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THE SQUARE AND THE ROAD.

The News has been asked whether it views the idea that the Lake City should give Pioneer Square for passenger depot grounds to a local railroad company that proposes to connect this city by rail with Deep Creek and with Los Angeles or some other southern California point.

We answer, with full consciousness of what it means, and with perfect willingness to have the answer taken down and subsequently used against us on cross-examination, Yes, if instead of merely proposing to build, the local company referred to will build.

It seems to us a peculiarly happy coincidence that the very spot of land on which the Pioneers first planted their weary feet in a new abiding place in these valleys should be the spot from which the followers of those Pioneers should now start out with an enterprise as grand as the one spoken of. Utah people showed in the days of their extreme poverty what they could do toward building up an empire of free homes and free men in the inter-mountain country. When their numbers had increased and their resources of food, fuel, and industry had multiplied, they showed what they could do towards helping others to build railroads, by taking and completing contracts which made the first transcontinental road a possibility and a reality. Immediately thereafter they undertook railroad-building on their own account, and on a large scale for those days demonstrated their high capacity to that broad field of industrial and commercial endeavor. Now, in the days of their strength and wealth and unrivaled credit, shall we doubt their ability to put through a road of their own to the coast and to the blue waters of the Pacific? The News does not doubt it for a moment, and with the heartiest confidence it urges them to go ahead, and to all sincerely wishes them Godspeed.

One need not spend time or space in dwelling upon the manifold advantages of, or the grave necessity for, a declaration of railroad independence on the part of this great people. Fortunately such a declaration at this time will excite not envious but friendly fears from those whose hostility might otherwise prove a drawback. Our railroad friends want it, the people of southern California and Nevada want it, eastern allies and friends with both influence and money want it, and the people of Utah to every city, town and county want it. With such unanimity of hope and desire and purpose, there would seem to be no danger in predicting the absolute certainty of the project, and its completion as fast as men and money can accomplish it.

Referring again to the Old Pioneer Square, we therefore say, give it to the people who now announce their determination to build this railroad, and give it to them so promptly and cordially that their own enthusiasm may be contagious, and their assurance as to the entire support of the community be shown to be well founded! Let the gift be granted on such conditions as will properly protect the city's and its people's interests, but let it be filed with all reasonable despatch; for now, if ever, in our history, we have an opportunity to prove that to give unto who gives quickly.

THAT COMET AGAIN.

That a considerable element of the public should take genuine alarm at the "comet talk" now going on is not a matter of surprise. Such things have occurred from the beginning, and all the subsequent light of revealed truth and scientific research has not entirely eliminated this form of superstition credulity from the human mind. But when learned and experienced men leave scientists their skills how to the correct by suggesting the possibility of grave results, we are advised to be sure to look at these businesses, lest it be mistaken for real surprise.

While all is not known regarding cometary science—as a matter of fact but very little is known—it will probably be in the knowledge regarding the solar system that has been added to our mental possession in modern times is vast indeed; and by this and other means we know that such a thing as a collision to a system where the slightest disturbance would upset everything and change or rule chaos, least cair quite out of the question, not a reflection upon the great Source of this infinite and exhaustive work. Just fancy a vast globe like the one on which we live performing its diurnal evolutions and pursuing its grand march about the source of light and heat, both but repeatedly the latter at a velocity which we cannot measure of, never varying or exceeding a hair's breadth from its prescribed rate and never ceasing or being a second of time at any period of its very age, before subject to great disturbance if not destruction through a lack of harmony or proper arrangement to some other feature of the system! Fancy such seven other primary globes, some larger and some smaller than this, with numerous satellites and innumerable minor figures in the sun's retinue, all controlled by the same immutable, immaculate law, and yet in danger of being jerked out of their orbits and thrown into the almost confusion and calamity—we would add, distinctly to the case if the earth were to suffer a certain perturbation—by a vagary visitation from the depths of space!

It is observable also that the astronomers do not agree, and when they meet the same question arises as in the case of doctors under similar circumstances—who is to decide? One announces that the comet is approaching or at a rate of speed that would utterly disintegrate anything having solid substance in its formation; another has it stampeding away from us like a deer that has been shot at and missed. Probably both are mistaken, for, while astronomy is a correct science and astronomers are whatever else they may be, it will remain true that when they admit the "bounds of conjecture to their field—as they must to some extent when dealing with objects at remote, so because and so small—they are as apt to be misled at times as other people are who rely upon mere appearances of things. But assuming the former to be the correct position, there can be nothing to cause alarm because, as shown by the News yesterday, by the time the comet reached the place where we are, or rather were when the observations were taken, we shall be many millions of miles further along in our endless flight through space; but even setting this aside and admitting for the sake of discussion that the comet were actually to place itself on terms of intimacy with our planet, subtly a body so diaphanous that earth can be seen through it would not be likely to plunge through as comparatively dense an envelop as our atmosphere; the effect in such case would most likely be that the visitor, greatly shorn of its appendage, would be deflected at once in its course and finally what was left of him proper is several divisions at a tangent off into the endless ether out of which he came. It is but very long since a comet was observed completely involved with Jupiter's satellites, and finally it disappeared without having produced the slightest derangement in the regular motions of either the planet or its moons; but, among much other evidence, goes to show what flimsy stuff comets are made of and how little we have to fear.

THE SWEET AND BITTER WAYS.

To any people of municipal or other improvement, great or small, there always are and always will be objectors. In cities now highly advanced in all that pertains to convenience, health and pleasure, there have been taxpayers who opposed street-lighting, waterworks, street cars, sewers, pavements and regulations as to the size of buildings within the limits. Take opposition has been generally on the score of expense, whereby the taxpayer's pocket would be injured; but sometimes it has been on the ground that the proposed improvement was not yet necessary; and in some cases it has been on a purely individual or sectional ground, the result adduced being that the contemplated work would directly benefit the property or taxpayers the whole of the people or section affected. In most cases, however, the benefits of the whole have been found to be benefits to all in party and rarely have earlier opponents have been able to long maintain a showing as to display the proposition when once it has been put into operation. Moreover, the genius of American civilization, and in fact that of every other advanced people, is that the will of the majority in these matters should prevail if the greatest benefit to the greatest number is deemed, and property, or rule-motive is all that pertains to governmental affairs.

All this is no reason, however, why any just objections should be ignored or underestimated. Mistakes sometimes expose rights which are to be most precious and inalienable. These may not be rightly reclaimed upon or disregarded. Even where the public affected are unanimous in the policy to be pursued, and unanimous and determined, national and personal, yet, if they are sincerely wrong and desirous of accomplishing certain objects without permanently sacrificing anything more than a very little of, or, at most, temporarily, for recognition of the rights of the opposition and an honest endeavor to meet and satisfy them, the instance which is a degree are the most effective kind of argument. Mistakes are [illegible] but they are [illegible] time.

We commend this view of the question to all who have to meet measures against which they may well anticipate opposition. On the other hand, we would also commend to the opposition that in order to avoid being roughly ridden down as too mad city they must lose their hold of humility to fond fairness, a nearly conception of the rights and wishes of the many, and that degree of wholesome public spirit and patriotism which state enthusiasm to the site to unite in all that pertains to the general welfare and prosperity.

TOO FLUCTUATE.

There has been much reason to complained at the erroneous ideas which prevail concerning the people of Utah, and especially the Latter-day Saints. A large element of the responsibility for these ideas belongs to those who willingly misrepresent the people for a long series of years, no matter if these may have done all the harden does not belong to them, albeit there is an evil intention chargeable to those who should bear part of the loss. Some of these who have pretended the most friendly and affectionate feeling for the people of Utah have given expression to language, and it has been repeated again and again, which, while it pleases the incredulous here in lovely tone to the speaker's mind is, by figurative declaration, yet unknown a different and wholly erroneous impression to the minds of others. As an illustration of this one sentiment is called to a letter from a Utah man to a newspaper in a neighboring state, in which some remarks about the Mormons are replied. The letter contains the following expression concerning the Latter-day Saints:

> A handful of people scarcely numbered about half one-third Minnesotans in a little valley.

The words quoted may sound very pretty to polite ears, but the trouble with them is that they are not true. The Saints of Utah are not a handful by comparison with the rest of the state, where they are a vast majority; neither are they such a small handful in the nation, as their settlements reach from Canada to Mexico, and they are numbered by hundreds of thousands. And their being "Minnesotans" in "a little valley" is a still wider comparison. There is no "something" about their constitution like they are up and at work, and pretty lively, too, most of the time. As to the "little lovely," they occupy hundreds of valleys, many of which are far from being "little," and none were "lovely" until they became so under the hand of Mormon toil. Such expressions as we have quoted are altogether too figurative to suit the circumstances, and in the kindliest feelings and with deep earnestness we ask our friends to come them at once and speak of us in plainer and more direct terms.

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