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CREDIT THE RIGHT.

The following note was received by the News today from a gentleman who has been making a brief stay at the Templeton hotel:

SALT LAKE CITY, June 15, 1895.

Editor Deseret News:

Being grandfather was one of those who in authority who compelled Joseph Smith to depart from the Susquehanna River valley, in northeastern Pennsylvania, I naturally have had a strong desire to see Salt Lake City, which has been built up by the religious sect which he founded. After a sojourn of nearly a week in this marvel of the mountain country, I am impelled to believe that the act of my grandfather was one of the wisest and best of his life. It helped to turn the face of Joseph Smith to the Westward, and it was in a measure instrumental in bringing the Prophet to meet with the master spirit of Brigham Young; for nothing but a master spirit could have led an army of almost helpless and presented emigrants across a thousand miles of desert and gigantic mountain ranges to these valleys, the implication that Joseph Smith himself was no such a master spirit, but his life been spared to the time for the work, is a great mistake. The greatness of President Young as a leader must ever hold a prominent place in the world's history, his genius as a pioneer and founder of a commonwealth must shine with undimmed lustre on the pages of progress. He was indeed a master spirit, with few peers in earth's history, one of the noble band who are accounted saviors among men. But the Prophet Joseph Smith, who, ere he had attained the age of twenty years, had comforted his people through their trials in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other states east of the Mississippi who had been in the common migration of more than a thousand miles to Missouri, all the while in the midst of adverse, inter-tribal, and hostile influences, and who had established the settlement which will know Zion in the mountains of Missouri, here and there, and scattered them in the Northern States and other places in Illinois, must be also fully established. His position as a pioneer, a founder, and a leader of communities, he certainly did, and it was in accordance with this, that he should be instrumental in bringing the Church which made all this triumphal work possible, that he gave to it the system through which the success required to work activities, and that through him, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator, was established the plan which is effecting a revolution in the affairs now in and hereafter to be the operations of the nineteenth century—all this marks the Prophet Joseph Smith not only a master spirit but, under the blessings of Christ the Lord, the chief among those master spirits who have been ordained in the flesh since Jesus, the Holy One, was born in Bethlehem.

As to the idea expressed by our informant concerning that the driving incident to was one of the great and best acts of his grandfather's life, we trust the gentleman will pardon us for saying that it certainly was the most and most cruel act of his life. With the merits before him of what the Mormons have accomplished in these valleys, will he believe say what they might have accomplished in Pennsylvania if the people there had received the Prophet of the Lord with open arms, instead of with enmity? If Pennsylvania today were the united, peaceful, prosperous people, we think that the Mormons are, with all the advantages they have had otherwise their peers in material advancement, would not be known on earth.

To act of Mr. Duffin's grandfather was not wise or good, it was for him a great misfortune, and did not aid in producing the great results our friend suggests. We might as well say that the man who throws a Gatling in the way of others causing events for the worst of their destruction and misery which overcome those difficulties. Carrying it back to the central religious circle in the universe, such folk would say that Judas, and the Jews and Romans who encompassed the crucifixion, could be declared the saviors of the world instead of the Christ who made the infinite atonement. It will not do. The evil does not necessarily take the merit, the commission of wrong does not effect the right. The Rome all message to the good which effects its only purpose in spite of the antagonism which the evil presents. Let the credit and blame each go where they belong, this justice may be done. And if the greatest benefits the good today, as he seems to do, may he also have the light and courage to stand by it manfully, that the former error may be overcome by the future rectification and the greater benefits thus follow upon entering the right path.

NOT AN IMMORAL SPORT.

In a brief note in the News a few days ago the remark was made that the ladies of the Boston Home school, when passing resolutions against bicycle riding by women, because 50 per cent of the rescued girls had been devoted to that sport, in order to be consistent ought to adopt measures also against women riding in buggies or on railroads, since no doubt a hundred per cent of the girls under their care had availed themselves of these commonest means of travel. A "Reader," referring to this note, in a communication says that only ten per cent (or less) of all girls ride bicycles and thirty per cent of the rescued girls indulge in this exercise. Does it not appear, "Reader" asks, that the showing has a very marked significance? Viewed in this light, what is your opinion?

The answer is that if the figures be correct, the only conclusion they warrant is that a certain class of girls have adopted bicycle riding as their amusement much more generally than other women, the proportion being as three to one. Very likely this is true, but this fact itself, if fact it be, will not be accepted to have any bearing on the question first raised, whether bicycle riding in itself is an amusement dangerous to the moral purity of our daughters or sisters. There are, on the contrary, strong reasons for an opposite view.

The danger of basing an argument of this character on statistical figures was well illustrated by Lord Shaftesbury some years ago, when before an immense audience in Exeter Hall, London, he proved that a large per cent of criminals, whose career he had investigated in the interest of philanthropy, had in their childhood been pupils of various Sunday schools. Nobody would argue that their moral status was due to their Sunday school training. Why, then, should bicycling be charged with a tendency to corrupt the morals any more than any other innocent amusement? To do so is to stumble into one of the many fallacies known to logicians as *post hoc, ergo propter hoc*, a mode of reasoning that now frequently is baneful effects is but too common.

THE GRAIN CROP.

The condition of crops for 1895 should be a most interesting and engrossing feature for those who dwell among these mountains. From north to south, through the entire chain of valleys, there exists the most gratifying condition so far as the staples of life are concerned. In localities there are reports of some damage as late to tender vegetables and fruit, but as a whole great crops are more abundant than for years. While for wheat and other grains there never was a prospect for such a bountiful harvest. The hay harvest has been going on for the week or night under cultivation, and many are dedicated to depart his last effort by securing his forest on stand. From present indications, 1895 will be entered as a banner year in the annals of the soil with which to Bilgmakers and storehouses to overflowing.

In connection with other circumstances which all of that department of industry, abundant crops this year means that prices will be down, that

DANGER IN BICYCLING.

Anything pertaining to bicycling is of special interest at this time. In that form of exercise really beneficial to the extent attempts claimed for it?

The Paris Academy of Medicine has recently after careful investigation announced its conclusions upon this subject and the facts, if such they are, should be widely known. The verdict of the medical authorities is that a moderate exercise on the wheel is to be recommended in cases of neurasthenia, anemia, dyspepsia, gout, obesity, slowness of nutrition and in all cases requiring muscular exercise. The first mentioned disease is a kind of nervous debility, while anemia is described as poverty of blood, consisting of a deficiency of fibrin. On the other hand, bicycling is said to be absolutely injurious to persons afflicted with goitrous, organic disease of the heart and albuminuria, and also to young girls entering upon womanhood. The report sounds a note of warning that certainly claims attention. It says:

For girls, especially, it is not only diminished but dangerous. The writer knows of two cases of metrorrhagia brought on by mere bicycling. The amount of injury done to the pelvic organs of young girls just reaching womanhood will not so long in making their fate in the shape of uterine tumors and fibroids, or anteflexion, to say nothing of other serious complications as those mentioned above.

In connection with this subject, the discriminate *Revue Clinique* observes that there is hope for the woman in the coming automatic bicycle now in use in France and in England. This wheel has no pedals, consequently, does away with the movement of the feet that must be objectionable on grounds similar to those urged against the working of the sewing machine. Its motive power is an electric motor or a gasoline or oil motor. It permits of a comfortable seat and gives the rider all the pleasure of the wheel now in use, while it is said to be perfectly harmless.

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