

EDITORIALS.

THE DAY AND THE MEN WE HONOR.

PIONEER'S DAY is Utah's principal holiday. It should be commemorated while time shall last. Its celebration is local, and does not interfere with anything national.

It was the beginning of a new era for the great West. It ended the reign of the savage and commenced the rule of the white race. New echoes resounded in the mountains.

The surrounding Territories and States are largely indebted to the Pioneers and their immediate followers for the wealth and comfort which now abound within their borders.

This great country could well afford to be lenient and gracious to the grand and noble men who opened up this vast region to the dominant race, even if the common views of their principles and practices were correct.

For all that, they cherish no feelings of animosity or revenge. They can look upon what God has wrought through them, with joy and complacency.

It is a sad commentary on the boasted freedom of American institutions, that on the day of celebration, when the people do honor to the founders of the Territory, so many of the early toilers for the good of their race must either remain in seclusion, or expose themselves to the vengeance of a special law framed to entrap them.

They will not promise to cast off and degrade the wives of their bosoms and mothers of their children. If they would but give their word to do this, they could breathe the mountain air in freedom and aid by their presence in making joyful the day we celebrate in honor of their achievements.

But their absence must necessarily affect the character of the ceremonies. Who can freely rejoice and make merry while fond hearts mourn the bondage or exile of husbands and fathers?

the sadness that makes an aching void in many tender bosoms. They speak with tones more mighty than words, and proclaim the prevalence of bigotry and the reign of intolerance in a loud boasting of religious liberty.

We hope the juvenile assembly will be generally attended by the children of this city and county, and that many of the parents will be present to view the scene and listen to the exercises.

PROFESSIONAL PERJURY.

We have had nothing to say by way of comment upon the case in Ogden in which the Judge of the First District has figured so prominently, because we knew nothing of its merits.

W. H. Dickson, the District Attorney for Utah, has become notorious for his intemperate and unwarranted assaults upon witnesses and defendants who are compelled to endure his abuse without the power of reply or defence.

Lawyers claim a great deal of license when they desire to make an impression upon a jury. They may be entitled to more freedom of speech on such occasions than would be submitted to at ordinary times.

We here state without hesitation and without temper, that W. H. Dickson's assertion about the "Mormon" Church and its teachings is an unqualified and unjustifiable falsehood. We challenge Mr. Dickson to produce anything in the teachings of the Church which would give him an excuse for his slander.

If the "Mormon" Church teaches and encourages perjury, let him cite the tenet, doctrine, requirement, counsel or passage in any of its standards that inculcates anything of the kind.

against a religious body of whose creed he disapproves? Has he no sense of shame, or conception of common decency? For the time being Mr. Dickson holds considerable sway in the courts of Utah.

Mr. Dickson can attend to his duties with all the force and terror of an anti-"Mormon" prosecutor whose work is a labor of love—to say nothing of money, and we shall have little cause for complaint.

EDUCATED RASCALITY.

CANADA has been for some time the paradise, or at least the country of refuge, for dishonest bank officials, defaulting cashiers, forgers, and that class of educated rascals who "get away with the boodle" in wholesale amounts.

The large number of fugitives from justice of the class here mentioned, suggests reflections upon the popular scholastic theory that crime is the result of ignorance.

Sin is really the result of knowledge rather than of ignorance. It is the understanding of right which constitutes the iniquity of doing wrong.

Eternal justice will judge men's acts according to their light and opportunities. The ignorant sinner is not to be compared in guilt with the educated criminal.

This is not an argument against education, nor is it so intended. It simply shows that the cultivation of the intellect of itself does not furnish an antidote to crime.

The lack in the modern system of scholastic teaching is in its secularism. A school from which God is banished is a poor apology for a training place for children.

power, the certainty of everlasting judgment and of just rewards and punishments, are as essential to proper education as the common rudiments of learning, and without them there is no true education.

Reform is a necessity in modern education, and religion must yet take its proper place in the schools.

OFFICIAL PARTISANSHIP.

THE order issued by President Cleveland to office holders to abstain from "obtrusive partisanship," has stirred up quite a little breeze among the active politicians.

These complaints come of course chiefly from Democrats. They are the "ins," and they want to use all the power their position affords them against the "outs."

But we heard no such complaints from Democrats when a similar order was issued to Republican office-holders by President Hayes.

"No officer of the General Government should be required or permitted to take part in the management of political organizations, caucuses, conventions or election campaigns.

The only difference in the two manifestoes is probably this: R. B. Hayes was unstable and insincere, and publishes his order as a mere form; Grover Cleveland is blunt and straightforward and means just exactly what he says.

THE RAVINGS AT THE RINK.

THERE was nothing remarkable in the display of anti-"Mormon" rables at the Rink on Sunday and Monday evenings, on the part of the local "Liberal" stump speakers, who eagerly jump at every chance to pour forth froth and falsehood against the people who made it possible for them to live here.

The "Mormons" have never attempted to resent such doings, but have borne the abuse of the slanderers almost in silence.

We do not expect common decency from their kind. Fitness of time or occasion does not seem to enter into their considerations.

some apology for their inappropriate ravings. What the Grand Army of the Republic has to do with the faith and practices of the "Mormon" people is not very clear to the naked eye but charged with the bloodshot and indammation that come from anti-"Mormon" bigotry.

A little difference exists between those resident vituperators and the speakers from a distance. If it was true for the former to misrepresent the majority of the citizens here, it was certainly not very gentlemanly, wise or consistent for visitors who know nothing of the place or the people but from hearsay, to join in the orgie of defamation and contribute to the stream of billingsgate against a community whose works are sufficient evidences to fair minds of the righteousness of their traducers.

We understand the object of the poor plotters against Utah in trying to inflame the members of the G. A. R. against the "Mormons." But they will gain nothing by their machinations.

We are pleased to see visitors from other portions of this great country flocking to Utah, but we are not impressed with the good manners, the culture, the intelligence, the progress or the superiority in anything of such persons as come here and, without knowing anything of our affairs, assume to correct imaginary errors, dictate what the people here must do, exhibit gross ignorance of facts and conditions, and bluster and threaten like a set of half-intoxicated braggarts.

The effects of association have received another exemplification, and the truth of the old copy book adage is once more illustrated, "Evil communications corrupt good manners."

LOOK AT HOME!

A LADY who spoke at the rink gathering on Monday night, invited the women of Utah who desired to be "free from bondage and live in virtue" to "come to the Department in New York."

And yet one would think that a lady hailing from that centre of vice, corruption and degradation, would think of the thousands upon thousands of fallen creatures who swarm in its purities, its hordes of children rolling in the gutters and gathering scraps of garbage out of dust bins, its hosts of half-famished work-women toiling their lives out to sustain a wretched existence, its armies of young girls recruited for the ranks of prostitution, its rotteness, misery and unmentionable horrors, and remembering these and other repulsive features of life in Gotham, would pause before inviting women to go there to escape from "bondage."

Why, the slavery of New York has not even the shadow of a counterpart in all Utah. The violations of virtue in a single night in the commercial capital of the nation, would be enough to sink the whole community here to the lowest hell. For they are pledged to virtue and are under vows against vice, and their religious covenants bind them to serve God in purity and abstain from everything unchaste.

If she can find no poor wretches that need a helping hand right in her own neighborhood, she should pray to God to open her eyes that she may see, and then learn to look at home, and get rid of the beam in New York before she takes a G. A. R. microscope to hunt for a mote in Utah.

IMPORTANT ISSUES IN CALIFORNIA.

THE people of California are agitated over a very serious question. We do not allude to the G. A. R. invasion. That is only a temporary and sort of junketing affair. It is a matter tha