

## EDITORIALS.

### ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT.

NATURE, or Providence, use which term you please, has been very bountiful with Utah. All the elements necessary for a rich and prosperous State are found within her borders. Under the influences of tillage and irrigation the land yields abundantly of grain, vegetables and fruit in wonderful variety. The grass on the hillsides affords pasture for immense herds of cattle and sheep. And the mountains are streaked with minerals of the most valuable kinds, while the air is pure, the water sweet and the climate unsurpassed.

New developments are continually attesting the prolific resources of this greatly blessed region. The ordinary materials for building and ornamentation of dwellings have been in use here for a long time. But recently, marble in vast masses has been added to the material riches of the Territory, and is likely to become so plentiful and cheap in this city, as to be utilized for building as well as monumental purposes. This valuable stone is to be found in several parts of the Territory.

On the 21st of last June a company was organized for the working of the marble deposits on Snake Creek, Provo Valley. It is called The Wasatch Marble and Mining Company, and is incorporated with a nominal capital stock of \$250,000—in One Dollar shares—of which \$50,000 is set aside as a working capital. The officers are: Wm. Showell, President and Treasurer; Lorenzo M. Davis, Secretary; Sydney Eppison, N. C. Springer, C. A. Springer and John S. Barnes, Directors. The lead shows marble in sight about 8,000 feet in length and 1,000 feet high. It is of splendid quality and fine grain, tough and workable, and said not to be excelled in the country. Thirty men are at work in the quarry, and a first class mill and other appliances are in use to prepare the blocks for the market. Demands have already been made beyond the Company's present power to supply and the working capacity at the quarry will have to be doubled.

Ited at the Territorial Fair. The Company will place it on the market, at eastern prices without the addition of freight. This will exclude the imported article entirely if the quality proves what is claimed and the low cost is preserved. California has already given orders for a quantity of this marble and it is believed that it will be widely sought after.

Marble fronts for elegant residences and first class stores are improvements that will soon be seen in the city of Salt Lake, and the wooden head boards for the graves of the departed will go the way of log houses and pole fences, and give place to the sculptured urn and chiselled memorial stone.

These remarks are not based upon actual examination of the Wasatch Company's quarries, but upon the statements of reliable informants and personal inspection of specimens of the marble, a piece of which can be seen at this office. Marble works will, we have no doubt, become one of Utah's established industries, and we are pleased to record this new additional development of our wonderful Territory.

### CONGRESS AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

THE National Woman Suffrage Association is preparing for another assault on the Congressional fort, and has its guns ready for the campaign. The following sample petition to Congress from Cornelia W. Browning, is being circulated throughout the country with the request that leading women will prepare and sign in ink, two similar petitions, and send one to the Senate and another to the House of Representatives:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled:

Cornelia W. Browning, a citizen of the United States, a resident of

the State of New York, City of Brooklyn, hereby respectfully petitions your Honorable Body for the removal of her political disabilities that she may exercise her right to vote, all State Constitutions and Statute Laws to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Your petitioner respectfully represents that she is a real estate owner, paying heavy taxes annually for public improvements and for the support and punishment of pauperism and crime that are the direct results of the liquor traffic, while she has no power to suppress vice or regulate taxation.

CORNELIA W. BROWNING."

In addition to such petitions, others are to be sent to the Legislatures of the different States, requesting those bodies to pass a resolution that it is the duty of Congress to submit to the country a Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as follows:

#### ARTICLE XVI.

Sec. 1. The right of suffrage in the United States shall be based on citizenship, and shall be regulated by Congress, and all citizens of the United States, native or naturalized, shall enjoy this right equally, without any distinction or discrimination founded on sex.

Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Congress also is to be petitioned on this subject from all parts of the Union.

We do not think the ladies who are managing this movement will succeed on their present plan of operations. There is a widespread feeling of alarm at the disposition manifested to increase the national power at the expense of the local. This proposed Amendment would take away from the States the elective franchise, one of the plainest of State rights under the Constitution, and hand it over to the Federal Government. Even the friends of woman suffrage—the majority of them—will object to this; its enemies are furnished thereby with an additional weapon wherewith to fight it.

It has already been decided by the Supreme Court that while Congress has the right to pass laws concerning citizenship, to the States is reserved the power to prescribe rules and regulations for the exercise of this power so far as the colored race is concerned. That was passed and adopted by the country under the excitement of emancipation and the effects of the war. It was a popular measure. But woman suffrage is not popular. If Congress were to submit such an Amendment it would be voted down by the country, and the cause for which these ladies labor would be lost for an indefinite period.

The wisest course, in our opinion, which they can pursue, is to concentrate their efforts on some State of the Union in which there is the greatest probability of success. Woman suffrage once established in a State, and found to work to advantage, an example will be formed which other States will not be slow to follow, for man is an imitative animal, and States are but aggregates of humanity. More people do things because others do them, than for original motives and independent principle. We advise the ladies, whose cause is just if it is not popular, to concentrate their forces on one State and keep up the attack till victory crowns their efforts, and not waste their powder powder on Congress, which will only treat their cause with ridicule or neglect.

### THE CAUSE OF THE OLAMOR.

"As the present Administration is the first that has seriously undertaken the formidable task of rooting out polygamy in Utah by making it a dangerous pastime and of drying up the foreign fountains of supply by exposing the illegality and riskiness of polygamy, it would seem as though it was entitled to the hearty support of all good citizens."

The above is from the New York Mail, a strong Administration organ. It explains the present raid on the "Mormons" and the movements connected with it, at home and abroad. Anyone who thinks the officials of the Government care a cent about the supposed morality side of the polygamy

question, is egregiously mistaken. Political capital is the object in view. The public have been excited on Utah and "Mormonism," and now it is to be made to appear that the Republican party, and especially the present Administration, are doing or going to do wonders in the way of suppression. This accounts for the extraordinary, extra-judicial and unprecedented proceedings in the empanelling of the grand jury for the Third District and all that will be connected with the doings of the courts here during the present term. Party politics is the ruling influence in the land; party politics governs the decisions of courts; party politics is running the nation; party politics is leading thousands upon thousands to hell.

### HOW THE "SUN" SEES IT.

THE New York Sun publishes the text of Evarts' anti-"Mormon" circular, and adds its mite to the general censure of the ridiculous document as follows:

"It is now easy to understand why Mr. Evarts' department has been reluctant to make the circular public. For such a request as Mr. Evarts makes of foreign powers, he can probably show precedents in the diplomatic correspondence of Phillip II. and Cardinal Granville. The nineteenth century's conception of international law has been entirely overlooked in the preparation of this remarkable paper. Now let Mr. Evarts instruct his diplomatic agents abroad to ask the foreign powers—as a favor and a friendly act toward the United States—to hang any of their subjects who may become murderers after their arrival in this country. The foreign powers are said to have been astounded by Mr. Evarts' circular. They had reason to be amazed."

### THE "STAR."

THE *Millennial Star*, published at 42 Islington, Liverpool, England, will soon enter upon a new volume. Being desirous of extending its publication in Utah, its publisher, President William Budge, has consented to supply to home subscribers. He therefore announces that in consequence of a reduction in postage he is now able to send one copy of the *Star* to any address in this Territory or adjacent regions for one year, post paid, for \$1.60, and three for \$3.70.

The *Millennial Star* is the oldest of our existing Church periodicals. It is now in its forty-first volume. From the beginning it has been a valiant champion of Zion's cause and a faithful record of the history of the Church in all parts of the world. It has been edited by some of the best writers who have wielded the pen in defense and dissemination of our faith and steadily maintains its interest and ability. To-day it is well worthy of the patronage of the Saints at home and abroad, and in years to come the back volumes will be sought after with eagerness by those interested in the rise and progress of the greatest work ever commenced on this earth by the Almighty Father. We clip the following from the present editor's address to Utah Subscribers.

"The work of the Father has commenced among all nations, to prepare the way before the remnant of the whole house of Israel, that they may be gathered in from their long dispersion. Therefore, great and marvelous events are about to transpire among all the peoples of the world. It is one of the offices of the *Star* to record and comment upon occurrences indicative of the 'signs of the times.' As these increase in interest and magnitude, as they undoubtedly will, with the march of time and the development of the purposes of Jehovah, this journal will endeavor to keep pace with the situation. If, by the help of the Spirit of God, we shall be successful in this regard, surely the *Star* will be a welcome source of information to all who love the prosperity and progress of the Lord's marvelous work. The labors, general operations and success of the Elders in the missionary field are also recorded, as we have endeavored to make that a special

feature, for purposes of Church history as well as present information.

To our present patrons we return our acknowledgments, trusting that they have been interested and informed in reading the *Star*, and we hope they will continue to give it a cordial welcome to their homes.

### LIBEL AND THE GRAND JURY.

THE attention of the grand jury now in session has been called, in a general way, to the law of libel and the necessity of protecting the character of men and women from the attacks of the slanderer. We endorse the remarks on this subject which have been addressed to them. The weapons of the libeller are none the less deadly because they are not fashioned from the material elements. They are aimed at that which sensitive people count dearer than life, and the motive which prompts their use is just as malicious as that of the deliberate murderer.

There are special cases of this kind which might and ought to be brought to the attention of the grand jury, for ladies and gentlemen in this community have been grossly libelled, repeatedly, by persons who have in most instances skulked behind a *nom de plume*, while they cowardly levelled their darts at the objects of their malevolence, but in other cases libels have been uttered openly and their authors are known.

One notable instance of the latter is the attack of His Honor, Jacob S. Boreman, upon the Executors of the estate of the late President Brigham Young. From the judicial bench statements were made by him against those gentlemen which were contrary to the facts in the case, as might have been seen by a perusal of the documents on file in court, and which were calculated to injure the Executors in the estimation of those not acquainted with them. Persons familiar with all the parties would know how much importance to attach to the gross and violent language of the Judge, and his unwarrantable attack on the charges would accept them as facts, coming from such a source, and would be apt to estimate the objects of that vituperation accordingly.

If the grand jury are at a loss to find a plain and unmistakable case of libel which can be easily proven if desired, let them enquire into the personal abuse of three well known and respected citizens of this Territory from the judicial bench, that is spread on the record of the Third District Court, in the alleged contempt case of the Executors, from which they were discharged on appeal to the Supreme Court of the Territory.

### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MAGAZINE.

THE organization of the young men and young ladies among the Latter-day Saints into Mutual Improvement Associations has been productive of incalculable good. It has engaged the attention of the young folks in profitable and instructive study and recreation, turned many from ways that are baneful, and cultivated the talents of its members of both sexes in the interests of the work of God. It is an excellent preparer of our young men for the missionary field, and it has been the means of inducing a large number of boys and girls, who accepted the gospel as true because their parents were members of the Church, to seek for a testimony for themselves from the fountain and source of true intelligence. And they have not sought in vain. God has given them the abiding witness, and they rejoice in a knowledge of the truth.

For some time past the project of publishing a paper or magazine as the special organ of this important movement, has been thought of and discussed. At length Brother Junius F. Wells, the President of the Y. M. M. I. A., having received the needful authority from the authorities of the Church, has succeeded in making the necessary arrangements for put-

ting the idea into practical operation. To-day the first number of the *Contributor* appears on our table. It is a model of neatness, and recommends itself at first sight. It is a monthly magazine, containing twenty-four pages of reading matter, clearly printed with new type on slightly tinted paper with a handsome double paper cover. It has a field peculiarly its own. The contents are as follows:

"Confidence," by Elder Moses Thatcher; "Shooting Stars, Meteors and Aerolites," J. B. Toronto; "Character Sketches—I, The Hungarian Boys," K. G. M.; "Right and Wrong Ambition," B. F. Cummings, Jr.; "The New Teacher," Amethyst; "On the Mount of Olives," a poem, by Eliza R. Snow; Editorial, "Salutation;" "Mutual Improvement;" "Exaggeration," G. F. Whitney; "Theory of Education," O. H. Riggs; "Bits of Travel: London to Waterloo," De Vallibus; "Beethoven," Monda; "Influence of Art," Minerva; "Association Intelligence: History of the General Organization," M. H. Hardy; "Quarterly Conferences, Review of Books, Abbott's Illustrated Histories; Land of Shinarump," and a few well chosen selections.

All the articles are well worthy of perusal by older people than those for whom they were written; their composition exhibits considerable literary talent, the spirit they breathe is of the right kind, and their influence must be beneficial to the public. We congratulate Brother Junius on his success, thus far, and confidently commend the new magazine to the patronage of our readers, and specially to that of the young people of this Territory, who, we hope will not only read but also write for the *Contributor*.

### "MORMON" SUCCESS.

THE *Arizona Miner*, in an endeavor to stir up the people of that Territory to the work of substantial improvement, thus draws attention to the work accomplished by the "Mormon" colonists during the short time they have settled in Arizona:

The idea of waiting for help from outside to come and boost us up is all wrong. You help those who help themselves. Much as the Mormons are criticised, we Gentiles would do well to take a few lessons from them. See what some of them have done on the Little Colorado river, and ask yourselves the question if you have done as well. They work hard, live economically and co-operate in everything of importance. Their section of the Territory is not one-half as rich as ours, and yet they have flouring mills and one or two woolen mills.

The "Mormons" are not designed by the Almighty to succeed so much in digging after minerals as in cultivating and beautifying the earth, raising animals which contribute to the comfort and convenience of mankind, and establishing homes wherein peace and contentment shall reign and God shall be honored above all. In this work they have been eminently successful in Utah without the aid of the "Gentile" element, and in this, if not interfered with by bigotry, envy and sectarian intolerance, they will be successful in Arizona, Idaho, Colorado, and wherever they shall commence the preemption of the waste places of the earth.

### HON. GEORGE Q. CANNON'S SPEECH.

FOLLOWING is a full report of the extemporaneous speech made by Hon. George Q. Cannon at the opening of the Territorial Fair:

FELLOW CITIZENS:

Quite unexpectedly I am called upon to address you to-day. The written notice that I was expected to speak did not reach me till yesterday evening, and I have had no time since to make such preparation as the occasion demands. But I am relieved from the necessity of dwelling upon statistics by the fullness of the remarks of His Excellency Governor Emery. He has given us a comprehensive report of the agricultural products of the country, which of course includes those of our own Territory.

I think no person who loves