

## EDITORIALS.

## THE ELDER IN NORTH CAROLINA.

By letter from Elder Joseph Hyrum Parry to Elder John Morgan, dated August 2nd, we learn that the brethren who were threatened by the mob in North Carolina were, at that date, all safe at Nottley, Cherokee County, about 15 miles from Brasstown, where the Saints were whipped and clubbed by the "Christian" mobocrats, as related in last evening's News.

The Elders, whose names are as follows, were invited to preach last Sunday at the Court House at Murphy, the county seat of the county in which the mobbing took place, so it is presumed that the leading citizens are opposed to the unlawful proceedings against them, viz., Elders Joseph H. Parry, Chas. W. Hulse, Thomas Lloyd, Thomas S. Higham and Edlef Edlefson. They were all in good health and full of confidence in the protection and overruling hand of the Almighty.

Some of the sheep of Israel, who will yet be gathered into the fold, are in that neighborhood or the sectarian wolves would not be howling so fiercely against the shepherds. We expect to hear of great success in the labors of our missionaries, who should have the support of the prayers of the faithful Saints.

## TAX ON CO-OP. ORDERS.

THE Collector of Internal Revenue has received instructions from Washington, to make collection of the amounts assessed against certain firms in this Territory, as tax on orders issued by them for the facilitation of business. Z. C. M. I. and the Brigham City Co-operative Institution were largely interested in this matter, and they resisted payment of the tax and fine assessed and have carried the matter up to the Courts. The evident intention of the law is to tax notes used by private firms or corporations and in circulation as money. The orders used by our merchants and others do not rightfully come under this description, and in all probability the highest court of the country will so decide.

The instructions now received come from the Internal Revenue Department, and the amounts demanded should be paid *under protest*. This will certainly not "settle any further controversy" on this matter, for the appeal to the Supreme Court has yet to be heard, and it will be conducted by men of the highest legal ability and reputation.

All who pay anything on this account should do so in the manner we have designated, although we are perfectly aware that money once paid to a representative of the "best government under the sun" is extremely difficult of redemption, no matter what justice and judgment may decide. Still it is only prudent to reserve all rights and claims in the premises, for the case is pretty clearly in favor of those who are called upon to pay up before it is decided.

## THE "ARGONAUT."

We have received a specimen copy of the *Argonaut*, a weekly of sixteen pages, published at San Francisco. It is printed on tinted paper, with double-width columns, and makes a handsome appearance. Its leading articles exhibit talent of no mean order, and the whole paper is conducted with ability. From a back number of the *Argonaut* we clip the following, which serve to show its views on the "Mormon" question:

"This by way of illustration; it is right to explain that I have a sincere respect for the Mormons. Surviving one of the most hateful and sneaking aggressions that ever disgraced the generally straightforward and forthright course of religious persecution—an aggression that lacked alike the sanction of authority and the lustre of success—they dragged the feeble remnant of their despoiled body into the horrible wilderness, where a thousand miles beyond the reach of civil-

ization's most extravagant claim, they made a garden of abundance. There they reared the edible beast and the succulent vegetable, and to the feast came famine from over the seas to line his ribs with leaves of firm white tallow, box-plaited and scalloped. Following his dusty toes thither, Nakedness was fearfully and wonderfully clad, yet warmly withal. There the stomach of intemperance paled its ineffectual fires, and Immorality was fain to hide his diminished head. In short, Mormonism proved the greatest practical benefaction of the century. If it ruined any souls it had the right, for the starving carcasses of its converts had none until souls were created under their skeleton ribs by Mormon meat and herbs. And now we want to rout out the Mormons again, rapacity arming itself for the purpose with religion's exhausted mandates copied from the archives of Nauvoo and telegraphed out to Ogden.

"When the Saints, a pauper few,  
We the Gentiles once went through;  
"All for Je-us!" cried the many—  
Seeing there was naught for any.  
Now, their coffers as we eye,  
"All for Je-us!" still we cry.  
But again when we have striven,  
And the coup de grace have given,  
We shall find, when all our gains  
To count over it shall please us,  
Not a Saint alive remains,  
Not a cent has gone to Jesus.

## MORE PLAIN TALK.

THE Salt Lake fiend of the wires is again at work. The Pacific coast papers every now-and-again publish dispatches sent from this city containing gross misrepresentations and wilful falsehoods. We clip the following from the San Francisco *Chronicle* of the 10th inst., as a mild sample of the telegrams forwarded by the mendacious news-forger:

"SALT LAKE, August 9.—The imprisonment of the Apostles seems to have set the Mormon priesthood wild, and the *Deseret News*, the Church organ, has teamed with the most violent and incendiary articles for the past two evenings. Open threats are made against the Government officials, and all who have been instrumental in enforcing the law in Utah. The supposition is that it is a movement to blind the Saints to the stealing that has been going on by the leaders of the Church, and to imbitter the people against the officials to the verge of open rebellion."

This is the old, stale lie that has done service for the "Mormon" haters for the last thirty years.

"The Government is assailed," "Threats are made against Government officials," etc. The *DESERET NEWS* has made no threats against any one. It has said nothing against the enforcement of the law. It has not done anything to embitter the people against the officials. But it has expressed, in a small degree, the feelings of the large majority in regard to the vile crew that seek to stir up strife and invoke hostility. The possible collision to which we have alluded is none of our making. And our strictures were applied only to the gang of unprincipled adventurers who have been libeling us without stint or disturbance for years, and who have recently given us an example of the "Christian" manner of dealing with difficulties of this nature.

We are against the sneaking, cowardly villains who defame our leaders, heap opprobrious epithets upon our wives and children, lie against us by lightning and by the press, and introduce into our midst the vices and corruptions which are ruining the world, and who when rebuked for their iniquity raise the cry of rebellion against the Government. If there are any such among the officials foisted upon the people by this free and liberal republic, we are opposed to them, also, not because they are Federal appointees, but for their damnable wickedness and miserable meanness. It makes no difference to us whom the cap fits. Those for whom it is not suitable need not try it on. But if it is the right measure for any dignitary or attaché of Church or State he can understand it as meant for him. We are not to be scared by the bogus ghost of government force, nor stricken dumb by threatened terrors invoked by the carpet-bag-

gers who are disappointed at not making money out of the "Mormons," but shall take occasion when necessary, to talk plainly of and to them. We know the calibre of the hounds who have been barking at our heels, and can produce the record of some of the curs when required. While attacking us on the score of polygamy they have been dabbled in the pool of pollution until they are an offense to God and unfit for decent society. It is such vagabonds that we are after with a sharp stick, and not respectable men or women, official or unofficial.

We Latter-day Saints came to these mountains to worship and serve God in the way that He has appointed. If that doesn't please our opponents they can change it to read, "in the way that suits us." We claim that right, and if needs be we will contend for it to the last extremity. So far as regards the practice of plural marriage, and that alone, some of us are at issue with a law especially framed against it. If we break that law, let it be proven and prosecuted by legal process, not by the violation of other and undisputable laws. If any one chooses to oppose the practice by argument, ridicule or denunciation, let him do so within the bounds of the true liberty of speech and of the press, and not descend to filth, ribaldry and personal abuse.

We have never complained of the legitimate action of courts or officials, nor of such assaults of public speakers or writers as decent society can tolerate. But we have endured about long enough the perversion of law, the prostitution of judicial power, the illegal exercise of brief authority, the wilful lies, dirty innuendoes, blasphemous imprecations, taunts, threats, intimidations, vulgarity, obscenity and filthiness of as vile a set of vagabonds as ever went unhung. And now when we express our determination to bear it quietly no longer, the whole country is to be aroused and the cry of "Treason" and "Threatening of Government officials" is raised, and some of the foul birds of prey screech out till the sound penetrates to the Pacific Coast and wakes the echoes in the empty halls of Congress. If they had their just deserts they would never screech again till they found themselves with Judas and other congenial associates, in their own place, where they could gnash their teeth and howl without stint. But the cowardly knaves consider themselves in no danger because they knew how tamely the "Mormons" have submitted for years to their falsehood and abuse without an attempt at retaliation, or they would neither peep nor mutter.

If any Government official takes to himself the strictures we have made in the articles which have caused such a flutter, it argues very badly for his personal character. We have stated plainly enough where we intend them to apply, and on what conditions we consider action may be taken. We need not repeat. But whoever is a seducer, whoremonger, libeller of women and children, wilful liar by pulpit, press or telegraph, supporter or introducer of infanticide or feticide, bribe-taker, land-stealer, legal thief, or disseminator of falsehood leading to the murder of good men and assaults upon unoffending women, is the enemy of the people here, and should be spotted for what he is.

We have no war against the law or its officers, nor animosity against fair-minded people of any sect, party or race. But we wish it to be understood that we have arrived at the firm conclusion that the Latter-day Saints have "turned the other cheek" long enough to satisfy the law of forbearance, the requirements of the spirit of the Gospel, the command of the patient Savior, and the expectations of all reasonable people. And we have the best reasons for the solid conviction that they mean to defend themselves against the assaults of their adversaries. The kind of weapons to be used will depend upon the nature of the attacks upon us. "Peace" is our motto, as long as there is any virtue in submission. But should there be any tumult, those who have raised the lying cry of "Rebellion against the Government" will no doubt be held in prominent remembrance.

## THE "COSMOPOLITE."

We have received the first number of the *Cosmopolite*. Unless its style

of expression is to be improved we hope we have received its last. It is published in Sioux City, Iowa, has a pictorial heading, a pretentious appearance, sixteen pages, and very wide columns. The editor has something to say on the "Mormon" question, but it is rather difficult to understand what he means. He remarks:

"Our opinion morally and lawfully speaking in this is that the culprit Reynolds should not be allowed to remain at his own home to be feted as a lord, aye, even as a saint, whom the Almighty has been pleased to choose as a fit subject to convey to his persecuted (?) associates the correctness of their faith. Whether it be of God or otherwise, the highest tribunal of the land has decreed against it, and the penalty should be paid. If their cause be right (?), history repeating itself, there is a chance for reformation."

The editor's mind seems to be in a muddle, a condition not unusual to press writers when attempting a solution of the "Mormon problem." But the same sort of phraseology as befalls the above, runs through the whole editorial department of the paper. Here is the first paragraph:

"And we have christened it The *Cosmopolite*. To-day with newspapers in all parts of the world, and of all languages, the addition of another in charge of a novice, need not occasion much comment or cause for apparent loss of patronage to others, being under the generalship of veteran journalists, with increasing might, challenges any to combat them in the ranks of newsmongers. To attempt a place therein is but a double contest, and having in our quite extended travels found that the press is really of a local nature, and also learning that there are over nine thousand papers in the United States, and but few of them are known as independent, our conclusions have led us this far to an attempt, the ending we know not of."

"The ending" may be foreseen without a prophetic eye; such a literary abortion can only take a few short gasps and die. Here is one more of its sentences, from an article on Ingersoll's funeral oration:

"Because of him acting the part of a hopeful future for his dearly beloved brother, to wish for him all that instinctive desire could portray, he is forced to battle the insinuating thrusts of his becoming convicted that his practices are not the thing to die by, even if worthy of respect while living."

After that, who would want to wade through the *Cosmopolite* in search of an idea? Please don't send us the second number.

## THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

FROM the *Millennial Star* of July 28th we learn that President Budge was visiting the Birmingham, London, Norwich, Nottingham and Sheffield Conferences.

Elder George Meldrum was laboring with some success in the Shetland Islands and was holding open-air meetings, which were largely attended.

Elder George H. Taylor wrote encouraging news from the London Conference. Sixty-eight persons had been added by baptism during the past six months. Strangers were attending the meetings, and not a week passed without some baptisms. The branches were all well organized, and had Sunday Schools and Relief Societies for the benefit of the poor.

Elder Ball was laboring in Kent and Essex, had baptized quite a number with prospects of more, and had good support in his labors from Elder Moroni Snow who had recently joined him.

Elder B. S. Young was laboring in Berkshire, where he had baptized some, and others were intending to join the Church.

Nearly all the traveling Elders were preaching in the open air wherever opportunity offers. Bro. Taylor adds:

Elder Driver is still visiting among his relatives. Brother Sears has just returned from France, and his testimony is to be heard in our Sunday meetings. Brother Ball never fails to lift his strong voice on Sundays in any part where we ask him to go.

Elder Hugh Watson was travel-

ing with Elder Wride through Rhondda Valley, Cardiff, Newport and Monmouth Districts in Wales, holding meetings in the open air, meeting with some opposition, but drawing large congregations.

Elder Rivoir wrote, July 5, that there were excellent prospects in the Piedmont Valleys, Italy.

Elder S. L. Ballif in a letter from Berne, dated July 16, stated that it was useless to expect from the King of Bavaria the privilege granted to other denominations, but the Saints had been offered a hall on the Baden side of the river where they were holding meetings.

The following are clipped from the *Star*:

Alfred Smith, 42, Boca Chica Colliery, is desirous of learning the whereabouts of his brother and brother-in-law, Joseph Smith and George Comer, who emigrated to Utah about 13 years ago, from Machen, Monmouthshire, South Wales.

The following Elders are released from their present positions and return with the company that will leave Liverpool on September 6th, 1879:

Thomas Child, from presiding over the Leeds Conference.

William Goodman (on account of ill health), from being traveling elder in the London Conference.

William McFayden (at his own request), from being traveling elder in the Birmingham Conference.

Also John C. Schofield, a traveling elder, who has been laboring in the Leeds Conference for several months.

The following are released to labor in other conferences than the are now in:

Isaac Smith, from being traveling elder in the London Conference.

H. Walsh, from being traveling elder in the Nottingham Conference.

William England, from being traveling elder in the Leeds Conference.

Isaac Smith is appointed to succeed Elder Thos. Child in the presidency of the Leeds Conference.

H. Walsh is appointed a traveling elder in the Birmingham Conference, to labor under the direction of Elder Edwin M. Curtis.

William England is appointed a traveling elder in the Nottingham Conference, to labor under the direction of Elder William Bramble.

## WHY DON'T THEY INVEST IN GATE?

THE ignorance prevailing in regard to "Mormon" affairs is astonishing when we consider how generally and frequently the subject is agitated. It really seems that those who make the most noise about understanding it the least. Elders display more stupidity in discussing it than almost any other class. They scarcely ever get a clear understanding of the situation, and therefore in dilating upon it and suggesting measures to meet it, utter the most insufferable nonsense. Take the following from the *New York Tribune*, one of the foremost journals of the country, on this matter:

"The directness and justice of this peculiar mode of proceeding is evident from the fact that the bigamists of Utah are foreigners. Five years ago the population of Salt Lake City contained literally not a single American convert."

This assertion is made in support of the idiotic letter, said to have been sent by the Secretary of State to the Ministers at foreign courts. If the *Tribune* writer had but consulted the census report published in the *Tribune* almanac, he could have learned better. The truth is that there is not a State in the Union but has furnished converts to the faith of the Latter-day Saints. Its first Elders were all Americans; most of its prominent leading men are natives of this country. Everybody who knows anything of the rise and progress of "Mormonism" is aware of the absurdity of the *Tribune's* statement, quoted above, and also of the following:

"Whenever the influx of foreign bigamists is checked, the Government can deal successfully with those at home."

"Influx of foreign bigamists!" The "Mormon" emigration does