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TERMS IN ADVANCE.

DAVID O. CALDER,
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 30.

Savage.—There is a letter, at President Young's office, addressed to Mr. David Savage.

Mr. Leslie and Party.—Mr. Frank Leslie, the well known publisher, and party, who visited this City on their way to the Pacific Coast, arrived this morning, on their return eastward. Senator Conover, of Florida, is traveling with the party.

Missionaries from South.—Elders David Milne, Abraham Kimball, X. F. Slagowski and John Alger, are in the City from St. George, the first two on their way to Europe, on missions, and the two latter to the eastern States. Elder Alma Dunford, who is going to Europe, also arrived from St. George, a few days since.

A Splendid Work.—We have received from Mr. Powers, the agent of the work for Utah, J. C. Ridpath's "History of the United States." It incorporates all the leading events, from the discovery of America until the present year, 1877. It is a compendious yet comprehensive book, and we consider it a valuable addition to our editorial library, being especially valuable for purposes of reference. The price of the work, which has nearly 700 pages, is only \$3.50.

Musical Times.—We have this periodical for June. The contents are full of interest. The number opens with a beautiful song, "Come In Dreams," by Lula, a local author; "Haydn" (biographical); musical composition, "Alpha," by W. Clive, and another, "Rest," by George Careless; "Character Reading," "Editorial Notes," "Local Entertainments," "Musical and Dramatic Notes," "Answers to Correspondents," "New Music," and much other matter of an instructive and entertaining character.

In Nauvoo.—The Nauvoo Exposition of May 25 says—

"There was another lot of Mormon preachers in this city again during the fore part of the week. They held a meeting in the lower part of the city on Saturday evening. It seems they have been laboring with some effect among the sinners of this locality, as it was announced that they would baptize several converts, last Sunday, but which act they were prevented from doing by the high wind which prevailed.

"Four converts to the Mormon church—three women and one man—were baptised in the river, in this city, last Wednesday night. Quite a number of citizens assembled to witness the ceremonies."

Gone to Washington.—District Attorney Howard has gone to Washington. While there, he may as well kill two birds with one stone, and do what representing he has to do in favor of the Liberal cause. True, Congress is not now in session, but perhaps Attorney General Devens may have some little objection to the gentleman neglecting his own business to visit Washington next Fall and coadjute with McKean in lobbying something through Congress that will not benefit the government or reflect the sentiments of Utah's non-Mormon population. The odds are much in favor of Howard's staying at home next Fall—providing he keeps his official head on his shoulders till then.—Corinne Record, May 28.

Rain.—Showery at intervals during to-day.

Decoration Proceedings.—This morning, in accordance with the citizens' programme of the decoration proceedings, the procession commenced to form on East Temple Street, at ten o'clock. By eleven it was completed, and was quite extensive, including a considerable concourse of carriages, gaily bedecked with national flags. At the hour last mentioned the procession started on its way to Camp Douglas, by the route described in the programme.

Evidently the ceremonies at the military post would be witnessed by a large number of people.

City Council.—Petition of R. T. Burton and twenty-five others, asking that the Continental Oil Company be required to remove the oil now stored at their depot, and that they be prevented in future from keeping the article in storage on the premises, the petitioners considering their lives and property in danger from the near proximity of the oil to their residences; referred to the committee on improvements.

Petition of Watters Brothers, to have their city taxes remitted, for certain specified reasons; referred to committee on claims.

The sum of one thousand dollars was appropriated to be subject to the superintendent of water-works.

The annexed report was read and adopted—

Your committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Wm. Hyndman, secretary of the committee on Decoration Day ceremonies, asking for an appropriation to assist in defraying the expenses of decorating soldier's graves, beg leave to report that in their opinion the city council would not be justified in so applying public funds, and with this view recommend that the council respectfully decline to put the committee to the expense of procuring carriages for its members.

Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock.

A Few Ideas on the Hubbub.—"Mormonism" and the "Mormons" are causing a great noise and stir throughout the country. This is an indication that the "Mormons" are a people of great importance and considerable fame. They are unobtrusive, quiet, everyday kind of people, whose chief object is to mind their own business and let that of other people alone. It is because others do not pursue the same sensible course that all this fuss and bother exists. The "Mormons" are no seekers of fame, greatness being "thrust upon them."

The parties who create and are the "head and front" of the anti-"Mormon" sensation business are of several classes, one of which revels in a kind of power they wield as tyrannical and despotic whippers in, by means of a blackguard press, for the anti-"Mormon" cause, inflicting the most unsparing flagellation upon any non-"Mormons" who dare walk on the same side of the street as a "Mormon," making it so hot for him as to compel him to join the ranks of the "rabids," contrary to his own inclinations and convictions. To a person "looking from a tree," the statements of those who have been "whipped in" that the "Mormons" are under a kind of despotic rule, are sufficiently ridiculous to affect the risibles, coming from such a source. It is entirely the other way about the "whipped in," "rabids," being the parties who occupy the unenviable position of semi-serfdom, placed there for lack of that moral bravery and integrity for which the "Mormons" stand pre-eminent among their fellows, being true to their integrity and convictions, in the face of the most unrelenting and unscrupulous opposition, showing that they cannot be whipped into or out of anything contrary to their convictions.

A short time since, while the "drilling" absurdity and Utah war hubbub was at its height, one gentleman addressing another, the latter a "Mormon," said, "Well, how do you feel now? Don't you think your people are going to be used up?"

"Not at all," was the response. We are all right. The excitement and furore, having nothing real or true to sustain it, will exhaust itself, like a man who wildly beats the air, thinking he is belabouring some person he desires to attack."

"You are the strangest people under the sun," said the first party; "it matters not what comes along, you take things with the utmost coolness."

And so it is; the "Mormons" have no cause to get excited or alarmed when they are threatened, abused and slandered, for the reason that they are in the right, and they invariably come out on the upper side of a controversy. In fact it may be safely said they have no controversy, with individuals or people, unless one is thrust upon them.

It is one thing to make a great noise and blow about what the country is going to do in wiping out the "Mormons," and it is entirely another thing to do it. It is easy to accomplish such a work in theory, on paper, but very difficult to put into actual effect.

In our opinion the country is not prepared to do anything so very rash, cruel and unjust as a few rabid, covetous people, might desire. The country would not be likely even to attempt such measures without first investigating as to their necessity, and fair and impartial investigation always, without fail, spoils the game of the anti-"Mormon" fire-eating alarmists.

The Latest Mormon War.—The heroic lying that is being done by the Utah ringsters, * * is simply astonishing. The infamous charge that the Mormon people are arming and drilling the militia to resist Federal authority and massacre non-Mormons is pure and malignant invention of that kind of devilry which has been going on in Utah since the advent of the Republican party to power. We print Gen. Wells' denial of the charge to-day, and men from Salt Lake of the highest character, who are not Mormons, are met every day in Omaha—men who do business and spend much time in Salt Lake City—fully confirm what Gen. Wells says about the matter in his reply to the New York Herald's correspondent. These gentlemen denounce the effort of the Federal gang in Utah to create a new raid upon the real people of that country as outrageous and wicked, and say that there is not the least truth in these inventions of the personal, political and official brigands who infest that community.—Omaha Herald, May 27.

Our Country Contemporaries.

Ogden Junction, May 29—

We were favored with a call to-day from Elder John Seaman, of Morgan, who returned last Thursday. He was absent about five months, visiting relatives and friends in the States of New York and Ohio. He was well received and kindly treated and labored faithfully in defending the people of Utah from misrepresentation.

Lieut. G. M. Wheeler arrived here last evening, and will stay in our city several days. Lieut. Wheeler has a national reputation as an explorer, engineer and thorough, practical scientist, who has contributed a vast amount of valuable information to the history of the great West. He is in charge of the U. S. surveys west of the 100th meridian, and has shown his good judgment in making Ogden his headquarters, and the base of supplies for all the divisions of his surveying company in Utah.

In Conference on Monday afternoon President F. D. Richards said the jurisdiction of the Presidency of this stake extended to all parts of Weber County and South Weber and that part of Hooper in Davis County. It was thought advisable to divide this city into four instead of three wards, the dividing lines being Main Street and Fifth Street. That section south of Fifth and east of Main would be the First Ward; that south of Fifth and West of Main, the Second Ward; north of Fifth and west of Main,

the Third Ward; and the rest the Fourth Ward.

The following were then presented and sustained as Bishops of the several wards named:

First Ward, F. A. Brown.
Second Ward, Robt. McQuarrie.
Third Ward, Winslow Farr.
Fourth Ward, N. C. Flygare.
Riverdale, Sanford Bingham.
Harrisville, P. G. Taylor.
North Ogden, Amos Maycock.
Plain City, L. W. Shurtliff.
Slaterville, J. A. Allred.
Lynne, Daniel F. Thomas.
Marriott's, Jas. Ritchie.
Mound Fort, David Moore.
Huntsville, F. A. Hammond.
Eden, Josiah Ferrin.
West Weber, John I. Hart.
Hooper, Gilbert Belknap.
East Weber and South Weber were postponed for the present.

Elder Cyrus H. Wheelock was appointed and sustained a traveling missionary in this State of Zion.

Elder Henry Crawshaw as President of the Elders' Quorum.

Elder Moroni Brown as the Clerk of this Conference.

The selection of Bishop's Counselors and the arrangement of the quorums, was left to be attended to in the several Wards.

—The Boston school board is divided over the question of corporal punishment, half favoring its abolition and the other half not.

—Statistics gathered by the National Board of Fire Underwriters show that every dollar's worth of fire-crackers imported into this country has occasioned a direct loss by fire of \$100.

DIED.

At Weston, Oneida Co., Idaho, LEBORAH, relict of Levi Gifford.

Deceased was born at Greenfield, Sa. Co., N. Y., May 29, 1796; baptized into the Church in August, 1831, in Toga Co., Penn.; gathered with the Church in Ohio, in the Spring of 1832; was expelled with the Saints, moved to Nauvoo; left Nauvoo in the winter of 1846, enduring the privations of the Saints in their persecutions; arrived in the Valley in 1850. Many of the old members of the Church will remember Sister Deborah Gifford, a woman much respected by all who ever knew her, as a faithful Latter-day Saint. She died with the hope of joining her partner in life, and with full assurance of a glorious resurrection.—[COM.]

In the Seventh Ward of this City, on Sunday morning, 27th of May, 1877, of constipation of the bowels, WILLIAM GILBERT, son of William and Caroline McLachlan, aged 12 years, 6 months and 7 days.

In the Sixth Ward, Salt Lake City, May 30th, 1877, JANE, wife of Orson Hickman, and youngest daughter of Robert T. McEwan, aged 18 years, 3 months and 13 days.

Mill. Star and Liverpool papers please copy.

At Deseret, Millard Co., Utah, May 28th, 1877, of inflammation of the lungs, in the thirtieth year of his age, REUBEN SAMUEL WESTERN.

Deceased was born December 17th, 1847, at Tiverton, Devonshire, England; was baptized at eight years of age in Birmingham, England; emigrated to Utah in 1868; was a firm believer in the Gospel, and died in the hope of a resurrection with the faithful. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death, and a large circle of relatives.

Millennial Star, please copy.

On Saturday, May 19th, 1877, at 15 1/2 hours past 9 in the evening, of lung disease after 21 days' illness, ANN WINSBROW, wife of Samuel R. Western, aged 64 years.

Deceased was born October 6th, 1814, at Tiverton, Devonshire, England; emigrated to the Gospel March 8th, 1852, to Tiverton, Devonshire, England; emigrated to Utah in 1868; was the mother of thirteen children, ten of them living; was a firm believer in the Gospel, and died in full faith of a glorious resurrection. She prayed for death, and her last words were, "I am waiting to be happy," and she quietly sank to rest. She leaves a husband and a large family and relatives to mourn her loss.

Millennial Star, please copy.

At St. George, Washington County, N. Y. 25, 1877, EMMA SMITH ASHBY, wife of Benjamin Joseph Strickman and daughter of Nathaniel and Susan Ann Ashby.

Deceased was born in Salem, Essex County, Mass., March 14, 1844. She leaves a husband, two children, and a numerous family of relatives and scores of friends to mourn her loss. She was a true Latter-day Saint, and was beloved by all who knew her.

At New Tupton, Devonshire, England, March 17th, JOHN WARREN, aged 78 years.—Millennial Star.

At Leuchelly, Fifeshire, Scotland, April 13th, of typhus fever, JANE, daughter of George and Jane McKinnay, aged 12 years.—Millennial Star.