

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mobs and Killings.

SPRING CITY, July 30th, 1877.

Editor Deseret News:

How many persons now residing in Utah heard Joseph Smith declare on the stand in Nauvoo, Ills., on his return from Washington, where he went to seek redress for the wrongs done to the "Mormon" people in the State of Missouri, that "if the Government did not redress those wrongs, the people of the nation should be afflicted with mobs, from Maine to Louisiana, to their hearts' content?" I, for one, heard him make the declaration, and it now seems that the mob's destructive work has begun. We have labored faithfully for nearly a half century to show that Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God; but the railroad strikers are now producing more feeling arguments in favor of this important fact. The "Mormons" have been falsely and wickedly accused of preparing for an uprising to war and bloodshed; but those accusations are being exemplified in another quarter, and so will all the efforts of our enemies prove, with a little vexatious annoyance to the Saints.

Joseph Smith also said that he saw, in vision, the misery, extreme wretchedness and distress coming among the people of this nation; and so terrible and horrid was the scene that he besought the Lord to close up the vision, for its sight was more than he could endure. He likewise said that every man that would not take up sword against his neighbor must needs flee to Zion for safety.

It is my unqualified opinion that the "Mormon" Zion will not always be regarded by the outside world so much below par as at present.

The foregoing sayings of our martyred prophet have become as household words with the Saints. Though dead, he yet speaketh.

Very truly yours,
ORSON HYDE.

BALDWIN, Sheerborn Co., Minn.,
July 23d, 1877.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Brother—I arrived here day before yesterday in good health and spirits, and found the Saints all feeling well. I have traveled on foot from north to the south and back, through eighteen counties. I went to visit the Saints in Albert Lea, Freeborn Co., also to find Eder Peterson and Graff, but I did not hear of them before I read the NEWS and saw that they were returned home. I do not know of any they have baptized. I would be glad to be informed by them. Yesterday we had a little conference here. A few of the Saints came here from Isanti and Burns Branch, and Elders Hafen and Hendrickson were present, and a good many strangers. We had meeting in the forenoon and at two o'clock in the afternoon. We all partook of the Lord's supper and bore testimony to the work of God, and we had a good time. We were all inspired by the Spirit of the Lord. The Brethren and Sisters bore strong and powerful testimonies of the gifts and blessings of the gospel of the Son of God, that they knew that they had been healed instantly from some of their infirmities by the laying on of hands of the Elders, &c. They all have a strong desire to come out of wicked Babylon. Times are hard here at present.

Praying God to bless all the Latter-day Saints.

Your Brother in the gospel,
B. P. WULFENSTEIN.

Records—Visiting—Hard Times—No
Need for Sensations.

DUNDEE, July 16th, 1877.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Brother—Before leaving Utah for this country, several persons spoke to me about procuring records, visiting their relatives, and doing other items of business. Please publish in the NEWS that letters will reach me addressed for the present, No 114 Nassau Street, Hutesontown, Glasgow, Scotland.

Since our arrival we have been visiting relatives and friends, also preaching out doors as opportunity offered. The season has been quite cold and rainy. We have not as

yet had one whole fair day. During the past twenty years many fine monuments and buildings have been erected. The city corporation of Glasgow are doing quite a work in clearing away whole streets of old buildings, widening the streets, and erecting excellent edifices and tenement houses. To do this work, I am informed that a tax of 2s 6d. in the pound sterling of the annual rental, or 12 1/2 per cent, aside from other city dues for police, gas, schools, water, etc., is assessed, and although wages are higher, rents, taxes and provision more than counterbalance, making the condition of the working classes in some respects worse than ever before. The present lock-out on the Clyde, and strikes, fires, etc., at other points indicate the social enmity at work. A manifest growing unbelief and immorality, drunkenness, with other kindred vices show that Scotland to-day is and has been cursed with false religion and bad whiskey.

I enclose you an abstract or report of a lecture by the Rev. David Macrae, at Gourrock, on the necessity of a revision of the old standards of the Church of Scotland. This question creates quite a sensation, and other points of difference loom up also.

I had a very agreeable interview with Mr. Macrae at Gourrock. He is a very intelligent, liberal man. He has travelled extensively in America, and is an excellent writer. He is now reading some of our books, and he made many inquiries about Utah and her people.

So far, we have been blessed in our labors. The N. Y. Herald sensation stories are hardly noticed by the press of this country. In conversation with an editor of the Dundee Advertiser, last Saturday, he handed me a copy of the Herald, with its usual column of hash. I asked if he would not need it to clip from, but he said, "No, you can keep it. We do not count on such articles, no use for them."

Next Wednesday I shall visit Arbroath, and afterwards shall travel through Fifeshire.

I shall be pleased to hear from Peter Sinclair.

With good wishes for all who seek the welfare of Israel,

Your brother in the Gospel,
ALEX. F. MACDONALD.

A Marriage Question.

Kattiwar, in Western India, has been the field of labor of Christian Missionaries, and converts are occasionally made to Christianity, and they are compelled to conform to the rules and traditions of the church with which they may unite. The young Thackoor is in evident trouble, as he is becoming a convert, and has four wives. He is one of the chief Rajahs in that country, and about three years ago he married four wives at the same time. The princess brides were aged respectively, twelve, fifteen, sixteen and twenty-two years. The Prince, whose broad territory slopes down to the blue waters of the Gulf of Cambay is meditating seriously a change of religion, forsaking that of his fathers, and bowing to the Christ. He is now twenty years old, being only seventeen when "married and done for" four times over in one day. Now, wishing to be a Christian, he seems to be in trouble and his case to be a perplexity to his instructors, as the missionaries tell him Christians must only have one spouse. This is a sad condition of things to him, and the missionaries who tell him as a Christian, he can retain only one of the four wives at present lawfully his, and that the proper wife to be retained is the one who has a prior claim upon his Highness. This is all very well but does not meet the case. "Which of my wives has a prior claim on me?" asks the bewildered Thackoor; "I married them on the same day." The dilemma seems to be insurmountable, but Bishop Colenso, of Natal, would distinctly tell him to retain the whole four wives, under the circumstances, and would baptize him "a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven."—Utah County Enquirer.

Too much gravity argues a shallow mind—Lutcher.

Give us the dollars anybody—what's the use of being particular.—Rochester Democrat.

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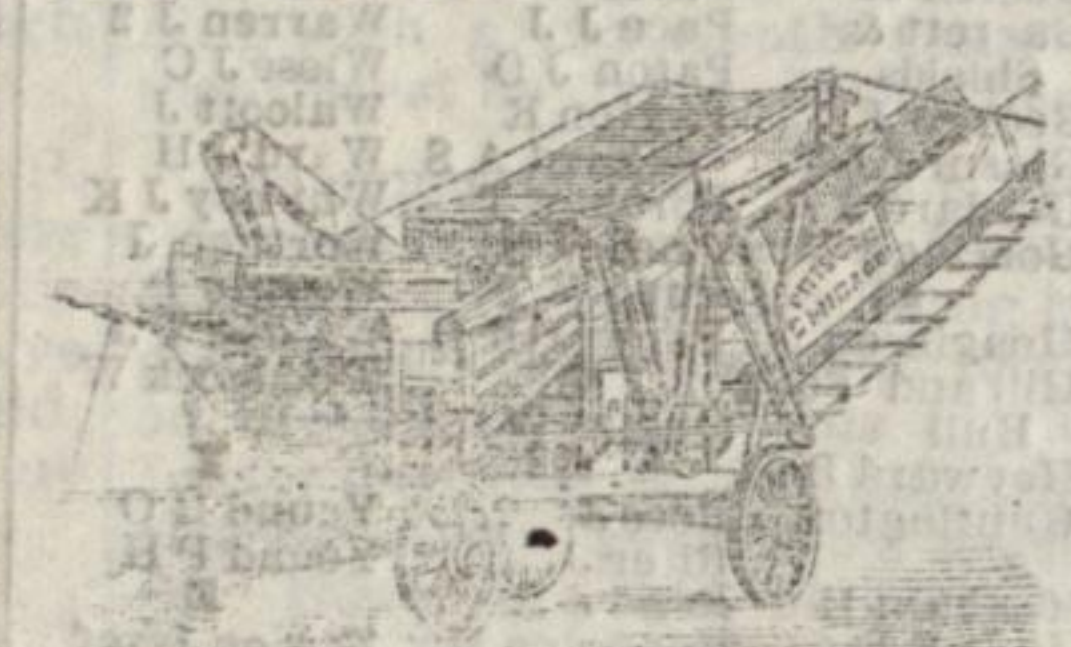
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