

power," and would be illegal. The City Council, however, wisely overruled the objection, taking the ground that as the city had a legal right to put a dozen lights in the street, it also had a right to raise the number to a thousand if the accommodation of the people required it. Certainly there can be no denial of the statement that the brilliant illumination has been inestimable in value as a convenience to the scores of thousands of people who have crowded East Temple street each evening, and has been one of the most effective acts in the way of corporate purposes that has been performed for some time. Citizens and visitors alike are grateful and appreciative for the splendid lighting, and those city councilors who are responsible for the municipality taking a share in it have reason to be proud of the result that followed their action.

#### THE TWENTY-FOURTH.

Today is the fifty-first Twenty-fourth of July which the Church has witnessed in these mountain valleys, to which it was led by the power of God, for the fulfillment of its destiny in the establishment of His work on earth in latter times. On the first Twenty-fourth, fifty years ago, the numbers in the Salt Lake valley were few, but the presiding authority of the Church was here, and it was authoritatively announced on that day that here was the resting place of the Saints, to become a mighty people for the work of the Lord.

Since that date each recurring anniversary has marked the increase in numbers of the Saints to the mountain, of which this locality is yet the central point from which the affairs of the Church are directed. The gathering has gone on, by the same Power that brought the Pioneers here; and each anniversary marks a period of growth in the power and importance of the Church in its work of teaching the principles of salvation and preparing the way for the second advent of the Redeemer.

The cause that brought the Mormon people here is dear to their hearts as ever. It is valued as highly by them now, as a people, as when they had to flee for their lives from Ohio, Missouri and Illinois mobs—when their deeds proved that their religion was dearer to them than all else beside. They are still in the same work of seeking the salvation of mankind temporally and spiritually. They are still guided by the voice of the Almighty, made known through His appointed channels. Their work is one of peace, and love, and goodwill to all men—it is the work of the blessed Master.

The Mormon people have been misjudged, misrepresented; they are yet treated so by many people who ought to know better. But there has been a great change wrought by the power of God. In those same places where once the people would not permit a Latter-day Saint to stay, they are now made welcome. The Lord has wrought the change in His own due time, and is thereby giving the people of this and other lands a special opportunity of

hearing the message He has sent to earth. And the time will yet come to those localities where once the Mormons were not allowed to remain, when they will be eagerly sought to make their home there for the blessings of God that attend their presence in the practice of their religious faith.

It is the work of the Church to fulfill a glorious destiny—a work in which each Saint has an important part. It is to bless all mankind who will receive it, to return good for evil, to teach and to practice the pure principles of the Gospel of Christ as they are taught in the record preserved and handed down through the blessing of the Lord in the Bible and as contained in the revelations of the Almighty to the people on this continent and in later years. The world is receiving testimony after testimony of the divine gift of revelation and prophecy with the Latter-day Saints. The Saints must bear their testimony by words and actions to the heavenly message they have received in the Gospel, that the world may receive the same if it will. And upon their testimony is to be added the testimony of the Lord in manifestations of His power, according as the world may merit. May all the events of the celebration of this Jubilee Twenty-fourth be an incentive to the Saints not to be remiss in the important duty resting upon them.

#### THE PIONEER TRAIN.

There were tens of thousands of moistened eyes during the Jubilee parade today—eyes which filled with tears, not of mourning, but of sympathy and joy as they beheld the reproduction of the Pioneer train which wended its way along the flues of the cheering multitude. President Woodruff was there, to the intense joy and gratification of the people, who did not fail to express their delight at his being able to take part in the celebration. Following his carriage came the representation of the Pioneer train, whose wagons and equipment were as typical of the train of fifty years ago as it was possible to make them, except that for the matter of convenience horses were used to draw the wagons. The appearance of the train recalled to those of early residence in Utah the events of years past, when they passed over the East Bench in that same fashion to the long, long ago; and the recollection of the toils, and trials, and privations of that time caused tears to roll down their cheeks, while those of younger years, their minds awakened to a more lively realization than ever before of what the old journey was, also were touched in their tenderest sympathies. Yet the memories awakened were not of sorrow, but were attended with a thrill of triumph and of praise to God for the blessing He conferred upon those early days of toil, in the wonderful growth and development which have come to this mountain region. Those who designed and carried into effect the introduction of the Pioneer train have brought before the present a view of the past

which marks the Jubilee celebration of today as without a parallel in western pageantry.

#### FLAG ON ENSIGN PEAK.

It was an appropriate thought given expression by the Salt Lake Herald today, in the unfurling of the Stars and Stripes from Ensign Peak. The circumstances were such that to have deferred the event some days, to the exact fiftieth anniversary of the first raising of the flag on that mountain top, would have postponed the event till most of the Jubilee visitors had gone, and they would have lost the impressiveness of what really was an occurrence of special import in the history of Utah; hence it was much preferable to do this anniversary flag-raising on the day which commemorates the original advent of the Pioneers. From that date this was American soil, although it still was claimed by Mexico, the entrance of the Pioneers being in fact a formal taking possession of it on behalf of the United States. This was the sentiment of the Pioneers themselves, for more than a year previous their brothers of the Mormon Battalion had left for the west with the design of aiding in securing to the United States the whole of its present western domain. The Stars and Stripes never waved more proudly over a land of the free and a home of the brave than it did in this valley in 1847, or than it does on Ensign Peak today.

Two days after President Brigham Young came into the valley, on Monday, July 26, 1847, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Willford Woodruff and others of the Pioneers, ascended the Peak, where they had a magnificent view of mountain, valley, lake and streams—a most impressive scene, and one which today is worth the mountain climb to behold, with the change which has taken place. President Young was enthused with the prospect, and exclaimed that that would be a good place to raise an ensign. Thus the mountain received its name, Ensign Peak. A few weeks later a company of the Pioneers ascended the Peak and there unfurled the American flag, rejoicing under the emblem of freedom.

All this was before there was organized political government here. Subsequent to that day, the provisional State of Deseret was organized. Later, Congress formed a territorial government, and gave to the place the name of Utah. Now Utah is passed to the full privileges of a member in the Union of States; and may the unfurling of the Stars and Stripes on the summit of Ensign Peak on the Jubilee anniversary be as truly a signal of peace, prosperity, happiness and loyalty to the people of these valleys as was the raising of that glorious flag at the same place fifty years ago.

#### WHERE JUDGES DISAGREE.

The action of two judges in Oregon this week will be interesting to many here on the question of citizenship.