DESERET EVENING NEWS: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1901.

BLOOD FLOWS IN KANSAS.

DESERET EVENING NEWS The insane raid on the Kansas sa-Jrgan of the Church of Jesus Christ of loons has at last resulted in a sad tragedy. A Leavenworth dispatch tells the Latter-da Saints. story. Some raiders entered a saloon LCRENZO SNOW, TRUSTEE-IN-TRUST. at Millwood. The owner defended his joint and in the scrimmage a gun was FUBLISHED EVERY EVENING. discharged. The wife of the saloon SUNDAYS EXCEPTED. Center of South Temple and East Temple Streets Salt Lake City, Utah. keeper, frightened, came into the room, thinking perhaps that her husband had been killed. The crowd increased. An-Charles W. Penrose. - - Editor other gun was discharged, and the un-Horace G. Whitney, Business Manager

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IMPROPER AMUSEMENTS.

A respected correspondent requests

the Deseret News to express the views

and explain the attitude of the Latter-

day Saints in regard to public masquer-

ades. The reason for the request is the

participation of some members of the

Church in those amusements, in mixed

company where disguises are worn by

persons of doubtful character, and

where great freedom is indulged in,

causing much comment from religious

We can state, without fear of contra-

diction from recognized authority, that

public masquerades, in which all kinds

of people associate, should not be par-

ticipated in by Latter-day Saints.

There are many reasons for this.

Among them are these: Such enter-

tainments give license to conduct that

is contrary to the spirit of religion.

They render possible the mingling to-

gether of innocent and corrupt persons,

whereby the weak are badly influenced

by the strong. Vice often covers itself

with a mask and preys upon virtue.

Evil is disguised so that it may be mis-

taken for good. The most abandoned

find an opportunity to come into close

companionship with the pure and un-

sophisticated, and the restraints that

are usual in ordinary and well con-

ducted dancing parties, are frequently

cast aside and trampled upon in the

liberty that prevails. The presence of

Church members in such company is

incongruous, and is likely to bring re-

proach upon the cause they represent.

The spirit of such gatherings is usual-

ly foreign to that of the Gospel, and Its

influence and tendency are in the very

opposite direction from that indicated by

the teachings and spirit of the work of

God. They lead to recklessness and

and sedate people.

LDITOR.

fortunate woman was killed. It is said that nearly a hundred shots were fired, and that one of the raiders was wound-4.50 2.25 .78 ed. The mob, satisfied with their murderous work, left the place without wrecking the joint.

The killing of this innocent victim can excite no surprise. It is rather surprising that more lives have not already been taken in this outburst of anarchy. We have from the beginning denounced the methods of Mrs, Nation; not because of sympathy with the saloon power, or the violators of law who sell liquor in Kansas, but because it was easy to foresee that her lawlessness would lead to just such acts as these. American chivairy would proteet to some extent the women who invaded the joints, even when they destroyed the fixtures and bottles, but as soon as men joined them, there would surely be fights. The spirit of prophecy was not needed to predict that outcome.

It is evident that there now is war on between the temperance forces and the liquor dealers-a war not to be conducted by moral forces or the means provided for by the Constitution and the statutes. It is war to kill. The raiders of the Millwood saloon came masked and armed, as members of the Indian bands of religious assassing known as thugs, would have done. This is introducing into American civilization a principle which is as wrong as it is dangerous. If a part of a community, to whom a certain line of business is objectionable, can be permitted to destroy it and if it seems necessary murder those who engage in it, where is the limit to that line of reform? Some object strongly to the use of drugs. Why should they not raid the drug stores? Some think it unlawful to eat pork. Why should they not blow up the pack. ing houses? Some do not like Presbyterlanism, or Methodism. Why should they not demolish the churches?

There is no crime in this country that cannot be reached by law and the courts. Private vengeance is therefore itself a crime. The Kansas insanity should be suppressed, lest it spread and lead to further bloodshed. Then the keepers of joints should be dealt with according to law, and if the laws are not adequate to meet the public demand, they should be changed. There should be no excuse for anarchy in a country that offers its civilization as a pattern to all the world.

A KANSAS ADVERSARY.

abandon, and have frequently shown Elders laboring in Abilene, Dickinson industrious population, utilizing the their effects in utter ruin and misery. ity, Kansas, inform us that the resources of even Dickinsen county News of Feb. 7. conthe best advantage. tains a particularly bitter assault upon MEDICAL MONOPOLY. them. The paper tells its readers that the Elders are not "laboring to rescue Many papers are taking up the subthe hopeless from the destroyer, or to ject of the encroachments of the medilead any class of sinners to forsake cal fraternity upon the liberties of the their sins and find pardon through the people, and showing the danger of these. atonement made by Jesus." Their sole advances and their menace to the pubalm is to proselyte to "Mormonism." lic welfare. It is a subject worthy of There is much more in a similar vein, thought and the consideration of legisand the burden of it is that the Elders lators. The following concerning it is "creep into houses and lead silly women an editorial from the Denver Post: captive." The writer of that shows positively If it is true that the regular medical practitioners find it impossible to make a living without securing a monothat he knows nothing whatever of "Mormonism," or the work of the Elpoly of the practice under an act of the legislature, perhaps it would be wise to consider some method of granting pen-sions rather than to retire from pracders. He has possibly taken his clue from the clerical opponents of the Church, who are afraid of investigation tice men and women who seem to be able to effect cures without having gone and anxious to try the virtue of abuse. through certain medical schools. It is alleged that the regular doctors want and he has possibly been led to suppose that the duty of a moulder of public protection from quacks, but if the quesopinion is fully performed when with a tion is left to the public it will find it oftentimes hard to decide which are pen dipped in gall and wormwood, he quacks and which are not quacks, togives utterance to whatever silly nontally irrespective of the sheepskin which gense may suggest itself to an imaginathey may own. As a matter of fact the medical protion agitated by fear of a supposed fession has improved relatively little in theory if it has in method since the days specter. But what can be gained by such litof Dr. Sangrado, when, through freely bleeding and drenching the patient, as erary productions? For a time some people may believe them, but truth will we are informed by the veracious Le Sage, he was speedily rendered a fit subject for the attentions of the undergradually gain ground. Nursery tales must sooner or later vanish taker. The modern methods are less coarse than they used to be, but it is into the world of unrealities. The coarse than they used to be, but it is still surprising how much guessing the best of physicians are forced to do in diagnosing diseases, and how very far away they sometimes get from the real seat of the trouble. If there were fixed rules to guide the physician and he could always invariably follow them, then it would only be acquestion of writer of these lines remembers when, many years ago, Baptist missionaries came to a certain city, the papers of that place published absurd stories about that denomination. Baptists were said to "scrape the sins off, by creepthen it would only be a question of learning those rules and applying them. But the practice of the art of bealing is ing under chairs," and to indulge in various other eccentricities. For a time something entirely different from this. The same disease in one patient may these "revelations" caused consternation among the good people of that have very different manifestations in another, with a result that it requires place, and it was contemplated to mob another very different treatment, Temperament, the Baptist missionaries. But they went environment, atmospheric conditions, many things modify or change the symptoms, and the very best guide that the books can give the doctor is a list the books can give the doctor is a list on with their work, and soon it was found that the newspaper stories were made of whole cloth. And we need not say of symptoms for what is called a typi-cal case, but which, as a matter of fact, is a case which never occurred and possibly never could have occurred. that the papers lost considerable prestige by that discovery. "Mormon" Elders have often had similar experiences. possibly never could have occurred. Physicians are therefore even more fallible than the majority of their fel-fallible than the majority of set up an They have gained friends where their encinies have proved themselves incaplows. When they attempt to set up an arbitrary standard and say that under the law patients must be cured by cerable of meeting them with other weapons than falsehood. prescribed methods or die, they ly render themselves ridiculous, for themselves can lay down no hard We would suggest to those who do tain not believe in "Mormonsim" and who simply and fast rules of cure, and very often if they would confess it are quite as much feel called upon to oppose it, to do so with the word of God, or logical reasurprised to find that some patient has recovered as that another patient has toning. If they are not capable of doing that, they should keep their hands died The legislature is strongly opposed to off. They should rest assured, that if monopolies-medical or otherwise-and will follow public sentiment in taking work is of God, no human power an overthrow it. The "Mormon" Elthe ground that the regular practitioner who cannot make a living without beders do not "capture silly women." ing granted a monopoly under the law, should turn his attention in the direc-They have no special mission to one sex, or one age. They have a message tion of agriculture or some pursuit call-ing more loudly for manual dexterity to deliver to all; but there is this peculiarity about the "Mormon" missionthan mental strength aries, that they do not preach to members of a household without the con-Boston is almost as proud of its new sent of the head of the house. That is, Velasquez as it is of itself. the rule. Can that much be said about Charles M. Schwab, the steel king, is other missionaries? entitled to wear the iron crown. The work is said to be progressing fairly well in Dickinson county, and this is really no surprise. For as a rule, where there are bitter adversaries, there is also a door widely open to the Gospel. A CRISIS IN SPAIN. Close observers of the situation in spain are inclined to the belief that the end of that ancient and once mighty empire is close at hand. Among the fairly well in Dickinson county, and

people there is much dissatisfaction with the government. The disastrous resuits of the war are ascribed, as generally is the case when a people has been defeated, not to the superiority of

the American navy and army, but to the inefficiency of their own rulers. To this comes the necessity of meeting the heavy indebtedness caused by the war and the loss of the colonies, and the consequent reduction of pensions and salaries, by which the burden is saddied on those least capable of carrying it. This is resented. Dissatisfaction with the government is growing, and freely expressed.

Politically the country is broken up in numerous factions, no two of which are agreed on a line of policy. This weakens the government. No matter

what course it adopts, it is sure to find a vigorous opposition. General Weyler is the most powerful man in Spain at the present time, and curiosity is aroused as to how he is likely to use his power, whether for the support of the crown or for self-aggrandizement. Once before a captain general has overthrown the Spanish government. and that within the memory of most of us. At that time Spain was experimenting with a republican form of government, in which the cortez was the supreme authority. Spain was then confronted with an insurrection at home, and one in Cuba, and a possible war with the United States. Don Manuel Pavia held the position now occu-

pled by Weyler. He ordered his troops to surround the parliament, and informed the legislators that they must leave the building. Some refused and declared they would rather die on their posts, but the building was soon filled with armed soldiers, and the cortez fied in confusion. The republican government was terminated, after the brief existence of a few months. Pavia, however, refused to assume the role of dictator. A provisional government was

formed, and Alfonso, the son of the deposed Isabella, was invited back. The time, it is believed, is favorable now for a similar coup. But it is safe to say that if Weyler undertakes it, he will not refuse the opportunity of assuming full power. This man, very well described as "lean, diminutive, shriveled, ambitious for immortality irrespective of its odor, a master of diplomacy, the slave of Spain for the glory of sitting at the right of her throne, unlovable, unloving, exalted," is capable of almost anything for fame and power. He has falled algnally, in the positions of trust he has formerly occupied during critical periods of Spain's history. But luck has smiled upon him to this extent, that he has always been able to withdraw at the right moment and leave the odium of defeat to his successors. Spain in the hands of such a man, is to be pitled. Were the government managed by wise and unselfish patriotism, the country would still have a chance to more than recover along the lines of commerce and industry what it has lost in area. The northern nations of Europe have proved

what a policy of peace can do for an small countries to

had a "snap" compared with the task Mrs. Nation has set herself.

This is the winter of our rejoicing rather than of our discontent, and all because there is much snow falling in the mountains.

Washington's birthday will soon be here and then once again the historic hatchet will assume its proper place in the hearts of the people.

Everybody who takes a ticket for the concert in the Tabernacle this evening will secure an enjoyable entertainment and help the builder of the great Tabernacle organ.

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An ultimatum has been sent China by the allies. It is believed that China will not be permitted to make a football of this ultimatum as Turkey has been doing with those sent her in times past.

Now that she is in the county jail, Mrs. Nation can sing, hum, croon or repeat to herself those beautiful words of the little poom that declares that "iron bars do not a prison make." And if she is so minded her mind to her a kingdom will be.

There was a fine display of senatorial courtesy between Senator Ben "Pitchfork" Tillman and Senator Beyerldge of Indiana. The South Carolinian dubbed him "The Wasp of the Wabash." Had this taken place elsewhere than in the United States Senate it would have been a very grave discourtesy.

It is pleasant to feel when listening to splendid music that by spending a triffe for it one is at the same time helping in a good cause. That will be the case with all who attend the grand concert in the Tabernacle tonight after buying one or more tickets to swell the Ridges testimonial.

The Troy Press, of Feb. 14, notices that there is a strong movement afoot in Massachusetts for the abolition of compulsory vaccination. A petition for the abrogation has been largely signed. A Boston physician, Dr. James B. Bell, is quoted as having declared, at a legislative hearing, that there had been more deaths from vaccination than from smallpox. Utah is not the only State in which the fight against compulsory vaccination is on.

An English correspondent, who says he can youch for all he relates, tells of the terrible atrocities that the German soldiers have committed in China, They are almost equal to anything charged against the Chinese themselves. Somehow, the soldiers of the kaiser have achieved a most unenviable notoriety, and it will be a very difficult matter to eradicate from the minds of the peoples of the nations the bad impression they have made. Credence is given these stories the more readily because of the known ways of some of the German officers. It is but a few years ago, that a German officer in a Berlin cafe ran his sword through a workman because the latter had hit his chair in passing out. And the officer was allowed to go scot free save for a mild reprimand, and a short confinement in barracks.



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In all the world such amusements are recognized as opportunities for the indulgence of frivolity and passion, and for the accomplishment of base ends and desires.

Dancing, properly conducted, has been permitted among the Latter-day Saints, because recreation of some kind is a natural necessity, and this exercise in reason and without excess is enjoyable and healthful. It is placed under the direction of competent persons, who are supposed to keep careful watch that decorum and order are observed, and that no unseemly conduct is permitted. That is very different to the promiscuous mingling of different classes of persons, whose features are disguised, and some of whom avail themselves of such opportunities to mix with the respectable and honorable who would not otherwise be seen in their society.

There may be nothing objectionable in a private party, where none but friends and relatives associate, personating different historic characters for innocent amusement. Such a masquerade might have nothing in it of evil, in spirit or results. But frequent indulgence in that may lead the young and unthinking to run into the drift of public masquerades," wherein lurk all the dangers we have mentioned and many more. Therefore great caution ought to be had in regard even to private amusements of that character.

It is right to provide innocent recreation. When it is possible, this should be combined with improvement. That is not always practicable. There is no harm in fun of itself, when not carried to extremes. It is beneficial sometimes to cast off all care and thought and anxiety, and this cannot be, done when amusement requires study or any great mental exertion, So long as the amusement is not injurious to mind, body or morality, there is no law, human or divine, against it. But there must be no excess. Too much laughter is sin. "Temperance in all things" is the right guide. Immoderate dancing, reckless behavior, anything that violates decency or shocks modesty is wrong and should be avoided.

True religion does not forbid any kind of rational enjoyment in moderation. It promotes pleasure, it inspires happiness, it leads to perfect joy. It suggests self-restraint from wrongdoing. It regulates human conduct for the general welfare. It forbids all that is sinful and leads to real temperance. For in refraining from that which is evil and unseemly, greater happiness regults than from yielding to evil or from over-indulgence in anything.

Members of the Church should never forget, under any circumstances or in any society, that they are called to be Saints and a light and a pattern to the world. They have a special mission to perform. Any conduct on their part which justifies unfavorable com ment from outsiders reflects upon the faith they have ombraced and hinders the progress it ought to make among mankind. It is true that what people do does not really affect a principle But the human mind in its imperfect development frequently is thus impressed, and people will judge a cause by the conduct of its representatives Therefore Latier-day Saints should avoid even the appearance of evil and never take a course which will bring reproach upon themselves or their religion.

KING EDWARD'S SPEECH. Chicago News,

As to the address itself, it is signifi-cant that directly or incidentally the part of it pertained to the African war. The reference greater South to the "fruitless warfare maintained by the Boer partisans in the former territories of the two republics" can scarcely be considered rhetorically proper in view of the fact that later it was admitted "the prolongation of the hostilities in South Africa" had in-

duced him "to make a further call on the patriotism and devotion of Canada and Australasia." The further as-surance, also, that "large additional ceinforcements from these colonies will embark for the seat of war at an early date" is a statement that can hardly be logically construed in har-mony with the representation of the "fruitless guerilla warfare maintained by Boer partisans." As the same inconsistencies, however, are to be no-ticed in the leading London journals in speaking of the war, it must be sup-posed that King Edward in this part of his address is neither more nor less illogical and inconsistent than his loyal subjects.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

If Edward Rex wrote this speech it proves the highest metal of the man, and if written by his ministers they have manifested unusual common-sense. He has laid out work enough for Parliament to cover the next five months. The whole tendency of his speech is to a betterment in legislation. If Edward Rex now exhibits the common-sense to accept the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty he will add enormously to the prestige of his country for an acceptance of that treaty, with-out change, would bind the United States to Great Britain in bonds of closer and more enduring friendship than ever before in the history of the race.

Baltimore Sun.

A formidable program is proposed for the Commons in making increased pro-vision for the army and navy and in renewing the King's civil list. The Lords and Commons are informed they will be asked to consider army reforms, changes in the final court of appeal, education, "the voluntary sale by landlords to occupying tenants in Ireland. regulations for factories and work-shops, public health, lunatics, drunkenness and literary copyright. As the Irish Nationalists and many of the Ulster Conservatives are demanding "compulsory sale," there will be doubtless a lively protest in some quarters against Lord Salisbury's very moderate proposals.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

One interesting admission was made at the beginning of the royal speech, that "the war in South Africa is not entirely terminated." Some months ago it was officially held that the war was over, but that some roving bands of robbers were still out, though they would be soon captured. King Ed-ward sees the difference between Boer "forces" and roving "bands of rob-bers" and so admits that "the war" is not over.

New York World.

The speech delivered to Parliament yesterday by King Edward VII shows yesterday by King Edward VII shows that Lord Salisbury, who was its real author, still stands for an uncomprom-ising prosecution of the war against the Boer republics. More troops are to be poured into South Africa, and new Canadian and Australian contingents

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