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### OUR IMMIGRATION.

THE immigrants who have already arrived here this season, with those who will soon be here, have had a very different experience in traveling to those who came to this valley in the early days of its settlement. To the first settlers the trip across the plains was, in most instances, one of unmitigated toil and hardship. They had no luxuries, and but few conveniences, to render the journey a pleasant one. Having been ruthlessly deprived of their possessions and compelled to leave their homes they had to come as best they could, and but very few, even of those who had been most wealthy in Nauvoo, had it in their power to supply their families with shoes, an article so necessary to comfort in our inclement winters. Every year the difficulties of the journey have been lessening. Under the guidance of experienced captains, and having the starting point at the Missouri river, and the liberal aid of teams and teamsters and provisions from this Territory, the trip has, of late years, been made comparatively pleasant and comfortable. But this season the distance traveled by teams has been so short that to the most of the immigrants it has been the pleasantest portion of the journey. The ox teams have reached this city from the terminus in twenty-one days-a mere pleasure trip when compared with the time occupied in former years.

The fatigues of the journey were so great in the first years of our settlement that it was thought they had the effect to deter many persons of weak faith, who might not have liked the country, from leaving; and some of the people have thought that kind of experience was so necessary to prepare Latter-day Saints to live here that they have never had much faith in the early groves of cottonwood. Captain Mccompletion of the railroad to this city. But it will soon be here, and while the facility with which persons can go east and west by it may be a temptation to leave to such as are inclined to apostatize, it furnishes on the other hand an equally ready means of travel to the faithful who are abroad to come here. So that whatever disadvantage may accrue to the people who immigrate by it not being tried as they were who came of siring to scan more closely the natural old, is more than counterbalanced by the advantages which it brings. There is much happiness in the reflection that this great work is the Lord's, and is not dependent upon the wisdom and management of the Latter-day Saints and their leaders for its perpetuity and success. Whether the railroad is built or not, whether it comes through Salt Lake City and thence south of the Lake, or leaves the city and goes north of the Lake, makes, no difference; our people are happy in the knowledge that it will be all right, and that everything connected with it will be overruled for the base of the falls they were at a loss good and for their prosperity, if they will only do right. Many have wondered at the indifference manifested by our citizens respecting the railroad and its route. This is the explanation of it. to see all the wonders, our explorers Let the companies build it where they climbed to the summit of the falls and please, and they will still construct it there beheld a most beautiful heart where it will suit us and be to our advantage. There is one feature in our settlements in this country which must strike observant men who visit them, and that is, the absence of poverty. The people everywhere are above want. They may not always live in the best of into the mountains was the snow capped houses, be surrounded by the luxuries of life, and be able to dress in the most ing perpendicularly from the water's fashionable style according to New ry about with them an air of comfort and independence; they are not harassed by anxiety as to how they are to obtain food and the other necessaries of life. This is very perceptible through- its highest point, where a large stream out our Territory. When it is remem- empties into it. They traversed the bered that large numbers of these people, who are so comfortable and thrifty, making a living in a new country like return-bade farewell to the lake, swam this, their condition appears yet more remarkable. New York reporters have, in some instances, this season, alluded in disparaging terms to the appearance of our immigrants when they landed. We look for nothing better from a certain class of unthinking, ignorant writers when they speak of anything "Mormon." But to read some of their statements a person unacquainted with the

seeing the pains which are taken to instruct the people who come here and to initiate them into the art of obtaining a living. In other places the immigrant lands and finds himself among strangers, few, if any, of whom take the least interest in his welfare. If he be unacquainted with the language, his fate is in every way pitiable. There is none to take him by the hand, to sympathize with him and to speak words of encouragement and hope to him, or to give

him reliable advice as to how he had best proceed. True, measures have been taken in some places, New York for instance, to protect and assist the immigrant, but they are found to be inadequate. But how different is it in Utah! Here the people work in unison with the authorities in rendering their foreign co-religionists the aid they reencourage them and to give them the benefit of their experience. The results which have been wrought out we already see; they are patent to the world; and from them it is easy to perceive that ere long the Latter-day Saints will be the most comfortably situated and the wealthiest people on the and wished them God speed and a safe continent.

### EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

The Montana Herald, of the 14th ult., contains a lengthy account of an exploring expedition under John L. Mc-Clellan. The explorations extended from the Sun River on the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains to the British Line. While prospecting in the vicinity of St. Mary's Lake, two of the party -Captain McClellan'and Eli M. Jones, discovered a most beautiful region of country, which is supposed was never before gazed upon by civilized man; and as their was not a vestige of Indian trails visible, it is believed by the explorers that they were the first-either civilized or savage-who ever set foot upon it. Flowing into Belly River, at the mouth of St. Mary's Lake is a large stream whose banks are lined with Clellan and companion traveled up this ered mainly with timber and swamps, nitaries of the palace, or foleign princes days and Fridays. they beheld the walls of a rocky canon rising perpendicularly to a height of ahead of them the prospectors saw a succession of falls and rapids rising to a height of a hundred and fifty feet. Debeauties of which they had obtained a glimpse, the two men proceeded up the right bank of the river to the foot of the falls. Upon arriving there a scene of their view. The falls were three in solid rock, and were respectively twenty-five, thirty-five and forty feet in height, and separated from each other by gentle rapids one hundred yards in length. The width of the upper fall was about fifty feet; of the lower ones seventy-five feet. When standing at to tell where the water came from. They could perceive a snowy conical peak towering above but far behind the shaped lake about fifteen miles long and from five to ten wide. The lower point was at the falls; the re-entrant angle directly opposite, and five miles distant. In the angle last named, and upon each side of the lobes of the heart, extending a distance of fifteen miles peak which they saw from below, risedge a thousand feet high. On the York or Parisian tastes, yet they car- southern side of the lake was a heavily extensive and beautiful prairie. They followed the north bank of the lake to banks of this stream for about fifteen miles, when making a record of the the river and returned to camp.

# Correspondence.

with President John Brown, assisting right. in the emigration. To me this has been aschool of experience, in which I have learned much of human nature, and the operations of my own heart, and I trust to profit by what I have experienced

in this year's emigration. We have booked and transferred at Omaha nearly four thousand souls for Utah, from all parts of the States and Europe, and among all this motley mass of people, coming, as they did, from all nations with their varied traditions and notions, huddled together on shipboard and in railway cars under adverse circumstances, I did not hear an oath, nor see a drunken, nor disorderly person. The conductors of the companies were and Mr. Riskauten all good men, and above all, fathers to quire. There is no class to oppress; but the people, which accounts in a very high and low do all in their power to great degree for the good order, and harmony which prevailed among our emigrants.

The last company left here on the 29th and Bro. H. B. Clawson and wife, accompanied by W. C. Staines and David O. Calder, left Omaha by the express train to-day at 4 p.m. all feeling well, and satisfied with their labors in the east. We saw them off to the west journey to the home of the Saints.

Much credit is due Messrs. Snyder & Hoxie, General and Assistant Superintendent of the U. P. R. R. for the prompt and courteous manner in which they complied with our requirements in relation to the emigration. Mr. Morgan, the Station Master, and his assistants also rendered all the assistance in their power to expedite business and make our people comfortable. Bro. Brown and myself leave to mor-row for St. Louis, by rail, to resume our labors in the ministry. The Saints are all anxiously awaiting our return. We trust the Lord will assist us as He has done hitherto in blessing them and bringing many of the honest in heart to a knowledge of the truth. Bro. Brown joins me in kind love to yourself and all inquiring friends. DAVID M. STEWART.

CURIOSITIES OF AN ORIENTAL CENsus.-The census of the northwestern provinces of India for 1865, embraces some very curious statements relative to the professions of large numbers of the population. There are two hundred and twenty-six who describe their calling as "flattering for gain." They are descen-



construction, and yet so effective, that by its means an inexhaustible supply of selves and get overheated here, as in

visiting the country, and sang aloud praises of their titles and warlike acts. There are also enumerated four charmfrom 100 to 200 feet, while half a mile ers, eight hundred and fifty-one jesters, two hundred and fifty-nine mimics, one hundred and thirty-three hangmen twenty-nine professed mourners, nearly four hundred and eighty thousand beggars, and thirty-five "sturdy beggars." The latter class are represented as residents of Agra, and belong to a peculiar sect. It is said they watch a well dressed person until he reaches a solitary locality, and then solicit alms of him in a wonderful beauty presented itself to threatening manner, with a penknife in the hand concealed from the eyes of others. Two-thirds of the population number, like stone steps cut, in the devote themselves to agricultural employments, and nearly a million and a quarter are connected with the cotton industry. The matrimonial statistics exhibit, the fact that the Hindoo maids are, according to their religious ordinances, married off at ten years of age, often earlier. The rule of age on the husband's side seems to be, that he shall exceed his wife's by half as much, even twice as much, and he is not less than one-fourth older than she is at the period of marriage. It is believed that the great mortality among the adult population is largely attributable to these early upper fall. Determined if possible marriages. In some castes there is a great disparity of female children, compared with the males, owing to a barbarous practice of the parents, who often murder their female children as soon as they are born. The Thakoors and Abiers are said to be especially addicted to this inhuman custom. But little care is manifested for girls, while no paternal sacrifice is too great for the welfare of boys.

> AMERICAN ICE IN INDIA .- "Carlton" writes to the Boston Journal from Allahabad, India:

The dark colored Hindoo, in a white gown, with a white turban, in shape like a soup-plate, on his head, who stands behind my chair at the table says, "American ice, Sir?" as he drops timbered slope, culminating in a high a lump into my tumbler. Looking out mountain range; on the north side, an from the verandah to the next house I see a sign just put up-"American ice." Stepping over I find the agent of the Tudor Ice Company, who has been fifteen years in India. The Company have begun to extend their operations to the interior. Heretofore the cities up the country have been supplied by machine ice, which has been used by the came here totally ignorant of the art of fact on some trees, they started on their Europeans, but which the natives will not purchase. They are afraid that it contains something which will make them unclean, but the American ice is pure, and they have no scruples about An important discovery in telegraphy using it. Mr. Brown has orders from is said to have been made a few months Jubbelpore, Agra, Lucknow, Delhi, and ago by Messrs. Dugan and Coleman, the other cities along the lines of railway. Travelers send letters, requesting him former of Booker Ford, the latter of to have a supply at the station on the Memphis, Tennessee. These gentlemen arrival of the trains. They look upon have invented a battery very simple in it as a luxury, but as an article that can-

