

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

SCHOOL AND FIRESIDE.

I.

Contemplating to write a series of articles under the above heading, according to request, the writer does not intend to lay elaborate essays on education before the public, but mere practical ideas concerning this all-important subject, as they have presented themselves, in the course of his experience as a teacher, to his mind, with special regard to the circumstances and conditions of our own people in these valleys of the mountains, although he feels constrained to state, at the beginning, that some of his ideas may not correspond in every particular with the preconceived notions of a great many.

If we cast an investigating glance over the history of the development of this people, we will find, that right at the beginning the Prophet Joseph Smith emphasized the necessity of education, not only by occasional speeches, but most emphatically by his example, thereby leading out into fields of intellectual labor, the cultivation of which should be reserved for those that would come after him and his contemporaries. If succeeding events have made it impossible for this people to keep up in the line of work uninterruptedly in every particular, as their first great leader had laid out for them, it must be borne in mind that Joseph merely laid out the plan of the city, as it were, starting something at all points, indicative of future requirements, and following generations would have to take up these points just as soon as times and circumstances would permit, and, above all, the spirit of revelation, as made known to the people by the mouth of the living prophet, would require.

In honor to this people be it said, that, though little, in fact very little, may have been done sometimes for the cause of education, they never have lost sight of the injunctions of Joseph entirely, and in continual exhortation on the part of the authorities and some spasmodic efforts here and there among the people, the latent spirit of such love for education has manifested its existence.

In the times of hard pioneering, of sweat and destitution, of bitter struggle with the elements of the wilderness, the virtues of muscular labor, being the almost only requisites to save and sustain life, it is not to be wondered at, that intellectual attainments, if not shared with muscular exertion, were at a decided discount, and a man who would attempt to devote his energies to the building up of the cause of education in those days, would have been either not appreciated at all or would have been considered a chap that either could not or would not work, school teaching being considered no work in the strict sense of the term. The writer of this has labored himself for years under the shadow of that cloud. The same condition of affairs was observable in home education. With a few noteworthy exceptions here and there a boy found the summit of his ambition in the art of putting a pair of legs over a horse, and the girls to dance the most; the father being worked down and the mother, in many instances, too weak to control the healthy, but too fast growing up spirits of their children.

K. G. M.

LIST OF PREMIUMS

The following is the remainder of the list of Premiums awarded by the D. A. & M. Society at the late fair in this City—

CLASS J.—Minerals.

For the best general collection of minerals, &c., John W. Young, Silver Cup.

For the best collection of lead and silver ores from one mine, Reed & Benson mine, Silver Medal.

For the best col. of rich silver, lead and gold ore, Mono Mining Co., Diploma.

For the best col. of lead ore, Chicago Mine, Dip.

For the best col. of iron and coal ores, Seth M. Blair, Dip.

For the best col. of articles manufactured from native iron, with specimens of pig iron, manufactured at the Nathan Davis & Son Foundry by Daniel Davis, Silver Medal.

For the best silver lead bullion, F. J. P. Pascoe, Silver Medal.
For the best lead bullion, Chicago Smelting & Mining Co., Dip.
Worthy of mention is the "The Chicago Co's Fume Condenser."

Miscellaneous Class.

Best needle work executed on the Singer Sewing machine by Miss Emma Spencer, Z. C. M. I., Diploma.

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Gold chain, 4000 links, manufactured by I. Watters & Bro., S. L. City, I. Watters & Co., Diploma.

Grain register, by Sidney Hudson, \$3.00.

Best specimen of balloons E. Jacobs \$1.00.

Best specimen of writing by a lady, special prize, Mary Campbell, \$10.00.

For fine specimen of penmanship, Heber Grant, First Prize.

Best Jonathan apple, Lorenzo D. Young, \$1.00.

Best Roxbury russet apple, Geo. B. Bailey, \$1.00.

Best half bushel white beans, A. J. Rynearson, \$2.00.

Best white quilt, Miss Reese, \$3.00.

Best corked boot, Charles Barrel, \$5.00.

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Best half bushel of peas, A. J. Rynearson, \$2.00.

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Best Fall Porter, Wm. Jennings, \$1.00.

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PLUMS.

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Best 10 lbs. dried plums, Mrs. John Morgan, \$2.00.

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Best black mustard, J. E. Johnson.

— The Quincy (Ill.) editors are just now indulging themselves by calling each other such pet names as cowards and rascals. They each deny the fact, a rather stubborn thing to deny.

— Daniel Drew is still enlogized by his denominational clergy as "a living example of peaceful, yet active, piety." He has had the eye of that needle drilled out so that a whole menagerie of camels can get through it.

— Anyone who visits Chilwood, England, can read in the cemetery the following epitaph:

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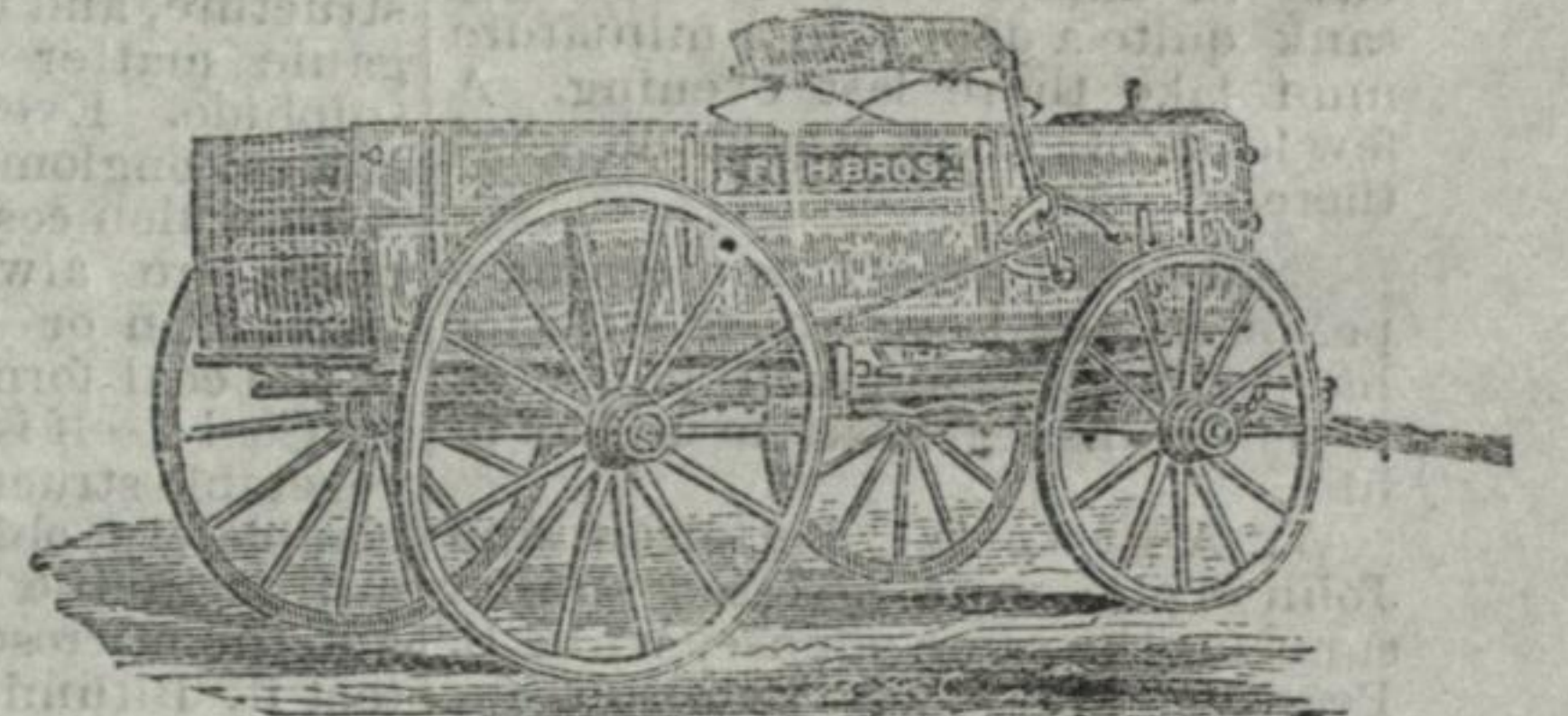
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