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NAIL IT DOWN!

Ye Saints throughout these mountain vales,
Far from the world's increasing vices;
When sin with power your heart assails,
To draw you from the paths of life,
Presenting as with rainbow tint,
Transgression as the choicest boon—
It was not struck in Heaven's great mint,
"The coin is spurious, nail it down!"

If darkness spread throughout the land
And sleep should fall on every eye;
If wicked men join hand in hand
And whisper, "danger is not nigh;"
Or if perchance they would inspire
With pride your heart, and conscience drown,
By crying "all is well,"—Retire—
"The coin is spurious, nail it down!"

And when your leaders cry, "Reform!"
From east to west, from south to north;
"Repent, forsake your sins and mourn
Ere God his judgements scatter forth;"
If men at ease should bid you wait,
Should point to skies as clear as noon;
Let not the storm decide your fate;
"The coin is spurious, nail it down!"

Should family, kindred all depart,
And HINT your leaders are not true,
If from you friends and neighbors start
To grope in hell for "something new;"
If they should seek to have you share,
Their spirit as the richest boon,
Then boldly rise and cry—"Beware!"
"That coin is spurious, nail it down!"

Should Heaven your efforts own and bless,
Secure our increase, flocks and herds
Or clothe the earth in plenty's dress,
To honor any Prophet's words;
Should selfishness your heart elate,
Suggest to thee as yet too soon,
Then promptly pay for if you wait
"The coin is spurious, nail it down!"

Or if your crop should blighted fall,
By insects, drought, or winters cold;
Your cattle swept from range and state,
By fell disease or cause untold,
If these should come and trials more,
Than our experience yet hath known
Shall we repine, in murmuring sore?
"The coin is spurious, nail it down!"

If families jar, and strife should reign;
Where peace and angels ought to dwell,
And evil passions rule obtain
To make where heaven should be,—a hell;
If then the head should stand aside,
Disgrace his priesthood, God's best boon;
Be sure if by the standard tried,
"The coin is spurious, nail it down!"

Should doctrines rise we cannot scan,
With our imperfect, narrow ken;
Shall we arise and head the van:
To please corrupt, apostate men?
Shall we the priesthood question?—say;
Or, to our level bring them down;
No brethren, this is not the way;
"The coin is spurious, nail it down!"

Should chastisement be on our head,
By power bestowed, we conquest gain;
And if by highest wisdom led,
We kiss the rod and bless the pain;
Each institution "Church or State"
Man thinks he needs his powers to crown,
If heaven smiles not, what use to wait?
"The coin is spurious, nail it down!"

Then as we track the paths of life,
To each high aim let us be found;
With evil wage, a constant strife,
Till we as conquerors shall be crowned;
Our priesthood honor, cleave to truth,
Obedient be at night and noon,
Thus prove to all in age and youth,
"The spurious coin by us nailed down!"

HENRY W. NAISBITT.

G. S. L. CITY, Aug. 30, 1859.

ANOTHER HORRID MURDER.—It seems that crime in this city is on the increase, and that there is no end as yet to the shedding of blood.

After the murder of Pike on 11th inst., there was no fatal assault made upon any one within the limits of the corporation, so far as our knowledge extends, till Saturday evening last, when between the hours of nine and ten, a company of five or six men, went to the house of Mr. Eddy, in the rear of Martin's meat market, East Temple street, where Mr. Charles M. Drown and Josiah Arnold, with their wives, who reside some twelve miles south of the City, had put up to spend the night and the coming Sabbath, and called for Mr. Drown to come outdoors. Suspecting, as we are informed, that all might not be right, from some threats that had been previously made, Drown did not choose to obey the call. An assault was then made upon the house by the

crowd, and some fifteen or twenty shots fired into the front room through the door and window, one of the balls passing through the body of Drown, inflicting a mortal wound, of which he died next day. Mr. Arnold was also shot through one thigh, but fortunately it is only a flesh wound. There were several other persons in an adjoining room at the time, including Mrs. Drown, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Eddy, who escaped unhurt. Arnold having a pistol upon his person, fired into the crowd, when one of them exclaimed, "let us go, I am shot," whereupon they immediately fled without detection, the whole having been done in a few seconds. So far as we have been informed, no arrest have as yet been made, but we understand that Drown was visited by Judge Sinclair, immediately after the fatal affray, and that an affidavit was made by the dying man in which certain facts are alleged that will in all probability lead to the detection, and arrest of those who thus committed one of the most outrageous and diabolical acts of which man can be guilty, and so far as we have heard, without any provocation whatever.

There is a strong probability that one of the party died of the wound received by the firing of Arnold's pistol in a short time after the occurrence, but nothing very definite is known of the matter. The citizens had nearly all retired to rest, and the night was so dark that it would have been hardly possible to have recognized a person passing through the streets, and no more favorable opportunity could have been had for committing a deed of the kind, and getting away undetected, than was taken by those who in violation of law, both human and divine, must have coolly resolved on taking the life of a fellow being, and then consummated the hellish deed as related.

We hope that the affair will be thoroughly investigated, and the offenders brought to condign punishment. If those who assume to exercise exclusive jurisdiction in such matters, would do their duty faithfully, such occurrences would soon cease to disgrace this once peaceful and happy Territory.

THE NEW PAPER to which we referred last week, according to our prediction, made its appearance on Saturday last, christened the *Mountaineer*, which was considered by the Editors and Proprietors—Blair, Ferguson & Stout, a more appropriate nomen than *Shillalah*, though from their salutatory and other effusions, we are not convinced that our first impressions were incorrect. There may not be as much in a name as some have supposed, but the word 'mountaineer' when articulated, conveys to us certain ideas of wildness that we trust our friends do not intend to inculcate tho' they sojourn in the mountains.

Without flattery, we consider their first sheet creditable to new beginners who, though 'learned in the law,' have never before displayed any particular taste for 'literary pursuits.'

We wish them success in their enterprise and shall expect them to do good service in battling for the rights of man.

ARRIVED.—The company of emigrant Saints in charge of Capt. James Brown 3d, arrived from the plains, on Monday evening last, and encamped for the night on Union Square. They were generally in good health and fine spirits.

They were visited by several of the Twelve, the next morning, who gave them some good instruction and advice which, if followed, will aid them materially in obtaining situations where they can secure to themselves what may be necessary to make them comfortable during the coming winter and in years to come.—Capt. Lemons, merchant train, arrived the same evening, mostly freighted with merchandise for Gen. Eldredge.

Several of the other companies that are on the way here, will arrive in the course of the next ten days. The church train is expected on Friday next and the hand cart company soon after.

NORTHERN LIGHTS.—On Sunday evening, the 28th inst., there was a beautiful and grand display of aurora borealis which lighted up the northern hemisphere majestically and caused many inquiries in the mind of those who wit-

nessed the phenomenon as to the cause which produced it. Much has been said and written on the subject by men who considered themselves learned and wise, but no one unaided by the light of eternal truth, has been or ever will be able to solve the apparent mystery of these remarkable appearances in the heavens which, as many believe, never occurred till after the Ten Tribes of Israel went into the north country.

GOLD PENS.—Mr. A. S. Beckwith, jeweler, &c., whose advertisement appears in this number, has commenced the manufacture of Gold Pens in this city and, by calling in at our office, the first one made in Utah can be seen; and for which the manufacturer will please accept the thanks of the recipient of the valued gift, who will endeavor to make good use of it in the advocacy of domestic manufactures.

Those wishing to obtain a splendid valley made Gold Pen, will do well to improve the first opportunity to call and purchase one of Beckwith's, at the jeweler's shop of G. G. Bywater, near the residence of Bishop Hunter.

NEW ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA.—We publish in this number the itinerary of Capt. Simpson's route to Carson Valley, which will be of material benefit to the many who are intending to proceed on their way westward, at this late season of the year. By going this route the difficulties that may exist on the northern route, in consequence of the Indian disturbances, will be avoided.

RECAPTURED.—Deloss Gibson, who escaped from the jail of this county, on the 11th inst., was recaptured by Sheriff Burton, on Friday night last, near the Hot Springs in the north part of Weber county, and is now in prison where he will in all probability remain till discharged legally, if he lives long enough for such an event to take place.

A BOY KILLED.—A few days since, Nathaniel Fairbanks, a lad eight years old, son of John B. Fairbanks, of Payson, in getting into a wagon when in motion, fell and was killed by one of the wheels passing over his body.

Accidents to children are of frequent occurrence and, in our opinion, most of them could be avoided by proper care and attention on the part of those having control of them.

SENSIBLE.—At a camp meeting of Wesleyans, one of the brethren spoke till past the time the meeting should have been closed; notwithstanding the time, another of the brethren was called on, who spoke thus:—"Brethren, for me to speak and detain you would be adding insult to injury, which will not do," and sat down, much to the satisfaction of the congregation.

MR. JOHN T. RICHARDSON, residing in Eagleville, Harrison county, Mo., wishes to correspond with a Robert Owens, (supposed by said Richardson to be in Utah) touching an inheritance left in Maryland, by Cyrus Mitchell, to Robert Owens, Father of Edmond and Elizabeth Owens, &c.

Law.

Every criminal code of laws that has been drawn up in any age, or in any land, has been with the motive of deterring from the commission of crime, and to give satisfaction to the injured party for the wrong sustained.

So numerous are the varieties of crime, that legislators and law givers have not been able to anticipate the diversity that might be perpetrated, and consequently the administration of justice necessarily must be left to the judgment of intelligent and impartial judges and juries; therefore every benefactor of the human family appointed to judicial honors should have in view the consequences of verdicts and so control them that good might result to plaintiff, giving him satisfaction, consistent correction to the defendant if in fault, and the good portions of the public assured of the stability and justice of their courts of judicature, and the decision proving a terror to the evil doer.

Nations have resorted to sacred writ, or to their wisest philosophers to frame their laws, in order to correct the vicious growth of evil in their communities, and to protect honest industry against the ravages of selfishness.

How great the responsibilities of judicial labors, what high rewards will accrue to the righteous discharge of duties involving the rights of so many, and how great the disgrace if these functions are bunglingly or unjustly discharged.

TABERNACLE.

On Sunday morning, Aug. 28, 1859, Elder Orson Pratt spoke of the importance of the Elders qualifying themselves to preach the gospel, by storing their minds with useful knowledge, with ancient and modern revelation, not only with the things of the earth, but with things that are in the heavens. Read the 6th verse of the last chapter of Malachi, and spoke of the mission of Elijah the Prophet in this generation; described the nature of this dispensation, and the greatness of the work in which we are engaged; treated on the subject of baptism for the dead, in support of which, he quoted the 29th verse of the 15th chapter of First Corinthians, also the saying of Peter relative to Jesus going to preach to the spirits in prison. Alluded to the order of the church and kingdom of God, the enjoyments of the righteous and the torment of the wicked, and the reasons why the Almighty did not reveal the gospel 600 or 1000 years ago.

In the afternoon, Elder Horace S. Eldredge gave a brief account of his mission and business transactions in the States, and then spoke of the condition of the emigration on the plains. Bore testimony to the truth of the gospel, and also to the integrity of the authorities of the church.

President Heber C. Kimball addressed the congregation on the important duties devolved upon them; the necessity of being diligent in all things; told the state of feeling in the world at the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, and how the majority of people sanctioned the deeds of the assassins. Propheesied of the onward progress of the work of God, the triumph of truth and righteousness and the entire and complete overthrow of the wicked.

Alderman's Court.

Jeter Clinton, presiding. August 26th, W. H. Hocking fined \$10 for selling liquor after the usual hours.

August 28, Chas. Harrison fined \$10 for committing assault and battery upon the person of James Moor.

Aug. 30, Marsh Hunt fined \$5 for assault on Henry Phelps.

ALMANAC FOR 1860.—W. W. Phelps reports that the Deseret Almanac for 1860 will soon be in press, and solicits advertisements from merchants, mechanics and tradesmen, who consider that it will be for their benefit to have a notice in that publication.

REMOVAL.—The County Recorder's office has been removed from the 'Deseret Store' to the house of E. D. Woolley, next door north of the Social Hall, First East Street, where it will be kept for the time being and until it shall be removed to some more convenient place.

WARNING TO THE INTEMPERATE.—Chas. Lamb tells his sad experience, as a warning to young men, in the following language:

"The waters have gone over me. But out of the black depths, could I be heard, I would cry out to all those who have set a foot in the perilous flood. Could the youth to whom the flavor of the first wine is delicious as the opening scenes of life, or the entering upon some newly-discovered paradise, look into my desolation and be made to understand what a dreary thing it is when he shall feel himself going down a precipice with open eyes and passive will—to see his destruction and to have no power to stop it, and yet feel it all the way emanating from himself—to see all godliness emptied out of him, and yet not able to forget a time when it was otherwise—to bear about the piteous spectacle of his own ruin; could he see my fevered eye, feverish with the fast night's drinking, and feverish looking for to-night's repetition of the folly; could he but feel the body of the death out of which I cry hourly with feeble outcry to be delivered, it were enough to make him dash the sparkling beverage to the earth in all the pride of its mantling temptation."

DO RIGHT.—A man who has a soul worth's sake, must have enemies. It is utterly impossible for the best man to please the whole world, and the sooner this is understood, and a position taken in view of the fact, the better. Do right, though you have enemies. You cannot escape them by doing wrong; and it is little gain to barter away your honor and integrity, and direct yourself of moral courage, to gain nothing. Better abide by the truth—frown down all opposition, and rejoice in the feeling which must inspire a free and independent man.