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NOTICE.

The Forty-eighth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene at the Large Tabernacle in this City, at 10 o'clock a.m., April 6th, 1873.

JOHN TAYLOR,
President of the Council of the
Twelve Apostles.

THE GIRLS.

The News of last evening in a column under the question "What shall we do with our girls?" and relates the lectures of the Committee of studying the subject and telling us any more about it. It says "Marry them to the boys." That's all very well, as far as it goes; but as it takes two to make a couple, and as the boys are not always ready, what's more done with them till they are?

We clip the above from the Salt Lake Herald of this morning. The point is well taken; we acknowledge it, freely. The question is pertinent; we will endeavor to answer it. Let the men take home.

It is a lamentable fact that a great many of the boys we now ready to marry the girls. It may be that in some instances they are not to blame. It takes considerable means now-a-days to support a wife in anything like the style of the period, and quite a number of the girls think style is the one thing needful. Still, there is a host of marriageable girls in this city, and most of them would be willing to help right the little of life with a congenial companion, and above themselves really "help-meets" to loving husbands, &c., the young men shrink from the responsibilities and expenses of married life, and therefore neglect a very important duty to society, less than the commandments of God, and a rule of the Church to which they belong.

Every healthy young man who can earn a living should have a wife. It may be objected, "But it takes two to make a bargain." Truly. And the other party to the contract can easily be found. We provided "the party of the first part" is not too exacting and particular in his choice. There is no need to wait until a large amount of money is saved. With sufficient means to furnish a room and employment remunerative enough to provide necessaries, a young couple will, in heart, and faith, and determination to make their way, &c., the world can, may, be happy and make headway through life together.

Girls should be educated in household duties and with the prospect in view of managing a home of their own. The accomplishments of the housewife are far more useful and productive of comfort and happiness than the ornaments of education, such as piano playing, fancy needle work, outward appearance and graceful deportment, now considered essential. If all these can be acquired with that knowledge which is necessary to a true wife who wishes to assist her husband instead of being a weight upon his energies, so much the better.

The desire for expense pleasure and to live in alternate idleness and amusement, which is growing upon young people in America, society, is taking hold of our girls and boys, in the larger cities of Utah. It is working well everywhere. Luxury tends to weaken body and mind. A purposeless life is a wretched existence. A useless life is criminal. Let mothers train their daughters for the spheres of womanhood, which they can only reach fully in the family relation, and honorable matrinity, and those mothers will confer upon their children a far richer heritage than can be represented by any figures of dollars and cents. And the boys will be encouraged to wed the girls, when they can see that in taking a wife they obtain a helpmeet instead of a fancy and expensive article to feed, clothe and support.

A great number of marriages have taken place since the re-opening of the Endowment House in this city. It has been reported and circulated very industriously that these marriages are polygamous. It is amusing to note how men who lie by telegraph contradict themselves. They commence by stating that such marriages are performed with the utmost secrecy. In the next sentence they announce a certain number of polygamous unions. Thinking people require how these eager biographers find out full particulars of that which is so secret that the offices of the law can obtain no clue to it. The fact is, that these marriages have been principally of young people from the country. The luxuries and extravagances of city life have not yet extended to the rural districts to such an extent as to make marriage financially feasible. (It makes it very difficult to the girls.) A young man in the country can find without difficulty a partner for life who is not afraid to work with him for mutual subsistence, nor to compromise the partnership with the bare necessities for comfort.

But with all the marriages that have taken place there are still large numbers of marriageable men and women who remain unmarried. What is to be done with them? Let the Herald, if the boys are ready to wed them? We suppose the men will have to take them. And if they do, fulfilling a natural law of God, performing a duty to society, but infringing upon a constitutional statute, that is against an establishment of religion and for the purpose of prohibiting the free exercise thereof, what is going to be done about it? and what is going to be in order, if all parts

immediately interested are in perfect accord concerning the arrangement? The best thing to be done with the girls is to marry them to the boys. But if the boys won't and the men will, we are not going to raise any objections, and if we should, we doubt if it would make much difference.

NOT A "SQUARE DEALER."

The editor of the Beaver Square-Denier is ambitious, but not wise. He aims to distinguish himself, but if he continues his present style will only succeed in his own extinguishment. His greatest "fault" is finding fault. But the faults he assails are frequently imaginary, and he is usually found butting violently against the wind.

His latest exploit is an assault against all the Delegates who have represented Utah in Congress, whom he charges by implication with never accomplishing any substantial good for their constituents, because they have never made an effort to secure the people of Utah in their homestead rights. Here is the situation of our Utah farmers as he describes it:

"Almost every 160 acres surveyed by the government covering land in cultivation found more than one occupant. In many cases a half-dozen farmers are accommodated by the same quarter section. A glance at the situation reveals the impossibility of making the homestead or pre-emption laws effective. Although this is the situation of the hardy pioneers of Utah, Congress has refused year after year to pass any bill to their relief. A very little legislation would have sufficed. It was only necessary to recognize the surveyor's right to file a claim, and to be made in the distribution of the land among the people and authorize one man to homestead and deed over to his adjacent neighbors such portions as the county records showed them to be entitled to."

"It would certainly be in good taste, I suppose, for the territory to unite in an effort to secure a modification of the homestead law which will allow the farmers to obtain a title to their lands without running the risk of being sent to the penitentiary for false swearing." Now let us quote from the Revised Statutes of the United States in regard to "The Public Lands."

"Sec. 274. When settlements have been made upon agricultural lands of the United States prior to the survey thereof, and it has been or shall beascertained, after the public surveys have been extended over such lands, that two or more settlers have improvements upon the same - legal subdivisions, it shall be lawful for such settlers to make joint application to the Surveyor at the Land Office, or the either of said sections to enter into contract with their co-settlers to convey to them their portion of said land after a patent is issued to him, and, after making said contract, to file a written statement of their own names and places of birth for said land, and proof of joint occupation by himself and others, and of such contract with them made, shall be equivalent to proof of sole occupation and pre-emption by the applicant. Provided, that no less than the amount patented under such statement, and divided and sixty acres, nor shall the section apply to lands not subject to homestead or pre-emption entry."

This section became a law March 3d, 1873, and was enacted through the labor of our Delegates. It is only one of the many benefits obtained for the people of Utah by the gentlemen who have faithfully represented them in Congress, who have been noted at the capital for devoted attention to the interests of their constituents, and who are labelled by the press now running the Square Denier. We think it would certainly be in good taste and without show a little "good sense," if that exceedingly inept individual would inform himself on the subjects upon which he undertakes to expatiate, cultivate, and stimulate the people's personal criticism, or retire from a position to which he is evidently unsuited. The farmers in Southern Utah need be under apprehension of being sent to the penitentiary for obtaining title to lands jointly occupied, they are in far less danger than their wives would be advised, who are far less likely to be advised by the persons now running the Square Denier. 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