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THE ADVICE WAS GOOD.

A morning contemporary, which is ever on the alert to impugn another's motives and, when it sees a chance without otherwise hurting itself, mount a high moral platform and wax oracularly honest, calls certain advice given by the speaker in the Tabernacle yesterday immoral and fraught with "victimness." It assumes that the counsel to give the wife and mother legal title to the home of herself and children is but another way of counseling a man to do all he can to beat his creditors. The insinuation is as base as it is unwarranted and false. That the reader may know exactly what was said on this subject, and see for himself how far-fetched the interpretation of it by the paper in question is, we give verbatim from the stenographic notes that part of the discourse. If there is anything immoral and vicious in warning men during an existing or threatened crisis for speculation to reserve at least a shelter for their loved ones before risking all upon a "deal," then law, morality and sense have been fearfully misunderstood. If there is anything inopportune in such warning, when the papers are full of notices of foreclosures of mortgage, and many a hapless family has nothing in prospect but expulsion from the roof-tree the wife may have helped to earn, then sentiment is surely sleeping and wisdom has gone to the winds. We repeat the warning and wish we had ten thousand voices to give it force and emphasis: Imperil not the shelter of yourself, your wife and your children by mortgaging the home for money to speculate or go into business with; and lest the temptation at times might be too great, and since you cannot use for borrowed money security which is not your own, better by far be on the safe side—the side, too, of honor, love and duty—by giving to your wife for her own the home which you and she have made together. If this is immorality or vicionsness, make the most of it!

THE RETURN OF THE VICTORS.

The return of the Tabernacle Choir will take place sometime tomorrow and it should be signalized by such means as will show them that we are not unmindful of what they have done. Not only should their achievements be chronicled as among the greater of the year's picturesque and instructive events, but viewed from the more material and more calculating standpoint of artistic and musical success, they are entitled to our most enthusiastic commendation. The world is wiser and the United States invested with a new and glowing distinction because of the choir's visit, showing as it does for the first time abroad to what a high stage of excellence the divine art has attained in the valleys of the great western mountains.

It is suggested that a meeting be called and committees appointed looking to the preparation of an fitting a reception as the limited time remaining will admit of, that we may make the return of our victorious songsters an occasion long to be remembered by them and their friends.

IS "RETTERING" A SHAM?

In the September number of Mr. Cassier's Magazine, Mr. Archibald Blechmann, one of the oldest and most experienced engineers of the Hudson River railroad service, replies as follows to the question what to want do if it did not be saw that a collision was inevitable:

What I would not do is to reverse my engine, although many engineers are liable at that time, both of actual necessity and more that mistake. It is a serious thing that reversing your engine when going at high speed unless the train is some distance of slower. The reason is that the cylinder and the locomotive shoots ahead as if she weren't there.

Only a few days ago, immediately following the terrible fatality on the Long Island railroad, a New York Sun reporter gave the following incident which singularly verifies the above assertion of Mr. Blechmann:

Engineer Costello discovered the train ahead of him and opened wide the throttle valve, at the same time throwing over the reversing lever. The tender of the cars shoved the wheels and held them fast, while the wheels and over the tracks as though they were greased. The screwed driving wheels of the locomotive whirled around, but they did not work. With every wheel sliding, the train shot forward like a sled on a frozen sidepath. To the engineer and fireman, and to the one or two passengers on the Manhattan train who saw it, and lived to tell what happened, it seemed that, rather than diminishing, the speed increased. Not almost before there was time to think the crash came.

People who ride much on the cars without necessarily knowing a great deal about the operation of a locomotive, are so accustomed to hearing that the engineer "reverses his engine" in a moment of peril that the foregoing will come to them as a surprise little short of astounding. It opens up quite a field for thought and inquiry, and it would be interesting to know if the experience in the wreck alluded to, as well as the calm forecast of what the effect would be, as given in the first quotation, is verified in the experience of other engineers. If "reversing her" has the immediate effect of increasing instead of retarding the speed of the train rushing to destruction, the practice has been probably abandoned and the reporters will at once want a new term to describe the engineer's attempt to avert the catastrophe. What shall this term be? And since the matter is always of interest, will not some of our Utah engineers, of whom both in active service and on the retired list we have some of the best in the land, tell the News readers what they would do if from their cab window they saw that a collision was inevitable?

NANSEN IN THE ICE.

The London *Times* yesterday published a letter from Dr. Nansen, the Norwegian explorer. It is dated aboard the ship Fram at Charabona, Yugorski strait, August 2, and it is thought to be the last letter written by him before he is enclosed by the ice in the Arctic regions. He once more expresses the hope that the ice will carry him across the north pole.

Nansen's vessel, the Fram, is a curiosity in itself. It is built of Italian oak, American elm, Norwegian pine and German oak, and the protecting armor, the so-called "ice skin," is of green hearts of oak. Her length is 113 feet 2 inches, her beam 36 feet 1 inch and her displacement 800 tons. The daring explorer has constructed a theory of his own, which he is about to put to a practical test. It will be remembered that the American Jeannette was caught in the ice north of the Bering sea in September 1879 and drifted to the north of the New Siberian islands, the ice carrying it at a rate of about eight miles daily. Nansen thinks that the polar currents originate here, as fragments of the Jeannette were ultimately found on the northwest coast of Greenland, having probably passed the pole in the voyage. He says the only correct way is to drift with these currents instead of navigating against them, and he is prepared to devote five years to this hazardous experiment.

The explorer lives a few miles from Christiania, where he leaves a young wife and an infant still to wait for his return. He is still a young man determined to contribute his share towards the solution of some problems in physical geography, meteorology and other branches of science. For any mercantile purposes his voyage must be considered without value.

A GROWING DISTRICT.

Toward the end of this month, unless the unexpected should happen, an event will occur in Beaver county which is expected to diffuse the ruddy glow of a coming golden dawn upon that part of the Territory, perhaps upon all of it. We have heard and read desultory accounts of the discovery and working of gold mines a few miles north of Beaver city, in a chain of hills whose base is washed by a beautiful stream known as Indian creek; so many such discoveries have been claimed and announced at various times that the people of Utah have become pretty well convinced to them and thus the Indian creek finds were "salted" at the end of the line—that is, they were received with the skepticism not unmixed with incredulity. Nothing short of actual demonstration can secure general recognition now, and these are promised to not only for the date named but steadily thereafter with increased volume.

A stamp mill and battery have been in operation about a week on one of the mine's product of ore, and after a twenty days' run a "clean-up" will be made; that is, the amalgam formed by the particles of gold settling in quicksilver will be separated through evaporation—but will drive the latter metal away in vapor and leave the other behind. The company will then know not only what they have got but what they may reasonably expect hereafter. If the showing be satisfactory—as we hope and believe it will be—it is proposed to have a part of celebration at Beaver, and in truth we believe such an event entitled to no kind of special recognition because of the possibilities which it discloses for a part of our Territory which has been most unreasonably neglected and, along with Bingham and other gold producers, showing what our department of the public domain is capable of when enterprise stimulated by prospective results and sustained by labor properly applied enters upon the scene.

The new mine, however, great as is the promise for immediate prosperity which they hold out, are not the only manifestation signs of work in that region by any means. From the town of Minersville on the north as far as the eye can reach is a rolling valley which, but for an oasis here and there, would seem to be a barren desert, and a few years ago not even these relieve appeared upon the dreary landscape. As water could be obtained and utilized the soil was shown to be as rich for the general purpose of agriculture as any in the Territory, meaning, with but rare and premier exceptions, that it is equal to any on the exterior of this planet. Realizing this, a company was formed a few years ago having in view the reclamation of a few thousand of those acres and to this end a huge reservoir, of which the News has spoken several times, was begun and prosecuted to a successful completion. Already are a number of families making homes there and more are going. This year there was produced on what shortly before was a barren waste some 25,000 bushels of grain, more than enough to supply the whole county with breadstuffs for one year. This is the kind of enterprise that makes communities independent; and when to it is added a goodly output of the precious metals whereby the surplus may be moved and activity prevail in a general way, the nucleus of a new inland empire is already well developed.

Of course it is not practicable to establish reservoirs in all portions of our presently uncultivated but cultivable soil, for the reason that there is no available flowing water with which to fill them. But in many such places there could be established systems of drive-wells, or artesian wells on a small scale, by means of which all the water that is needed could be obtained. It is well worth a trial anyway, especially by those who are in no enviable circumstances and would not be altogether broken up if success did not attend their labors for a while. Those who produce something out of nothing are surely benefactors to this extent even if they never do anything more; and those who add to the agricultural area of the land they inhabit are more nearly statesmen in the true meaning of the term than are many of those whose chief claim to that distinction is graduation in the more or less questionable school of politics.

We cannot have too much grain, not, after that, any too much gold. Also we feel moved to say, judging by the shadow of apparently imminent events, we cannot have too much silver. However that may be, with plenty to eat we will manage to get along very well.

THE NEW HAWAIIAN MINISTER.

On Saturday last President Cleveland appointed A. S. Willis of Kentucky minister to Hawaii, vice J. H. Blount who lately returned from the islands. The new appointment is said to indicate that there will be no annexation, at least for the present, as an agent of the annexation party is now in Washington and a treaty to that end could have been as well arranged with him as by any other means if such a thing had been contemplated.

The new minister is 51 years of age, having been born in Shelby county, Kentucky, in 1842. He spent several years among the schools as pupil and teacher, and became a lawyer by graduation from the Louisville law school in 1861. He has held various public positions, five consecutive terms in the lower house of Congress beginning with the 45th being a part of his record. We may look for him to pass through here shortly on the way to his new field of labor.

THE STORY OF THE CROSS.

This is the title of a neat little pamphlet issued by W. H. Beasley, Detroit, Michigan. It is an account of the passion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord, taken verbatim from the revised version of the four Gospels, but so arranged as to present those events in chronological order and omitting all repetitions. Its pages are illustrated with beautiful portraits of Gore-Ammergau actors as they appear in the celebrated passion play. There is also a photographic view of the hill situated near the Damascus gate at the north side of Jerusalem, which by some is considered the author Calvary where the crucifixion took place. For the entertainment of religious audiences about a hundred verses and passion play pictures can be obtained by addressing the publisher. These views, together with the reading of the sacred text, would, we judge, be one of the most impressive presentations of that part of the Gospel, and particularly well suited for Sunday schools.

The "Liberal party" is out with an invitation to "rally round the flag, boys," in a meeting to be held in Denver on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 10 a. m., to adopt or amend a platform with thirty planks beginning with the words "we favor," and a somewhat smaller number beginning with the words "we are opposed"—the whole signed by one "J. Clark, chairman." The proposition intimated is that patriotic citizens be held in every county in this Union on Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 6 to 7 p. m., and county conventions on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 10 a. m. There never initiative lacks a whole assortment of the "rank" which is supposed to be in the bosom of the Liberal party of Utah, but the "liberal party of the United States of America," already baptized as it is by such a name, it seems to have some notion that could be adopted with profit to the Mormons by their only existing political party of the day.

An enterprising long and manifestly spread on the coast political situation, perpetrated through a telegraphic by Judge Powers yesterday, tells most pathetically the severe results of the Liberal party's recent sickness upon his intellect. Its appearance as an interview precludes all guesses as to the time the judge spent upon it while inhaling cause at the head of Cottonwood. But whether the inspiration of half a day or the toil of many hours over the midnight oil, this month seems clear: in common kindness the Tribune's editorial should henceforth be permitted to speak, not write, in interviews. He was ever mightier with the jaw than with the goose-quill.

In CASTING about for an explanation of the woeful dwindling in their subscription lists, certain Utah papers are complaining that the present train service is not suited to their convenience. Since the transcontinental railroad was built solely for their accommodation, and is after all insufficient, there is not one other thing to do: the injured newspapers will have to build a few transcontinental and trans-territorial roads of their own, and run them as they please.

THE PROPOSITION coming from New York to dispense with the free lunch counter so common in saloons, deserves encouragement and applause. This attraction has not only been an effective invitation to tipping and consequent drunkenness, but it has served as the most successful recruiting agency to the great and growing army of dead-beats. Away with it!

DENVER'S THREAT to send previsions to the unemployed in New York was doubtless meant for fine irony. It would be more enjoyed by other western cities, now supporting or imprisoning Denver's expelled crowd, if this tumultuous charity had begun at home—and ended there.

THE Mormon question is not yet fully settled, and its final satisfactory solution will be easier with Utah still remaining a territory.—*Denver Tribune.*

Will the sympathetic scribe Tribune rise and explain, if it can, what this dreadful "Mormon question" is?

THE CORRESPONDENT who telegraphed so alarmingly concerning President Cleveland's health was probably typographically misquoted. It is rumor, not humor, from which the President has been suffering.

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