

dressed in dark, well-fitting clothes. He wore a mustache of a rather dark brown color, twisted a little at the ends. He had a somewhat pleasing appearance, but his eyes gave the impression of a scowl. What kind of hat he wore I can not now remember, except that I am sure it was a hard, dark hat.

"I might mention that I made some remarks about this person to Mr. A. C. Ivins of the *Times*, who visited the Chamber sometimes in company with me, and I think that gentleman will also remember the visitor who is here spoken of. DANIEL J. BROWNE, DESERET NEWS."

AGAINST HOME INDUSTRY.

Dear Sir—Feeling sure that you at least are friendly to our homes and home interest, I am impelled to an appeal to you to make public a danger that I think will prove a serious loss if not a lasting disgrace to our community. In church and out of it you have persistently advocated home industry in whatever guise it presents itself. What then can be your thoughts and that of your readers in the action taken yesterday by the board of public works regarding the awarding of a contract involving an immense amount of money to people who are wholly without other interests in this Territory than the profit they will make out of our hardy earned money.

The opening of the bids revealed the fact that we have a local firm of contractors who appear to show that they are in every way able and worthy to receive the award. Although their bid was some thirty thousand dollars lower than the highest bidder and thirteen thousand lower than the next it was still unfortunately four thousand higher than the wealthy and powerful Barber Paving Company, to whom the contract was given; and this paltry amount which scores of our citizens would willingly donate to make good must be the excuse for sending a hundred thousand dollars entirely out of our chance of ever handling again. More than this, with what kind of satisfaction can we work over our benches, our desks and our tools, earning hardly the special tax we are compelled to pay, and see in our mind's eye hundreds of laborers in far away Trinidad, South America, digging up asphaltum that is to go to New York for refining, and then comes here for us to walk and drive on. This in the face of the proven fact that we have a street in this city that has been constructed entirely of Utah material by home contractors and home labor that has passed the examination of its owners, and been accepted and paid for willingly by the city authorities. More than this the people who own this street referred to, with some sixty or seventy others who will have to pay for this present award, have begged the city authorities by petition to give Utah a chance by adopting this material in all future road making and have signified their willingness to pay for it.

One year ago when State street was to be paved a local bidder offered to do this work for some \$2000 less than would any one else. I am told their

bid was rejected for the reason their material was not known and the city did not wish to experiment with the people's money. Since that time, and to overcome this objection these local payers have expended many thousands of dollars in experimental work, improvement of machinery, mine and plant, have executed to the avowed satisfaction of the city's engineer and other authorities, one whole block—besides many thousand feet of sidewalks—have convinced the citizens generally that they have and can do good work, and yet the tables are turned against them. The former objection must be removed. Their material is proven and still because they are asking a trifle more this time, we who have to pay for it must submit to an experiment after all; for while it is known that the Barber company have done good work many times we also know a great deal of it has been condemned in other cities. If we are met by the argument that their work must ultimately be made good under their bond, can we not answer that this applies with equal force to the home contractors.

In a word, must we suffer this injustice without protest. For one, had I ten thousand voices, they should be heard loudly against this folly. I feel ashamed and mortified that greater considerations and greater charity is not bestowed at home.

JAS. C. WATSON.

THE HAWAIIAN COLONY.

By invitation of President H. H. Cluff and the Hawaiian Saints, quite a number of visitors attended the Pioneer day celebration at Iosepa. Leaving this city Friday, August 26th, part of the company went through in conveyances, the remainder taking the train to Garfield Beach, where they found vehicles from Iosepa awaiting them. A pleasant drive of twelve miles brought the party to Grantsville, where they enjoyed the hospitality of the good people of that place. Here the company was augmented by friends from Tooele and the Grantsville brass band, making quite a big train. The trip from Grantsville to Iosepa, thirty-five miles, was made in about four hours, and the visitors arrived at the last named place at 9:30 p.m. The road into Iosepa for the last two miles was lit up by brilliant torches. On the near approach of the party fireworks were let off, the grounds were lighted with Chinese lanterns, and everything presented an appearance of welcome, gladdening the hearts of all and causing them to forget the dust of the thirty miles' ride.

While supper was being partaken of the Glee Club and Mandolin and Guitar Club regaled them with vocal and instrumental music, occasionally interspersed with music from the brass band.

The Mandolin and Guitar Club is composed of young Hawaiians who were tastefully uniformed, as also were the young ladies of the Glee Club. The latter wore caps, the bands of which were made of peacock feathers; the crown was composed of red, white and blue bunting. They were attired in white waists and their skirts were made of bunting. With their dark complexions this formed a very pretty

contrast and pleasing effect. The training of the performers has been chiefly undertaken by Brother Nahie, a native Hawaiian.

On the morning of the 27th the people were aroused by the firing of a salute, and at 10 a. m. all assembled under the shade of the trees, where seats and a platform had been arranged. The exercises opened with music by the band and singing by the choir. The assemblage was then called to order by Brothers H. H. Cluff, Peter Kealakaibonua the chaplain of the day, offered prayer. There were present on the stand President Joseph F. Smith, Hon. John T. Caine, President W. W. Cluff of Summit Stake, President H. S. Gowans and Charles L. Anderson of Tooele Stake, Enoch Farr of Ogden, W. H. Branch, Coalville; Albert W. Davis, Edward W. Davis, Robert B. T. Taylor, Henry P. Richards, Elihu Barrell and R. G. Lambert, many of whom were accompanied by ladies. There were also a goodly number of other visitors from Salt Lake City and Tooele valley. Addresses were delivered by President Joseph F. Smith and Hon. John T. Caine, W. W. Cluff, H. P. Richards and H. S. Gowans. These were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. The assembly was dismissed with the benediction. An adjournment was then made to the bowery, where a regular Hawaiian feast was prepared. This was partaken of with a relish by the initiated, but the "poi" was too much for the novice.

At 4 p. m. all again assembled and there were addresses by E. Farr W. H. Branch and Albert W. Davis, with more singing by the Sunday school choir Glee Club and music by the Grantsville band and the Mandolin and Guitar club.

At 8 p. m. the people gathered at a concert by the clubs and the Hawaiian Saints. At this considerable talent was displayed and all were entertained with the portrayal of ancient Hawaiian customs. During an interval in the concert Brother R. G. Lambert made a few remarks.

At ten a. m. Sunday morning the people met for religious services. After singing by the choir, Elder W. H. Branch offered prayer. The sacrament was administered, and President Joseph F. Smith addressed the Saints, giving them some excellent counsel in their every day duties of life, and exhorting them to greater spiritual efforts. The following then spoke briefly: R. B. T. Taylor, H. P. Richards, W. W. Cluff, R. G. Lambert, W. H. Branch, H. H. Cluff, and the meeting was dismissed with benediction by Elihu Barrell.

The occasion was one that will not soon be forgotten by the Hawaiian Saints, or the visitors; the kindly spirit which was manifested will long be remembered.

Shortly after noon the visitors left on their return home, some of them making the thirty miles to Grantsville in buggies in three hours. The commendable manner in which things were arranged and carried out is due to President H. H. Cluff and S. E. Woolley and the Hawaiian Saints.

The place looks to be in a prosperous condition and the people contented and united and determined to make that portion of the desert "blossom as the rose."