

which it was done, it caused Beelzebub to smile a ghastly smile; for he is known he smiled not much unless he was greatly pleased.

Therefore these things continue to be done, and notwithstanding the shining of the sun, the dark cloud still hangeth over this beautiful city.

Yet, as day chaseth night, so this day dream was brought to a close; but it teacheth this lesson:

Though the powers of darkness are great, there is one greater; though the king hath power and he giveth it unto the beast, yet their days are numbered; though the wicked rule and cause mourning in the land, yet shall their day of ruling cease; though the cloud is dark and it gathereth in force, yet shall the winds of heaven blow it away; though the wheat and tares grow together until the day of harvest, yet shall they be separated; though many fall, and deny their religion to please those in power, yet the true born Son of Zion rejoiceth, for he knoweth the fall of Babylon is near; though all earth and hell conspire against us, yet our hairs are all numbered, and happy are we if we do right.

CHRONICLER.

EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PEOPLE.

THE FOUNDERS OF UTAH.

SALT LAKE CITY,
July, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

When we take into consideration all the difficulties that surrounded the Saints in 1846, and the almost helpless situation they were in on the Missouri river, for they had been driven and despoiled of all their goods, and had found a temporary resting place through the kindness of the Indians of Iowa. The cruelty of the mobs was still unrelenting, exterminating orders were still in force, and no resting place could be found in the States. All had decided in their own minds, and were backed by governors, ministers, judges and others, that the "Mormons" were not wanted there, that they must go peacefully if they would, forcibly if they must—where, they did not care, their situation was nothing to those who were persecuting them. The cries of women and children, and the untold suffering inflicted, awakened no sympathy. They were outcasts, with no homes, no shelter; exposed to the severity of the weather. Sickness and death marked their trail, and hospitality to them was unknown in a Christian land.

The writer very well remembers, when a boy, the spirit and feeling manifested by those then living around and near Carthage, even as late as 1852. The spirit then was that a "Mormon" dog could not be permitted to run across their door yard. The spirit of destruction was rife; men gloated over what they had done, and rejoiced that the "Mormons" were driven out.

I need not repeat, for the history of that time is indelibly written in the hearts of thousands. Suffering is a poor word to use to convey the situation of this poor, despised people.

What the proud white Christian denied, the poor, humble red man of Iowa supplied—a place to rest—for they had hearts, and they were kind in their simple, unsophisticated way.

But amid all this, the people were not deserted by their kind, heavenly Parent, and their leaders were men in whom dwelt the spirit of the living God. They knew the purposes and decrees of Jehovah respecting the establishment of the feet of the Saints in the tops of the mountains, and they, with an iron will, surmounted obstacle after obstacle, until the people were planted in the valley of the Great Salt Lake.

To such men as President Brigham Young and his brethren, the world owe much for the redemption of this desert. They had the inspiration of the Almighty to direct them; they made it possible to live in these valleys, and prepared the way that others might also find a place where they could become self-sustaining.

The blessing and prosperity and rapid growth of the people was and is a marvel in the eyes of the world. Who are the men that have accomplished such a great and marvelous work, and caused the desert to teem with all the necessities wherewith to sustain man and beast? Who were foremost in every move—to establish new settlements, and prepare the waste places for the habitations of those who should follow after them?

Who are, and have been the representative men in all the settlements of the Saints? Who are the great founders of Utah, that have made her the admiration of all her sister Territories, and the peer of many of the States?

To one and all of these questions, and to many more that might be asked, I answer they were, and are men who have obeyed and honored the higher law of God, and have taken to themselves wives. They are practical pluralists, who have dared to honor God and walk in the path He marked out for them; and they realized the promise that it should be "answered in blessings and not in cursings."

It is said, and truthfully, too, that facts are stubborn things. Can the apostate or the unbeliever gainsay these things? To the observer these things are patent. Go where you will, in all the settlements of the Saints, and the man that is most honored and respected, and who is foremost in all the enterprises for the welfare of the peo-

ple, and who is a safe and wise legislator and counselor, and who is truly a whole-souled man, and who is in reality a representative man of the people, has honored this law of God.

It may be said, You are drawing this too fine; you are making too broad an assertion; but let the facts as they exist and as they have existed in these mountains, testify whether these things are so or not. The great Jehovah knows these things are true, and He knew a man could not be a ruler over His people acceptably unless he himself honored this law. All blessings are predicated on law, and in this one, in particular, is shown forth to the world, in a temporal point of view (as well as in all the other blessings reached), the approbation of the Almighty. And who can gainsay it?

Who is first in love, first in peace and blessings, first in the hearts of the people of God? Every Latter-day Saint can answer without hesitation, for the truths are seen all around them. Is it not safe, then, to say that if these men had not honored God, He would not in return have honored them?

With all these things before us, is it any wonder, then that the crusade is inaugurated, and is being pressed relentlessly by our enemies? The devil knows this is a strong point, and he, with his aids, are seeking to capture it, but they will signally fail. Though they may appear to have success, even as they had apparent success in Missouri and Illinois, yet this people will be preserved. Trials, though sometimes hard to endure, are forced upon us, and we should patiently endure, and bear with hopeful resignation whatever the Lord permits to come upon us. Even as we submitted in the days of trial in the past, so in present should our faith increase. We ought to, as a people, by this time, have learned to trust the Lord.

But some will fall away and go over to the enemy; they have done so in the past, and they will do so in the future; but it does not prove a truth to be incorrect, because some after asserting it renounce what they once knew. We need not expect to be victorious without passing through great tribulation. It is as necessary, in order to purify and purge this people, as it was necessary for us to come to these mountains in order that the purposes of God might be accomplished; but we will not be driven again as a people. There will be enough left to hold the fort, through all our leading men may be away from us for a season; for we were told by prophecy many years ago that such would be the case. The Priesthood will not be taken away again from the earth, nor the organization of the Church be destroyed. The noble founders of Utah will survive, and they will yet enjoy peace in the land our God has given us, with all their wives and children who prove true to their integrity; while those who now fight us will be forgotten.

This is not a threat, it is a plain statement of facts that will come to pass. You may believe it or let it alone, but the sequel will prove who is in the right. We have firm faith in the decree which says: "though heaven and earth pass away, my words shall not pass, but all be fulfilled."

MARCUS.

THE UNUSUALLY "LOYAL."

SALT LAKE CITY,
July 17, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

Reading in your paper the letters of the latest incestuous-abortionist and anti-"Mormon" vilifier, Thoru, brought vividly to my mind some circumstances connected with the Irons-Fowler-Evans seduction and abortion case.

About a week previous to the happening of the Irons abortion case, the writer was in conversation with Irons upon the then floating topic of the day the Rudgar Clawson bail question. In reply to the writers' opinion, expressed, to the effect that the Court in the defendants' case would certainly be consistent in following the rules already established by past courts in admitting defendants to bail pending an appeal, Irons said that he was willing to wager any stake that Rudgar Clawson would not be admitted to bail after the judgment of the court; that he had heard Dickson and Varian say, that very evening, in front of McCormick's Bank, that it was at the discretion of the courts that defendants had been admitted to bail, and they did not propose that the present court should so use that discretion. "Therefore," said Irons, "it is a foregone conclusion. You can put it down that Rudgar Clawson will not be admitted to bail pending his appeal. After the Judge pronounces sentence upon him, you will see that he will be slapped into the 'pen,'" where he will get his just deserts, and where he and every other law-breaker ought to be.

I have no doubt that one week before his arrest J. W. Irons felt himself as "truly loyal" on the occasion of the prosecution of the Rudgar Clawson polygamy case as did George Thoru on the occasion of the prosecution of A. M. Cannon and others for cohabitation with their wives, and also on the occasion of the half-masting of the flag on the Fourth, which caused his indignant "blood to boil all over."

And there can be no doubt but that U. S. Pros. At. Varian feels just as "truly loyal" in his zeal to prosecute these cohabitation cases as when he expressed himself in the hearing of J.

W. Irons (if correctly reported) that he anticipated the Court's discretion would be against giving bail pending the appeal in the Clawson case, and one week later rallied to the assistance of this very same J. W. Irons in drawing up his bond for bail, thereby turning loose upon an outraged community a seducer and abortionist to prey upon the credulity of his hapless victim in order to escape the clutches of the law.

And again we imagine that none could feel more "truly loyal" on the half-masting flag business than did Dr. Benedict when he, according to his own showing, "spirited the girl away" and led her to the marriage altar, he himself tying the nuptial knot so tight that law and justice stood aloof, gazing upon his "truly loyal attitude."

"Young Democracy," you are to be congratulated upon taking into your ranks one so "truly loyal." Why, he is a legislator within himself; he can repeal the abortion laws, for there is no need of them in this "truly loyal" commonwealth. Why did not the G. A. R. Post at Lindsey's Gardens, on the Glorious Fourth, uniform and promote him at once, instead of only making a committee chairman of him to use force in boosting the flags to the top of the masts? No wonder that he "bolted," to be thus treated after rendering such valuable information to the G. A. R. Post—that the flags were floating at half mast on such an auspicious day as the anniversary of American Independence.

But, perhaps, by the time he returned to the city his eyes became sufficiently clear, his brain sufficiently cooled by Lindsey's greater altitude, as to discover no flag at all floated from the Federal Court House, and probably he thought it better to be half "loyal" than not "loyal" at all. The Tribune gave no explanation why he "bolted;" I am thus left to conjecture.

I am thinking it will take a Foul-her scheme than Geo. Thoru's to convert the Tribune that such men are anything but "TRULY LOYAL."

A TESTIMONIAL

TO THE CHARACTER OF A NOBLE WOMAN WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

KANAB, July, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

If it is not asking too much, please publish this as a testimony to the world:

On 26th of last April we were called to mourn the loss of a sister that was dearly beloved, not only by her family relatives but by all who knew her.

Sister Lulu Johnson was truly a consistent Latter-day Saint. She has been faithful and true under numerous trying circumstances, and long will be remembered by all who knew her worth. She was a true friend to all, regardless of age or station, and especially to the sorrow-stricken and afflicted. For years past she has not enjoyed good health, and at numerous times has suffered severe sickness, through all of which she has been patient, trusting in the goodness of God for future blessings.

She was at once mother, sister and wise counselor to her husband's wives; and they loved her dearly. He, believing the law of celestial marriage to be from God, took upon himself additional cares and responsibilities; she, like the little tug boat, kept toiling at his side, helping him through many a trying time. The love, respect and adoration, each felt for the other, I presume, was never excelled.

Having been sick nigh unto death last October, she was slowly improving in health when, in February, a deputy marshal came to subpoena the family to appear before the grand jury. None were found but Sister Lulu, whose health would not allow her attendance; nevertheless an indictment was found. He was obliged to submit to the prosecution of an unjust court, or leave his happy home, which latter course he chose to take.

This trouble caused her health to fail, although she would not admit it.

Again on April 25th the deputy made his appearance. It was rumored that he might subpoena the only sister—wife left at home. Immediately after hearing this sister Lulu was taken worse, and at 2 o'clock a. m. next day she went to rest, surrounded by friends, but without the tender care of her loving husband, who was away, thinking she was getting better.

Excepting a strong desire to see her loved one once more, in the flesh, she was ready and willing to go.

How well I remember the parting I witnessed in that family when he was obliged to go! May I never be called upon to see such a sight again! How hard it was for him to tear himself away from his sick wife, who although her heart strings were ready to snap, said, "I pray God that the wives and children, of our enemies may never be brought to such trials."

I testify that W. D. Johnson, Jr., is an honest, upright man, who fears God and is striving to keep His commands. If he has injured any one it was a mistake of the head and not a desire of the heart. He had a happy home, his family were happy and loved one another; but they have been scattered, and his home made desolate; and this through the workings of corrupt men. May the Lord forgive them for they know not what they do.

Your brother, E. J.

A NON-"MORMON'S" OPINION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.,
July 12, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

Every person, man or woman, who possesses an unprejudiced mind, sympathizes to a great extent with the Mormon people in their struggle against what seems to be a crusade of persecution. If polygamy or plural marriage is wrong now, it certainly was forty years ago; that was the time to suppress the evil, if it is an evil. But to say the least, it looks a put up job. The Mormons are a wealthy people now, so it would pay well to drive them to revolt. Those loudest in favor of harsh measures are in favor of confiscation of Mormon property in the event of trouble. Another class that raise the cry against the Mormons are the libertines of the country.

This depraved hoodlum city is an illustration of the bad morals of the country, as it is noted for its concubines and thousands of other women of easy virtue. Strangers visiting the city are surprised at the number of women always dressed in holiday attire; this remark applies in a great measure to the country at large. Furthermore those high in authority must bear in mind that they are living in glass houses, as they have affiliated with immoral people.

The Mormons should not recede an inch from the position they have taken. There are thousands of oppressed people of the working class ready to make common cause with them if they have grievances to be redressed—contending against a heartless system of monopoly that has reduced them to an alternation of strikes and starvation wages. This is an evil our law-makers should redress.

As for the cry raised about the insult to the flag on the 4th, it was no insult compared to what a mob did in this city a couple of years ago, when they burned the English flag at the Sand Lot, under the leadership of the most incendiary vagabonds that ever disgraced any city in the world. The city authorities at that time connived at it.

The writer has been in Utah, having lived in the neighboring Territory, Wyoming, for three years, and has visited Salt Lake City on several occasions, and must say that for law and order and a strict observance of the Sabbath, it can compare favorably with any city in the world.

Very respectfully yours, J. M.

P. S.—The writer is no member of the Mormon Church, but is an advocate of fair play and justice. J. M.

A SPIDER ON WHEELS.

In passing the Studebaker Repository to-day we noticed a number of well known gentlemen examining a new style of vehicle known as the "Spider Surrey Wagon;" the wagon is well named and can only be appreciated by a personal examination of its handsomely wrought curves and concave panels; it represents to a wonderful degree, the thought, skill and workmanship necessary to the production on such a design, carried out into a beautiful working model. Carriage building is fast becoming one of the finer arts in which men and women of cultivated tastes take great pleasure in examining and in keeping posted on the changes and new models continually being produced. The Studebaker Repository is a room full of artistic work, and a place where one can spend an hour in a pleasant and profitable way.

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