

## AS TO OURSELVES.

OF the change which was to take place in the editorial and business departments of the DESERET NEWS on October 1st, the readers of this paper—through formal announcement of the fact some weeks since—and the general public, thanks to the ingenious enterprise of our esteemed contemporaries, have been thoroughly advised. Absurd as were some of the rumors with which the fact was associated, and distorted as were many of the motives and intentions attributed to us in the premises, we should have been contented nevertheless to let the whole matter adjust itself in the public mind without assistance in the way of explanation from ourselves. But recent events have rather forced us to become at once confidential with our friends. Hence these lines.

Expression can not be given nor can space be accorded to all the hopes we entertain for the DESERET NEWS, for the people whose interests it has guarded, for the Territory which we inhabit, for the great Nation of which that Territory is a component part. These hopes extend, indeed, to the honest in heart of all lands and conditions, ruler as well as subject, lowly as well as mighty. We believe that as a whole the world is growing better because more intelligent; and we hope that in the general improvement, the DESERET NEWS, its patrons and friends, the Territory and the Nation are making some advancement and will continue to do so in the future.

The high character for courage, honesty and reliability which the DESERET NEWS has maintained during all the years of its existence, and which is freely conceded by enemies as well as friends, stands before us as a bright incentive to unwearied endeavor; we hope to prove worthy of such prestige and such honored predecessors, and to cherish and preserve in integrity and security the trust we have received from them.

Briefly and specifically stated, the intention of the present proprietors is to continue the NEWS as the authorized organ of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the friend and advocate of righteousness everywhere; to keep it free from partisan bias and wholly unprejudiced and independent in politics; to conduct it as the people's newspaper and not in the interest of any party or candidate. And their hope is to be able to preserve its neutrality without lapsing into dumbness, and display all useful courage without peril to its convolutions.

We had hoped to escape the formality of a salutatory. Such an effusion is almost invariably made up of either regrets or promises. We have no regrets in this connection and prefer to make no promises. At the same time we are not unconscious that we shall need a kindly public's patient consideration. For that much we ask, realizing that our further reward must be as our performances merit.

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## [THE COUNCILS WORK.

THE City Council has a most unhappy habit of falling into a wrangle over nearly every measure of importance that is taken up for consideration. Last evening the bone of contention was a bill for an ordinance relating to cesspools within the city limits, and it is a great pity that a measure looking so directly to general sanitation should have been even deferred by reason of the disposition referred to. Some of the members wanted immediate action, others thought there should be reasonable delay, and the upshot of the matter was it went back to the committee.

One would think that in dealing with matters of so much consequence, the committee having any special subject in hand would thoroughly consider it in the light of its intrinsic merits and surroundings, and perfect it as to form and phraseology, before bringing it in for the Council's action. But in all cases they do not; in fact, the reverse would seem to be the rule, and a measure paces backward and forth between the Council chamber and the committee room until much of the usefulness it might have accomplished is lost.

What on the face of it would seem to be a much needed and altogether wise measure was taken up last night, read and passed. It is somewhat in line with the one previously spoken of and will be found in full in our news columns as an ordinance prohibiting the sale of unwholesome food and drink and regulating the sale of milk. This is most important, as indeed are all enactments having in view the health and well-being of the community. A season of sickness seems to be upon the earth, and while devising schemes to meet and subdue it, it is just as well to give it no opportunity for destruction by forestalling it in having everything that is eaten pure and all our surroundings as clean as circumstances will admit of. Let the Council forego its disposition to wrangle now and then, more particularly when dealing with matters of the kind herein indicated.

## HORSE TALK.

IT is undoubtedly the case that there is a limit to the speed, as there is to the endurance, of horseflesh; it must be also generally recognized that that limit has about been reached in the recent performance of Nancy Hanks at Terre Haute, Indiana. To talk about limiting anything as to the matter of speed, in view of the marvelous performances of the present generation, is to many to assume the unpleasant position of an "old fogy;" and were it mechanism or the more subtle among applied natural agencies that were under consideration, we should scarcely have the temerity to be sponsor for such a declaration. As it is a matter of flesh and blood, however, that is being dealt with, there would seem to be less risk and under any circumstances little to recall.

It should be remembered, in this connection, that in the early part of this generation, equine performances on the turf rarely if ever came within a full half minute of this

Kentucky mare's Terre Haute achievement; indeed, the making of a mile with the cypher in her case transposed (2:40 instead of 2:04) was considered a feat worth going miles to see, and so indeed it was; but the scale has been gradually narrowing, and steadily so, until, all things considered, the horse must have well-nigh reached the condition of perfection in the matter of speed at least. That he—or she, as in the latest instance—may clip off a few more seconds from the score, may bring it down to an even two minutes and possibly make it fall a shade below that figure would seem to be possible and even probable; but that it will ever reach a point as far below the two minute mark as it is now above it, we are scarcely prepared to believe.

It all speaks volumes for the climate and soil which some portions of our favored land are in possession of, and no less does it constitute a meed of praise for those who have made the improvement of the horse their special care and study. That is the race among animals which stands nearest to mankind, and to simply breed him is not enough; he must be taken care of and, in his way, educated and encouraged to useful as well as dashing achievements.

## "GREEN GOODS."

NOTWITHSTANDING several exposures, arrests, and, in some cases, punishments, the "green goods" fiend still plies his rascally calling. These gentry are not only dishonest, but doubly so—deceivers as well as law-breakers; they endeavor to entice those with whom they communicate into becoming participants in their lawless schemes for purposes of nefarious gain, and when a victim is captured their part of the proposed transaction is not kept—a real swindle perpetrated out of a proposed one.

Before us is a letter from one of the "green goods" concerns, addressed to a gentleman of high standing in the community. The annoyance to which he was subjected by reason of it is of course a matter of no concern to the sender, who distribute their vile literature indiscriminately, wherever they can find names to send it to, with the hope that out of many, one at least may be induced to "bite." Their mode of procedure has been described so often that it is useless to do it again. We have as little sympathy for the betrayed as for the betrayer in this case; both deserve, as both will surely feel sooner or later if they keep at such business long enough, the stern and heavy hand of the law resting upon them.

Today (Monday) the trial of Cass Hite takes place for the murder of Adolph Kohler at Green river about a year ago. This is the second trial, the jury having disagreed in the first one. The legal talent in the case is among the best in the Territory.

The Silver King Mining Company has been incorporated by Marcus L. Hewitt, Curt C. Darrow and Wm. C. King, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000 divided into 500,000 shares. Operations will be carried on in Jefferson county, with offices at Butte.

The heat of the campaign increases inversely to the ratio of the falling temperature.