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THE NATION'S BIRTHDAY.

Salt Lake City will have a general
holiday tomorrow. That is proper.
The whole State will jubilate in com-
munity with the entire Federal Union. We
have no civic arrangement for a formal
celebration, but the chief business
houses will close, and the citizens will
rejoice in their own fashion, and be
just as thankful to God and to the
fathers of our country for the blessings
of popular government, as though they
congregated to hear speeches, sing
songs and join in old-fashioned expres-
sions of patriotism. There will be fire-
works galore, music in plenty, excursions
to pleasure resorts, feasting, gun-
firing, shouting, the display of national
flags and bunting, and the usual
signs of American loyalty.There should be no excess. Order
can be maintained in the midst of hilar-
ity. More than usual freedom of de-
partment may be permitted on the
great anniversary, but this need not
be extended to rowdyism and lawless-
ness, but should be kept within rational
bounds.The world is vastly the better for the
triumph of the United States in its
struggle for liberty, and as the years
rush on and our flag waves over ex-
tended domains in various directions,
the principles which it stands for will
work their way into human hearts and
national laws and observances, until
the glad day shall come when all man-
kind will be free. Then there will be
a celebration, the joyful sounds of
which will reverberate o'er mountain
and vale, o'er land and sea, and the
heavens will smile on a planet re-
deemed from oppression and glorious
in everlasting liberty.

GO ON WITH THE WORK!

The City Council on Thursday even-
ing passed a resolution appropriating
\$36,000 towards the building of a reser-
voir in Parley's canyon. Of this sum
\$20,000 is to be spent on the preliminary
work necessary before the dam is com-
menced; that is in changing the road,
clearing away obstructions, removing
soil and rubbish, so as to get down to
bedrock, etc. The balance is to be ex-
pended on the foundation of the reser-
voir, which at its base is to be about a
hundred and fifty feet long.This work is about all that can be
done on the reservoir this year. The
amount named is considered quite suf-
ficient to pay for it. If money was at
hand for the whole project it could not
be expended now. The attempt at
bonding the city for a large sum has
failed, because there is no likelihood of
its success if an election were called,
and no prospect of a favorable state of
bonds is in sight. They would have to
be placed, if at all, at a decided dis-
advantage.It is to be expected that the bond agi-
tators will do what they can against
the plan adopted. It is already predicted
that the Mayor will veto the appro-
priation. It should be easy to override
the veto, if the expressed desire to
build the reservoir as soon as possible
is sincere. All the talk about "piece-
meal" or "patchwork" construction is
folly in view of the fact that it must of
necessity be proceeded with in the man-
ner decided upon, no matter in what
way the money to pay for it is obtained.
As to the terms of a contract, it is
very clear to practical minds that
when this preliminary work is
completed and the foundation is laid,
more satisfactory arrangements can be
effected than at present, for better
understanding can then be had of what
is needed and what the cost will be.It is represented by opponents of the
method to be followed in obtaining
funds for the reservoir work, that it
will cripple the water department next
year, and prevent "the laying of new
water mains and repairing the old ones." Also that the street tax levy
will have to be reduced one mill and the
money be applied to the reservoir fund.
Let us see. A tax of one mill would net
about \$35,000. The sale of the old city
bull corner will bring at least \$20,000.
How much would the water department
be crippled for funds at that rate? But
suppose half a mill only is taken from
the street tax levy and devoted to the
reservoir work, that would net about
\$17,500. Add \$20,000 from the sale of
the property named, and the balance to
come from the water tax fund would
be \$18,500.Considering the annual increase of in-
come from water taxes, which is at least
\$3,000, and the total amount actually
realized from that source, that is, about
\$108,000, why should not a portion of it
be expended on the reservoir, which is
conceded to be of vast importance and
essential to the settlement of the water
question? It is urged that there are de-
fects in the lateral of the mains west
of the cemetery, and that larger pipes
must be substituted for the small lateral.
Well, the sum of \$3,000 has al-
ready been appropriated for that pur-
pose. As to other needed changes and
improvements, there will be ample
money, even when the amount we have
named is deducted therefrom.

The waterworks department is well

conducted and there should be suffi-
cient means at hand for its mainten-
ance. But it ought not to be forgotten
that a large portion, say about half
of the money raised on the last water
bonds, has been devoted to improve-
ments in the waterworks of the city.
Out of the \$250,000 plus raised, about
\$65,000 has been spent in the purchase
of lands and water rights in Parley's
canyon, \$5,000 on the reservoir at the
last baptism, \$8,000 on dredging the
Jordan river, for the matress plant wa-
ter, \$6,000 for the pumping plant, \$5,
000. These figures if approximately
correct would indicate that over
\$40,000 has been devoted to city
waterworks enlargements and im-
provements, out of the money from the
sign of the water bonds. Why, then,
should not a portion of the regular wa-
ter-tax be devoted to aid the reser-
voir which is now determined upon?It is evident to an on-looker who
has his eyes open that some of the
most eloquent advocates of an ample
water supply for this city really want
the adoption of pet schemes rather
than the public benefit. When they
can't get what they want, they don't
want anything in the desired direction.
We hope the real workers for a full
water supply for this city will pull
together for the only practical method
now in view, and do something besides
talk and wrangle and indulge in per-
sonal eloquence.The Catalogue of the Agricultural
College of Utah for 1902-1903 has just
been issued. It is a finely illustrated
volume of interest to the general pub-
lic, or it gives very full information of
one of the great educational institu-
tions of this intermountain region. The
college comprises no less than five differ-
ent schools, including those of agricultur-
e, domestic science, commerce, en-
gineering, etc. The agricultural ex-
periment station connected with it is
one of the most important departments,
and the date ascertained there are of
the greatest practical value to this
region.

LIES AND FICTION.

It is almost incredible that in this
age anybody should be found bold
enough to openly advocate lying.
Menacing is common enough, but those
guilty of it always endeavor to hide
themselves behind a semblance of
truth. It has been generally thought
that "honesty is the best policy," and
that, justly, the eternal fate of liars is
in the fiery hell, but now a Paris theo-
logian comes forward with the doc-
trine that some lies are permissible.
He specifies those told to guard ge-
neral welfare, or in self-defense. It is clear
that if a lie is sometimes justified,
those given to lying will find an
excuse for their despicable vice, all the
time. Especially is self-defense a
wide cloak that can be made to cover
a multitude of iniquities. The child
that lies to mother about the jam; the
husband that lies to his wife about his
night's out; the business man who lies
about his goods; all can claim justifi-
cation on the ground of self-defense.
To say that a lie is justifiable under
any circumstances, is to excuse all lies
and jars. Perjury would be justifiable
on the same grounds.The latest utterances in a truly
liberal spirit is found in Life and
Health for July, this year. This
little paper is published monthly at
Longview Inn, Colusa Co., Florida, the
editor being Mr. F. M. Murchison. He
says:Another trade against the Mormons
has been raised, and it is said that
an effort will be made to have every
religious body that meets this summer
call a meeting and incite reprisals.
The statement rings true from the
United States Senate because it is
Mormon. In Salt Lake City there is a
Presbyterian church or publication
house the chief object of which is to
villify or down the Latter-day Saints.
Whenever this firm hears of a com-
munity individual favorable to the
Mormons, they spread out its anti-
Mormon literature in their papers,
etc.—to offset the preaching of the
Elders and bring them into dis-
repute and contempt. Most of this
literature is misleading or fallacious,
but no doubt has much to do in keep-
ing up the unwholly prejudice against
the Mormons. The administration of
justice against the mob which put into effect
the lawless decree of Judge Lynch
a few nights before.

Springfield Republican.

The times are indeed strenuous, and
sacrifices are to be made that have beenglorified in the race of to-morrow de-
fending might as right when employed
on a national scale. The better life
of the nation, however, is already be-
ginning powerfully to assert itself; and
in striking at crimes of cunning, as at
Washington and Jefferson City, it
is also doing most effective work for
the betterment of society of violence.
If mobocracy is to be effectively de-
stroyed, platoocracy must be dis-
missed and cast out from the seats of rule.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Delaware is now in a condition of
anarchy, and there is peril of a race
war. No punishment could be too se-
vere for the wretched victim of the
mob, but violence inflicted by mobs
locks up and incites reprisals.The state of things in the mountains of
Kontumac illustrates what is inevitable in any
locality where individuals take the
administration of justice into their
own hands and are not punished for
their crime against social order.

New York Evening Post.

It was reserved for Richmond to
teach the real stern lesson to mob rule.The application of martial law to
an impudent, open orders to the troops
to shoot the first rider who showed
his head—that is the way they did it in
Virginia, and it is the only way to
deal with murderous lawlessness, as
the history of government has shown,
before and since Napoleon's "whiff of grape-
shot."The moment that a public official
defines with whom he is setagainst the law and crime, and in tolerating
the anarchy that followed his rejec-tion, he endangers the whole fabric of go-
vernment.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The inception and continuance of
this scandalous situation was due to trifling with the law in the first
place. The judge was the first to
evade a plain duty by splitting legal
hairs, and postponing the trial until September
and which should never have been
postponed at all. A clergyman tripped
with the law when he advocated lynching
in case of an isolated opinion. It is
general among fair-minded people
that the religious people are more truthful and accurate than those of
their traducers. Since the Mormons—men, women and children—
have been tried and condemned in
the west many years ago in the dead
of winter and seek an abiding shade
wherever, making the weary trip
across the plains to the then desert of
Utah while it still belonged to Mexico, it
would be only common decency for
the balance of the country to let them alone. Religious bodies, women's tem-
perance unions and progressive individuals
should beware from being drawn into this vulgar dragnet against
the Saints, who are as honest in their
faith as any other religious body.This paper is in favor of allowing all
religious denominations equal rights,
and the Constitution of the United
States provides. It is best to investigate
before you condemn. Solomon in
his proverbs says: "He that giveth
answering before heareth, it is folly
and shame unto him."

New York Evening Post.

It is quite possible, though, that a
better definition of the word "lie" is
needed than the one commonly ac-
cepted. Every misrepresentation of a fact
is not a "lie." Every appropriation of
property not one's own is not theft,
even killing is not murder. A man
takes life in self-defense, or in the
defense of country and home, is ac-
quitted of God and man and often honored.A person who takes a piece of food,
to appease his hunger when there is
no other resource open to him, will
not be held as a thief. In the same
way, it should be clear that if there are
instances in which a false state-
ment is justifiable, such statement no
longer comes under the category of
"lies." Why artists, dramatists, novel-
ists, falsify every day. They depict
and describe impossible scenes; they
employ highly exaggerated colors;
they use anachronisms and fictitious
situations. The writers of fables and
parables tell most absurd tales, and
yet, "they are not 'liars'." They em-
ploy fiction for worthy purposes
as legitimate as the writing of history.
Our Lord Himself was the author of
the most wonderful pieces of fiction
ever recorded.It seems to us that those who discuss
this question of permissible and imper-
missible "lying" are not observing the
proper distinction between wicked
 falsehood and proper fiction. That
causes confusion. Some of Ananias will
forever stand condemned as enemies of
man.

LOOKS LIKE RACE WAR.

Perhaps no recent event in this coun-
try has attracted so general attention as
the Dhalawar lynching. This is en-
couraging, for by the discussion of that
causes a sentiment. It is hoped, will be
considered, from which good may
result.The Mount Hamilton observatory can
be depended upon to Lick the comet

with two tails into its proper place.

The automobile race for the James
Gordon Bennett cup was not nearly so
interesting as the Paris-Madrid race.
There were no fatalities.The Juvenile Instructor for July is
just out. The number is full of interest-
ing articles as the following will show:"The 'Hull Home,'" Alice Louise
Reynolds; "Some of Our Poets," Louis
Lulu Greene Richards (illustrated); G.
R.; "A Girl's Life," and its Fulfillment," W.
M.; "The 'Tug of War,'" (illustrated);
Lydia D. Alder; "Current Topics."
"The Assassination of King Alex-
ander and Queen Draga—A Jewish Pe-
rson—Lord Kelvin on Religion—New
Hope for the Indians; "My Salary and
What I did with It"; "Editorial Thought
on the Question of Capital Punishment,"
John F. Smith; "The Writing of Stories,"
John B. Deane—Deane at State
Sunday School Conferences—Some
Notes from Our 1902 Statistical Reports
—Premiums to Sunday Schools—A Bad
Sign—Notes; "Some of Our Sunday
Schools"; "The Sunday School in Fred-
ericksburg, Denmark" (illustrated); An-
drew J. Jones; "Sisterhood"; "My Ad-
mission to Man"; "Tragedy and Triviality
in the Household—The Hogbenous Illustrations
of Joseph Hyrum Parry; "Religion class
Department"; "Our Little Folks"; How
to Put in a Farm, Reuben A. McConkie;
and "To the Letter-Box"; Salt Lake
City.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Hurrah! hurrah! for the glorious
Fourth.

Hurrah! hurrah! 't is here;

With a bang! bang!

And a ring-a-tang-tang!

Worse than Chinese New Year.

The boy with his gun

Is having his fun.

While the crackers are crackling,

The racket is crackling.

The nerves of the old folks,

Who'd like to place cold strokes,

On the hides of the boys

Who kick up the noise

With those outlandish toys,

Called fireworks.

The fireworks are booming the glori-

ous day.

With a hoop and a bang they exclaim

It.

From morning till night,

The white man is a heathen, a

a heathen, a