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**THE YOUNG MEN'S CONFERENCE.**

It will be observed by the programme of proceedings at the approaching conference of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, to be held in the Tabernacle on June 2nd and 3rd, that it is sure to be an interesting occasion. It is anticipated that a wide variety of interesting and instructive subjects will be presented, and that the exercises will be of a high order. The subjects upon which lectures are to be delivered cover the leading departments of research in which the associations engage. They will be published in the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Journal, and will be of great value to the members of the associations.

The musical feature of the conference will be strikingly attractive, the services of a combination of talent that have been secured that is seldom brought together. It includes the Tabernacle Choir, Zion's Choral Union, Stephens' juvenile class, Stephens' opera company, a select male choir, besides a number of special quartets and solo singers. These musical forces will constitute quite a brilliant array.

The railroadmen in this city are making a move to act upon this hint. This caused speculators to make a dash for the shale lands contiguous to the city. They look the initiatory steps to secure them for their own benefit.

This patriotic act caused us to intimate that it would be in order for a still more eager search for shale on the streets to go up into the open areas of the municipal fathers, a market would be wanted for the article.

This soft insinuation was met by a statement that the shale philanthropists stood ready to donate enough of the commodity to cover Main Street a distance of several blocks.

It is to be presumed that the people are now to accept of the proposition that the lands were not laid out for the purpose of drawing the dimes out of public into private coffers. In other words, that they were secured for the express purpose of donating shale to cover a portion of the chief business street.

There are some considerations, however, that do not seem to harmonize with this suggestion. One is, that if the land had not been taken by private parties the corporation could have obtained the shale without putting anybody to the trouble of donating it. Another is, that it never has been the intention to cover Main Street with the material in question, but the outlying thoroughfares only.

No proper fall may be found with people who look out for the "main chance," but where philanthropy and patriotism are not gone, the conditions, out of sympathy attempts to inject them is not a detectable operation.

**EMANCIPATION IN BRAZIL.**

The advance which the human race is making in morals does not keep pace with its progress in intelligence, and its opportunities for ethical and religious growth; hence the condemnation which rests upon it. But in some respects at least, and especially those which relate to the principle of liberty, the world is certainly advancing toward a higher plane. This fact is proven by the steady curtailment of the domain of slavery. A few days ago, a bill providing for the emancipation of slaves was passed by the Brazilian Senate, which had previously passed the Chambers. The bill will become a law in a short time, and the Emperor Dom Pedro, whose signature is now required, is expected to make it such at the head of the political party favoring emancipation.

It is stated that the process of liberating the slaves under the bill will be an abrupt one, but will be progressive, but it is expected that it will be entirely completed within a comparatively short space of time. The history of slavery in Brazil is interesting and instructive. The mouth of the Amazon is directly opposite that of the Congo, and the temptation to Brazilian planters to import slaves was too strong to be resisted. Hence, early in the present century, the slave traffic between those two rivers had assumed great importance. In 1827 England treated with Brazil for the suppression of the traffic, but the latter government made no earnest nor persistent effort to accomplish this till 1850, when the traffic was largely but not entirely stopped.

Dom Pedro, now lying at death's door in Italy, merits the affectionate regard of the colored race, especially in Brazil, for his efforts to abolish slavery. He commenced the work in earnest immediately after the close of the American civil war, and sought to break the slave trade under which the children of slave mothers would be free. He was unsuccessful, but in 1851 a law was enacted by which it was provided that the children of slave mothers, born after September 28, 1851, should be free at the age of 21. At the same time several hundred crown slaves were freed, and further provisions were adopted tending in the direction of emancipation. A tax was assessed on all slaves for the purpose of creating a fund with which to purchase the freedom of some of them, and in this way, in fourteen years, between 1851 and 1865, 20,000 were emancipated at an average cost of \$25 each.

In the meantime, the anti-slavery sentiment had grown rapidly in strength and extent, as may be seen from the fact that in those fourteen years 100,000 slaves were freed by their owners, many private generosity. The number of slaves remaining in the empire in 1865 is given as 1,135,228. In 1872 two provinces freed their slaves, and schemes of various kinds, such as entertainments, fairs, bazars, etc., were adopted in great numbers, for the purpose of raising funds with which to purchase the freedom of slaves. At length a law has been passed looking to the speedy emancipation of all the bondmen in the empire.

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**THE SECOND DAY.**

The Proceedings of Tuesday in the Mantle Temple.

SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS AFFORD JOY TO THE SAINTS.

The following account of the dedicatory exercises of Tuesday was sent by mail and came to hand this morning. The account of Wednesday's exercises is anticipated, and will appear in our columns next evening. Hence it happens that the exercises of the two days are published in reverse order.—Ed. D. E. N.

MANTI, May 22.—[Special to the DESERT NEWS.]—A great many of the visitors to Manti who were present at the dedicatory services yesterday, and afterwards enjoyed the privilege of passing through and viewing the various rooms of the beautiful structure, started this morning for their homes and still others this morning, but no diminution in the number present in Manti is apparent. The dedicatory services of yesterday were attended by a large number of people, and the exercises were of a high order.

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The choir followed by singing the "Dedication Hymn."

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