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FOLLOWED THE LAW.

The action of Judge J. R. Blair in the county court yesterday afternoon, on the request that the county appropriate $1,000 for advertising purposes to aid in making an exhibit at the Midwinter Fair, does credit to his sense of duty as a public official. In the face of a strong sentiment whose pressure was brought to bear directly upon him, he manfully stood up for what he conceived to be the law in the premises. The three selectmen voted in favor of the appropriation, but the probate judge, understanding that the law would not permit such a use of public money, recorded his vote in the negative.

In explaining the reason for his occupying the position which he did relating to this matter, Judge Blair said he was in deep sympathy with the movement to make an exhibit at the Fair. He thought it would be a misfortune if Utah should fail to be properly represented. But he could see no justification in the law for the court making the appropriation asked and therefore must vote against granting the petition. He conceived it to be his duty as a public officer to stick to the line of the law, let the chips fall where they may. He had talked with some of the petitioners, who had admitted that they knew of no warrant in law for making the appropriation; some who were thoroughly conversant with the legal phase of the subject had admitted that for the court to vote the money would be a direct violation of the statute and of their oaths of office. He did not believe that there was one in ten of the petitioners who, if the law were set clearly before them, would not be of the opinion that the appropriation was illegal.

In this case Judge Blair has been consistent with his past record. He shows that he has the moral courage to stand by that which he believes is right. The example he sets is a most commendable one. A tendency in public officers to give way to popular sentiment as against the principle and letter of the law is exceedingly dangerous. Popular clamor sometimes goes to great extremes of wrong, and an inclination on the part of officers to pander to such a sentiment and illegally divert public funds is but a modification of the deformed moral sense which leads to defalcation in office by individuals. A wrongful diversion of public funds in response to popular clamor, as an offense, differs only in degree from a wrongful diversion to meet individual desire.

In voting in favor of the appropriation the selectmen may have been just as fully convinced that they were right as was Judge Blair, and if so, their act was equally proper with his. But it was in accord with the popular tide and therefore required no marked exhibition of moral courage.

POOR KIND OF ECONOMY.

Unless Salt Lake City has more money than it knows how to spend otherwise than in paying damages, it would better establish some regulations for the guidance of those who tear up the streets in making water and gas connections with the mains. On Fifth South street, between East Temple and State, is a series of hummocks in the thoroughfare that constitute a real peril to buggies, carriages, passengers and horses which by night may be compelled to travel along that street. It would be the easiest thing in the world for an animal, being driven at a smart but perfectly lawful gait, to be thrown down and injured by these obstructions; for a vehicle to snap a spring or an axle through jolting suddenly over them; for a passenger to be spilled out and suffer a dislocated or a fractured limb from the unexpected [illegible]. Of course there is a narrow driveway on each side of the street where, [illegible] travel or passage through the [illegible] having been disturbed in the first place, one may drive by day or night with safety. But in the darkness these tracks are not always discernible, and there is where the danger is [illegible]. There may be other streets besides the one mentioned, where similar [illegible] has been displayed; this warning, it is hoped, will be sufficient to cause correction wherever it may be necessary. It is far better to pay a dollar or two more and have the dirt tamped in solidly—even though the men at the handles were "sore" and "opposed to hard work after the winter," as their defenders have amusingly stated in answer to a NEWS criticism—than to have to pay a hundred or two, and perhaps more, for injuries to person and property.

WHAT THEY DID IN MISSOURI.

In President [illegible]'s defense of the autonomy of the Agricultural College of Utah, Missouri is counted among the states favoring the [illegible] system in the following language: "In Missouri the agriculturists at one time voted to separate by a good majority, but by some means the separation did not occur."

The NEWS has received the following letter which may be of interest in this connection:

Editor Deseret News:

Missouri is known as one of the richest, if not the richest, agricultural state in the Union, and has, or did have, her agricultural college. Two or three years ago [illegible] Voters.

[illegible]

AN ESTEEMED FRIEND.

The Lewiston *Journal* of November 28th, a copy of which has been laid before us by Mr. R. F. Noales, of this city, reproduces in full, under the heading, "Sudden Death of a [illegible] Man in Utah," the obituary notice of Elder James Bush, nightwatchman of the NEWS offices, published in this paper. Of course it may be argued that the *Journal* owed this much to its own readers, many of whom knew the deceased before he left England; but at the same time that paper deserves none the less praise for the interest it takes in all its old friends, in Utah or anywhere else, and the conspicuous fairness and justice with which it treats them, even if they are found among the Mormons. We have had frequent occasion to refer to and applaud the *Journal's* friendly spirit, and the foregoing is but another instance of the liberality and breadth of its management. It is a sturdy, solid paper, and exhibits in the most undeviating and consistent manner the proverbial Briton's love of fair play.

The same issue contains nearly four heavy columns of descriptive matter concerning the almost unprecedented gale which visited the east of England coast in the latter part of November, and of which the dispatches at the time gave a meager but still distressing account. That particular line of shore, as all acquainted with it know, is most favorably situated for experiencing the full fury of a North Sea storm, and it accordingly suffered severely. The *Journal's* account is full of incidents of peril and heroism, and gives a complete list of the vessels endangered or lost, the crews that perished or were saved, and the gallant men and boats that attempted or were successful in the work of rescue. It is altogether vivid and harrowing; and if its perusal fills one with sadness at the danger besetting those who go down into the sea in ships, it also stimulates a genuine pride in human kind that there are fearless, undaunted spirits ready at the call of conscience to risk their own lives to save, or try to save, the lives of others.

SUPREME VIRTUES.

At a time when all Christendom is preparing for the celebration of the advent to the earth of the Greatest among men, the devout mind naturally feels the propriety of meditating upon the truths He announced, and to which a most wonderful civilization owes its progress and achievements, if not existence. These truths relate to the duties we owe both to our Creator and to ourselves, but more especially to our fellowmen.

To refer only to this last point, how perfect are the principles He expounded to His followers! These are expected to be just in all their dealings with others. But justice demands that nothing be done the result of which is oppression or the curtailing of their liberty, unless inflicted by criminal acts. Justice respects the property of others, and, in the true, Christian conception of it, guards even against the secret desire to possess what belongs to others. Under this principle theft and fraud are impossible. It, further, respects the character of others, admires their virtues just as much as it censures their vices, and generates gratitude for benevolence received. Injustice is one characteristic of some who reject Christ.

Absolute truthfulness is another virtue inculcated by Him, who is emphatically the truth. Veracity is necessary to civilization, and without confidence no friendly intercourse between man and man is possible. [illegible] the teachings of the great Nazarene [illegible] it is this. His whole life is a [illegible] to His followers to be true —not only to speak the truth, but to live it. And this is required to be carried out in the utmost scrupulousness in every position, in every transaction. Commencing with being true to God, a genuine disciple of Christ will be true to his country, to his family, to his friends, to those with whom he associates, be it in political organizations or churches; in the store or the countinghouse or on the field of the farmer. Truth everywhere is the standard of the Christianity Christ taught.

So is probably even natural morality would go. All admire, at least professedly, justice and truth. Heathen philosophers have come pretty near the Christian idea of these virtues and have taught them to their followers. But our great Teacher went further. He urged the cultivation of peace and good will towards all, irrespective of desert. Every precept of the Law and every teaching by the Prophets is summed up in the principle of universal love, a disposition of the heart that enables man to avoid envy and pride and to be concerned about the happiness of others, as a means of obtaining happiness, as well as to "bear all things, believe all things, endure all things."

It is the disregard of this last virtue that is responsible for all the misery and all the mischief under which Christendom still suffers. Men have been striving to build themselves up on the foundation of one part only of the principles laid down by Christ. The greatest and noblest of them all has been neglected, except by a few individuals, who have either been ostracised as maniacs or even suffered martyrdom. Let the world understand and follow the principle of universal love as announced by Christ, and the kingdom of heaven will dwell on earth.

This is the condition to be called into existence by the second advent of the Son of God. Looking at what has been accomplished in the world under the influence of Christianity only partly understood and imperfectly carried out, we may judge somewhat of what will take place, when all are taught by the Lord and the power to follow the teachings corresponds to the knowledge obtained. That is the period of the earth's history that is coming and which Christ's followers expect.

A FLORIDA SHIP CANAL.

The project for a ship canal across Florida is again being agitated, and it is said that the final survey will soon be made. The canal as proposed is to be 100 feet wide and of sufficient depth to accommodate vessels of the heaviest draught. It will be 150 miles in length.

The completion of such a channel for ocean-going vessels would go far toward revolutionizing the commerce of the Gulf ports by greatly increasing the volume of business in that direction. The sailing distance from New Orleans to the chief ports along the American Atlantic seaboard and to Liverpool and other seaports of western Europe would be reduced fully a thousand miles, being a saving of five to seven days' time for steamers and double that for sailing boats. The distance by water from New Orleans to Charleston would be less than it is now between Charleston and New York.

The expense connected with the undertaking will be enormous, and in a measure the cost of operation after the first great outlay is uncertain, as it is suggested that the Gulf Stream may present some difficulties with a waterway of the dimensions named. The promoters of the scheme, however, figure out that the income which would come by tolls from vessels passing that way in preference to going in the greater expense of the long sea route would pay a handsome profit on the cost of the canal above the highest estimated expense of operating. If capitalists can be convinced of this latter fact we may expect to learn ere long that work on the canal has been begun. The features of the work will present no barrier, for there is a fascination in big enterprises for men who have the manipulation of large sums of money.

WITH INSANE PASSENGERS.

The Pacific Mail steamer Rio de Janeiro was the scene of a remarkable experience on her recent trip to and from the Orient. As briefly noted in Tuesday's dispatches, when the vessel arrived in San Francisco, J. H. Maher, the [illegible] of the Peru, was disembarked and placed in an asylum, and the body of the late United States consul general in Shanghai, Alfred H. Jones, was forwarded to his home at Raleigh, N. C., for interment.

Mr. Jones was appointed to office in July last, being at the time 43 years of age. He became insane shortly after reaching his diplomatic post, and was taken on board the Rio de Janeiro as a passenger. He was in charge of two [illegible], and was in a very serious condition. A few days after the vessel left [illegible] he became violent and on the 7th of December died. His body was embalmed by a physician.

Mr. Maher, of the steamer Peru, was in the hospital when the Rio de Janeiro got to Hongkong, and was placed thereon for transportation home. At times he was rational, but on other occasions he was extremely violent, breaking everything within reach until it was necessary to place him in irons. His antics are described as so terrible as to almost cause a man's hair to stand straight. Mental ills acted strangely [illegible] the past year. He is now [illegible] as incurably insane.

It was not at first on the return trip that the Rio de Janeiro had an insane passenger [illegible]. On the [illegible] voyage there was a Chinaman on board who became a raving maniac shortly after the vessel left port. His yells were frightful and could be heard all over the ship. When he first broke out he had a large knife with which he attempted to slash several persons. The crew had quite a chase for him before he was secured, which was done by knocking him down and placing him in irons.

The ship's officers who had to deal with insane patients, with no the outward and inward voyage, are likely to long remember their experiences in that connection during the past six weeks.

"FIFTY YEARS OF SHEEP FARMING."

A seasonable and quite interesting publication just to hand is "The World's Sheep Farming for Fifty Years—1843-1893," issued by William Cooper & Nephews in commemoration of the jubilee of Cooper's Sheep Dipping Powder, of which that firm are manufacturers and proprietors. This is the advertising feature of the book, which naturally contains various allusions to this particular remedy. But there are a thousand and one excellent suggestions on the great industry of sheep-raising, and a great deal of valuable information as to its history, spread, profits, risks and importance. The letter from the publishers accompanying the book says: "We will mail a copy to any of your readers as long as the limited edition lasts." Those who feel to apply for it may address the above-named firm at Galveston, Texas.

Only $4.20 to Manti and Return via Union Pacific and Sanpete Valley Railroad.

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For the Christmas and New Year Holidays the Rio Grande Western Railway will make a rate of one regular fare for the round trip between all stations on its system. Tickets will be issued on Dec. 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st, and Jan. 1st; all tickets to be limited for return passage to Jan. 4th.

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$1.95, Ladies' Dongola Tip Shoes, Opera toe top, worth $2.50.

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