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## THE DESERET NEWS,

Vol. XVI. of the WEEKLY and II. of the SEMI-WEEKLY, after suspending publication a short time to accomplish the object, begins its new volumes as near the 1st of January as its three different days of issue each week permit, and greets its readers with a cordial wish for their being blessed with a happy and prosperous New Year, the attainment of which its columns will promote so far as possible.

As heretofore, the NEWS will contain Sermons, Telegraphic Dispatches, Correspondence (which is solicited) from all parts of our Territory and abroad, details and items of latest news from exchanges, current local items deemed worthy of note and, in short, everything interesting, useful, amusing, instructive, and promotive of the great cause of human progress, to the utmost of its judgment and facilities.

The terms are the same as for the last volumes—\$5.00 for the WEEKLY and \$8.00 for the SEMI-WEEKLY—Two dollars a bushel will be allowed for wheat delivered in this city, and as high a proportionate price in other places as circumstances will allow.

So far as Agents and subscribers have not yet reported, the NEWS will be furnished them as last advised, until further orders.

## THE PAST YEAR.

The commencement of the year is a period at which the mind is naturally led to look back over the past and forward to the future. The past has given an experience which, to the wise, teaches lessons of value for the future. And we see in the course of human events how surely the hand of Providence is guiding all things to the accomplishment of His eternal purposes.

By many, the year which is just ended was looked upon, at its beginning, as one pregnant with the most important events. Eighteen hundred and sixty-six was viewed as a prophetic year of more than ordinary significance. Scriptural chronologists had reckoned "prophetic days," and concluded that, at the least, terrible convulsions would, during it, shake the political world; some believed that the Millennium would then have its commencement; and others looked for the "end of the world" to take place before the beginning of the year which has just dawned. Though the expectations of those who entertained these varied opinions have not been realized, the past year has, indeed, been an eventful one; and the opening of the present year is not auspicious for the peace, happiness and welfare of humanity. It would be difficult to name the nation in which there have not been experienced fierce political contentions, the miseries of war, or the harrowing fears which presage approaching conflict. The elements of discord and strife have been rapidly converging to a destined point; and the opening of the present year indicates that the prophecies which speak of the fearful struggles that shall spread mis-

ery through the earth, and precede the reign of truth and peace, are rapidly nearing their fulfillment.

To the Saints, the past year has, instead of bringing the trouble anticipated by some and labored for by our enemies, been fraught with many blessings, and borne evidence of the continued progress of the work of God. The earth has brought forth in abundance for man and beast; the rains of heaven have watered the thirsty soil, and saved much of the labor consequent upon irrigation. The Deseret Telegraph Line, under the fostering care of President B. Young, has been built and communication opened with the cities and settlements of the route north as far as Logan, its present northern terminus, and in a few days there will be direct communication with St. George. The value of this evidence of progress cannot be fully realized at present; and important though it be, it is only one of many works that must be accomplished, before a great length of time, for furthering the growth of truth and righteousness, and the happiness of all who desire to do good upon the earth. We have also had a large immigration from the nations, of people who received the truth in other lands, and who were, at vast expense and trouble, under the blessing of God, safely brought from the tottering kingdoms and empires of the world to a land appointed by the Lord for the gathering of His people.

But we have not sufficient space to enumerate even the more prominent blessings which have been bestowed upon the Saints, not the least of which are the peace, unity and brotherly love, which continue to characterize those who seek to serve God and keep His commandments. A few "of the baser sort" have, it is true, with persistent wickedness, sought to bring to pass the evil of which they have been the eager prophets; but the Almighty has overruled their schemes and acts for His own glory. What have they accomplished of evil upon the Saints? Have not their wicked plans failed up to the present? as have the plans of all those who have sought to destroy the work of God from the earth.

The past year, with all the past history of the Church, but strengthens our faith and knowledge that the Lord will protect and preserve His people under all circumstances, if they will continue to hearken to His voice and do His will.

While the nations are treading the downward path, racked by war, dissension and conflicting parties, it is for us to so live according to the principles of the gospel that Zion will be a place sought after by the honest-in-heart of all lands.

To the enemies of truth and of the people of God, we would say, that their secret works of darkness and their abominations will continue to be exposed until they shall be known of all men as they are. To the Saints we wish, for the year now commenced and for all coming time, multiplied blessing, peace and love in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. If we continue faithful, our course will be onward and upward, until righteousness shall cover the earth, and He shall reign whose right it is to rule.

## THE TRADING QUESTION.

The "Correspondence" published in the present number of the NEWS presents several points concerning which considerable can be said. The "Card" to the "Leaders of the Mormon Church" is evidently a studied effort on the part of some whose names are appended thereto, to strengthen the idea that they are proscribed here because of their differing in faith with the community

at large, and to cover the fact that their persistent, unscrupulous and malignant enmity against the people and their leaders, has called for a legal and legitimate influence to be exercised against them, that the power to work evil may not be furnished them by those whom they have been seeking to destroy. There are others, whose names are attached to the "Card" in question, that we had not learned before were considered enemies to the community. It may be that they unwittingly placed themselves in an anomalous position, by putting their names with those of others well known to everybody here as the enemies of everything righteous and good.

The straightforward and manly reply of President Young must be a source of gratification to every right minded man and woman. It disabuses all who might be led to think that there was a proscriptive feeling or policy urged upon the people, against those who merely believed differently from them. It shows in the plainest manner that to stop trading with so-called "gentiles" because they are such, is not the object sought to be gained by the exercise of the influence enjoyed by our leaders; but that the aim in view is not to give support and patronage to those who keep using the means thus obtained for the purpose of bringing trouble upon the community, by stirring up the worst passions of many who, were it not for the falsehoods and slanders so pertinaciously disseminated against us, would form a truer opinion of us than they now entertain.

We believe it is deemed wise policy everywhere that men should not sustain an enemy, nor strengthen him in making his enmity effective. Why this policy should not be practiced in Utah we cannot see. Elsewhere, members of the same religious denomination or political party, will sustain each other, and will avoid strengthening the hands of those who are opposed to them and seeking to frustrate the objects they may have in view, whether of a religious or political nature. Here there are even stronger reasons for doing so than exist in any other place, with which we are acquainted. There are men of honor in this Territory, who do not belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who enjoy the respect and esteem of the community, because they have confined themselves to their legitimate business, have conducted themselves like gentlemen, and would not be drawn into the miserable clique who keep hatching plots continually for our destruction. Such men will enjoy the respect and esteem of the upright and good everywhere, independent of religious views or differences of opinion.

But there have been and there are those here, who have labored for years uninterruptingly to make us trouble. These we desire to have no fellowship, communion or dealings with. They can leave the Territory or stay, as it suits their pleasure. If they go, none will lament their absence; if they remain, they will change very much if they do not continue to be the objects of contempt which they now are. We would not trade with them, would not associate with them, would not willingly be brought into contact with them, would not injure them in the slightest degree; but we would let them alone—severely alone—and give them uninterrupted freedom to associate, trade and mingle with those of kindred dispositions, while guaranteeing to them the fullest enjoyment of every constitutional right of which they would rob the people who for years have been filling their coffers.

This subject is one of considerable importance, and we may give our reasons, at an early day, for holding the views which we have just expressed.

## LEGISLATIVE.

Friday, Dec. 28, 1866.

COUNCIL.—Hon. John Taylor, Speaker of the House, notified the Council of their concurrence in the passage of C. F. No. 5, "An Act to incorporate the Moroni City Library and Literary Association."

Councillor Haight presented C. F. No. 6, "An Act to amend an Act regulating the mode of procedure in civil cases in the Courts of the Territory of Utah," which was read, and, on motion of Councillor Hyde, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HOUSE.—Hon. J. C. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Incorporations, reported favorably on the referred bill (H. F. No. 3) "An Act to incorporate the Deseret Telegraph Company," and pending its second reading, upon motion of Mr. Rockwood, was referred to the Committee, and 60 copies ordered printed.

Hon. J. C. Wright reported favorably on H. F. No. 5, "An Act to prohibit general drives," which, after discussion, and on motion of Mr. Rich, was re-referred.

Saturday, December 29th, one p.m.

COUNCIL.—Councillor L. Snow, Chairman of Committee on roads, bridges, &c., recommended the appropriation of five hundred dollars for the purpose of building a bridge over the Sanpitch river in Sanpete County.

Councillor E. Snow, in behalf of Committee on Irrigation, to whom had been referred "An Act in relation to the management of water for irrigation and family use" recommended a bill as substitute for it, which was read and ordered to be printed.

Council adjourned till Thursday, January 3, at two p.m.

HOUSE.—Hon. A. P. Rockwood presented a bill from Mr. Reuben Miller, one of the Directors of the Utah Penitentiary, amounting to two hundred dollars, which was read and referred to the proper Committee.

Hon. J. P. Murdock presented a bill to "Incorporate the Beaver City Library Association," read, and referred to Committee on Incorporations.

House adjourned till Thursday, January 3d, 1867, at 2 p.m.

## HOME ITEMS.

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES will begin being published in No. 3 of the SEMI-WEEKLY, dating from Jan. 1.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Bishop A. H. Raleigh reasoned on the necessity for the establishment of the work of God on the earth, that mankind may be arrested in their downward career, be taught principles of truth and life, have the protecting power of righteousness thrown around them in all that appertains to their existence, and learn to pursue that path which leads to eternal life. The Lord has not revealed anything to the children of men which they have not the capacity to understand; but many lack the disposition to try and understand, and place themselves in opposition to the truth and to the accomplishment of the purposes of God.

## AFTERNOON.

Elder John Taylor spoke of the building up of the kingdom of God in the last days; reviewed the opinions entertained by many among the various sects of Christendom concerning it; showed that revelation from God was absolutely necessary in the establishment of His kingdom, that His will might be known, and the manner in which the kingdom should be organized and built up, of which mankind were ignorant without revelation; some of the efforts of men, religious and secular, to introduce such an order of things as the prophets had said should characterize His kingdom, and their failure; and pointed out the superiority of its laws, institutions and tribunals, to those which had their origin with men. He referred to trading with those who are the enemies of the people here, and queried have men not a right to trade where and with whom they please? and if so, have they not a right to refuse to trade with those whom they know are seeking their destruction.

Elder George Q. Cannon spoke of the liberty and freedom which the government of God will extend to every person, when it exercises authority among mankind; but those who enjoy to the fullest extent, under it, every right and privilege to which they are entitled, will be expected to honor the authority that protects them, and not seek, through that protection, to destroy those who secure to them their rights and liberties. He sustained the remarks of Elder Taylor with regard to trading; and maintained that it was a wise policy to abstain from patronizing those who are using the means obtained from the citizens here, to bring trouble upon them.

MORE TELEGRAMS.—Is it true that another telegram has gone east of the murder of a prominent "gentile" by the "Mormons,"—said prominent individual being "Dutch Charley," the burglar? Questions are allowable.