

AN INTELLIGENT VIEW OF THE SITUATION CLEARLY EXPRESSED.

Editor Deseret News:

As a citizen of the United States somewhat conversant with Eastern politics, lately returned from a considerable sojourn in foreign lands, and now witnessing with disinterested curiosity the "irrepressible

CONFLICT" IN UTAH,

perhaps your readers may pardon my presumption in offering the conscientious opinions of an unbiased spectator concerning some of those public matters which are currently uppermost in the minds of every thoughtful resident of this Territory.

Within the confines of these mountain-guarded valleys I find an already well and

VIGOROUSLY DEVELOPED EMBRYO

of a colossal State, the manifest destiny of which, if its future is at all foreshadowed by its brief but illustrious past, will eventually entitle it to foremost consideration as a most prolific, loyal and potential star amid the mighty galaxy of free commonwealths which constitute this great American Union. But even its unsurpassed record of progress and glowing promise of prospective grandeur, coupled with the singular virtue, hardihood, and the fraternal amalgamation of its exiled pilgrim pioneers have contributed towards making Utah an object of envy and the victim of most traitorous, oppressive and knavish political machinations.

AN INSIGNIFICANT MINORITY

of antagonistic adventurers brought their inordinate ambitions and favorite vices into the Territory after its prosperity had been established through the privations, hardships, self-denials, toils and virtues of that consecrated brotherhood which originally settled this whole region in the face of most formidable obstacles that were only surmounted by a painfully laborious zeal and confidence born of marvelous faith in prophetic utterances then as now held in odium by the masses of men. The invading faction, which was soon developed into a petty anti-"Mormon" propaganda, aspired to control the rising political and rich commercial destinies of a pioneer people who were fully capable and worthy of conducting their own affairs, both business and governmental, as the residents of all other portions of this free and beneficent Republic were and are permitted to do. Then began, on Utah soil, the first unhalting effort to subvert the plainest rights of American settlers.

On the one hand were the "Mormons" united by identity of interest, one common faith, and kindred sufferings and perils. On the other hand were the so-called anti-"Mormons," but little interested in the material prosperity of the colony, determined to reap where they had not sown, bent on practicing vices alien to the sterling principles of the "Mormon" community, seeking office, emolument and a heritage which could not of right be theirs. Thus as a matter of fact the people of Utah have been engaged for years with a plotting coterie of gross usurpers, in a vital struggle, which is wholly, or in great part, misunderstood throughout the United States and the world. The present aspect of the conflict, as it really is, demands imperatively the prompt, calm, unprejudiced attention of the sovereign patriotic people.

The resident anti-"Mormons" have created a

FALSE PUBLIC OPINION,

at the seat of National government. The pernicious custom of appointing other than denizens of the Territory to positions of official trust under the Federal government, has uniformly added effective strength, during many consecutive Republican administrations, to a traitorous faction until, under the deceptive cognomen of anti-"Mormon," it has placed Utah virtually in the position of a

CONQUERED PROVINCE,

denied the proper and just privilege of statehood, with many of her citizens disenfranchised and worse, now driven into cruel exile from their business, their homes, their darling wives and their precious babes, while a sensational paper—the *Tribune*, with its ribald jests and sneers and a daily cargo of lying contamination, glories in the first clear case wherein a freeborn American people have fallen beneath the yoke of political oppression through cancerous treason, supported merely by a widespread popular prejudice. Oh tempora! Oh mores! When will the next American Territory or State have to lament the disfranchisement and banishment of its citizens, if the anti-Mormon traitorous usurpers, who have brought Utah to such a pass, shall be permitted to consummate their nefarious scheme of tyranny and robbery with impunity under the ostensible plea of destroying a religious tenet generally accepted here which only interferes with the practice of harlotry, without trespassing on any individual inalienable or constitutional right of man? Will the

RETURN OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY to power at Washington restore the people of Utah to their proper rights as true citizens, who have built up a magnificent State for the national dia-

dem? Under the coming new administration, will the overthrow of the national Constitution, made certain in this Territory by a rabble of conspirators, be avenged, and the grand charter of American liberty forever vindicated? Or will Alfalfa Young, Mr. Rawlins and even lesser luminaries of a fraudulent young democracy, hob-nobbing with such "sons of prophets" as have declared their own unspeakable ignominy by unnaturally impeaching reproachfully the motives and practices of their own dead sires, succeed in perpetuating under President Cleveland the seditious, disloyal, power of so-called anti-Mormonism? I believe in the ultimate triumph of justice, the right and liberty. I believe in the loyalty, the integrity and the final honorable verdict of this great nation, which has been misled by a vile and brutal misrepresentation. I believe the rights of Utah will yet be redeemed and the wrongs her people have unjustly suffered soon be indignantly avenged; for I cannot believe that the grandest free government on earth has yet half reached the meridian of her noonday glory or already begun a sure and swift decline.

CHARLES W. HEMENWAY.
Payson, Utah, Feb. 12th, 1885.

TESTIMONY OF AN OLD LATTER-DAY SAINT.

WHAT HE HEARD JOSEPH SMITH SAY ABOUT RECEIVING THE MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD.

FILLMORE, Utah Territory,
February 8th, 1885.

Editor Deseret News

Yesterday I was handed a copy of the *Saints' Advocate*, bearing date Lamoni, Iowa, September, 1884, the first article in which was headed, "The Ordinations of Joseph the Martyr." Four and a half pages are occupied under this heading. It starts out by saying:

"Among the many errors which have crept in among those who have fallen away from the faith, since the rejection and disorganization of Church, which was organized in 1830, one is, that the Aaronic Priesthood is done away."

This is news to me. Although nearly 52 years have elapsed since I embraced the latter-day work, I have never heard a Latter-day Saint utter such a word.

The article goes on to show how Joseph and Oliver were ordained under the hands of John the Baptist to the Aaronic priesthood, but denies that they ever received the Melchisedec Priesthood by any other agency than their own hands, "by the commandment of God; although many, of the various factions pretend that it was conferred, by Peter, James and John. But the history of Joseph proves that to be false."

Now I do not pretend to be posted in Joseph's written history; but what I saw and heard him say in the early history of the Latter-day Saints, is an indelible history to me, whether he ever wrote it or not. In early times in the Church, and in a public congregation, I heard him say that Peter James and John, came and laid their hands on his head—at the same time, to give his sayings additional force, he clasped his own hands on his head,—and ordained him to the High Priesthood, and gave him the keys of the kingdom.

Most likely some others remain yet who heard him make the statement, but possibly not.

If the foregoing is of any use, it is freely given by N. B. BALDWIN.

MORE MISREPRESENTATION.

THE habitual falsifier who sends the press dispatches from this city, forwarded the following, which was published in the journals of the country, as expressing the views embodied in a discourse by President John Taylor, delivered Sunday before last;

He referred to his recent trip, and said that the Saints are being persecuted in Arizona and sent to the American Siberia for living up to their religion. He spoke of the federal officers here as "sneaks and tramps," intruding with process from the courts into the homes of the people. It was very hard to bear, and forbearance might cease to be a virtue, yet they should stand it a little longer. He didn't want blood to flow just yet. There would be a change before long. He wouldn't give up the law of his God, "so help him, God," and the congregation shouted "Amen!" Persecutions were making some Saints think of going to a foreign country to preserve religious liberty. There might be another Pilgrims' Day. He said the Saints were illegally punished at home, and killed in the Southern States. No one was punished for murdering missionaries. He intimated that all must be silent on what they knew, and thus thwart the wicked men who are persecuting the people."

The chief aim of the villainous prevaricator was to make it appear, by saying he didn't want blood to follow just yet, that President Taylor intimated that he wanted it to flow after awhile.

The discourse appears in full in our columns to-day, so that any one who wishes can read just what was said, and by so doing will have another evidence of the cowardly tactics of the

corrupt tool of a clique of political hacks who constantly grovel in misrepresentation, for the purpose of manufacturing anti-"Mormon" sentiment abroad.

THE WORK IN TENNESSEE.

We are permitted to make the following extracts from a private letter written by Elder George J. Woodbury from Beech Creek, Wayne County, Tennessee, Monday, February 2nd, 1885:

We have been trying to open up a new field of labor in the counties east of here, and have had rather rough times. Still the Lord has always raised up friends unto us, and I have always had a place to rest at night, and plenty of corn bread and bacon to eat; so you see, there is no reason for me to complain. I ought rather to rejoice that my lines have fallen in such pleasant places; for I see that some of the Elders in other parts are having to sleep in barns and straw stacks, and have sometimes gone hungry as well.

On the first Sunday in last month we had the pleasure of baptizing three persons, and of blessing three children; and everything looks fair for doing a good work here in the near future, as quite a number are likely to embrace the Gospel soon.

Elder L. A. Shepherd, of Beaver City, is with me at present. We held meeting here yesterday, and had a very good time. Next Sunday we have an appointment to preach in Lawrence County, and the third Sunday, if all is well, we expect to hold meeting in Lauderdale County, Alabama, where we will meet with three other Elders, and have a time of rejoicing together.

A few days ago I received a letter from a gentleman in Bedford County by the name of Daniel C. Walker, requesting me to send him some tracts, and papers, also to write to him. He said he had met two of the "Mormon" Elders some two or three years ago, and had a short talk with them, and it had been on his mind ever since. He said he had read with sorrow of the murder of Elders Gibbs and Berry, and hoped that the guilty parties would be caught and punished as they deserved; also requested us to come and see him as soon as we possibly could. I think he is an honest man from the tone of his letter, and have just mailed him some tracts and papers with good sermons in them. We will take another trip soon, and will likely call on Mr. W. Things seem very quiet in this section of country at present, and I hope and trust that no more of the Elders will be called to sacrifice their lives; still if we are forced to do so in the defence of truth, great will be our reward.

I am feeling well in my labors, and my only desire is to fill my mission in honor. The time I have spent in this land, has been the most profitable period of my life, and I feel to thank my heavenly Father that I was thought worthy to come on a mission of mercy to the children of men.

JERSEY CATTLE.

PRELIMINARIES TOWARDS ORGANIZING AN ASSOCIATION FOR THE CULTURE OF THE LITTLE MILKERS.

The following are the minutes of a meeting held on Monday, to take steps to organize an association of Jersey cattle owners:

At a meeting to protect the interest of the Jersey cattle in Utah Territory, held at the office of N. W. Clayton, Salt Lake City, on the 16th day of February, A. D., 1885, Theodore McKean was elected temporary president and N. W. Clayton temporary secretary, the following interested gentlemen being present:

Angus M. Cannon, Theodore McKean, John R. Winder, Francis Armstrong, Brigham Y. Hampton, John M. Miller, H. J. Faust, Dr. George Bridges, James Solomon, Leonard G. Hardy, Don Carlos Young, N. W. Clayton, all of Salt Lake City.

On motion of Francis Armstrong it was unanimously resolved that the President appoint a committee of three to draft a constitution and by-laws for the company. Thereupon the chair appointed the following as said committee, viz.: A. M. Cannon, John R. Winder and Ges. Bridges.

On motion, the name of Theodore McKean was added to said committee.

On motion, it was unanimously resolved that an invitation be extended to all interested parties, to meet next Monday, and that the secretary have these minutes printed in the *DESERET NEWS* and *Salt Lake Herald*.

On motion, meeting adjourned for one week, to meet at the same hour and place.

N. W. CLAYTON.
February 16, 1885.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The wife of Minister Lowell is very low, and no hopes are entertained of her recovery.

J. F. Tucker has notified the Transcontinental Railroad Association of his intention to resign his position as arbitrator owing to a press of other business.

John and Abram Johnson, woodmen, left East Tawas, Mich., for Gardiner's camp Saturday. They were out two nights; the weather was 26 below, and both froze to death.

Cleveland has not done himself a great deal of good among the local democracy of Philadelphia by his declination to attend the Americus ball in that city. There were elaborate preparations for his reception.

Monday night, Samuel Cardwell, director of the Murray Hill bank, was robbed on Third Avenue, New York, of a tin box containing \$15,000 worth of bank stock certificates and \$150 in cash.

Bismarck has received a petition, containing 800 signatures of commercial and farming associations, in favor of the establishment of bi-metalism. The petition dwells on the injury to the economic progress of Germany resulting from the continued rise in the value of gold and the depreciation of silver coin.

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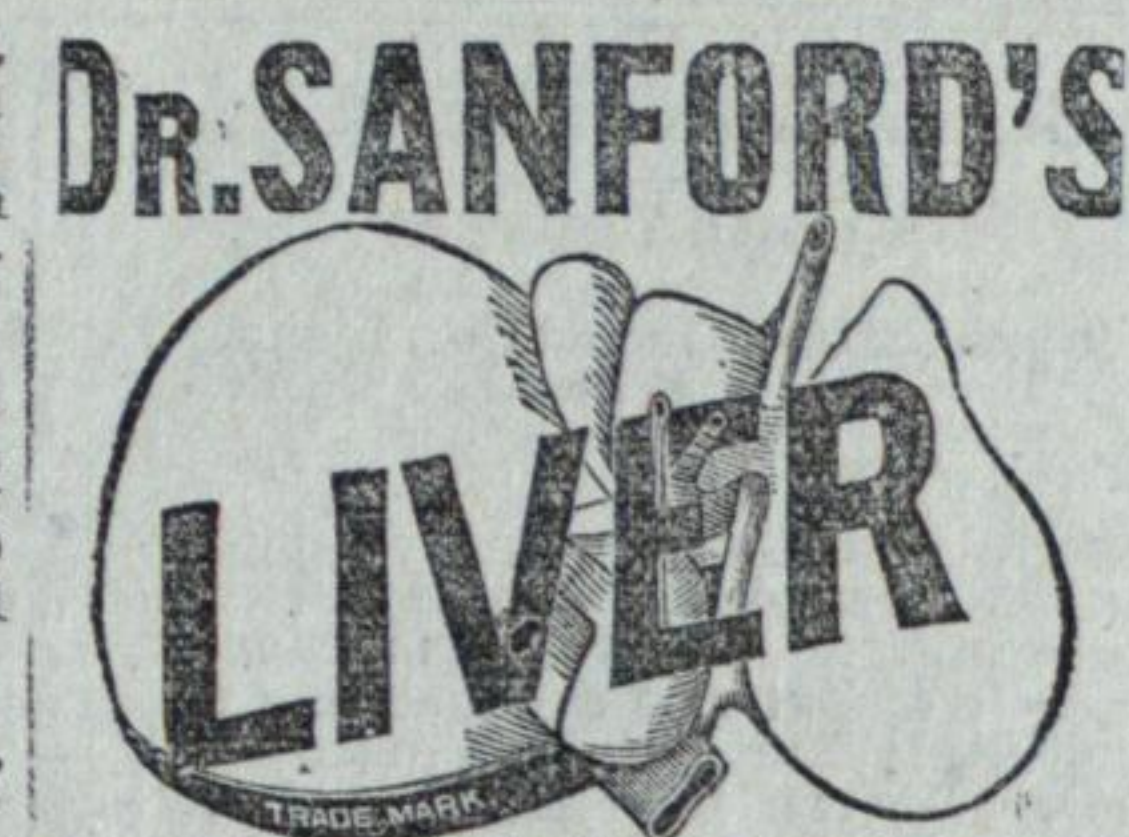
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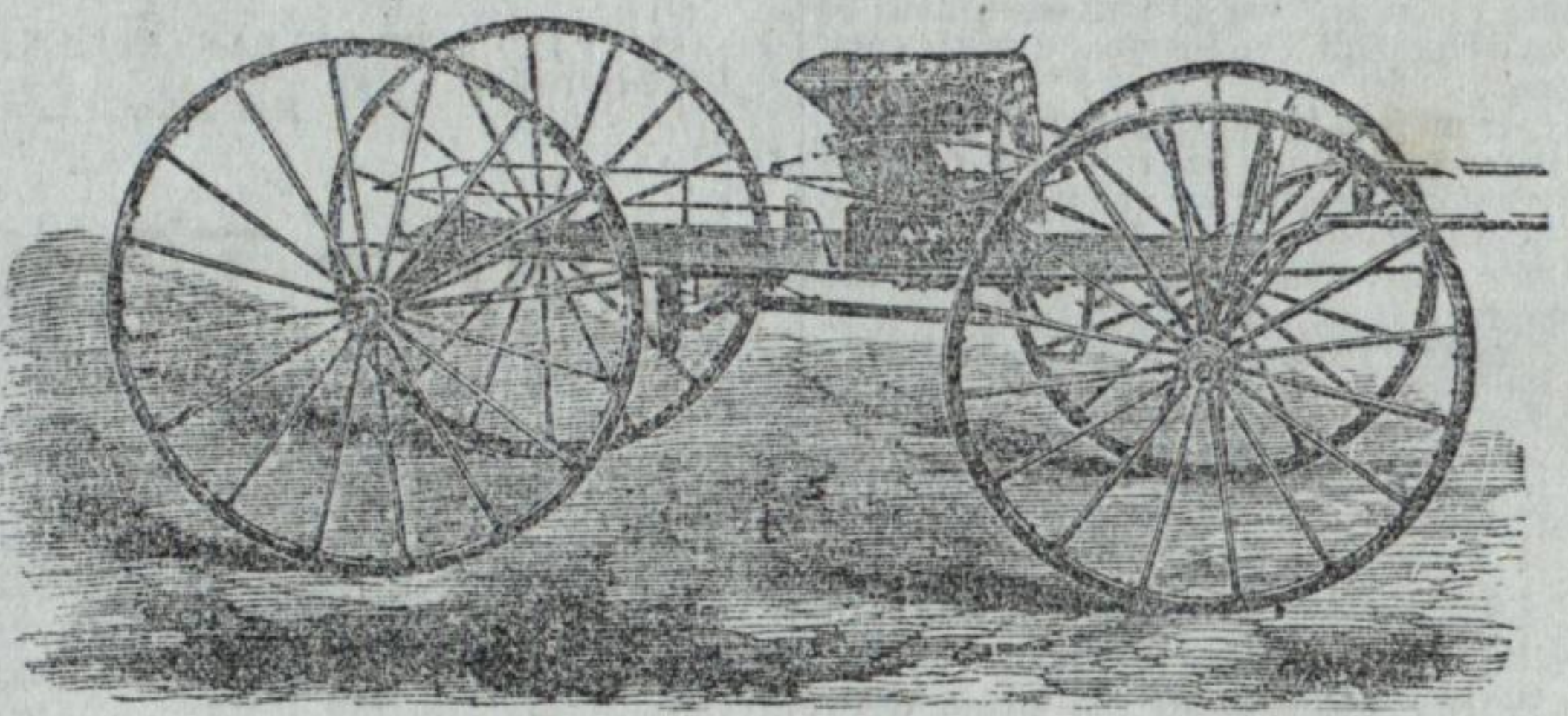
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