

THE EVENING NEWS.

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CRUELTY TO EMIGRANTS—A SENSATION IN THE NEW YORK "SUN."

A RECENT number of the New York Sun contains a most ridiculous article, written in relation to the cargo of Saints which arrived at that port recently on board the steamer Idaho. We are sorry to see a leading journal manifest such a disposition to pander so vilely to a depraved public taste; it is beneath the dignity of the most obscure provincial sheet in the land. The Sun is aware that anything written against the "Mormons," no matter how false, unjust or ridiculous is a sweet morsel to hundreds, and in publishing such an article in its columns it shows as plainly as possible that money is its great desideratum, and that if it ever did possess any claims to be considered high-toned or to be governed by principle, it has slight claims to such considerations now. Its article is a tissue of vulgar slang, and as is usual with such efforts, it is descriptive of the sufferings and trials of two ladies, but this time instead of "escaping from Utah," they were being brought to Utah. It is only a rehearsal of the thousand stories of a similar kind, which journals of a not very respectable class are always ready to publish, with the slight change in circumstances we have referred to.

The two young ladies, the heroines of the Sun's doleful story, were, it says, good looking and natives of Leicester, England. The "cruelties" and "atrocities" practiced upon these girls by some half dozen elders, consisted solely in keeping them from personal contact with certain parties on board, non-Mormon, who were very eager to become acquainted. One of these parties was a Rev. Mr. Walker, and another an ex-Fenian convict. The result of the endeavors of these parties was increased vigilance on the part of the elders under whose supervision the emigrants were being conducted to Utah. Now, what in the name of common sense was there wrong in that? If assiduous attentions from a self-styled parson, who as likely as not was a veritable wolf in sheep's clothing, and an ex-convict would not cause men, responsible for the spiritual and moral welfare of about two hundred people to exercise more vigilance in their oversight, what would?

It seems, however, that despite the surveillance of the elders the Rev. gentleman and some others did at last manage to obtain interviews with the girls, and the result was, of course, and as might be expected through the columns of the Sun, that they did a tale of grief unfold, which did harrow up the hearts and feelings of the venerable Walker & Company to such an extent that they declared, in the name and on behalf of the Christian people of New York, if said young ladies desired liberation from "Mormon captivity and oppression," they should have it. It does not appear, however, that they availed themselves of this Christian-like offer, the reason of which, according to the veracious chronicler of the Sun, was that said girls were dragged before leaving the vessel, and so were unable to do so.

Could anything be more preposterous than the idea of dragging adults and smuggling them in that condition from an emigrant vessel? And yet the Sun, in its desire to publish something against the "Mormons," has apparently lost all idea of the ridiculous position it assumes in publishing such a story!

For the Sun or any other journal to attempt to throw discredit on the plan on which our emigration is conducted is useless: it is too late in the day. Its workings are generally known and have been commended by all conscientious and truth-loving persons at all cognizant with its details. The captains and officers of the emigrant vessels have borne the highest testimony to the excellence of the system, and the Sun's testimony, relating to only two out of two hundred and fifty, the number it gives, is nothing more than a tissue of flattery and slang that no respectable journal would admit into its columns.

We think the efforts of the Elders, if there be any truth at all in the Sun's story, screening and protecting two young girls, strangers on board an emigrant ship, from contamination or being allured into crooked paths by a self-styled parson and an ex-convict were highly commendable; and in this all whose opinion is worth anything, would join, the New York Sun's vulgarity and slang to the contrary notwithstanding.

THEATRICAL.—The house was well filled in every part last night and the playing in "Richard Darvill; or, the Robber and his Daughter" was first-class. Mr. McKenzie and Mrs. Kiskadden deserve especial mention and credit for the way they enacted their roles. The support given them by the rest of the company was very good.

The farce was rather "stuffy," but created considerable laughter.

A fine bill has been prepared for those who will attend this evening, the thrilling three-act drama, "The Son of the Muleteer," a Champion Clog Dance, by Mr. M. Williams, and the beautiful comic drama, "The Muleteer of Toledo," constituting the entertainment will be one which will satisfy and please all who go, we feel assured.

FOURTIETH SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

Thursday, 2 P. M.

The choir sang:
"Come all ye saints who dwell on earth."

Prayer by Elder Orson Pratt.
The Parowan choir sang:
"Oh Lord! responsive to thy call."

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

Requested the door keepers and those who are engaged in seating the congregation to see that a few seats be reserved in the front for the accommodation of strangers who may attend the Conference. He gave some texts to the brethren who would speak, unity of action, the necessity of overcoming our traditions, and the proper training and instruction of our children are subjects worthy the attention of those who may address the people. The building of the Temple might occupy a share of attention by the speakers. Those, however, who may not wish to preach to any of these texts can preach from them. The union of the sexes is also a subject which he would just as soon hear treated upon in this as in any other place. The Elders should never attempt to teach anything that they do not understand. There is scope enough without this. He delivered a very stirring and instructing discourse in which he showed that unless the people are inspired by the Spirit of God it will be impossible to serve the Almighty acceptably. He spoke on the nature of what is called the one-man power and other topics. A synopsis of his discourse would give but a very inadequate idea of it. It will shortly appear in the News verbatim.

ELDER GEORGE Q. CANNON.

The day in which we live is one of the most important, if not the most important that man has ever seen on the earth. It is the day in which the purposes of God shall be accomplished. The subject of unity can not receive too much of our attention. Without unity of action, in our temporal matters, our professions would be useless. The gospel brings salvation in every situation of life; it permeates the whole from the cradle to the grave. Therefore I love it. It is the Gospel carried out which has built this city and the various cities and settlements throughout this Territory. Our President has given us many wise counsels which we have not yet carried out. No people on earth have been so wisely counseled with regard to the affairs of life as the Latter-day Saints. In many respects we, as a community, are far from being united as we should be, considering our opportunities. Many who claim to be Latter-day Saints are so blind to the interests of everything connected with the Kingdom of God that they are loud in their denunciations of the principle of co-operation. It is opposed by individuals in the city, who ought to be the foremost to sustain it. But nevertheless it gradually gains influence and obtains more wide support from the masses of the people, who as a body are in favor of it. There is no man who has faith in the work of God who hesitates or feels doubtful respecting this principle. Yet it, like other true principles, has to meet with opposition. It has been the same with nearly every other principle the Lord has revealed. It is God's will that we should be united in all things. The Lord said, through Joseph, "except ye are one ye are not mine." I do not fear the pressure from the outside world it will never triumph. Because we are willing to be led and counseled by the servants of God. The world call us foolish, and there is a class calling themselves Latter-day-Saints who seem to have caught the same spirit. All the foothold that our enemies gain is the result of our want of unity. We have been advised in relation to our grain, about how to direct our labors and with regard to the railroad from Ogden to this place. I have often regretted the indifference manifested by many parents with regard to the education of their children. Education is of incalculable benefit to those who use it aright. Education should not be confined to the school room. Children should be trained to draw near to the Lord. When the father of a family is absent, then, son should call the family together to family worship, and should ask a blessing on their food. Many of our young people are rude and unmannerly. A great deal of the proper training of children devolves upon mothers. Sons and daughters will eventually bless fathers and mothers who have been strict with them in wisdom. There is nothing more beautiful than well ordered society.

Elder Cannon continued to speak for some time interestingly on the importance of training the young.

Conference adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

The choir sang:
"Great God attend while Zion sings."

Prayer by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

Friday, 7th, 10 a. m.

The choir sang:
"Behold! the harvest wide extends."

Prayer by Elder John Taylor.

The Parowan choir sang:
"Sweet is the work, my God, my King."

ELDER ORSON PRATT.

The great object of these conferences is that we may be edified concerning the things of God, to examine ourselves to see if we are alive to our duties. God has wisely designed that men should be placed in this probation that he may be prepared to obey higher laws. We have a great variety of duties and actions of our own, but God designs that we should all be instructed in one grand system. All nations have traditions that have been handed down to them from their fathers. Some of these traditions are erroneous and some correct and beneficial. Let us see whether some of our traditions are consistent with the laws of God. We have been educated with regard to our property. We have been taught that all men and women should use all their efforts to accumulate wealth for their personal aggrandizement. This seems to be the main object of the people in all nations and in all classes of society. They believe that wealth is power and happiness. Is this a correct tradition? It

is in one sense and in another it is not. God created man to eventually possess wealth. It was He who created the vast resources of wealth that so abound on the earth. That same God that made those riches and endowed men with the power to accumulate them designed that they should be used for His own honor and glory. He did not design that the use of them should cause man to be lifted above his fellow, but for him to do good in the use of them. This is one of the traditions of which the Latter-day Saints are called, by the voice of God and revelation, to free themselves. To free themselves from selfishness and devote their substance to building up God's kingdom, to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. To use wealth for self-aggrandizement only, is a tradition which entwine itself around the hearts of the children of men probably more than any other. Jesus instructed his disciples to pray that the will of God be done on earth as it is done in Heaven. This prayer is taught in all Christian nations. The difference between the order of things, in relation to property, in Heaven and the order existing on earth is very great. The riches of eternity are for the Saints of the Most High God. Those who shall be counted worthy to inherit the kingdom of God will be made heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ; joint heirs to riches, happiness, dominion and glory. This is the destiny of the Latter-day Saints. How great, then, will be your individual possessions. There should, therefore, be a preparation in this life before such a condition of things can be entered upon. We should have a very different order of things in relation to property from that which has obtained in the world. Some have murmured concerning what they term the strictness of matters about property, but there has been no strictness compared with what must ere long be introduced. Who has violated the vote that was taken at one of our Conferences that we would cease to sustain our enemies and that we would seek to sustain ourselves? There are men in our midst who would like to see this people persecuted and driven. If you trade with and sustain such characters here you will be miserable as well as accountable for the blood of the brethren providing it should be spilled.

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There are other traditions besides the one I have referred to which need the attention of the Latter-day Saints. It is not considered dishonorable in the world for a young man to marry a young lady without the consent of her parents. A young man who would do this is guilty of robbery of the meanest description. No young man has any right to make any advances whatever to a young woman without first consulting her parents, and no language could portray his contempt for a person who would take any other course. It is true, as was said here yesterday, that our young men and young women are, as a general rule, virtuous, yet the practice, that has obtained here somewhat, of young people staying out of evenings in by places courting and probably keeping up that courtesanship for years is highly reprehensible. Those who oppose the true order of marriage as revealed by God virtually shut themselves out from a prospect of having wives and children in eternity. The speaker continued to speak for some time on the true order of marriage.

PRESIDENT GEO. A. SMITH.

The Lord commanded the first man to take a wife and the commandment is applicable to every other man, therefore those who do not obey it are living in persistent opposition to the will of heaven. It was suggested at one of our Conferences, that all the unmarried young men over a certain age, should pay \$200 annually to the P. E. Fund till married. Those young men who are liable to this fine are reminded that the fund needs replenishing and he would advise those young ladies who are still single through the dereliction of such young men, to stir them up and help collect the fine. The principle of union in temporal matters is not only applicable to merchandise but to every thing else. We should unite so that we shall not build up merchant princes or an aristocracy of wealth in our midst. Let union be introduced in agriculture and agricultural machinery might be brought here that would reduce the labor of the farmer at least one half. Agricultural unions can be formed with success. There is but little of anything raised here to be sent abroad. Some Latter-day Saints have got wrong ideas on the mining question. They seem to think that, when they enter a mining camp, they must drink, swear, &c. This is a foolish tradition, and if any Latter-day Saints should enter any Latter-day Saints should enter into mining, let them not be foolish enough to indulge in vicious practices that degrade them. Let us support our tanneries and home shoe establishments. Let us see that sheep herds cover our mountains and that the necessary roots be raised to support them during the rough season, and give the charge of the herds to men who know how to treat sheep, and let the community own the herds. Thus, with union, factories and union sheep herds, we will clothe our backs with our own wool. We can just as well as not have co-operative butcheries. Unity can accomplish all these things. Why should we not have union cattle herds, having one brand on each animal, have it put in at a value and, when taken out, let it be taken out at a value. The same is applicable to horse herds. Cheese can be manufactured in every settlement just as well as not. He would advise our Dixie brethren to commence some cotton fields on the principle of co-operation and give the cultivation of this important article more attention than it has yet received.

The choir sang:
"Daniel's wisdom may I know."

Prayer by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

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