

come idlers from choice. The objectionable feature can be eliminated by requiring every able bodied person who receives assistance to do something in return therefor of a nature to cause him to realize that he is working for his living; then he will not become averse to honest labor. The problem is, in what manner can this idea be made effective? The experience of other parts of the world show that it is for the welfare of the person assisted as well as for those who extend the charity that it should be solved. Something ought to be done to prevent the increase, or rather advent of permanent pauperism into this section of country.

GOOD WORDS FOR UTAH.

Utah and Utah people are receiving a great deal of attention lately from writers in the press, and the almost invariable tone of these descriptions and comments is favorable and complimentary in a high degree.

In the *Louisville Courier-Journal* of July 22 is published a three-column letter from Aug. Strauss, who was tied up here by the strike from the end of June until the 12th of last month. His correspondence is supplemented with a picture of the Saltair Pavilion, and portraits of Joseph Smith the Prophet, President Woodruff, and President Angus M. Cannon; from the latter he obtained much of the information which goes to make up his article on Salt Lake City and on the principles of "Mormon" faith. His statements are characterized by more than usual accuracy and fairness, and the impression made upon him would seem to have been most agreeable.

The *Irrigation Age* for August utters an enthusiastic "All Hail the State of Utah!" and says: "Amid the gloom of the memorable month of July, 1894, one bright star shone out suddenly and resplendent. It was the star of the new State of Utah."

And so the greatest of all Territories becomes a full-fledged American commonwealth. * * * The meanest critic of western institution has never denied that Utah has the population, wealth and potentialities of growth essential to Statehood. * * * Their [the inhabitants'] supreme interest is the progress and prosperity of Utah—that land which they love as Germans love the Fatherland. Utah will be an American State, and, in time, one of the foremost of American states. The future of the beautiful State between the Rockies and the Sierras looks as bright as one of her own morning skies."

Leslie's Illustrated Weekly for August 2 contains not only an editorial reference to the new State, but also a contributed article on "The Political Outlook in Utah," from the pen of a mountain boy, J. A. MacKnight. He calls the enabling act tardy justice, but rejoices that it has come at last. The history of the past is briefly sketched, and a conservative if not an absolutely sure forecast of certain political events of the future is given. The concluding paragraph of the really excellent article is as follows:

Thanks to the enlightened enterprise of Brigham Young, the founder and builder

of Utah, the Territory is self-supporting, and its people could actually get along very well if they had no communication with the outside world. Woolen and cotton goods, boots and shoes, hats and caps, all kinds of iron ware, wooden ware, clothing, and fancy articles are manufactured there; while the fields and gardens produce every luxury and necessity for the inner man. The foundation-stone of the Territory was its agricultural industry, and to that it owes the substantial prosperity which it enjoys today in the face of general depression and want throughout the land.

JOSEPH STANDING'S SLAYERS.

Elder George A. Smith, who recently returned to this city from a mission to the Southern States, was lately furnished by a Tennessee correspondent with some interesting information concerning the members of the Georgia mob that murdered Elder Joseph Standing. Elder Smith kindly permits the NEWS to make public use of it:

"Ben Clark resides in Georgia, and is poverty-stricken.

"John Fossett died a short time after the murder was committed.

"James Blair resides in Tennessee and is poverty-stricken.

"Newton Nation lives in Arkansas; he has had all kinds of family trouble, and about the same trouble applies to his three brothers, Tom, William and Joe, except the latter, who has paid a small portion of his penalty by losing his eyesight. Joe Nation is supposed to be the one who did the fatal shooting.

"Mack McClure and Jeff Hunter, after absolutely failing to make a living at their once happy homes, were compelled to ride the 'blind baggage' to the West.

"Andrew Bradley and Jud and Dave Smith are living in Georgia. They are all homeless and make a living by doing odd jobs.

"This completes the twelve murderers."

THE FRUIT GROWERS.

The horticulturists of Salt Lake county have started a movement for the organization of a Territorial association which should be productive of good to the fruit interests of Utah. This Territory produces great quantities of fruit of the highest quality, yet perhaps there is no place where there is less of combined action on the part of the growers to get their product on the market in proper condition. It does not follow from this that there is a specially large proportion of waste, for the people here are liberal consumers of fruit, and utilize the greater share of the home crop. The latter is particularly desirable for putting up for winter use, as the importations do not possess the fine flavor of that raised here. But among growers there is great lack of care and system in getting fruit in good shape to the customer's hands; and whatever of complaint is made is directed, not to the quality of the fruit, but to the condition in which it has to be received, frequently being ill-assorted, and bruised and shaken up to an unnecessary extent, and thereby rendered less satisfactory.

There are many items connected with the one department of handling ripe fruit and getting it on the market in perfect condition which, if they received the attention of county and Territorial horticultural associations to the extent that the local fruit crop is as well taken care of as are the importations, would make these organizations of importance to the Territory, if they accomplish nothing else. It may not be a pleasant thing to confess that the outside fruit grower has gained whatever of precedence he takes in this market almost wholly from his care in putting up his crop for shipment; but it is nevertheless a fact which home horticulturists should recognize in order to avail themselves of its advantages.

There is a vast field in this one direction alone for the educational advancement that can be effected through properly conducted horticultural societies. Were these to be successfully operated, we might hopefully look for the time when foreign fruits would take a very small space in our markets while domestic fruits are in season. Further than this, there could be opened up for the horticultural interests in this Territory a field beyond her own borders which would be a source of income. Western states ship their fruit east now and realize handsome returns for their production. Why is Utah not numbered among these? Simply because there has not been sufficient energy, care, and unity of effort in that direction. The amount of fruit which we send out is a mere pittance compared with what could be shipped even with the present amount of production. Then the acreage of fruit orchards could be increased with profit, and far beyond any present prospects. There is much land now idle which could be made to yield good returns if systematic fruit culture were engaged in as in other sections of the country. For instance, Sonoma county, California, with an area about the same as Beaver county, places on the market this year 20,000,000 pounds of prunes alone. Utah can produce prunes as well, for Idaho does it; yet there practically is no effort here to enter the market. The same may be said of the dried fruit interest. And so we might go on, showing that the horticultural industry in this Territory is at best handled in amateur fashion. If the societies proposed can inaugurate an improvement in this condition, by drawing attention to the importance of conducting the fruit business from beginning to end in an intelligent, systematic manner, the effect of their work will be to place the industry in a far more enviable position both at home and abroad than it occupies at present.

THE WAR IN ASIA.

According to all reports, the causes that led to the declaration of war between Japan and China are many, and their existence accounts for the failure of the friendly powers to prevent an outbreak between the Mongolians. The actual cause belli was the rebellion in Corea. Japan claimed that the king of that country was unable to