A CO-OPERATIVE IDEA.

Foreign Capital Means White Slavery, Says a Correspondent.

He Would Solve the Industrial Issue of the Day by an Elaborate Co-operative System in Utah.

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To the Editor:

I have long had a desire to offer a few suggestions through the columns of the NEWS, but have been afraid of doing it with sufficient intelligence to be understood.

The subject I wished to choose is one that has been written about often in the NEWS, and also talked about in public discourses, namely co-operation; and now I am afraid most people will either lay down the paper in disgust or turn over to something vastly more interesting. But, sir, I believe this is of more vital importance today to the Latter-day Saints than any other subject of a temporal nature. Although the subject of home industry has been written about and talked of so much, yet I believe considerable of our people wear imported clothes, imported shoes and hats, our sisters also wear imported clothing of all styles, while our young men and young women are waiting on streets (four cents in silvered tokens, sir, I am afraid) to be got to be partners (couples to be many cases. Some of our young men, rather than be idle, will accept elements, to sinking ranges, or wherever they can get work, and then become in a great measure "slaves to the rich." How then, Mr. Editor, shall the evil be remedied and what shall be done to furnish labor for all?

By the way the majority of the newspapers discuss the subject they appear to have the idea that foreign capital is the only available. But is there no danger, Mr. Editor, that if we could induce foreign capital to invest in our industries here that it would introduce such a system of slavery as that mentioned in your paper some time ago under "White Slavery," where you say that whole families were to work at making boys' clothing from morning until the night, and sometimes far into the night, to earn $1.50 a week each? Do we want, sir, such a system as this introduced amongst the Latter-day Saints, of which we are proud to name than the Divine? We all know that any imported capital would expect at least its own yet each of them would see much more as it could equivalent.

What other plan, then, can be devised? I believe, sir, that we have the power in our own hands if the people are only to unanimously, in co-operation. I remember some seeing an article in the NEWS of a company of people starting on the Sunset pass, but they never saw great point, to the credit of the spirit of the Latter-day expended in their own ability and labor. Now, sir, we have in the Saints organization that can be found in the world, and, best of all, we are entitled to the Spirit of God to aid us in the fight very. Now what we want to make easy than for the people of a State to unite—I will take for instance Cache State—we have, I believe, in this state about 17,000 inhabitant people. One dollar each from these people would finish building the large woolen factory that has been standing half finished for so many years. Fill it with machinery, and furnish the power to run it, and then furnish employment for a goodly number of hands, and it would belong to the people; they could operate by vote, or otherwise, a good practical, honest man, who understands the business thoroughly, to manage the factory, and rendering at stated periods a strict account of all business transacted.

In connection with the factory, and started in the same way, by subscription, say a quarter, or half a dollar, a tanning establishment could be established to make up the clothing, the hides to make the factory, and then further take for quite a number more hands. The former could then take the wool to the factory, get the cloth