuban Loan. Several of the newspapers of this city announce that a Cuban loan will be issued during the present month.

Election Gains in Hungary. The opposition have made considerable gains in the elections in Hungary. Emperor Francis Joseph and Arch Duke Rodolph, son of the Emperor will arrive at Toplitz tomorrow on a visit to Emperor Frederick William.

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ELECTION NOTICE. THE property-owners of the 4th School District of Salt Lake County, are requested to meet at the house of Charles E. Miller, for the purpose of electing Trustees, on the 15th of August, at 10 A. M.

CHARLES E. MILLER, LARS JENSEN, W. T. HARRIS.

ENTRANCE NOTICE. I HAVE in my possession: One blue COY, four years old, branded F on left hip.

One blue COY, half face, white tail and under belly, blue brand on left side of neck. On right hip, M on right side of neck. On left hip, R on right side of neck. On right side of neck, white, not claimed, will be August 12th, at one o'clock, at the Entry Found at Main Street.

J. H. HANSEN, Trustee. Main Street, Salt Lake City, Aug. 6, 1878.

ENTRANCE NOTICE. I HAVE in my possession: One bay horse COYT, about 5 years old, star in face, branded G on left hind leg.

Which if not claimed, will be sold on Tuesday, August 13th, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Entry Found at Main Street.

J. H. HANSEN, Trustee. Main Street, Salt Lake City, Aug. 6, 1878.

WANTED. A COOK AND KITCHEN GIRL, TO APPLY TO MRS. W. M. JENNINGS, Salt Lake City, at 6 o'clock of Depot.

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For catalogue or further information relative to the institution, address the president, JOHN E. PARK, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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ESTRAYS. FROM Desert Bakery, Main Street, on Saturday night last, a small MARE, white on face and feet, roached mane and tail out short, branded on left hind leg.

Any information that will lead to find the same will be rewarded for family use, and will not be undersold. Apply at the Deseret News Office. d 181.

WANTED. A FIRST CLASS GARDENER, who understands Spinning and Weaving, competent to take charge of a small factory. Good wages and a year's employment guaranteed if the parties satisfied that the one applying is competent. Apply at the Deseret News Office. d 181.

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