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## CACHE VALLEY AND ITS TEMPLE.

ACCORDING to the report read at the Conference of the Cache Valley Stake of Zion, on Saturday, May 6th, the sum of \$388,048.11 has been expended on the Logan Temple, the report being made up to April 1st. This is a very large amount, and shows what can be accomplished by a people not boasting of great wealth, by unity of effort under wise direction. Those who have contributed the bulk of this means reside in the district composed of the Cache Valley, Bear Lake and Box Elder Stakes, comprising the counties of Box Elder, Cache and Rich in Utah, and Bear Lake and Oneida Counties in Idaho. Cache Valley Stake has contributed \$184,210.57; Bear Lake, \$45,829.29; Box Elder, \$44,794.77; leaving \$113,203.58 to be furnished by the Trustees-in-Trust out of general Church resources. Of the whole sum but \$23,231.60 was paid in cash; the remainder was in labor, produce, stock, building materials, etc. The result is, a magnificent structure now nearing completion, which, standing on the upland, east of Logan City, and commanding a view of the fertile, well-watered and verdant valley of Cache and most of its flourishing settlements and cultivated farms, is at once an architectural ornament and a monumental token of the enterprise, devotion, unity, skill and persevering energy of the people dwelling in that favored region of country.

Are there any evidences of sacrifice or privation among those who have contributed these large sums in money, goods and labor? Not any. On the contrary, the donors are rapidly growing in material wealth; buildings for business and homes are being erected of a kind and value which show an increase of means and an improvement in taste; the workman finds labor; local industries flourish; the fields and gardens yield abundantly; there are no paupers, no saloons, no dens of vice; everybody is busy and peace and contentment prevail. The tithing increases annually and this shows an increase of wealth. The presence of the Temple adds to the value of real estate, and in their liberality the builders are richly prospered under the blessings of the Most High.

The building of the Temple is of material benefit to the people in its neighborhood, because the means expended in its construction are distributed among them. The materials used are almost entirely obtained from the immediate vicinity, and the workmen employed who derive their support from the funds donated, live and spend their wages in the immediate locality, and thus there is a circulation of means which benefits the whole community.

The erection of the costly structures in process in Salt Lake, Cache and Sanpete, demonstrate the fact that great enterprises may be conducted successfully without large capital. A co-operation of effort, a combination of labor and skill, a contribution of means other than money may together be so managed as to produce all the results that flow from the employment of large capital. Confidence, perseverance, union and competent direction are required, and the rest is easy. On the same principle by which Temples are being constructed, other enterprises can be established for the general good, even where money is scarce and settlements are new.

Contemplating the peaceful and orderly cities and towns where the Latter-day Saints are quietly engaged in their own affairs, disturbing no one, improving and developing the country, rearing houses of worship and school buildings for the education of the young; viewing the progress, thrift, kindness, hospitality, cheerfulness and

contentment abounding; it is difficult to realize that men and women professing to be Christians can desire the breaking up of such a community, or the injuries and evils intended by such legislation as that which has been recently enacted and proposed. There is not a better, happier, or law-abiding people on the continent than the prospering people of Cache Valley, and they are a sample of the Saints, whom the priests and politicians of the times desire to destroy. Surely He to whose name these holy temples are being reared will preserve His people and deal out justice to their malignant enemies.

## THE TRAGEDY IN IRELAND.

THE brutal assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Under-Secretary Burke has thrilled the whole world with horror and resentment. It is generally believed, and we think with good reason, that the Land-Leaguers and their friends who have kept up the agitation for some time for the emancipation of Ireland, had nothing directly to do with the crime which has been committed. The most feasible theory, in our opinion, is that Fenians plotted the death of Burke, who was an enemy to their cause, and in the execution of the murderous scheme Cavendish fell a victim to circumstances, his presence at the assassination of Burke rendering his murder necessary to the safety of the cutthroats.

The deed is a bad thing for Ireland, bad for the liberators, bad for Gladstone and his administration. Severe measures will be the result, injuring the country; odium, however undeserved, will attach to the agitators; and the policy of the Premier will be harshly criticized, and the catastrophe will be traced to his vacillation and weakness in treating the Irish question.

We regard this atrocious murder as one more indication of the spirit of the times, which savors of bloodshed and anarchy and secret combinations for revolutionary purposes. It led to the killing of the Czar, to the shooting of Garfield, and to the slashing and stabbing of Cavendish and Burke. It will increase rather than diminish in its influence and work of destruction, and those who are responsive to its suggestions and act under its diabolism, should be followed up, hunted down and cut off from the land of the living. Justice in their case should have all its own.

## CELESTIAL PHENOMENA.

THE present month is prolific of astronomical occurrences deserving of special notice. On the 3d inst. Mercury in changing its place in the heavens from morning to evening star, was in superior conjunction with the sun. On the 4th, Mercury and Neptune, the planets of the solar system nearest and farthest from the glowing central orb, together with the great globe Saturn were in close apparent proximity. On the 5th Jupiter and Venus, those glorious lamps in the firmament, were in near conjunction. On the morning of the 6th Saturn was in a direct line with the sun and the earth, and late in the evening Neptune and the sun and the earth were in a similar position.

On Thursday the 11th, Saturn and Neptune will again come into close companionship. And on the 13th, Mercury and Jupiter will be in conjunction, and when the sun has gone down the little star will be perceptible between the great planet and the mighty sun just sunk below the horizon. On the 17th, there will be an eclipse of the sun not visible in these parts, and the moon will pass directly between the earth and Jupiter, suddenly obscuring it from the sight of the star-gazer. On the 30th, there will occur the conjunction of Jupiter, and the Sun and in the evening the conjunction of Venus and Mercury.

What with the coming of the comet, the grouping of the planets and the peculiar mingling of the moon with the celestial situations, if there is any palpable effect produced on Mother Earth by the conjoined influences of other members of the system to which she belongs, her sons and daughters must surely experience some remarkable results. They are all worth watching and worthy of special consideration.

## GOOD INSTEAD OF EVIL.

THE Methodist attack on "Mormonism" which took place by a preconcerted movement throughout the country on Sunday evening, will have a most excellent effect. It was intended as a crushing blow. It will result in an unmistakable benefit. The way will be opened for the preaching of the Gospel by our Elders in a remarkable manner. The falsehoods told by the speakers at the meetings, the bitterness of spirit displayed, the attempt to control legislation by ecclesiastical influence, will all be perceived by the thoughtful. And when the truth is presented, it will shine all the more brightly from its contrast with the falsehood poured forth for its destruction.

It is amusing to watch the antics of those who falsely charge the "Mormons" with uniting Church and State, in their own exercise of Church power in State affairs; and lamentable to think that those endeavors are made by one body of professing Christians, for the purpose of injuring and destroying another. While pretending great piety, and exhibiting holy horror at imagined iniquity, they are burning with the fire of hate and angry with the rage of hell.

Lie on, ye miserable hypocrites and corrupt sectarians! Ye have a mission to fulfil as the agents of your father who was a liar from the beginning. Fill up the cup of your iniquity and prepare to drink the dregs thereof yourselves. For the evil you are preparing for others will come upon yourselves, and the measure ye design to mete out shall be measured to you again, pressed down and running over! And, mark it, for one "Mormon" that may be temporarily hurt by your slanders, a hundred will be led in the way of life which, what you call "Mormonism," points out with the light of heavenly inspiration. You will make a hundred fold more "Mormons" than you can shake or bring to grief.

## HOW IT WORKS.

THE Cleveland papers not long ago were cracking up the Brush system of street lighting and inserting the highly colored pen-pictures—painted by Brush agents—of the tower or pole system introduced in some small cities and said to be perfect. Now they grumble in this fashion; the clipping is from the Cleveland Herald:

Another sample of Cleveland's magnificent street-lighting system was exhibited during the early part of last evening. The Public Square lay in Egyptian darkness, and not a ray of light was sent down from the tall mast, that pointed toward the sky as though to call the City Council's attention to the heavy clouds that obscured the moon. The rain poured down, and hundreds of people lolled about in the darkness, growling anything but compliments for the "economy" that brought such a state of affairs about. Will the new City Council smash the old schedule into atoms, and build a new one on a common-sense basis?

## RELiance ON THE LORD.

THE Omaha Herald referring to the present crusade against the Latter-day Saints, under the heading of "A Reminiscence of Brigham Young," has the following brief editorial:

"The Deseret News says the people of Utah are calm in the face of the onslaught that is to be made upon them by the Edmunds law and returning board and that their trust is in 'The Deity.' That reminds one who, in a long talk with Brigham Young, expressed apprehensions of serious consequences arising in the previous raid upon the Mormons and suggested some kind of an amicable adjustment, he raised his arm and pointing heavenward, replied with that firm emphasis which showed him to be very much in earnest and said: 'My trust is in the Almighty; I have no fear.' Soon afterwards, Senator Morton and Mr. Fishback, of Indiana, appeared on the Utah scene, Morton's orders went down to Washington, and there was immediate peace again."

In these days of doubt and infidelity it seems strange even to profes-

sing Christians to hear people talk of actual, living, practical faith in God and His providences. But the Latter-day Saints, or "Mormons" as they are vulgarly called, possess that faith in an eminent degree. Their leaders are examples of this. No matter what the world may say of them, the prominent men in this Church have implicit faith in their divine calling and in the overruling hand of Deity. This is one reason of the power which they wield among their followers, and without it their influence would be small.

Whatever may happen; no matter how much trouble the opposers of this Church may cause its adherents; in spite of everything that may be done against it, we are as sure that God will bring good out of the intended evil as we are that the sun will shine again after the shades and chills of the darkest night. We recognize the fact that the "wicked will do wickedly," but as regards the result we have full reliance on the Lord.

## UTAH.

The Rescue, a temperance organ published in San Francisco and containing many well written articles on the evils of strong drink and tobacco smoking, has the following concerning Utah:

"A recent visitor in Utah says a good word for the Mormon women. She declares that outside of their religious convictions, the women of Utah are emphatic in their condemnation of wrong, and that their votes had banished the liquor saloons. She saw no drunkenness anywhere, and the poison of tobacco smoke was not all around to vitiate the air of heaven either on the streets or in public assemblies. She found their court room in Salt Lake a model of neatness and order, with plants in the windows and handsome carpets on the floor, 'unstained by tobacco juice and unmarred by the bushel-basket spittoon.'—SIGNAL.

"The reason such a fuss is made about polygamy in Utah and nothing at all said about the infinitely more prevalent and immoral polygamy in all the other States, is that the press and politicians are anxious to make political capital out of something that won't cost them any votes, and the unthinking public always take up the cry and give noisy chase to the unlucky animal that has the kettle in tow for the time. Another reason why Utah is such a general favorite to persecute, is that its morality and good order and good citizenship and sobriety and consequent prosperity, wherever the Gentile agencies have not established their pits of corruption and vice, is so far superior as compared with any of our rum-selling communities. The Mormons never allowed a saloon, a gambling house nor a disreputable house of any kind; what they have were established only under the protection of Federal judges and Federal bayonets. It is not proposed to defend polygamy in the least or apologize for it; but it is in order to protest against commissioning another gang of carpet-baggers to plunder and debauch Utah, to effect no reform of any existing abuse there, but to cover the land with a network of debauchery and fill it with man-traps to extinguish what virtue and morality exist there. What a monstrous farce: A congress of polygamist legislators against polygamy. Satan suggesting reforms in the Church.

## THE SOLAR ECLIPSE.

On Wednesday, May 17, there will be a total eclipse of the sun. This rather uncommon phenomenon will be visible in the greater part of Europe, Asia and Africa, but not in America. The central line of the total eclipse is over Asia and Central Africa, and the best points of observation will be in the neighborhood of Teheran, the Persian capital, and on the Nile, about a hundred miles north of Thebes the ancient capital of Egypt. The Royal Society of England has taken measures to secure observations, and an expedition under Dr. Schuster and Prof. Lockyer has been dispatched to the Nile, with spectroscopic and photographic apparatus and other instruments for the purpose of obtaining all the information possible to science in its present state of progress.

One of the peculiar features of the solar eclipse of this year is the occurrence of sun spots at the period of observation. As the sky is likely to be clear at this season in the r

gion of the Nile station, it is quite likely that some very important observations will be made. The time of the total eclipse will be about seventy-two seconds.

It is to be hoped that astronomy will gain some new data in relation to the constitution of the solar orb, the nature of its disturbances now noticeable upon the surface, and the effects producible therefrom upon the atmosphere of our own planet. If they so succeed, the solar eclipse of 1882 will not be without its benefits, but will have the result of evolving light out of darkness.

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, AMAY 12.

"Star Route" Prosecution.—Bishop W. D. Johnson and his brother, Nephi Johnson, came up from Kanab this morning. They will at once proceed to Washington, D. C., having both been summoned to appear and give evidence in the notorious "Star Route" cases, now in course of prosecution.

Castle Dale.—Brother Samuel Jewkes, of Castle Dale, Emery Co., was in town to-day negotiating with Z. C. M. I. and Mr. Clawson for the purchase of machinery for a new grist mill about to be established at the settlement by Jewkes & Co.

The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad will pass within four miles of Castle Dale, which is a three-year-old town of 50 families, young but thrifty. The grade of the railroad is now within 20 miles of the place. Castle Dale is surrounded by immense coal deposits.

Pleasant Green.—Yesterday, the annual meeting of the Relief Society of Pleasant Green, Brighton Ward, was held. Sisters M. Isabel Horne, E. B. Wells and E. M. Whitney, from this city, attended, and Bishop Shoenfel it was also present. After the meeting, which was very interesting, a social time, a dinner being part of the entertainment, was spent at the school house. The sisters from this city occupied a portion of their visit to Pleasant Green, in calling upon and ministering to the sick.

Death from Laudanum.—At Springville, Utah County, on Wednesday, about 5 o'clock, Daniel Sumison was found in his room in a dying condition. A physician was immediately called in, but too late to be of any service, as he continued unconscious until about 6.30 p.m., when he died. A bottle containing laudanum was discovered on the window near the bed. Later developments show that he bought it in the morning of the same day, asking how much would make a dose. It is believed that he took it to produce sleep, but not knowing its full power, took an overdose, which resulted in death. He was 72 years of age.

A New Town.—Yesterday we had the pleasure of meeting with Bishop Wm. H. Branch, of Mesquit, Lincoln Co., Nevada. The shag little town is only two years old and has eighteen families. About 200 acres of land is sown in small grain, which is headed out and harvesting will begin inside of three weeks from date. Fifty acres of land is in lucern, the first crop, of the season of which has already been cut. The ditch, which conveys the waters of the Rio Virgin upon the land is several miles long and works to a charm. The location of the place is 45 miles west of St. George. A ready market is found for all kinds of farm products, grain fetching from 3 to 5 cents a pound on the spot, but the settlement being new, money is somewhat scarce. Bishop Branch will stay in the north a few months working at his trade—plastering—to get cash to pay for his land.

Death of Dr. F. D. Benedict.—The fears that Dr. F. D. Benedict could not survive the severellness from which he had for some time been suffering were realized at eleven o'clock last night, when he breathed his last, surrounded by a number of sorrowing relatives and friends. We unite with the wide feeling of sympathy that is entertained for the bereaved in the blow they have sustained.

Francis Denton Benedict was the son of Francis K. and Emeline Benedict. He was born December 27th, 1848, at South Canaan, Connecticut. He took a course in the medical department of the university of the City of New York, at which he graduated with distinction with the cases of 1869. Before graduating,