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THE ENLARGED SEMI-WEEKLY "DESERET NEWS."

THE Semi-Weekly DESERET NEWS is now issued in an enlarged and improved form. It contains eight columns to a page and these are wider than formerly. Thus the increase will reach about twelve columns of matter, which subscribers will receive without additional cost. The semi-weekly will continue at the low price of Three Dollars a year. Considering all things, it is the cheapest and best semi-weekly paper published in this region and it has the largest and most complete circulation. We invite attention to the variety and quality of its reading matter, and suggest to advertisers that it offers the most valuable opportunity they can find for reaching the people of Utah and the adjoining States and Territories. Correspondence, brief and to the point, is solicited for this paper from friends wherever it is distributed. The progress of the Semi-Weekly DESERET NEWS has been rapid and continuous, and we may be pardoned for expressing some pride in its appearance, merit and increase. All advocates of truth, justice and equal rights should aid in still further increasing its very extensive circulation.

LET US HAVE A CHANGE.

THE chronic dyspeptics who can see no good in the "Mormon" people because their eyes are turned to the dim and distant past, in the gloom of which imaginary horrors and phantoms of fancied "Mormon" doctrine and "Mormon" doings play fantastic tricks before their distorted vision, would do well to give their deranged organs a rest and then take a good straight look at the present.

It will be useless of course to try to convince them that they are greatly mistaken concerning the faith of the Saints and many things in their history. Suppose these revelers in bygone things retain their notions about what has been. What then? Is it not the living present that most concerns us all?

Today the Latter-day Saints are a progressive people, living within the law, desirous of promoting harmony and good government, of building up this Territory, of increasing its material prosperity, and of establishing peace and good will among all its inhabitants. They molest nobody. They interfere with the rights and liberties of no person, party or society. They are in the front with citizens of other faiths in the work of permanent improvements in buildings, manufacturing industries, commercial and other enterprises, and the general condition of the community.

As to politics they simply take the course which appears right to them. They allow other people the same privilege. Indeed they look upon this as a right. It is the worst kind of nonsense to say they do not exercise this liberty. All the facts prove that they do as they please in this matter. References to what is said to have been done years ago have no rational bearing upon the situation today. And the present is what we have to look at, and what concerns us all.

Everybody who knows anything of the facts understands that today the voting "Mormon" people are perfectly and absolutely free to cast their ballots as they choose. There is positively no evidence whatever to the contrary. All that is alleged, for foreign effect, about "theocratic" domination is stale and absurd verbiage, without even a flavor or element of truth.

There is no power or influence of any kind whatever exerted upon the "Mormon" people by leading men politically, except that of reason and persuasion. Union is urged, as it is among all political parties. The much-talked-of domination of the Church is positively nothing but a myth. Possibly some persons who repeat the nonsense believe it. Those who originate it know better. It is manufactured for the purpose of inducing such legislation as will place the political control of Utah in the hands of the minority. And this is urged although it was the essence of republicanism.

It is very easy for any person who desires to know the truth to arrive at the facts, which are exactly as we have stated. And with the secret ballot, and the opportunities that are afforded by full and free discussion in caucus and convention, there is nothing whatever in the way of any "Mormon" to speak and act with the most perfect freedom in politics.

Why, then, should not the people of Utah "agree to differ" in religious and political matters, stop this everlasting bickering, frown down the maligner and manufacturer and resurrector of

anti-"Mormon" falsehood, and pull together in all matters that concern the progress and prosperity of the whole people?

This can be done. It ought to be done. But while agitation is kept up by repeated falsehoods, and constant deception is practiced upon the American people through libels from the press and pulpit, that union which is needed for the good of the Territory cannot be brought about.

Let the conservative and consistent of all classes reflect on this matter, and all do their part to effect that change which is so desirable and necessary to our present and future welfare.

FALSE RUMORS.

IT seems that the whole Pocatello Indian scare was manufactured by veracious(?) newspaper and telegraphic correspondents. It will be remembered that the DESERET EVENING NEWS published a special dispatch denying the story, on the same day in which the news of the burning of Pocatello, Idaho, was telegraphed to Chicago and thence to Salt Lake. We wired for particulars and received a reliable contradiction.

We are not in the habit of boasting about those small things. But a local unreliable paper, which aided in spreading incorrect information sent to it from Pocatello, now claims to have been the first to correct the falsehood, and that is why we call attention to the facts.

It is shameful that such false reports can be spread with impunity. Persons who fabricate them should be punished for their deception of the public. The people of Pocatello have just cause of complaint. The coward, even though thoroughly exposed, has a bad effect and tends to injure the business interests of the place.

It appears that the Indians in that vicinity are peaceable and quiet, and that there was positively no ground for the rumor nor for any excitement. The Pocatello people ought to trace this falsehood to its origin and then prosecute the originator.

INDECOROUS CONDUCT OF THE COUNCIL.

THE situation of the City Council is becoming a subject for comment among the people. The municipal government presents a spectacle of combined incapacity, recklessness and belligerency that does not afford comfort or edification to the observant onlooker.

Among the more recent eccentricities of the Council was the passage of