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THE COMING DAY.

THE year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-eight has reached its closing hour, and soon will be no more. We have no tears to shed over its departure. We hope our readers have no cause for mourning over any of its days or its opportunities, wasted, in any case, since it is unavailing. Remorse may be of small worth, regret are of small value. Robust humanity presses forward, determined to make the future more than compensate for the past.

We are living in a lightning age. Each succeeding year develops forces that make its successors more momentous. Events of great magnitude follow each other with marvelous rapidity, and all behold a great crisis near at hand.

To the Latter-day Saints this is highly significant. The "day of the Lord" is approaching. Every new year is more and more fruitful in the "signs of His coming." We should be better prepared for the changes to take place and to stand when He appears.

But the lapse of time has varied effects upon different persons. While some look forward and discern the near approach of the great consummation, others look back over disappointed expectations, complain that the "Lord delayeth His coming," and begin to doubt the fulfillment of His promises.

We trust that our friends are not numbered among the latter. The present is bright with the sunshine of hope and luminous with the rays of prophecy fulfilling. And the future is pregnant with triumph and glory for those who endure unto the end. Let us act well to-day and joyfully anticipate the morrow, while the dead past is left to bury its dead.

May eighteen hundred and seventy-nine prove a blessed and happy new year for the people of God, who have come up through much tribulation, and have thus far overcome. May the gospel be widely disseminated, thousands of the scattered poor of Israel be gathered, and the spirit of righteousness and truth increase in Zion. And while the Temples approach completion and the spirits of the departed sing psalms of joy over the work performed for their redemption, while the ransomed of the Lord on high are making ready for the descent to earth with the King of Kings, let those who are called to prepare the world for the great day, remember that the time is short.

FILL THE HOUSE.

NEXT Saturday and Sunday the regular Quarterly Conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion will be held in the Theatre. It is desirable that the people throughout this county will generally attend. Some misunderstanding prevails in regard to these meetings. It is supposed that they are only intended for the priesthood, or the male members of the Church. This is an error. The Stake conferences are for the assembling of all the people, male and female, in the various Stakes, just as the general conferences are for the whole Church. These conferences are held by appointment of the presiding authorities of the Church, in accordance with the revelations of God to be found in the book of Doctrine and Covenants.

All who possibly can should be present on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The house will be prepared and made comfortable, and there ought to be a large attendance. Every ward should be represented by its Bishop or its Counselors and as many of the teachers and others as possible, and the presence of the sisters is also requested.

Business men will do well to give liberty to as many of their employees as circumstances will permit them to excuse, and the Salt Lake Stake should not be behind any of the country organizations in its general assemblies, for the transaction of Stake business, the worship of Almighty God and the imparting and receiving of instruction suitable for the times. Brethren and sisters, fill the house.

A SUCCESSFUL INDUSTRY.

THE folly of importing anything which we can produce at home as well and cheaply as it can be produced abroad, has been repeatedly exhibited. Argument and experience have both given it clear demonstration. Yet we continue, in this Territory, to purchase from outside markets, many articles that can be and are raised or manufactured within our borders, by our own friends, and the production of which would be of great benefit to the community in furnishing employment for the labor that would otherwise remain idle.

We will now refer simply to one article in general use, the consumption of which is, to a certain extent, a gauge of civilization. It is soap. The more soap used, it is said, the greater the civilization of a nation or a community. This test may be open to some objections, but there is "something in it." About 20,000 pounds of soap per day is used in this Territory. Up to the present time nearly all this has been imported. Including the fancy toilet kinds, as well as the common sort for laundry purposes, Utah pays for soap about \$200,000 per annum. As a matter of fact, the soap used in this Territory, or, in other words, this half a million dollars might just as well be paid to home producers as to outside dealers, to the immense benefit of the Territory in many ways.

It is true that several abortive attempts have been made to supply Utah with home-made soap. Much money has been sunk in several enterprises of this character. But it is often the case that some men's successes are built upon other men's failures. The present has been always proved by the past. This has been exemplified very recently in reference to soap. Last week Mr. Henry Snell, who has ventured considerable capital in the starting of a new effort to supply the home demand, turned out a batch of 5,000 pounds of "Pure Sapon," which, being placed on the Salt Lake market, was sold to merchants in forty minutes. Its appearance was its own recommendation. Wholesale buyers accustomed to handling soap, pronounced it the best ever made here, and superior to Kirk's, which is the favorite laundry soap in Utah. It is lighter, clearer, better "grained," and sold by the box at a little less price than Kirk's. Practical trials with Snell's soap prove it to be as good as it looks. There is no doubt that he will be able to dispose of all that he can make with his present facilities. His factory is in the Nineteenth Ward near to the track of the Utah Central. He will soon place upon the market some toilet soap, and he intends to extend his enterprise as fast as circumstances will warrant. This is very encouraging, and the endeavors of our home manufacturers to supply the home demand ought certainly to be supported by the entire community.

We have received samples of soap made by Mr. Thomas Harris, whose works are located in the north-western part of the city, near the race track, and find them most excellent. The laundry soap is pronounced better and cheaper than the imported, and the white Castile and red Castile made from pure oils, are a splendid article for the toilet. If these soap become properly known, Mr. Harris, who is now struggling against the tide and deserves help, will have no difficulty in selling all he can manufacture. These, with the Snell soap, can be obtained at John C. Cutler's commission store, where a specialty is made of goods produced at home. The "Pure Sapon" can also be had at Z. C. M.I., 13th Ward Co-operative, and other stores in town.

With the facilities at hand for manufacture, Utah ought not to import a pound of soap. If consumers would ask for the home-made article when they make their purchases, they would stimulate dealers to support the home producer. And while the people obtain a good article upon which they can depend, employment will be furnished for ready hands, and the whole community will receive the benefit of the retention in the Territory of many thousands of dollars, that now flow out in a continual stream to enrich outside traders and producers. Buy home-made soap.

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EASTERN.

Narrow Gauge Railroad.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Tribune special says: The House committee on railways and canals, to whom a resolution was referred to authorize the Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company to construct a narrow gauge railway, extending from the city of St. Louis and Chicago, has submitted a report which shows a careful examination into the question of such a road. The report that narrow-gauge roads are shown, by experience, to offer a method of transportation through the mountainous country. The committee report is a substitute for the original bill, and recommends its passage.

The Army Bill Opposition.

The Tribune's Washington special says: Opposition to certain features of the army bill increases, although there are many opponents which most general approval. Its enlargement of the military power at the disposal of the President, its wide extension of the power of the President in the assignment of staff officers, making him the place of the President, and the President, who is the constitutional commander-in-chief.

American Wheat for Barcelona.

The Tribune's Washington special says: The State Department has received a dispatch from Mr. Schenck, United States consul at Barcelona, Spain, announcing the arrival there of the first cargo of wheat ever imported to that place from America. The cargo consisted of 100,000 bushels of Minnesota wheat, was carried in an English steamer, and the freight cost \$18,000. There was great excitement at the place, and the grain was pronounced equal in quality to any ever received at that market. The consul reports that the Spanish government has ordered the grain to be stored in the city of Barcelona, and that it was thought about 25 cargoes would arrive during the season, all in English steamers. The grain was offered to the Spanish government at a low price, and a large number of the Spanish people are now developing our trade. Fifteen cargoes of wheat from the Black Sea were also for Barcelona on the same steamer, and the first cargo of American wheat arrived.

The Journal's Washington special says:

The advocates of the Texas Pacific Railroad bill say that they have made a careful canvass of the House and Senate, and that a majority of seven in the House and six in the Senate is in favor of the bill when it shall be placed on the calendar. An effort will be made to pass the bill immediately after the holidays, and it is believed that it will pass in the House.

POSTAL AFFAIRS.

Rate of Domestic Postage.

Letters, Standard single rate, 3 cents. Letters, Standard double rate, 6 cents. Letters, Standard triple rate, 9 cents. Letters, Standard quadruple rate, 12 cents. Letters, Standard quintuple rate, 15 cents. Letters, Standard sextuple rate, 18 cents. Letters, Standard septuple rate, 21 cents. Letters, Standard octuple rate, 24 cents. Letters, Standard nonuple rate, 27 cents. Letters, Standard decuple rate, 30 cents.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

We are now offering the balance of our STOCK OF WINTER GOODS, such as DRESS GOODS, REPELLANTS, SUITINGS, LINEN, FLANNELS, HOSIERY, and WOOLEN GOODS, in order to close them out before the arrival of SPRING PURCHASES. SPECIAL BARGAINS IN WHITE AND GREY BEAN. H. S. ELDERIDGE, Supt.

SALE OF SOAP
A HOUSEHOLD SOAP FOR GENERAL USE
HENRY SNELL MANUFACTURER OF TOILET, BATH & LAUNDRY SOAP.

NOTICE. I wish to notify my friends that I have received from the publisher of the "Mormon Question" a copy of the same, and am now in possession of it. I will be glad to send a copy to any of my friends who may desire it. J. H. WILSON, Editor of the "Mormon Question."

LOST. A small black and white dog, about 10 weeks old, with a white spot on its chest, and a white collar with a bell. If found, please return it to the owner, J. H. WILSON, 100 South Main Street, Salt Lake City.

37. Notice is hereby given that the members of the First Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are requested to meet at the Church Building, on Saturday, December 21st, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a new ward clerk. The meeting will be held in the presence of the Bishop and the Stake President. All members are requested to attend.

CITY TAX SALE. NOTICE. To the Citizens of the City of Salt Lake City: The City Taxes assessed against the property of the City of Salt Lake City, for the year 1878, are now due and payable. The same will be sold at public auction, on the 25th day of January, 1879, at 10 o'clock a.m. JOHN H. WILSON, Collector.

UTAH'S ASSOCIATION. PROPERTY INSURED. If your citizens will liberally patronize such institutions as this, they will be able to secure the best of insurance at the lowest rates. WM. H. ROWE, Supt. SALT LAKE CITY.

CHURCHMAN BEEF! CHURCHMAN BEEF! Pembroke Meat Market Again to the Front. WHITE & SON. Take pleasure in announcing to their numerous friends and patrons that they have purchased for the Christmas and New Year's markets the very best of animals that Utah's ranches can afford. Their show is composed of:

Thirty-five 2 and 3-year-old STEERS and HEIFERS, Twenty head of choice 3-year-old Steers, Six 4 1/2 Steers, Selected from the herd of Jasper Perkins, Esq., West Bonanza, ALL MOUNTAIN FED, & HAVE BEEN SELECTED WITH GREAT CARE & JUDGMENT.

One choice, pure bred Durham Cow, a superior animal. The fattest beef, without exception, ever slaughtered in Utah. Red by John H. Wm. Jennings, whose reputation as a feeder is so well known as to need no comment from us. Our Mutton is Superior. Selected from the herd of Mr. John Ford, Centerville. Pork of all sizes, from the Sucking Pig to the twin monsters of 1,000 pounds.

More and Fatter Animals. WHITE & SON take the present opportunity of returning thanks to their numerous customers and friends for the liberal amount of patronage bestowed upon them during the time they have been in business, and hope that by continuing to keep a choice selection of animals, with strict attention to business, to continue to receive their patronage.

WM. BADLER. DRAFTER IN ROADS AND RAILROADS. I have been engaged in the drafting of roads and railroads for the last ten years, and am now in possession of a large number of plans and specifications. I will be glad to send a copy to any of my friends who may desire it. J. H. WILSON, Editor of the "Mormon Question."

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