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SENATOR WILSON HAS MADE A SPEECH!

Not a few very silly things are sent across the wire in the dispatches, with many which are exceedingly obscure, in meaning and difficult to be understood. Among the latest of these "items" is the announcement that Senator Wilson has been "speechifying" to the freedmen of Raleigh, North Carolina, and denounced the Latter-day Saints, cautioning the colored population against them. Would it pay the nation to provide honorable Senators with walking lexicographs, to explain what they mean when uttering their mysterious sentences?

There must be some very profound meaning hidden under the announcement, that the colored population of North Carolina should beware of the white population of Utah. The old State and the young Territory lie so contiguous to each other, that it is possible we might pass over the boundary line some night, and convert our colored brethren to the doctrine that opposite races do not produce a superior race by amalgamating, and that it is better for colored ladies not to admit the promiscuous attentions of gentlemen of a lighter hue!—we like to speak of all these things in the most polite manner. The practical observation of such a doctrine would, perhaps, come hard on some who advocate miscegenation on purely personal grounds; and it may be that the freedmen of North Carolina should be warned on the point by an honorable Senator, who is paid for giving the nation the full benefit of his wisdom.

But, it may be that the gentleman cautioned his audience against our endeavoring to prevent their having the full use of their freedom. The dispatches do not say, and the thing would be no more absurd than many others which are of almost daily occurrence. The Senator, doubtless, knows so much better than we do what our particular views are on freedom, manhood suffrage, woman's rights, and similar disputed points. He was, perhaps, afraid we might not be quite orthodox on some of these matters; and as we lay so very close to the Southern States, and might exercise such an *overwhelming* influence in Southern affairs, it was perfectly relevant, and not at all traveling out of the way, for the Senator to denounce us, and tell the freedmen how far we might lead them from the gospel of radicalism into the heresy of thinking that *all* men have a right to do right.

But the gentleman labors under a very heavy amount of ignorance,—staggers under it, and perspires with the labor. Like others of the same school of politics, and their opponents, he is, we have no doubt, somewhat prone to accept the advanced ideas of his party as their original inspiration, and think that they are the first of the human race who ever preached a gospel of liberty so broad and so generally applicable. But the gentleman, and the

party he represents, will yet have to admit, that the heretical Latter-day Saints, whom with majestic burlesque he denounces to the colored population of North Carolina,—the anathematized polygamists of Utah, actually out radical the most advanced of the party in broadness of views and liberality of thought. They would give suffrage to the freedmen, and would take praise from all the world for the very liberal policy which would place all mankind—where the Creator never did—on an exact level, as they declare. But we, as a people and community, have taken a stride far in advance of the most advanced of the forward party in the nation. Socially and religiously we grant suffrage to all colors and shades of color, and to both sexes; for there is not today a man holding office in the church who has not been placed there by the votes of the entire people, male and female, black and white. And more, our Constitution as a State, forwarded to Congress, is one of the most advanced ever laid before that body. Read it, and compare it with others, and see if it be not so.

Senator Wilson, like other men, denounces the Latter-day Saints without knowing or caring whether they deserve it; fancying it a political "cry" which can be shouted with impunity. Shame on the burlesque of manhood, honor or honesty, that could so far forget every principle of right for the sake of endeavoring to make political capital. Friend Senator "honesty is the best policy," even though that is contrary to the politician's creed.

HOME ITEMS.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder Dimick B. Huntingdon spoke of his experience with the Indians and Indian life; and urged that a just, charitable and merciful feeling should be exercised towards them. They are barbarous and savage, but, still, they are of the House of Israel, and the Lord will use them for the accomplishment of His purposes. He related some interesting incidents in the life of the Prophet Joseph.

Elder Eleazar Miller read a portion of scripture from Isaiah's prophecies, and treated on the restoration of the gospel, and the opening of this last dispensation.

* President D. H. Wells spoke of his recent visit to Sanpete, and the present prospects of trouble with Indians. There are no Indians to be seen in Sanpete and Juab Valleys; and those who have been threatening some time ago, express themselves desirous of living in peace. The brethren in the Sanpete settlements are faithfully laboring to guard themselves against Indian raids. They have to keep up strong guards regularly, and require to securely corral their stock every night. Pres. Wells cautioned the Saints not to entertain feelings of revenge against the Indians, reprehending a thirst for blood which some manifest towards them, and which reduces its possessor to a level, in this matter, with the poor, degraded Indians themselves; but he advocated the absolute necessity of men living in a frontier and Indian country being well supplied with arms and ammunition. The people in the settlements are busy endeavoring to fort up, where they have not already done so, and thus become comparatively safe. He instructed the Saints on more strictly observing the Word of Wisdom; and urged prayerfulness and the carrying out of the mind of the Lord as it is made known unto us.

Elder D. B. Huntingdon followed in a few words, showing how unwise many have acted in the past in trading with Indians, and letting arms and ammunition pass into their hands for a few paltry buckskins or a sore-backed pony.

AFTERNOON.

Elder Angus M. Cannon referred to his early labors in connection with the work of God, and the blessings which he ever experienced in performing his duties, relating some interesting items of his missionary experience, and treating on the first principles of the gospel.

Elder Isaac Groo urged all diligence in seeking to understand the science of life, of which we are students; and advocated courtesy and politeness in family circles, as conducive to kindly feelings.

THEATRICAL.—There was a very good house on Tuesday evening, on the occasion of Mr. McKenzie's Benefit; and at the close of the drama—*The Man with the Iron Mask*—The gentleman was called before the curtain, as was Mr. Pauncefort, the Gaston of the piece.

Everything went off finely during the evening, the only fault, if fault it be, being too many good things for one evening.

Thursday night witnessed the Duke's Motto repeated, rendered again in capital style.

On Saturday evening the tragedy of Hamlet was repeated and was excellently rendered. Mr. Pauncefort had recovered from his sickness, and his playing fully sustained his reputation in a character which is admittedly one of the most difficult to perform in the whole range of the drama. Mr. Hardie made a very good representative of the "uneearthly visitant," the ghost; and Miss Colebrook's Ophelia was a capital success. The characters were all well represented; Mr. Graham deserves credit for his Laertes.

THE WEATHER.—Friday morning: Great Salt Lake City; warm, some clouds; peach trees in bloom.

By Deseret State Telegraph:

Brigham City, cloudy and warm, very dry.

Payson, cloudy, warm and pleasant, very dry.

Nephi, warm, a few hovering clouds, dry and dusty.

Manti, fine and clear, blowing some.

Fillmore, quite pleasant, fruit trees in blossom.

Beaver, very warm and windy, thermometer at 70° in the shade.

Parowan, pleasant, but rather windy.

St. George, clear and pleasant.

THE WEATHER at Beaver on Monday noon was uncomfortably warm and dry.

At Payson it was very warm and pleasant, with a few fluttering clouds.

In this City it was quite warm. The orchards in the full bloom of peach blow.

BENEFIT.—Mr. W. C. Dunbar is to have a Benefit on Thursday night, at the Theatre. We are pleased to see the announcement. The mirth which he has made, his indefatigable labors to present something superior every time he appeared before the public, his rich humor, and his characteristic rendition of parts committed to him, will live in the remembrance of many, very many, even after he has passed from public life. His unobtrusive manner and gentlemanly character have secured him the warmest of friends; and if the public only testify their appreciation of his efforts in a financial way as they do in a demonstrative manner, the house will be crowded from "orchestra to ceiling."

STEALING.—On Monday, 29th ult., the police made "a descent" on a gang of petty thieves in the city, who have been driving a business of robbing chicken roosts, clearing clothes lines, and similar kinds of petty larceny for some time. They had robbed the Occidental Restaurant the night previously, taking about one hundred and fifty dollars worth of property, almost entirely eatables. His Honor, Justice Clinton, had them before him, and investigated the case nearly all day on Monday, terminating it by sending eight of the thieves to prison, to await their trial before a higher Court.

There is no doubt but quite a number of such fellows are around at present;—men who will not work, and prefer stealing to asking. It will be well to keep a sharp look out after loose chatels, and have an eye to the movements of all men who are without visible means of support. Catch the thieves and let them have their deserts.

PRESIDENT B. YOUNG'S MOVEMENTS.—We learn by Deseret State Telegraph Line that President Young left Tokerville about 8 a.m. of Saturday, and arrived at St. George at 5 in the afternoon. He left St. George on Monday morning for Washington, which he reached early in the afternoon. He is expected to reach this city on Wednesday, 15th.

RETURNED.—General D. H. Wells returned to the City on Saturday evening, from a brief visit to Sanpete County, where he had been looking to the safety of the settlements and arranging for their being protected in case of any threatened raid by Indians. Such measures were adopted as were deemed requisite for guarding and preserving the peace of the settlements in that region.

INFORMATION is wanted, by his parents, of William Pryer, who left this city for Los Angeles, California, in 1861, in the train of Henry W. Lawrence, Esq. California papers, please copy.

FINE PIECES.—The pieces chosen for Mr. Dunbar's Benefit are excellent ones, with the force of the Company in them. Add to them three character songs by himself, and a dance by Miss Clive, and the bill is most attractive.

ON TRIAL.—The burglars who were apprehended last week, with property belonging to the Occidental Restaurant in their possession, were put on trial Monday afternoon, in the Probate Court. Case was progressing as we were going to press.

READ Estray lists.

ROSS & BARRATT offer a new stock of straw goods to the public. They sell cheap and command a good business.

Correspondence.

PRESIDENT B. YOUNG'S TRIP SOUTH.

Fillmore City, Millard Co.,
April 28, 1867.

EDITOR NEWS:—

Dear Bro:—So many meetings and so much driving each day have prevented your friends from giving you more than a journalistic summary of the President's trip south.

On the 24th we drove from Provo to Payson, holding meeting on the way at Springville and Spanish Fork. In the evening at Payson Pres. B. Young addressed the Saints for 30 minutes, Pres. Wells, for 42 minutes, and Elder Geo. A. Smith for about 10 minutes; the speakers instructing the Saints on their practical and personal duties. Elder Geo. Q. Cannon prayed. 25th, On to

SANTAQUIN,

where we were met by nearly the entire populace lining the streets, to give us glad welcome. Elder J. F. Smith addressed the Saints for nearly half an hour, and Pres. B. Young for a little over that time. I understand that two years ago the entire musical capital of this place consisted of an old violin and a Jew's harp; now a creditable band discourses the inspired notes of the world's famed composers, and gives its aid to the choir in making melody in the house of God. Meeting was over about 12 o'clock and then into our vehicles and off for

NEPHI.

We were met some two miles from town by a mounted escort, with a most excellent band of music, and greeted at the entrance of the city by an immense concourse of citizens, pleasure beaming from every face; the very atmosphere seemed redolent with joyful welcome. As we passed on to the Bishop's, flags and banners were waving and music added its inspiration to a scene gladdening to every lover of truth.

A brief halt, and in double quick we were arranged for dinner at tables "loaded to the guards," with substantial and delicacies hard to beat in "Yankee land." Your friends, S. and S., had the good fortune, in company with General Burton and his aid of French exposition fame, (immortalized by Savage,) to enjoy the hospitality of Major Goldsborough.

At 5 p.m., meeting commenced with prayer by Elder J. Taylor, after which Pres. Wells spoke fifty minutes, Pres. Young half an hour and Elder Geo. A. Smith a little less. The musical renderings here are worthy of special note.

On the 26th, at about 9 o'clock we rolled out for

SCIPIO,

or Round Valley, distant 38 miles, escorted by a platoon of cavalry under officer Goldsborough. We camped at Sevier Bridge and took lunch among the springing grass and wild flowers; then on to Scipio, to supper; tea you know has been seen but seldom since conference. After supper, meeting, when Elder C. V. Spencer opened with prayer, and Elder Woodruff addressed the Saints. He was followed by Elders A. H. Raleigh, G. Q. Cannon, and A. M. Musser. Round Valley is significant of the location; Scipio has had considerable drawbacks, being obliged to fort up here. Black Hawk made a stock raid last season to the amount of some thousands of dollars; during this raid he was wounded and is said to admit he received his most spirited repulse from the command of General Pace. The citizens of Scipio are well armed, Ballard's, Spencer's and Henry's are plentiful with horses kept up to grain, ready at moments warning. Though we admired the "ready for action," still, a shade of anxiety would come over us as we thought of its frontier position, being the extreme frontier settlement of this region.

On the 27th, at half past 9 a.m., we were off for

FILLMORE,

distant 24 miles, where we arrived at 1 o'clock, being met by a mounted escort and band of music, and greeted by warm friends. The afternoon was devoted for rest and visiting. The roads to-day are quite dusty; we have occasionally refreshed ourselves with cooling balls gathered from the snow spurs jutting low down into the lap of spring.

Fillmore is a beautiful embryo city, her buildings fast changing from adobe and logs to brick and stone. Several