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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The "Deseret News," with all its properties and appurtenances, has reverted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by which it is now owned and controlled. On and after January 1, 1899, a complete change in the management will be inaugurated. The editorial department, comprising all the reading matter in the columns of the paper, will be placed in charge of Elder Charles W. Penrose. The business management will devolve upon Elder Horace G. Whitney. It is the intention to make the "Deseret News" a first-class family newspaper, containing information of current events from the most reliable sources in all parts of the world. Also to make its utterances such as will be acceptable to the members of the Church and to fair-minded people generally. It will be the official organ of the Church and be sustained by its authorities. The aid and support of leading men in all the Stakes and Wards of Zion and in all the missions abroad are earnestly solicited, that the "Deserret News" may be able fully to accomplish the aim and design of its publication. The Daily will be published every evening, except on Sundays and holidays, the Semi-weekly every Tuesday and Friday. The Weekly will be discontinued, and subscribers whose terms have not expired will receive the Semi-weekly in its stead. The "Deseret Evening News" is commended to all the Saints and the general public who can be reached by daily mail, and the "Semi-weekly Deseret News" to those less favorably situated. It should be had in every home. It is hoped that with the assistance of our friends, the organ of the Church will, in a short time, obtain universal circulation and become a public journal in which all Latter-day Saints will have confidence and pride.

LORENZO SNOW,
Trustee-in-Trust.

NOTICE.

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JOHN A. EVANS,
Business Manager.

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTIONS.

Imperial history shows that religious persecutions, whether directed against entire communities or restricted to certain localities, are kindled and fanned into flame under some false pretext. It was so in the case of Him who gave His life on Calvary, falsely accused of being the enemy of God and the state, an accusation of the rulers of society. It was so in the case of His first followers who gave their pure lives during the reign of Roman emperors, accused of being superstitious, libertines, murderers and disturbers of the state. It was so in the case of the Vaudois and Albigenses, the Huguenots, the Moravians, the Puritans and the great number of martyred followers of Jesus, who died for him shot by fusillades and blows, or who have been stoned from place to place and well fated over the face of the earth. It has been so in the case of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in this enlightened age, the century boasting of liberty and reason. Religious persecution never has been allied to or an offspring of truth.

The history of the Church furnishes many striking illustrations of this fact. Future records of human events will not hesitate to say that nobler, if ever, lived a more lived who was more noble, more generous, more kind-hearted, actuated by the best and purest motives to a greater extent than was Joseph, the Prophet. And yet he was hunted as a malefactor, he every man was ever obstacled ruined by hatred, sold at last he fell, murdered in cold blood. Nor have the waves of persecution at any time entirely ceased since then. A moment of calm has always been succeeded by a storm. The history of the Church is the record of the patient endurance of exile, of the loss of property and life, of hardships in the wilderness, of deprivations of every kind—all owing to misunderstanding and misrepresentations made, sometimes wilfully, sometimes in ignorance.

Take for instance the anti-Mormon uprising in Missouri in 1838. Three were shot, 12,000 Mormons in the state, so that Gov. and the testimony is that Heaven sealed upon the settlements there, good order, industry, industry, prosperity prevailed. But not far from this beautiful landscape the flames were burning and an outbreak of the savagerous hatred was kindled. No fuel could be found with the pretext: no charge of evil could be proved against them, but something "had to be done," just as in the case of Dodge at the court of the Nebuchadnezzar. This fiery ordeal was branded as a crime. It was proposed to deprive them of their rights as American citizens, invaded spectres and spoiled in newspapers, kindled the flames of hatred and prejudice, and unmercifully made a peaceful earnest foot to the ground. In the company of his lord, just as the apostle Paul was taken to the Roman capital, the Prophet Joseph was taken to the Missouri River. This fire