

# DESERET NEWS: WEEKLY.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

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## BUYING JERUSALEM—A SPLENDID PEOPLE.

The Colorado *Chieftain* has the following:—

It is reported that the Mormons are trying to buy Jerusalem of the Turks. This would be a good thing to do, for having full possession, they would go to work and develop the country, dig coal, plant trees, build a railroad, plant orchards, and make things shine. There are no people in the world so capable of restoring that region to its former prosperity, and should they undertake it, civilized nations would see that they are protected."

There are some remarkable things in the above paragraph—

1. The frank admission that the "Mormons" are the best people to reclaim, redeem, build up, and develop a country, make it prosperous, and "make things shine."

2. The implication that so superior a people would be so willingly spared by the United States.

3. The statement that civilized nations would see that the "Mormons" would be protected in that enterprise, because the question arises, "If protect them there, why not let them live quietly and without any sort of persecution here?"

Lastly, we may observe that the "Mormons" have too much work before them in reclaiming and developing this continent and making it prosperous, to leave them any time or inclination to go ten thousand miles away to another continent for a similar purpose. Let the "Mormons" "make things shine" in North and South America, before they try their skill on Palestine. America cannot afford to lose so much virtue at present.

## THAT'S THE KIND OF PEOPLE THEY ARE.

THUS speaks the Omaha *Herald* of Feb. 3—

"WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE THE  
MORMONS ARE.

"Well said, and well done, Senator Paddock. You have had the courage to stand up in the Senate and say a kind word for the people of Utah. We quote the *Republican*—

"In presenting the petition of the citizens of Utah in favor of an appropriation for the centennial, Senator Paddock very truthfully and eloquently said, that the petitioners were 'a temperate, frugal, industrious, Union-loving people. They have brought down the mountain streams through irrigating channels and transformed a desert into a garden.'"

"This is the kind of people the Mormons are, according to Senator Paddock, and Senator Paddock speaks truly whereof he knows. He has been acquainted with the people who 'have brought down the mountain streams through irrigating channels and transformed a desert into a garden' for twenty years and he does them simple justice. They are the same people who made the Pacific railroad possible in this generation, and we are glad to see the Omaha *Republican* at last recognizing them as worthy of its commendation."

It is pleasant to see people coming to a knowledge of the truth upon so vitally important a subject.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Schuyler, the smiler, has been as still as a "dead duck" of late. But now there is another word about him. His quondam friend, the Springfield (Mass.) *Republican* says—"Oakes A. Ames says of the statement that the executors of Oakes Ames have found papers vindicating Schuyler Colfax: 'As an executor of the late Hon. Oakes Ames I pronounce the above statement to be untrue. On the contrary, all the information in my possession, both as an executor and an individual, convinces me that the

payments which Mr. Ames claimed to have made to Mr. Colfax and others were made at the time, in the manner, and for the purpose stated by him.'"

—Thirty or forty native Roman Catholics, residing at Tsukidji, Yedo, propose to petition the Japanese government to remove all impediments to the free and open exercise of Christianity.

—Gen. Sherman says he never has been, is not now, and never shall be a candidate for the high office of President before any convention of the people. He thinks Gov. Hayes, of Ohio, a fine officer and a gentleman in every sense, but Gen. Sherman does not presume to advise in the choice of the man.

—The morning of Feb. 5 disclosed "the first real snowstorm of the winter" to New Yorkers.

—The Philadelphia *Times* thinks the best thing that could possibly happen to either of the parties just now would be a discriminating mortality among its leaders, with a rapid succession of first-class funerals, etc. The Springfield *Republican* thinks it is clearly for the interest of the parties as well as of the country that some of these little great men should be set down hard on back seats, and admonished to stay there.

—The little bill for suppressing the last riots in the vicinity of Hazelton, Pa. amounted to \$106,743.44, and, which is worse, the more decent portion of the community have to pay it.

—The Boston *Transcript* learns of a new way to resuscitate suspended business. A concern began business a year ago with a capital of \$15,000, recently failed, and now proposes to settle with its creditors in such a way as to leave \$20,000 for the concern to start business with again.

## Local and Other Matters

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 9.

**Serious Accident.**—We regret to have to state that a son of Oliver Durant, Esq. was seriously hurt yesterday afternoon by being thrown from a horse, sustaining a fracture of the skull.

**Captured.**—Scott and Kelly, two of the prisoners who broke from the county jail yesterday, were captured and brought to town last evening, by a couple of the Pettit boys. The third one, Sherman, is still at large.

**Disturbing the Court.**—Yesterday, pending the examination of Louis Ordner, before Justice Pyper, on the charge of killing Robert Riley, a party named Blonquist, who was semi-intoxicated, persisted in disturbing the Court, and was consequently arrested and locked up.

**The Party With the "Aliases."**—The party who was Peter Jones when he stole some harness the other day, was fined \$50 yesterday for that offence, and for escaping from prison when working out a fine for stealing a pair of shoes, when his name was William Dearing, he was fined \$25.

**Mendon.**—We had a call to-day from our friend Bishop Henry Hughes, of Mendon, Cache County. Matters are generally prosperous in that settlement. A co-operative farm will be fenced and plowed in the Spring, preparatory to being sowed with wheat in the Fall, and early in the season a cheese factory will be established.

**Home Manufacture.**—The Ogden Junction of Feb. 8th, says that Joseph Tyrrell has bought the tools and fixtures of the old tannery at Riverdale, and expects to put up the necessary buildings for a tannery on his premises, on Wall street, in this city, without delay. He has sent east for extracts, and articles needed in starting this enterprise, and hopes to have everything ready to commence business by the first of April next.

**Injured His Fingers.**—Yesterday morning a six-year old boy, named Stockdale, residing in the Sixth Ward, got hold of a cap used for exploding giant powder mining blasts. He exhibited the usual amount of juvenile curiosity by picking at it to ascertain what was inside, when the miniature bomb exploded, considerably tearing and burning the thumb and two fingers of his left hand.

**Another "Burglar."**—The other night a family in one of the middle wards were aroused and alarmed by a burglar attempting to thrust his hand through a broken pane of a window, as one of the feminine inmates declared. One of the masculine inmates went outside the house and found the family cat on the window sill, trying to get in through the broken glass.

**Utah Northern Railroad.**—From a gentleman just in from Cache we learn that the snow blockade on the Utah Northern Railroad was broken on Sunday, and trains are now running on time, with a good prospect of keeping open for the season.

Great credit is due the railroad company for the energy they have manifested in endeavoring to keep the road clear, having expended a great amount of labor for that purpose.

**A Strange Burglar.**—About 9 o'clock last night, a German named Offenbach, residing near the city cemetery, created a sudden stir in that locality by calling upon his neighbors to assist him in capturing a burglar, who, he said, had attempted to enter the house by the back door, when he, Offenbach, who was just retiring, slipped out another way and locked the intruder safely in the shanty, at the rear of the kitchen. Half a dozen men were soon on the spot, a lantern was procured, and the shanty door opened, when, sure enough, a dark figure sprang from the recesses of the small apartment, but it was not the figure of a burglar of the *genus homo*, but of a huge Thomas Cat, who had probably alarmed Mr. O. by prancing around among the things in pursuit of an unfortunate mouse.

**City Council.**—The Council met last evening, Mayor Wells presiding.

A communication was received from Jonathan Chatterton, narrating the circumstances connected with his son losing his eye by being struck by a flying chip from a water pipe while watching some city employees at work in the excavations for the water mains. The Council was asked to appropriate means to supply the wants of the injured lad; tabled.

A proposition was received from the agent of the National Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph Company, E. R. Merriam, to establish the telegraph alarm system in this city for \$6,100; tabled.

Bill for expenditures on Union Square in January, 1876, \$101 93; allowed.

Bill of W. Hyde, for boarding city prisoners in January, \$372 45; allowed.

Bill of J. W. Fox, surveyor, for professional services, \$39; referred to committee on claims.

John D. T. McAllister tendered his resignation as Chief Engineer of Fire Department, to take effect Feb 15th; accepted.

The following appointments of polling places, of judges and clerks of election, for Monday, February 14, were made by the Council—

**First Municipal Ward.**—The voting place will be the 9th Ward School-house, S. A. Woolley judge and Isaac Brockbank clerk.

**Second**—County Court-house; George Crismon and A. M. Cannon judges, D. Bockholt and Silas Smith clerks.

**Third**—16th Ward School-house, William Asper judge, and George E. Wallace clerk.

**Fourth**—Twentyeth Ward School-house, Geo. M. Ottinger, judge, John Sharp, Jr., clerk.

**Fifth**—City Hall, James P. Freeze and L. W. Hardy, judges, and George Goddard and James Free clerks.

The committee on elections was instructed to provide ballot boxes, stationery, &c., and to fill any vacancies, should any occur, in the foregoing appointments. On motion it was decided to purchase 250 shares of stock of the Salt Lake City Gas Company.

Adjourned till next Friday, at 7 p. m.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 10.

**Snow.**—Last night was blustery and stormy, and this morning about three inches of rather compact snow lay on the ground.

**Released on Bail.**—The examination of Louis Ordner, for the killing of Robert Riley, was concluded yesterday afternoon, resulting in the accused being bound in \$8,000 bonds to answer to the grand jury.

**The Panorama.**—Messrs. Lam-bourne & Kirkham have returned from their northern trip with their excellent panorama. They visited the settlements in Cache Valley and some points between here and that locality, meeting with very good success. They will probably exhibit in some of the Wards in this City, and then leave for a trip through the settlements of the south.

**Called Away.**—Last evening Chief Justice White announced from the bench that, owing to intelligence he had received by dispatch, he would be under the necessity of visiting, on business, his former home, in Alabama, and that he would leave for there this morning. During the absence of the Chief Justice, Associate Justice P. H. Emerson will occupy the bench of the Third District Court.

**Returned Missionary.**—We were called upon to-day by Elder A. W. Sabin, of Grantsville, who returned, this morning, from a mission to the Eastern States. He visited Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut, held a number of public meetings, baptized a few, and rebaptized some others who had been formerly connected with the Church. He left this city to go on his mission on the 8th of May, 1875, and has consequently been absent nine months.

**An Ingenious Device.**—On Tuesday night a convict named Hale made his escape from the penitentiary by an ingenious device. Having manufactured an effigy composed of clothing stuffed with straw, he placed it in his bed, so that when the guard made the customary count before locking up, to ascertain if all the men had been brought in from the yard, the stuffed figure was counted in as Hale, while the latter was hiding outside the building. In the course of the night he managed, with the aid of some tubs, &c., which he piled up, to climb the gate. The discovery of the escape was not made until the following morning.

Hale was convicted of cattle stealing in the First District, and sentenced to a term of years.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 11.

**Still They Go.**—A couple of settlers for Arizona, selected from the 20th Ward, E. H. White and A. J. Lucas, started south this morning, with an excellent outfit.

**To Correspondents.**—Our correspondence and other matter has increased on our hands of late, so that we are necessitated to ask the indulgence of our various correspondents if their communications do not appear in the News at as early a date as they may wish to see them.

**North Ogden.**—We had a call to-day from Bp. Cyrus H. Wheelock, of North Ogden, who reports everything prosperous there. The migrating settler for Arizona from that place, left the city on his way to his destination this morning, with an excellent outfit.

The young ladies of North Ogden had a leap year party last Tuesday, commencing and closing at the times advised by President Young.

**List of Emigrants from England** with Elder Isaiah M. Coombs, left Omaha, Feb. 6th, 1876, and arrived here this afternoon—

Samuel, Agnes, Elizabeth A. Samuel, Alexander, Anna, John, Charles H. and Sophia J. Holmes; Mary Ann Foot; Jane, Samuel, Thomas, Jane, Georgina and Ann Christie; Christina H. Hill.

Elder John H. Eccles is also of the party.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 12.

**How?**—How is it that so many fires in this city originate in unoccupied rooms or buildings?

**Stormy.**—A rough wind and snow storm last night, fine snow continuing to fall this morning, but only two or three inches fell altogether apparently.

**Sneak Thieving.**—Some time during last night President Young's blacksmith shop, near the mouth of City Creek Cañon, was entered by a sneak thief, who carried away a clock.

**A Novelty.**—Mr. C. R. Savage has a novelty, in the shape of home-made valentines, that is, they are home-made in the same sense as many boots and shoes—the material is imported and they are put together here. They are very pretty.

**Burglary.**—About three o'clock this morning the saloon of Mr. Shingleton, opposite the Theatre, was entered by burglars, who carried away about fifty dollars worth of cigars. The thieves gained ingress to the premises by removing the sash from a rear window and bursting the fastenings of an inside shutter. They have not been caught.

**Fire.**—Between eight and nine o'clock last evening fire was discovered in an unoccupied room in the Federal Court House Building, but fortunately the flames were extinguished in their incipency, before any damage was done, further than the destruction of a quantity of papers. Nobody appears to know how the fire originated, but it is supposed to have been incendiary. Had the flames got fairly under way it is difficult to say where the destruction would have ended, as a stiff breeze was blowing at the time.

**To Missionaries.**—Through the courtesy of Mr. James Rice, of North Ogden, we have been permitted to peruse a letter sent to him from some of his friends in Kansas, from which we learn that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Swarner, residing in Hutchinson, Reno county, Kansas, would be glad to entertain any Latter-day Saint missionaries from Utah who may happen to be traveling in that neighborhood. There are also several other families in that vicinity who would like to hear a Mormon Elder preach, and would endeavor to obtain a meeting house for that purpose.—*Ogden Junction, Feb. 11.*

**Literary Association.**—The 17th Ward Literary Association was organized last evening, with the following officers—

President, John C. Graham; First and Second Vice-Presidents, A. F. Doremus and Hyrum Stewart; Secretary, Edgar Howe; Assistant Secretary, Mary Carrington; Treasurer, C. W. Peck; Librarian, Sarah Davis; Directors, James Dwyer, James L. Clayton, L. S. Tingey, William C. Spence.

Meetings of the association will be held at the district school-house on Friday evening of each week.

**A Good Lecture.**—On Thursday night Brother William D. Johnson, assistant superintendent of the Deseret Museum, delivered a highly instructive, amusing and interesting lecture before the 20th Ward Institute. The subject was "Theories of Creation," which was treated in a clear, concise, simple and attractive style. He gave sketches of the various theories of the creation of the earth held and enunciated by the philosophers from the earliest known until the present time, concluding by showing that the faith held by the Latter-day Saints on this subject is consistent with reason and with demonstrated facts.

Brother Johnson has the rare faculty, as a lecturer, of expressing a good deal in a few words, and gives evidence of having a mind well stored with useful information.

## Weather Report.

**Sandy.**—Snow about two inches, and still snowing.

**Provo.**—Cloudy and cold, not much snow.

**Nephi.**—Blowing hard and snowing fast, very cold.

**Beaver.**—Cloudy, thawing little; no snow in town or valley.

**Parewan.**—Cloudy and mild, about an inch of snow.

**Toker.**—Cloudy, but pleasant, no snow.

**Ogden.**—Snowing gently.

**Brigham City.**—Been blowing very hard, stopped, now trying to clear off.

**Logan.**—South wind blowing, cloudy, looks like storm.

**Corinne.**—Cloudy, looks like snow, blew very hard last night.

**Bingham.**—Clear and warm.

**Alta City.**—Snowing hard all morning, about 14 feet of snow on the level.

**St. George.**—Fine and pleasant.

**Ploche.**—Beautiful.

**Franklin.**—Sun shining now, about two feet of snow.

**Moroni.**—Snowing and blowing hard.

**Ephraim.**—Four inches of snow, melting fast, looks like clearing off.

**Manti.**—Not much snow, thawing fast.

**Salina.**—Very stormy, terrible hail storm this morning, clearing off now.

**Richfield.**—Very windy, blowing so that it raises the dust so much one can scarcely see.