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CIVILIZED OR UNCIVILIZED?

We invite the attention of our readers to the city ordinance published in this number, and which takes effect from date of publication. We have had a short trial in this city of one of the adjuncts of what is so flagrantly misnamed "civilization." We have seen its partial workings, the same in a very limited degree as we have been pained to look upon them in aggravated forms in other cities outside of this Territory. The features are the same; and the development would have been the same, equally degrading to all who would have succumbed to its nefarious influence, if it had not been arrested in its incipient stages.

We have looked upon what we desired never to see in a city of the Saints; and though it was not the tithe of a tithe of what is daily and nightly to be witnessed in other cities not any older and with no greater number of inhabitants than this contains, we felt that the purity of our faith and the majesty of our God were insulted, and the sanctity of our homes was invaded by the insidious and corrupting influence. It was a source of joy and gratification to all here who love temperance, honor virtue and cherish chastity, when the PEOPLE arose, and in the dignity of their humanity and citizenship said, "Let the accursed things cease to exist in our midst!"

We have had a slight glimpse of that state of society which the world encourages and sustains, and which has been assiduously sought to be introduced here,—a limited example of that "civilization" of which so much has been said. Many of our people have been compelled to witness its results in other places, while living or traveling where it exists. They have seen the evil and fled from it. They could not have shut their eyes to its workings, no matter how they had tried. They have seen the grog-shops, liquor stores, saloons, gin-palaces, concert-rooms, and kindred places of iniquity, pour forth their motley crowds, revelling in blasphemy, reeking with corruption, and with every feature and characteristic of humanity masked in a demoniac likeness. They have seen the police courts filled with blear-eyed, drunken and besotted wretches, with shrinking felons, desperadoes, gamblers and brawling rowdies; they have seen the convicted prisoners dragged manacled to jail and the murderer's body swinging from the shameful gibbet; they have seen the unblushing wantons crowding at street corners, plying their horrible traffic, in the open day, to be seen of God and man, unchecked and unimproved, winked at and encouraged. And, seeing these things, they have known and know that such were and are some of the leading characteristics of that "civilization" by which we were to be brought on a level with other communities.

Is this the good that was designed for us? Are these the blessings that were to be conferred upon us? Fill our city with liquor saloons, gambling hells and

their concomitant corruptions? Invade the quiet of our streets with brawling drunkards? Murder the peace of our citizens with brandished bowie-knives and loaded revolvers in the hands of reckless and desperate men, the slaves to their base passions strongly stimulated with fiery alcohol? Make our sons and brothers drunkards, and dishonor our wives, our sisters and daughters? Replace the "plague spot" of our marriage relations with the loathsome leprosy of prostitution? He who cannot decide for himself and find a plain answer must be woefully blind indeed.

For a few weeks past our city has begun to wear more of its former appearance. And now that the people have spoken and the City Fathers have acted, we have a right to demand of the people that the law be honorably magnified. Let every known infringement of the ordinance be reported to the city officers, and let justice take its course. We are no advocates of nor apologists for those whose misdirected zeal would lead them to adopt illegal means to remove an existing wrong. There is power in the enacted statutes and ordinances, when executed, and authority with the officers of justice, when exercised, to remedy the evils which may exist. And if there are found individuals who would try to violate or evade the laws in secret, when it is known, set the officers on their track, and have them brought to justice that they may answer for it.

We have the right to free ourselves from these sources of evil. That right is guaranteed to us by the highest authority human and Divine, known or recognized in the nation. In doing so, we deprive no man of his just rights. For years we have endeavored to rid ourselves of the abominations of iniquity that have more than barbarized civilization; and with the help of the God of righteousness, truth and justice, we will do so.

Let the people be true to themselves, to their covenants and the knowledge they have received, and the power of Heaven will be with them and around about them. Let them remember that Moab could not overcome Israel of old, until, acting on the counsels of Baalam, they introduced the seductions of corruption among the young men and maidens of the chosen people, who were shorn of their power when they yielded to sin, and not before. And with this and a host of similar occurrences in the past, as the experience of the present and previous generations, let them stand fast in the integrity of truth, virtue and temperance, and leave the results in the hands of the Almighty, who will bear them off in every righteous deed.

HOME ITEMS.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—President Kimball offered up prayer, and Elder Joseph F. Smith exhorted the Saints to increased righteousness and faithfulness.

Pres. Kimball followed in a plain and interesting discourse, treating on various points connected with our present and future salvation, and the necessity of the Saints being humble and faithful before the Lord and keeping His commandments.

Afternoon.

Bishop Sharp spoke on the atonement of the Lord Jesus, and its universality, quoting "As in Adam all die so in Christ shall all be made alive," and advocated the principle of every man being judged according to his own works. Elder John Van Cott followed on some of the duties of the Saints, the power of faith in connection with the gospel, and the blessings that result from exercising it, calling attention particularly to the gift of healing in the midst of the Saints, through the power of faith.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.—We have to request the indulgence of our city-subscribers for a few hours in the issuing of our next number; Tuesday being a public holiday, our types are anxious to unite with the rest of the citizens in the patriotic celebration on the occasion. The papers will be ready for delivery about 1 p. m., on Wednesday, instead of the usual time in the morning.

"WESTWARD HO!"—A heavy emigration is reported on the plains for the western Territories; over four thousand wagons are said to have passed Julesburg from the 4th to the 24th inst.

THE FOURTH IN THE CITY.—The following named gentlemen have been appointed a committee for arranging and conducting the arrangements of the Fourth, namely:—H. W. Lawrence, chairman, W. Jennings, D. O. Calder, J. C. Little, F. D. Richards, R. T. Burton, Theo. McKean, J. D. T. McAllister, Wm. Eddington, John A. Young, and A. M. Musser.

Up till going to press, the programme of proceedings had not been definitely decided upon. This much, however, we are in a position to say,—there will be a procession of the officials, professions, societies, trades, schools, &c., which will form, somewhere in the vicinity of the Theatre, precisely at 8 o'clock in the morning,—parties joining in it to be on the ground ready for forming at a quarter to 8. The procession will promenade through a portion of the City and move into the Bowery, where the proceedings will consist of reading the Declaration of Independence, Oration, Addresses, Songs, and Music by the Bands.

The public will be accommodated in the Bowery, as far as practicable, after the procession has been seated.

Artillery at sunrise will be the signal for raising flags throughout the city,—13 guns.

Artillery firing on the forming and moving of procession, its being seated in the Bowery, and at intervals during the exercises, with 35 guns at high noon.

Hon. Geo. Q. Cannon, Orator of the day. Marshals Burton and Little with their aids will direct the proceedings.

THE FOURTH IN THE SETTLEMENTS.—Will our friends in the various settlements, when forwarding reports of the celebration of the Fourth, oblige us, our readers and themselves by making them as brief as they consistently can, and forwarding them at the earliest possible time. When items of news come in a few weeks after date, they are old, and necessarily have to give place to current matters of interest; while it must be obvious to all, that a number of them coming in together would require to be very brief or they would crowd out other news which our readers would like to have. We need scarcely say, what everybody knows, that "this is a fast age," and while we courteously solicit the reports for publication, we trust our gentlemanly correspondents will agree with us in the above request. A "live newspaper," you know, cannot afford to be behind the times.

IRRIGATING EXTRA.—Irrigation has been found requisite here since the discovery was made that rain falls at certain very uncertain intervals, which, like Mrs. Maloney's dental stumps, are "few and far between;" but we had been led to think that it could only be successfully employed on cultivated ground. Some enterprising individuals, however, seem to be experimenting on the value of its applicability to the streets, a large amount of water, usually called "waste," being allowed to flood the side walks and streets in various parts of the city. We hope these laborious mortals will soon see that such efforts can be beneficially dispensed with, and fill the provisions of the city ordinance which requires the owners of lots to cut private water ditches for the purpose of carrying waste water from their lots as well as to them. It is a public nuisance which could bear being considerably abated.

CLEAR THE SIDE WALKS.—A friend of ours, who does not move around with as much agility and ease now as he did twenty years ago, complains of the difficulty he experiences in navigating his way along the side walks, after dark, on account of the quantity of broken rock lying scattered around in places,—the debris of recent improvements and others in course of construction. Go ahead in building and improving, gentlemen, but keep the obstructions from the side walks, so that our citizens will not stub their toes against them in their evening walks.

THE COTTON REGION.—Elder Solon Foster, of St. George, informs us that, so far as he had observed, insects had done but little damage, except in gardens. Washington and Kane counties, he thought, would raise a surplus of grain and as much cotton as they produced last year, though the picking will be later.

THE CROPS are reported looking well in Provo Valley.

PROLIFIC.—This season, in Woodville, Provo Valley, an ewe increased her owner's flock with four lambs, every one coal black and lively.

MILL CREEK WARD.—Bro. J. Cook, of Mill Creek Ward, informs us that the caterpillars and worms have done considerable damage to the sugar-cane in that locality, as well as to the gardens. The wheat crop is weaker and thinner than average, and heading out low. Early planted barley looks well.

ALL WELL.—By telegram from Elder George Nebeker, we learn that himself and company arrived in San Francisco on Monday, 19th inst., and were met by Elder Hammond. Br. Pugsley had arrived. They would sail for Honolulu on Thursday, 22nd inst.

MAILS.—Messrs. Keaton & Rushton inform the public that, in connection with the mails, they will carry passengers and parcels, and attend to purchases, as per their advertisement elsewhere in this NEWS. We congratulate the settlements named, upon these increased facilities, and hope all will be accommodated in like manner as speedily as possible.

THEATRICAL.—There was a very good house on Saturday night, the opening one of the season, and the playing as a whole was very good. Madeline is a piece abounding in affecting passages, displaying considerable character working, and allowing a good chance for some fine acting. Mr. McKenzie's Bertrand and Mr. Caine's Remy were excellently rendered, though neither character is one to be admired. Remy we take to be one of Mr. Caine's best characters. Mrs. Gibson's Madeline, though very spirited and affecting in parts, was not the Madeline of the author. It was too imperious and queenly, and lacked soul in some of the most interesting parts. Her gesture to Bertrand to remain when he wished to join the wedding party, in the first act, coupled with her words, had too much the air of command; her forcible manner with Remy in the first scene of the second act was too forcible, more the style of a scold than an indignant, high-souled wife, and her not taking the child, nor bestowing upon it a single caress, in the last scene of the piece,—the child which she had done violence to every feeling of her nature to save and whose loss had cost her so much agony, was too stacy to be natural. These and a few other trifling things in her rendition we were sorry to see, for they marred her otherwise spirited and pathetic playing; and we point them out because we recognize her as a favorite actress. The other characters were very well rendered for the little that was in them. The *Misc en scene* was good.

The Bachelor's Bedroom we did not see. We understand it caused considerable laughter, but cannot say anything of the merits of the playing.

The Ticket of Leave Man is announced for Saturday night. It is a capital piece, with a good moral, and embraces some fine acting. The cast is strong enough to ensure good playing. When performed for the benefit of the Gentlemen of the Association, it was put on the stage in an unexceptionable manner, with every requisite, and took exceedingly well. Many expressions were then volunteered that it might soon be repeated, which the management appear inclined to gratify.

WOOD.—We are requested to inform those who go to Coon's Canyon, West Mountain, for wood that, unless they choose to respect the rights of the proprietor and pay the small toll charged for the use of the road, they had better go some where else for their fuel, also for stock range.

SUMMIT COUNTY.—Through the kindness of Elder Joseph F. Smith, we have been favored with the perusal of a letter from Bishop W. W. Cluff, from which we learn that the spirit of progression and enterprise is at work through the settlements under his purview, more particular reference being made to Summit Co. The establishment of good schools and putting up suitable meeting-houses, among other matters, are occupying the attention of Bishop Cluff and the brethren. We wish them every success, and will be pleased to chronicle their progress.

REPORT OF PRES. YOUNG'S TRIP.—We take pleasure in acknowledging the courtesy and promptness of Elder G. D. Watt in furnishing us, up to the latest hour mail facilities would permit, with the report of Presidents Young's trip, and the synopsis of the remarks made by the several brethren who addressed the meetings at American Fork and Spanish Fork.

THE WEATHER.—Pheugh! "fan me!" thermometer rising alarmingly, scarcely the shadow of a cloud to be seen, and the transient breeze from the lake that steal through the window of our sanctum only serve to excite a desire for their prolongation. The salutation in the streets is not, "How do you do?" but, "How hot it is!"

MATCHES, wholesale and retail, at George Goddard's, 13th Ward. His matches are good and the price said to be fair—encourage home manufacture.

PERSONAL.—W. S. Godbe, Esq. telegraphed on Saturday, 24th inst., that he was leaving Denver by private conveyance, en route to this city. Elders W. H. Shearman and G. Reynolds in company. He will travel with a train to Laclede, and there take the stage. The disturbed state of the roads demand that parties should travel between the two named points in large companies for safety.

EXPECTED.—Mr. J. Ross Browne, the celebrated traveler and piquant writer, whose descriptive accounts of his travels have been so favorably received in *Harper's Magazine*, is on his way to this city, and intends delivering a series of four lectures on his adventures in foreign lands, immediately on his arrival. His lectures have been well received on the Pacific slope.

ON THE BACK TRACK.—Some scattered wagons were temporarily located on Emigration Square last Friday and Saturday, hailing from Sacramento, Marysville, Stockton, and other parts of California, en route for the East. Hard times west and peace prospects east were the propelling forces that urged them back to the older States,—so they said. Gold hunting where they have been, they declared, in terms containing more emphatic expletives than elegant phrases, didn't pay, unless there was "big pile" of ready gold on hand to back it up. A large number of eastward-bound pilgrims are said to be on the way, the number of wagons reported running up largely into the hundreds.