

# DESERET NEWS: WEEKLY.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

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## THE UNITY OF THE SAINTS.

ONE of the chief objects of the teachings of inspired men and the ministrations of divinely authorized ecclesiastical authorities, is to bring the Saints to "the unity of the faith." This is explained in the ancient scriptures, and has been abundantly shown forth in modern revelation.

"In union there is strength." No one disputes the truth of this adage. To a numerically small people like the Latter-day Saints, union of sentiment and concert of action are absolutely essential. There is no likelihood of their success without such union. The world is against them. They have to face the force of the traditions of ages. Wealth, custom, national authority, religious intolerance, popular opinion and satanic influence are combined against them, and only in union, indissoluble and indivisible, can they endure. This is why so much has been and continues to be said on this subject. There is not only great strength in union of effort, but palpable force in union of faith and sentiment. Spiritual power is as sure a result of the perfect union of faith in several souls, as physical power is from a simultaneous union of muscular effort from several bodies. "When two or three are agreed touching anything, and they ask it in my name, they shall receive it," said the Savior. When two or more Elders, according to the revelation, lay their hands on the sick, in the unity of the faith, with no division of spirit, healing virtue is communicated, spiritual power is exercised and manifested. When a congregation of Saints assemble, and, as on the day of Pentecost, they come together "with one accord in one place," spiritual power is developed as a certain consequence. For there are fixed laws governing the spiritual world as there are in the order of the natural world.

For the cultivation of this union, it is not necessary that any of man's faculties should be stultified or repressed. Harmony, not silence, is the object in view. Individuality of thought is not to be prevented, but similarity to be encouraged. When two persons arrive at the full comprehension of a truth, they become, so far, one in understanding. The same effect under like conditions comes to a million or any number of persons. Sometimes, in order to arrive at this condition, discussion and explanation are necessary. But unless debate is conducted with a pure desire to reach the truth, it often tends rather to disunion than otherwise. When men take opposite sides, it too frequently happens that they each become determined to prevail, and the truth becomes subordinate to individual ambition. The wish to excel and achieve a victory takes the place of a yearning after light, and discord and confusion are the result instead of unity and mutual benefit.

Anything that tends to divide the Latter-day Saints is to be deprecated, no matter what may be its nature nor where it may occur. There can be no valid apology offered for strife. The whisperings of the divine spirit are desirable in every place and under every condition. Its office is to guide into all truth. It will quicken and intensify the natural powers of the human mind and shed light upon every subject that affects the welfare of humanity. Those who obey the ordinances set by the same Hand that fixed the laws by which each seed produces its own likeness, and who seek for the promised manifestations in the way appointed, may arrive at the same understanding and walk together in the rays of the Sun of Righteousness. Not with one mind made subordinate to another's, but all developed and under similar illumination, and rejoicing in the liberty of enlightened union.

Freedom of thought, freedom of speech and freedom of action are all compatible with desires and efforts to arrive at perfect unity of mind and deed. Governed by such motives, those who differ for the mo-

ment will have no wrangling. Bitterness and wrath will find no expression in their words, no place in their hearts. If they argue, it will be to make plain that which appears obscure; if they stand firm to a false position, it will be only until it is shown to be incorrect or unsound. They will resort neither to sophistry nor misrepresentation. They will make no attempt to cover up any weakness that appears in their own side of a question. The simple truth and the public good will outweigh all other considerations.

There is to be a time when all the people of God will come, not only to the "unity of the faith," but to the "knowledge of the truth." They will "see eye to eye." They will walk in the same light. Then there will be no strife, mental, verbal or physical. There will be neither wars nor rumors of wars. Perfect peace will reign unmarred. Harmony, in which are found all the joys of the universe, will make the whole creation thrill with pleasure. The sorrows and pains of nature are in its discords, and they will be banished to the realms of the doomed. There will be one God over all, blessed for ever; one spirit in every heart; one grand object in every soul—the bliss, progress and perfect development of the entire host of the redeemed, in which is the glory of their Eternal Father and Universal King.

Let the Saints labor to-day to arrive at the greatest possible degree of union in faith, sentiment and action, and their joy and power will be in proportion to their success. One great advantage they have in their efforts for unity, is the voice of the living oracles. They may always learn the safe path. For ever there is the word sounding in their ears "this is the way, walk ye in it." The wise will hearken; the sheep of Israel will recognize the voice of the good shepherd; and, avoiding all byways, will pass on the narrow way which leads unto life, guided by the same spirit and rejoicing in the order and peace that prevail only among them who are all of one heart and one mind.

## MOB RULE.

THE rule of a mob is the worst kind of tyranny. San Francisco is just now realizing the truth of this saying. "The sovereign people" in the hands of unwise leaders become a terrible power for evil. *Vox populi* then becomes *vox diaboli*. A crisis is impending in affairs on the Bay, and the first gun fired on either side will be the signal for a reign of terror such as the Coast has not seen under the Government of the United States. It is strange that demagogues of the Kearney stripe have been permitted to obtain such a strong grip on public affairs, and lamentable that men who should know and do better permit themselves to be used as tools for the party of ignorance and disorder, simply because it opens for them the door to position and its emoluments. Popular government is good enough when wise men and good men are placed in office and entrusted with the reins of power, but when corrupt and venial men are lifted into authority by an excited populace, and sustained by the clamors of the unthinking, property and life are both put into imminent danger, and true progress is effectually barred. A wise parental autocracy, is far better than a raging, violent unchecked democracy.

## THE WAY SMOOTHED TO ROME.

ANOTHER noted secession to Rome has stirred mightily the waters of the Anglican hierarchy. Rev. Arthur Wagner, of Brighton, has given in his adhesion to the Roman Catholic Church, and he is likely to be followed by many other ritualists. Indeed ritualism has been for some time viewed by the Low Church and Broad Church parties among the Protestants, as the half-way house to the Papacy. The transition from a ritualistic Episcopal clergyman to a full-fledged Catholic priest is no violent change; indeed it is rather in the nature of evolution. Such steps as that taken by the Vicar of Brighton are not by any means new. But there is a feature of this movement which is likely to cause many other High Church parsons who have been halting between two opinions, to hesitate no longer, but go over boldly to the Vatican.

The celibacy of the clergy is a well known tenet of the Romish faith. Most of the Anglican clergy of any note are married men, and hence a difficulty has laid in the path to Rome. But the Sovereign Pontiff has now partially removed it. Married clergymen who enter the Romish communion will be allowed to exercise all the functions of celibate priests except to hear confessions.

They will be ordained anew, but the religious orders which they may have established, and of which many have been organized by the ritualists, will be received into the Papal fold after a novitiate.

This concession will smooth the way for many candle-lighting, robe-decorating, cross-making and knee-bending Anglican clergymen into the arms of Mother Church, with many adherents; and so we may reasonably look for large accessions to the Scarlet Woman's domain, from the great "Church of England as by law established." This may be viewed as one of the pertinent signs of the times.

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 27.

**A Child Beater.**—Charles Morris, the individual who figured prominently in the child-beating affair last fall, and who was indicted and arrested for the crime shortly afterward, has been up for trial in the District Court. Yesterday, a motion made by the defendant's attorney, for defendant's release on his own recognizance, was overruled by the Court and the case was set for March 3d, at which time it will be tried.

**"Enquirer" Notes.**—The tenth quarterly conference of the Young People's Mutual Improvement Associations of Utah Stake of Zion will be held in Provo, on Saturday evening, 28th inst.

A few days ago, two youths, one named Cooper and the other known as Metheny, an Indian boy, got on a drunken spree at Fillmore, which ended in a fight. The Indian stabbed Cooper in the knee, wounding him pretty badly. The Indian will be brought to Provo in a day or two and confined in jail, to await the action of the grand jury.

**At It Again.**—John Sagehorn was before the police magistrate this afternoon, charged with drunkenness and disturbance and with resisting the officer who arrested him for that offense. For drunkenness and disturbance he was fined \$10, for resisting \$50. Sagehorn is one of the late convicts pardoned out of the Penitentiary, by the Governor, for good behavior while there. Ah, John, if it is only in prison that you can behave yourself, it may be that you will find yourself inside the big wall again ere long.

**Willard Items.**—A correspondent at Willard writes under date of the 26th inst., as follows:

"The atmospheric changes of this mountainous region has given us once more a mantle of snow, covering the earth to a depth of about six inches in this neighborhood. It commenced falling on the night of the 23d inst., and has continued squally up to date giving us the heaviest snow fall of the season. The ranchmen's interest is threatened somewhat in Box Elder County, by the severity of the present winter, and heavy losses are anticipated before the arrival of spring, which is eagerly looked for by the agricultural part of the community.

We have passed through a siege of diphtheria during the past winter, but in most cases it has been light, and we have been fortunate in losing but a few children.

The health of the people is generally good at the present time.

**"Junction" Jots.**—We understand that an Ogden company have been offered \$130 per ton by an Omaha firm for all the ore they wish to deliver at that place from a certain mine about 15 miles north of this city.

Yesterday's Union Pacific train brought in from Devil's Gate two "telescoped" flat cars, both loaded with coal. The hind flat had been driven half way on the forward one, raising the deck, knocking out the end gate, and driving the front truck beam to about the centre of the flat. The "telescoping" was caused by a recent snowslide.

Last evening, at about a quarter to seven o'clock, the Utah and Northern passenger train, which was due two days since came steaming into the depot. The company have used every endeavor to keep the

road clear, and get their trains in on time, and have been successful until the last heavy fall of snow. However, it is thought no more difficulty will be encountered.

**Home Silk Manufactory.**—The Utah Silk Association has in contemplation the erection of a building and the introduction of the necessary machinery to work up the raw silk produced in our Territory, thus making and putting upon the market home manufactured silk goods. The site chosen for the factory is the old saw mill at the mouth of City Creek Cañon. The building is to be constructed of brick, it will stand a little to the southeast of the saw mill, and its machinery will be run by belts connecting with the water wheel of the saw mill. The work of breaking the ground and making the necessary excavation, will commence as early as the weather will permit.

This is a commendable movement on the part of the Association, and shows that it means business, and possesses the necessary life and vigor to make the enterprise a success. We shall watch with much interest, as everyone will, the furtherance of this worthy home industry, which has our earnest and best wishes for its success and prosperity.

**A Lamentable Occurrence.**—It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Miss Fannie Rogers, daughter of Dr. Russel M. Rogers, which sad event occurred on the 20th inst., at the Rogers farm, near Pleasant Grove. Deceased was an estimable young lady, of an intelligent mind and sweet disposition, beloved and honored by all who knew her. The following is an extract from a tribute to her memory, which appears in the *Enquirer* over the signature of Professor Karl G. Maeser, her former teacher, written in behalf of the Faculty and students of the B. Y. Academy:

"Especially was her death lamented among her old acquaintances in the B. Y. Academy, where she had been formerly an honored and faithful normal student. Miss Fannie struggled to the last with heroic faith against the grim destroyer, and found her consolation in the administration of the Priesthood and the prayers of her friends; but it was destined that her pure soul should take her abode among those that have died in the Lord, leaving behind her, however, a spotless record, written with the characters of affection and love in the hearts of those that had the good fortune of her acquaintance. In this Academy her name and example will always be remembered as one worthy of emulation."

Miss Rogers was betrothed in marriage to Mr. J. B. Keeler, the local editor of the *Enquirer*.

**Weather Report.**—The following is furnished by the Deseret Telegraph Company, and was received at 12 m. to-day:

Springville.—Very cold, blowing, some snow.

Provo.—Cold, windy and cloudy.

Payson.—Cold, cloudy, snowed about four inches last night.

Silver City.—Cold, wind blowing hard from north-west, no snow.

Nephi.—Snowed about four inches last night, is still snowing and now blowing and drifting bad, very cold.

Fillmore.—Snowing and wind blowing, about seven inches snow fell last night and this morning.

Cove Creek.—Snowing, blowing hard, about two inches new snow.

Beaver.—Snowing, hard wind from north, about an inch new snow.

Lehi.—It has been blowing and snowing all night and still storming.

Santaquin.—Snow fell last night eight inches, and is showing very hard now.

Frisco.—Snowing, blowing, about one inch new snow.

Minersville.—Snowing and blowing.

Parowan.—Snowing now, snow now about a foot deep.

Cedar City.—Cold, just commenced snowing, looks like big storm coming.

Toquerville.—Cool and hazy.

Silver Reef.—Cloudy and windy.

St. George.—Warm and pleasant, few clouds around, roads good.

Hebron.—Cloudy, but warm, thawing very fast, snow mostly gone.

Panacea, Nev.—Clear, wind blowing.

Pioche, Nev.—Clear, pleasant.

Kaysville.—About 10 inches snow, every appearance of more.

Ogden.—is clearing off fine now, calm and not very cold.

Corinne.—Cold, strong north wind snow flying, had about three inches snow the past three days.

Logan.—Cloudy but quite pleasant very little snow now.

Franklin.—Cloudy and cold, snow about two feet deep.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 28.

**Information Wanted.**—C. S. Carney, of Camp Creek, Floyd County, Virginia, is desirous of learning the whereabouts of J. F. Benlem, who is supposed to reside in this Territory.

**Priesthood Meeting.**—The Bishops of this city will please announce in their respective ward meetings, the priesthood meeting of the Stake, to be held on Saturday, March 6th, at 11 a.m., in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms.

**Accidentally Drowned.**—A clipping from the Geelong (Australia) *Star*, of date the 31st of December, 1879, has been forwarded to us, containing an announcement of the accidental drowning, on the previous day, of young Daniel Weatherill, the nine-year-old son of Daniel and Julia Weatherill, of that place. The child had gone to the beach of Corio Bay, to float a small boat and gather mussels. His death was reported about 6 o'clock the same evening and the body recovered shortly afterward. It is supposed the bereaved family have relatives in this city. We publish the death notice elsewhere.

**The Huntsville Deer Killing.**—The *Junction* has an article, this morning, on the recent deer killing in Huntsville, in which it is shown that the persons who were accused some time ago of the unlawful practice of killing deer out of season near that place, were in reality not guilty of the offense. The following extract from the article explains:

"Deer meat, it was proved, had been brought into Ogden a day or two after the time allowed for the killing of game, which of course was presumptive evidence of a violation of the statute, and a thorough investigation was at once instituted. Developments proved, however, that the animals had been killed before the limited time had expired, but on account of the deep snow, the parties who had done the killing were unable to get the game home, and had to abandon it until help could be procured from the settlement. The necessary assistance was forthcoming, and on the 2d of January a large party went out and brought in the dead deer. The hunting party, it seems, had a contract to furnish deer in this city, and accordingly brought it down, knowing that it had been captured within the time allowed by statute, and not supposing for an instant that they would be accused of law breaking.

**Who is Governor?**—The question as to who is the present incumbent of the gubernatorial chair of this Territory, came up in the District Court yesterday morning, at the opening of the case of Anderson vs. the Wasatch and Jordan Valley Railroad. A motion was made by the counsel for the defense, to restore to the jury box the names of the 12 jurors, discharged by the court several days ago, in accordance with the act passed by the Legislature redistricting the representation of the Territory and taking away from the Third District the counties of Weber, Box Elder, Cache, Summit and Rich, the places of residence of the discharged jurors. The basis for the motion was, that the redistricting act so passed was invalid, because it was signed by George W. Emery who, it was claimed, was not Governor at the time; and that the persons whose names were drawn to serve as jurors, could not lawfully be discharged by the Court, because they were selected according to law and made the jurors for the term "for all cases," by an act of Congress, to ignore which was to permit the Legislative enactment to nullify the Act of Congress. The matter was argued pro and con, and finally decided by Judge Hunter, who held that Mr. Emery was Governor until his successor had qualified; and that the Court had the right to discharge the jurors, as it had done. An exception was taken, and no doubt there will yet be more of the matter.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, MAR. 1.

**First Day of Spring.**—The first of March comes in as balmy and peaceable as a pet lamb. We may expect an exit like unto the wrath of a circus lion, when hunger oppresses.

**Weatherill.**—We learn that the Weatherill family, of Geelong, Australia, mentioned in Saturday's News as having recently lost their little boy Daniel, by drowning, were late members of the Whitechapel Branch, London.

**Fatal Snowslide.**—A special from Logan states that a snowslide occurred in Logan Cañon, about ten