

# DESERET NEWS: WEEKLY.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

WEDNESDAY, - NOV. 28, 1877.

## DANCING PARTIES AND KIDDED AMUSEMENTS.

MUCH praise has justly been given to our late revered President for the course he pursued with regard to the amusements of the people of God. It was his aim to guide and regulate, not to suppress, the rational enjoyment of the Latter-day Saints, and to do so, he gave their social parties, their picnics, their theatrical performances, the sanction of his presence and the aid of his experience. He well understood that whilst "true religion prohibits pleasures that are unlawful, as also an unlawful degree of attachment to pleasures in themselves innocent," yet there is nothing in the spirit of the Gospel which is opposed to a cheerful enjoyment of life.

The Council of the Apostles is in full accord with these sentiments, its members regard it as a portion of their duties to guide, counsel and direct the Latter-day Saints in the conduct of their social gatherings and re-unions. They believe that sin is not necessarily the sequence of theatrical performances or dancing parties, and that there is no inseparable cord which binds together the vices and amusements of mankind. From long experience they have proven that Latter-day Saints can gather to enjoy themselves without the least thing occurring to hurt or offend the purest spirits that attend, or injure the feelings of the most susceptible; indeed that there is no reason why the Spirit of the Lord should not be enjoyed in the song and in the dance, in their proper time and place, as in the service of public worship at its own appointed hour.

To insure, as much as possible, freedom in our social parties from every influence that is opposed to true godliness and purity, the Council of the Apostles, at a late meeting, decided to permit of a limited number of parties being held in our ward houses, until we can erect other halls specially devoted to the amusements of the people. These parties, the Council place under the guidance and supervision of the Bishops of the respective wards, especially enjoining upon them to preserve the utmost order and decorum at all these gatherings, and to permit no disreputable or immoral persons to there mingle in the society of the Saints.

It is also the unanimous sense of the Council that our parties never be continued after midnight; but that the Priesthood encourage the closing of public parties and other social gatherings, at an earlier hour, say, at ten or eleven o'clock p.m., and further, that they discountenance and prohibit the getting up of all dancing parties for the purpose of making money, gathering funds or paying off debts, as they have learned that when this was done, it too often happened that the wives and daughters of the Latter-day Saints were brought in contact with, and introduced to very undesirable persons, the desire to make these parties a financial success, having got the better of the inviting committees' good judgment, so that they had permitted the presence of those whose reputations and associations rendered them very undesirable companions for men and women who were seeking to serve the Lord. For this reason we request that the list of those to be invited be invariably submitted to the presiding authorities in the ward, and that it never be deviated from without their consent.

The instructions here given, with regard to the getting up of dancing parties for the collection of means, are not intended to apply to concerts, lectures, literary entertainments, &c., for the benefit of Sunday Schools, Improvement Associations, Missionaries, &c. The objectionable classes, which we wish to exclude, are not so likely to desire to attend gatherings of this character, nor can they exert the same pernicious influence if they do attend, as they can in the associations of a dancing party.

The permission being here given to hold social parties for the Latter-day Saints in the ward houses, it is to be hoped that the Stake and ward authorities will discountenance balls, &c., held by disreputable people in other places, and that those who persist in getting up and attending outside parties where all classes of characters are invited and allowed to commingle, be not invited to those held under the purview of the priesthood, where it is intended that only the good and the pure shall associate.

In relation to round dances. There has been among all correct feeling people a strong prejudice against them, as they tend, though not always intentionally so, to demoralize our youth, and operate prejudicially to those innocent enjoyments which ought to characterize the recreations of the Latter-day Saints. We do not wish to be too restrictive in relation to those matters, but would recommend there be not more than one or two permitted in an evening. We hope that the Presidents of Stakes, Bishops and all presiding officers will be diligent in preserving the virtue and purity of our youth, and see that the suggestions contained in these instructions be carried out as far as practicable. We also invite the co-operation of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations, and of all good Saints to discountenance anything wrong and to assist their Bishops in the furtherance of these desirable objects.

JOHN TAYLOR,  
President of the Twelve Apostles.

## A NEW VOLUME.

TO-DAY we enter upon the Eleventh Volume of the DESERET EVENING NEWS. The DESERET NEWS commenced as a weekly paper, June 15, 1850, and has been gradually enlarged in size and influence up to the present date. The Semi-Weekly was started February 1st, 1866, and the Daily November 21, 1867, and they have maintained a position second to no journal in this region of country. It has been the aim of the editors and publishers of this paper to present to the public reliable news from all parts of the world, and to bring before the attention of the Latter-day Saints such matters of Church history, home and foreign, and those items of Church policy and doctrine which are necessary to their instruction, progress and welfare. The sermons of the Presidency and Apostles have also been one of the special features of this paper, and official Church documents have found their first publication in its columns. All this, with its editorials, locals, full telegraphic dispatches and correspondence from all parts of the Territory as well as from the States and from Europe, have established the DESERET NEWS as the best paper for the Latter-day Saints, and has given it a standing and reputation everywhere, as a reliable journal and the most valuable advertising medium in Utah.

In entering upon the Eleventh Volume of our daily edition, we return thanks to our patrons and solicit a continuation of their support. And while congratulating ourselves upon past success, we shall endeavor in the future to maintain the tone and spirit of the paper, in all its editions, defend the cause of Zion, present such thoughts as in our opinion will tend to benefit mankind, and publish general news as nearly correct as is possible with the means of information at our command, having in view the glory of God, the diffusion of truth and the elevation and happiness of the human race of all ages, nations, sects and degrees.

## Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 23.

**Suspended.**—The masons engaged on the New Tabernacle walls have suspended work for a day or two, pending the arrival of some necessary material.

**Coal.**—J. W. Browning, of Ogden has found a valuable bed of coal thirty six miles east of Ogden, near Lost Creek. So we learn from the Junction. Just what's wanted.

**Address Wanted.**—If Charlotte Koch will leave her address at the DESERET NEWS office, her son Edward J. will visit her and be glad to see her.

**Home Mission.**—Home missionaries will preach in all the Wards of this city next Sunday, the 25th inst., excepting the Fourth and Fifth Wards, the latter being in course of completion, and unfit for holding meetings there. Those missionaries who were appointed to that Ward will please govern themselves accordingly.

**Cedar City.**—By letter from Louis Fisher, dated Cedar City, November 19th, 1877, we learn that the Sunday School of that Ward was re-organized on the 11th inst., with the following officers: Superintendent, Samuel Leigh; First Assistant Superintendent, John V. Adams; Second Assistant Superintendent, John Parry, Jun.; Secretary, Louis Fisher; Assistant Secretary, Lehi Jones; Treasurer, Jos. S. Hunter; Librarian, Saml. Wood; Chorister, Joseph Coslett.

**"Coals to Newcastle."**—"Carrying coals to Newcastle" is nearly thrown into the shade. Several produce merchants of this city have lately been shipping bran into this market from the Missouri River. This too, when the Territory is plethoric with the "staff of life." We presume the cause of this bran importation is that the market is already stocked with flour, and therefore the necessity for making more does not exist, and when flour is not being made, bran is not produced.

**New Machinery.**—Solomon Brothers, manufacturers of boots and shoes, have just received a couple of pieces of machinery, made by Silman, of Birmingham, England. The largest piece is for cutting soles and heel pieces, and operates by foot treadles, dispensing with the old method of cutting by pounding with a mallet. The other machine is much smaller, and is used for perforating the soles to receive the pegs or rivets. Twenty hands are employed at the establishment and large quantities of goods are turned out.

The machinery was imported from Birmingham through Z. C. M. I.

**The Sandwich Islands.**—Quite a large audience attended the lecture on the "Sandwich Islands," at the 7th Ward Assembly Rooms last evening. Elder Lambert treated the subject in an interesting and instructive manner, exhibiting, in the course of the lecture, a number of specimens from the Islands.

Elders George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith were present and the latter made a few remarks at the close, following up the matter of the lecture, Elder Smith having spent a considerable time on the Islands, as a missionary, a number of years ago.

Some Kanakas who were present regaled the audience with a native song, and the 7th Ward string band supplied some good instrumental music.

**Returned Again.**—This morning we received a call from Elder Joseph B. Reynolds. In 1854 he arrived in this city, from the State of New York. In 1856 he went east, with the intention of returning with his family. He states that a complication of circumstances prevented him carrying out his intention, and he only reached here on the first of last month, and was followed by his family a few weeks subsequently, after an absence from the gathering place of the Saints of twenty one years.

He naturally sees great changes since 1856, and is surprised at the material advancement that has been made. His last place of residence was in Pennsylvania. He expresses himself as pleased to be once more in Utah.

**Mining South.**—A gentleman who recently returned from Frisco Mining District, south of Beaver, states that business has lagged there since the burning of Campbell, Cullom & Co's smelter. However, he expresses the belief that it will become one of the most important mining camps in Utah. The firm named have shipped material from this city for the erection forthwith of three smelting furnaces, and the Frisco Smelting Company intend erecting an additional stack between now and next Spring.

Notwithstanding these intended improvements, our informant states that the District will not be a good

place for persons to go to who are seeking employment until Spring opens.

**Weather.**—By courtesy of the Deseret Telegraph Company we are enabled to publish the annexed weather report:

NOVEMBER 23d, 2.35 p. m.

Monroe—Clear, and rather cold nights.

Moroni—Very cold and windy, rather cloudy.

Mount Pleasant—Very cloudy, cold and windy.

Ephraim—Little cloudy and cold.

Nephi—Windy and cloudy.

Provo—Cloudy and windy.

Payson—Cloudy and windy.

Fillmore—Cloudy and cool, wind blowing.

Toquerville—Clear and pleasant.

Logan—Half snowing and half raining hard.

Kaysville—Snowing and blowing.

Brigham City—It has been raining hard all day and is still raining.

Wood's Cross—Raining hard.

**The Last of the City Wards.**—The Presidency of the Stake met with the Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons of the Fifteenth and Brighton Wards, last evening, when the following brethren were unanimously sustained in the positions named, and all set apart, excepting one who was absent:

James W. Ure, President of the Elders Quorum, composed of the Elders in the Fifteenth and Brighton Wards; Andrew S. Gray and William Gedge, counselors.

Jedediah W. Ashton, President of the First Quorum of Deacons in the Fifteenth Ward; Jacob Olsen and Benjamin F. LeBarron, counselors.

John Lloyd, President of the Second Quorum of Deacons in the Fifteenth Ward; Edwin C. Beer and Owen J. Parry, counselors.

This completes the organization of the Elders and Deacons' Quorums in this City, with the exception of a few who were not prepared; as soon as the organization of these quorums, not now organized, is reported up the names of the presidency thereof will be published in the NEWS.

There will not be more than enough ordained Priests in this city to fill one quorum, and only about enough Teachers (ordained) to fill two. They will be duly notified, through the NEWS, when and where to meet when their organization will be effected.

**Returned Missionaries.**—This morning we were pleased to receive a call from Elder William Paxman, of American Fork and Elder W. C. A. Smoot, Jr., of Provo, who returned from missions to Europe with the last company of emigrants that arrived, but whom we had not seen since their arrival until to-day.

Elder Paxman, who had charge of the emigrant company alluded to, left for Britain, Oct. 26, 1875. He labored during the whole time in the London Conference, first as traveling Elder in the Essex district of that field, and for the last thirteen months as president of the Conference. He baptized seventy-nine persons who had never belonged to the Church, and about twenty-five who had formerly held a standing and fallen away, making about a hundred in all. He greatly enjoyed his labors, and was everywhere received and treated with kindness.

Elder Smoot left home at the same time as Elder Paxman. On arriving in England, he received an appointment to labor in the Sheffield conference, under the direction of Elder Peter Barton, then President of the conference. During the last year of his stay, he presided over the conference, succeeding Elder Barton in that position. He and others who were laboring in that part, baptized quite a number of people, and recently a spirit of enquiry relative to the gospel, appeared to prevail, and the prospects for a good work were encouraging.

Elder Smoot, who is a young man, enjoyed his labors exceedingly, and appreciates the experience he gained as a missionary.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 25.

**Expected Home.**—Elders James T. Lisonbee and Thomas E. Murphy, who have been laboring in the Southern States for some time past, are understood to have started for home on the 19th inst. They may consequently be expected here in two or three days.

**Variety.**—During the last two days there has been atmospheric variations of almost every shade—clouds, sunshine, rain, hail and snow.

**Returning South.**—Bro. Joseph W. McMurrin, formerly of the 8th Ward of this city, started back yesterday on the return to his adopted home, at Allentown, on the Little Colorado, Arizona.

**Carpeting.**—The colors in the carpets manufactured at the Provo mills are unusually bright. Specimens can be seen at the store of Mr. John C. Cutler, Old Constitution Buildings.

**Gaining Ground.**—Home manufactures keep gaining ground. Mr. W. H. Rowe, of the "Big Boot," is receiving assurances from different parts of the Territory that the articles of his make are asked for three to one against the imported.

**Fatal Accident.**—Yesterday a miner, named Date, was instantly killed, and another, named Antone, seriously wounded, by the premature explosion of giant powder, while they were preparing a blast, in the Flagstaff mine, Little Cottonwood.

**Great Attraction.**—Through the courtesy of General John E. Smith the 14th Infantry Band, under the leadership of Prof. La Mar, will play at the Theatre on Monday evening, when Buckstone's famous comedy of "Married Life" will be presented by an amateur company, for the benefit of Mount Olivet Cemetery.

**Woollen Manufactures.**—General R. T. Burton, who went east to Chicago at the same time as Col. Winder, returned last evening. While east he gleaned a good deal of valuable information in regard to different branches of manufacture, especially in relation to woollen cloths, in which he is interested, being one of the proprietors of the Wasatch Mills.

**Last of the Season.**—At noon, to-day, the last rock that will be placed on the walls of the Temple this season was laid. Seven courses of face and six of inside rock have been laid all round, this year. Last year five courses were laid. The building begins to come up finely, so that an excellent idea can be formed of its character and how it will appear when finished.

**Effects of an Accident.**—This morning James Whitworth, of the 21st Ward, aged about sixty-two years, departed this life. The indirect cause of death was an injury to his hip joint, received a year ago by falling from a wagon. The hurt superinduced an affection of the kidneys, from which he died. He was lame from the time of the accident till his death.

**Christian Union.**—Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe will begin a serial story, "Our Folks at Poganuc," in the *Christian Union* (New York) this month. It is said that this story is one of Mrs. Stowe's admirable pictures of New England country life, dramatic, pictorial, pathetic, and full of that mysterious life principle which is the first condition of the highest art in every form of literature.

**Quarterly Conferences.**—The regular Quarterly Conferences of the Millard and Sevier Stakes of Zion are being held to-day and to-morrow at Fillmore and Richfield, respectively. We understand that Elders O. Pratt and Lorenzo Snow, of the Quorum of the Apostles, are expected to attend the first named Conference and Elder Orson Hyde the latter.

**A Company from Georgia.**—We are informed that a company of Saints from Georgia and Alabama, in charge of Elder John Morgan, passed Topeka, Kansas, westward bound, yesterday. We understand that this company will come by rail to Pueblo, Colorado, from whence its members intend to gradually move south-westward, to the settlements of the Saints on the Little Colorado River.

**The Work in Georgia.**—On the 11th inst., a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, numbering thirteen members, was organized at Beech Grove, Georgia, by Elder John Morgan. Elder Morgan writes that he has baptized twenty-one souls during the past few weeks, and that he expects to baptize half a dozen more within the next week after the date of his communication (12th inst.).