the time was not to shed a drop of money voted or collected through blood, not to fire a single gun, if it taxes for schools would be disburscould possibly be avoided, unless ed through elected school trustees? in actual self-defense.

City, I found a very strange and created by the same body, empowpeculiar people, as is truly said in ering trustees to collect more, be a the Scriptures. I saw no liquor swindle, and, if so, where does the saloons, no gambling houses, no legitimate power rest to create laws prostitutes, no houses of ill-fame, empowering a collection for school no drunkenness, heard no taking purposes? of God's name in vain, saw no lawyers, no going to law, and it seemed that they had no need of doctors.

Yours truly, JOHN S. DUNN.

Preaching-The Golden God-School Matters.

ST. Louis, March 24, 1877. Editor Deseret News:

My brief preaching tour in Macoupin and Madison counties was attended with success, not in proselyting, but many expressed themselves that they had been laboring under a misapprehension of the true condition of Utah and her people. Many accord praise to the leaders of Utah, for the healthy financial condition of that Territory. After giving a brief history of McKean and clique's malignant judicial career, the people wondered, at the peace and good order maintained by the hardy pioneers of the western wilds and their sons who have made the desert blossom as the rose, and developed a self independency in home industries, in advance of the other Territories and even some of the States.

True religion, as taught by Jesus Christ, with its attendant gift and blessings, the multitude are taught by their priests not to believe in, neither to seek after, and many are as rude and barbaric in their ideas and feelings in regard to divine things as the Hindoo, or the untutored savage that roams 'mid the hilly regions of the west. Gold and greenbacks are God, supreme, where I have traveled. The high · pressure system is the one adopted by all parties. Whatever the nature of the intrigue, this power is brought to bear to carry it through. Hence political harangues, defaulters, suicides and rascality of every description. This order of things will eventually rack, by its agorizing threes, from centre to circumference this mighty commonwealth.

A gentleman called my attention to an article in a newspaper referring to school matters in Utah. This gentleman said, "I am a Gentile, but a lover of truth and fair play. I wish to be informed of your school system in Utah." gave him the history of the school system of American Fork City, having been a trustee of that dis. STANDARD AND RELIABLE trict four years-

1. The schools of American Fork City, the past ten years, have been conducted on the free school sys-

2. Each lot contains 160 square rods, well fenced, with commodious school-houses.

3. They are the property of the

school district.

4. The trustees appointed by the people are not lying, disreputable knaves, as are some editors.

5. The trustees accept of the position as an honorary one.

6. When at home I live in the same county and within fifteen miles of Provo City. I have seen the building many times that Brigham Young gave to be used in the interest of education, and consider its value \$15,000.

7. In the small town of American Fork, numbering 1,500 souls, there is an average school attendance of 450 children this winter.

I requested the gentleman to ask the slanderers of Utah-

1. If the two mission schools there are supported largely by noise) to pay teachers and build valuable horse. school-houses.

2. If the Utah law compelling the payment of one-fourth of one per cent. for school purposes is a mere device (as stated by slandeers) to fleece non-"Mormon" prop-

erty-holders? stance is a mere device, and all the Ulcers. money raised goes into the pockets of pilfering "Mormon" priests or school trustees, why should the spavin, Galls and Sores, Swinny, slanderers concern themselves Ring Rone. Windgalls, Big Head, about further legislation upon Poll Evil, Humors and Sores, Lameschool matters, when the people ness, Swellings, Scratches, Distern would send their own representa- per, Stiffness, Strains, Soreness, Open tives to fill legislative halls, and all sores.

4. If the law of one-fourth per When I entered Great Salt Lake cent. is a swindle, would not a law

WM. WHALLEY JACKSON.

Preaching.

NEPHI, April 16, 1877. Editor Deseret News:

Yesterday (Sunday) evening, several of the brethren from the northern country paid us a visit on their return trip from St. George, viz., Elders F. D. Richards and son; Bishop Budge, of Bear Lake; Chas. Nibley, general freight and ticket agent of the U. N. R. R., Brother Dalrymple and another brother whose name I did not learn. The topics of interest were concentrating the labors of the Saints for the purpose of establishing the United Order, and preparing ourselves to be self-sustaining. Most excellent instructions were discoursed by the brethren in a powerful, edifying, and encouraging manner, and I trust that much good will accrue from their exhortations and wise counsel, and a lasting impression be stamped upon the minds of the Saints. Only about two hours' notice was received of their arrival, but through the diligence of our bishop and teachers, the meetinghouse was well filled.

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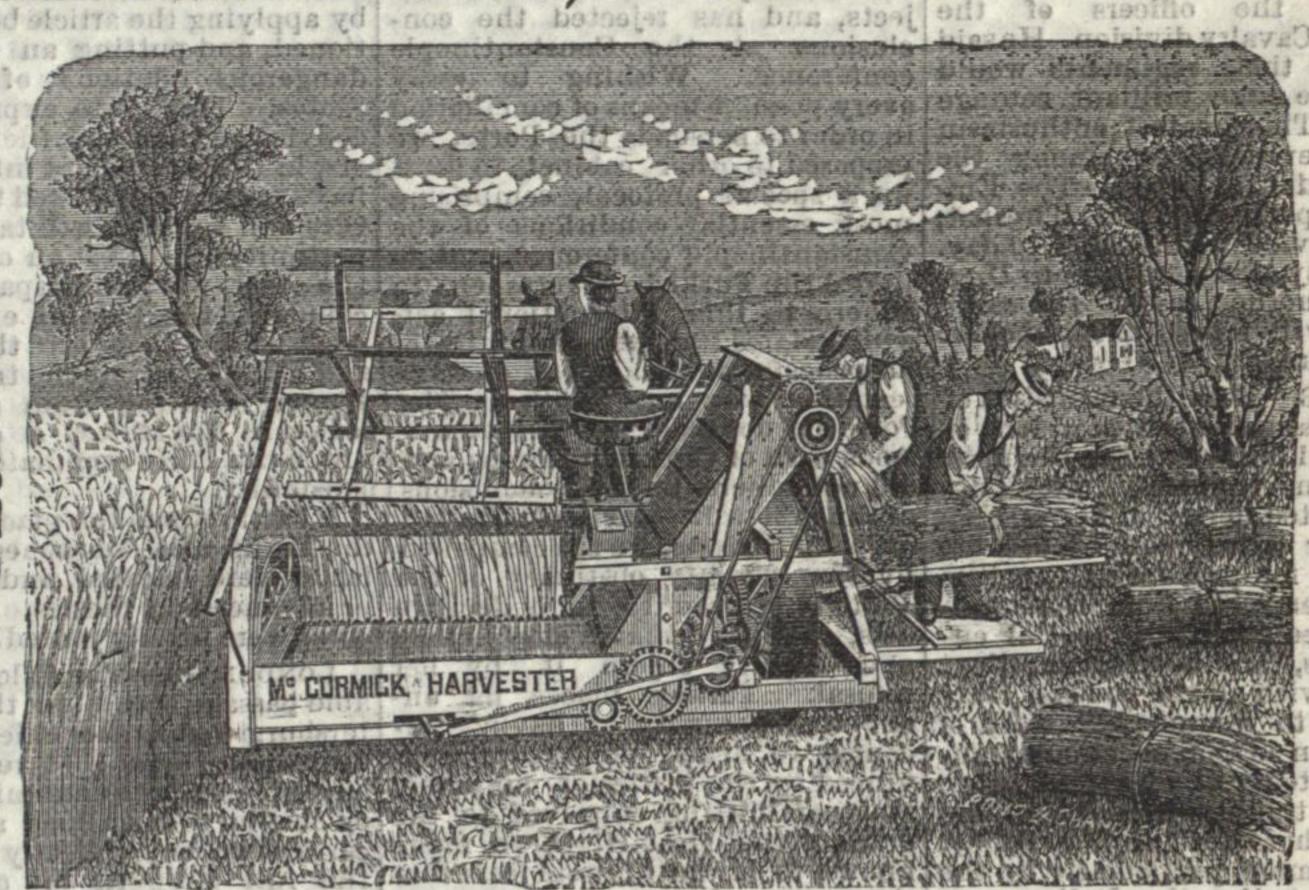
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