OUR FAIR FAME MENACED.

Up to the present time, so far as expressing an editorial opinion is concerned, the News has been almost a silent observer of the proceedings that have been taking place since the work of canvassing the returns of the last general election has been in progress. The position of political neutrality which this paper has studiously maintained, and is determined to continue in, has made silence upon this subject proper and convenient thus far.

JOSEPH THE PROPHET.

It is especially appropriate at this time to contemplate the life-work of a man who, during a brief but eventful career, wrote his name in indelible characters on the annals of this world. Tomorrow, Sunday, December 23, is the anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Joseph, who was born on that date, 1805, in Sharon, Windsor county, Vermont.

A BURNING QUESTION.

There is at least one workingman in town who is doing some deep thinking in his own way just now. He is sober and industrious, but has been out of work during a great portion of the time for more than a year; his wife goes out washing to help get food and clothing for several small children.

STAKE HIGH COUNCILS.

Numbers of the members of the Church have merely a general and perhaps not a very distinct understanding of the procedure of the several ecclesiastical courts that exist within the body-religious.

STRIVING AFTER EXCELLENCE.

It is many years since we listened to President Brigham Young, while instructing the first super-tendent going out for Z. C. M. I., used the following words: "When you begin work see then you buy a really first class article at each particular kind, for nothing is too good for the Latter-day Saints."