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MEMORIAL SERVICES.

A meeting of the Apostles now in this city was held on Wednesday, August 26, 1864, at 7 p.m., President Joseph F. Smith presiding. It was resolved that Memorial Services be held in the various States of Zion on Sunday, August 24th, at 2 p.m., when the funeral services over the remains of Elder J. C. H. Smith and his son, J. G. Smith, who were martyred for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, at Gander's Farm, Lewis County, Tex., on Sunday, August 10th, 1864.

The Presidents of the various stakes will please take notice and make the necessary arrangements for these services. We recommend that moderation and the patience of the Gospel be observed in all these ceremonies, rendering honor and respect to the slain, and remembering that our mission is not to wreak vengeance on the ungodly, but to preach peace on earth and good will to all men.

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THE ROCK RAILROAD AGAIN.

A MEETING of property owners on Second South street is to be held to-night in the City Hall, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of formulating objections to the proposed railroad along that street. A protest has been entered by a number of citizens against the petition for right of way, but it is believed that many of the objections which have been entertained against the project, will be removed when explanations concerning the proposed road are given to those interested. At the meeting this evening the matter will be discussed in a friendly way, and perhaps some understanding will be reached more friendly to the enter-

prise.

We have expressed the views of the people who objected to the project started at first with a view of bringing rock from the quarries in Red Butte Canon to the Utah Central depot. The various routes proposed were all protested against by the property owners along the line, and their reasons appeared to us to be pertinent. The present application for right of way along Second South street is very different from any of its predecessors. It is now proposed to run a street railroad from the Utah Central and Denver and Rio Grande depots, along Second South as far as Twelfth East Street, to connect with a railroad to run northward and eastward until the rock lands in Red Butte are reached. The road through town is to be operated by horse-power. No steam is to be used for locomotion. Not until the railroad commencing at Twelfth East Street is reached will steam power be brought into requisition. In town, it is to be a regular street railroad, but freight will be hauled as well as passengers. The traffic, however, will be divided, no freight cars attached to, or interfering with the passenger cars.

The chief objections, we understand, to the new project are, the danger of steam traffic, and of running freight cars along the street in question, and the unsightliness and inconvenience of cars standing in the street to be unloaded. But there is to be no steam traffic in town, and no unloading or standing of freight cars between Twelfth East Street and the depots. As to the danger of the running of freight cars along the street, one of the regulations is to be that the speed up to the bench will not exceed two miles an hour, and coming down four miles an hour. No car is to leave the depot until its brake is found to be in perfect order, nor without a braker.

This is an oak beam attached to the rear end of the car by a bolt, the end of the beam dragging on the ground. To this are attached iron prongs which, as the car ascends, level down the gravel which usually rounds up in the center of the track, and in case a car should become uncoupled, by running into the ground and against a tie, it would hold the heaviest car that could be made and thus prevent its rushing down the grade. Another arrangement is a hanging block in front of the car, so that in case of losing control of a loaded car on the down grade by dropping the block the car can be thrown right off the track. Not less than three cars are to be permitted to start from the upper end of the street track, so that if one brake should become disengaged the others could be applied.

Another specialty of this track is to be much heavier rails than those in common use, with a rounded upper surface, and the gravel coming up to them so as to make them nearly level with the ground, vehicles can pass over them without that shock common on the rails in general use. Every crossing is to be planked, and at the principal thoroughfares the whole street is to be planked, so as to make general traffic over the rails comparatively easy.

Among the advantages to the public claimed for the road are these: Rock for building purposes which has cost twelve dollars a ton delivered at eight dollars. Much freight removed from many wagons scattered along the street to cars along its course, running only in the morning and evening. The convenience of trips to the depots in one direction, and to the beach and canon in the other at cheap rates. Five mills per passenger, and five cents per ton freight revenue to the city on all the traffic. The right of the city to have two hundred tons of gravel per day on the road free of cost during the franchise.

Now it is understood that a franchise was agreed upon to be granted by the city to the cable road company, which apparently excited no alarm, but which included this very freight traffic without the precautions of the present project—now the chief cause of complaint. The cable company were to have the right of freight traffic as well as the carrying of passengers. They contemplate drumming as much as eight miles per hour. The cable car is not to be compared with that of the cars now proposed to be run. The cable passengers have to carry fenders or pilots so as to turn aside obstructions, whether of horses or otherwise, that might come in the way of the swiftly gliding cables. But these could not be had on the freight cars. Thus, the public offered no compensation against something really dangerous proposed a short time ago, and agreed upon under certain conditions which have not been fulfilled, and yet seem to be in dread now over a project which has no more (if any) elements of danger than the common street car traffic.

We do not wish to be found hostile to any enterprise that will be for the public good. Nor do we wish to see our friends opposing anything that is

likely to be of benefit to the masses, from a mistaken idea of its nature and objects. We prefer to hope that those who attend the meeting in the City Hall will view the matter on all sides, so that the public enterpriser of a proper character may not be discouraged, that such a venture may not warp sound judgment or stand in the way of the general welfare.

THE RIGHT WAY TO LOOK AT IT.

The New Orleans Star, a paper conducted in the interests of Catholicism, has something to say in relation to the Tennessee tragedy. Without sounding an iota of evidence it denounces "Mormonism" and its adherents as criminal, and that they are the cause of all that is bad in the world. The author of the article, however, does not say that the Memphis Services be held in the various States of Zion on Sunday, August 24th, at 2 p.m., when the funeral services over the remains of Elder J. C. H. Smith and his son, J. G. Smith, who were martyred for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, at Gander's Farm, Lewis County, Tex., on Sunday, August 10th, 1864.

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This journalistic exposure of Catholicism was an unconscious tribute to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when it says: "Anyone who has observed the progress of their sect must be convinced by this time that it contains a germ of vital force capable of rapid development under very adverse circumstances. Its history has been one of steady growth from the most insignificant origin, in spite of popular contempt, suspicion, and formidable repression on its part."

The Star does not attempt to explain how this deviation displayed by its proselyters and the wonderful vitality exhibited by the system in the face of the most formidable impediments are reconcilable with criminality of the members and organization. Crime encourages imbecility and weakness in place of strength, and were the system and its adherents sensual and generally sinful, disruption and decay would be the conspicuous result. As the ancient place it is, if the system were evil it would come to naught, but if of God it is foolish and futile for men to fight against it. Criminality is a chief constituent of dissolution, and intrinsic vice is a source of increasing strength, as in the case of Mormonism."

For one religious body to denounce another as essentially criminal because its views and practice differ from those of its adoption shows an intolerant and consequently unchristian spirit. It would have been more consistent for the Star to state its conviction that the "Mormon" system is erroneous and its adherents mistaken if such be its opinion, but to assert without proof, that they are criminal is both contracted and waspish. It does not even give the Elders credit for sincerity, while at the same time aducing as a proof of their deviation, one of the best evidences of its existence in their hearts.

We assert without fear of successful contradiction that "Mormonism" is the fulness of the Gospel of Christ, with all its powers, principles, gifts and blessings, and that no man or woman who lives in harmony with its teachings can possibly be essentially criminal in conduct or intent. A better, a braver, or a purer people than the Saints, as a whole, do not live on earth so far as we know, notwithstanding that a proportion of them practise the patriarchal form of marriage, which, as understood by them and contemplated by their religious system is spotless in the sight of God and should be in the sight of man. But to the impure nothing is unclean, and the harsh judges of the Saints as a rule look at them with the same contempt as they do at us.

The Star further says in depreciating the recent tragedy: "It is a bad policy to meet wrong with wrong. This outbreak in Tennessee will do the Mormons an immense service. The problem needs solving but the remedy will never be found in crime."

The proposition that it is bad policy to meet wrong with wrong is sound. But it is more than that. It is not only bad policy, but it is horribly criminal. But how much more enormous is the sin of those who meet and seek to reverse right with wrong; for how ever much people may believe to the contrary, they are not, they have a right to free speech under the laws, and those who use force to repress their lawful operations, are enemies of human liberty of the most detestable type; when they slay those who are sent unto them they are murderers of the very blackest dye, and those who condone such depraved and vicious criminals are tainted with the sentiments that justify a resort to dastardly assassination.

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The Mönche of cutting a daily column across the province of Holstein connecting the North Sea with the Baltic, is now being taken up by the German authorities in earnest. The candle is to run from near the mouth of the Kiel, Germany's chief naval port on the Baltic, to the Elbe, so as to be available for the German fleet to sail directly to the Baltic, now assuming from the Baltic to the German Ocean, or vice versa, thus avoiding the necessity of making, as at present, the long voyage around the peninsula of Jutland. Detailed drawings of the project are to be submitted to the government.

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