

should, then, be ascertained on every important question. But the popular demand for any measure when the popular mind is inflamed, is no criterion for the framers of national law. *Vox populi* is either *vox dei* or *vox diaboli* according to the spirit which prevails at the time it is uttered. When stirred up by passion the voice of the people is an unsafe guide, and in nothing is this more apparent than in outcries arising from religious animosities or race antipathies. Reason then has little place in the hearts of the populace, and statesmen should stand above the level of the multitude and its fury, and act as wisdom dictates. But we have too few statesmen and too many politicians to warrant expectations of such lofty action.

We hope President Arthur will continue during his administration to exercise as much sound discretion and firm determination as he has exhibited in his veto of the anti-Chinese folly.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 5.

The Storm.—Yesterday while the wind was blowing and the snow descending in this valley, at Spanish Fork, Provo and other portions of Utah County the roads were dry and dusty, plowing was in progress, and other farm work. The storm did not stretch as far south as Spanish fork until 6 o'clock this morning when it commenced to lightly snow.

Machine Shops—Train Wrecking.—The following special was received to-day from Ogden:

The *Herald* has an account of an enthusiastic meeting last night. Resolutions were passed and a committee appointed to communicate with the U. P. for the erection of machine shops at Ogden.

The *Herald* also learns of an attempted train wrecking on the Utah & Northern between Glen and Melrose, on Monday night. It was discovered in time. No damage.

Releases and Appointments.—From the *Millennial Star* of March 20th:

The following named Elders are released to return to Utah with the April 12th company:—Charles W. Stayner, John Donaldson, John Evans, Mark Beazer, W. S. Brighton, David Cook, Robert Kewley, and W. C. Parkinson.

Appointments.—Bishop O. F. Whitney is appointed to succeed Elder Stayner in the *Millennial Star* Office.

W. R. Jones is appointed to succeed Elder Donaldson in the Presidency of the Liverpool Conference.

M. J. Thomas is appointed to succeed Elder Evans in the Presidency of the Welch Conference.

Alfred Alder is appointed to succeed Elder Beazer in the Presidency of the Bristol Conference.

The Conference Presidents released for the April 12th company are expected to give their successors all requisite instructions, and to be prepared to turn over to them the books, properties, etc., in a mutually well understood, correct and satisfactory manner; and will retain their positions till time for leaving to join their company, except in any case otherwise arranged by permission from this Office.

Wool Growers' Convention.—The wool growers of Salt Lake County met with the committee of Salt Lake Stake Board of Trade, at the Council House, at 9 a.m. to-day. A fair representation was present, but owing to the inclemency of the weather it was probably not so large as it would otherwise have been. There was a liberal interchange of views, which will probably result in a definite line of action. There seemed to be a pretty general sentiment in favor of the establishment of a commission through which the growers could dispose of their product and thus deal as directly as practicable with manufacturers. Such an arrangement would probably be satisfactory because while the growers would run the risks consequent upon the fluctuations in the market, they would also have the advantages of all favorable turns in the scale of prices. As the wool dealers here, as elsewhere, always purchase at rates that insure them against risks, the commission method could not fail to be more profitable to the producers than disposing of their wool to middle men. In the commission system the grower who takes good care of his wool, and prepares it

in good saleable shape, will have the full benefit of the extra pains taken by him, in the higher price he will command, which is only limitedly the case at present.

The meeting adjourned till 9 a.m. to-morrow, at the same place, when it is expected that some definite arrangement will be reached.

The Work in England.—We glean some information about matters pertaining to the ministry in England from the *Millennial Star* of March 20th. At a conference held in Leeds, on March 12th, Elders laboring in that section reported as follows:

Elder R. Hillam reported Bradford District as being in good condition with but few exceptions, 16 had been baptized and seven re-baptized and the saints trying to live their religion.

Elder J. I. Rich reported the Wakefield District as in good condition with but few exceptions, the Saints striving to do right; nine had been baptized in that district since Oct. 1st.

Elder J. R. Howard said it was a difficult task to report the Hull district. He had not been around the district as yet; there were but few Saints. He had given away several hundred tracts, was confident that some would embrace the truth, had baptized one, and two had given in their names for baptism.

Elder William Wood gives details of a case of healing. George Graystone, afflicted with rheumatic fever, appeared to be approaching death. He was administered to by Elders W. Wood, J. H. White and J. England and restored by the power of God to comparative health.

Elders W. R. Webb and J. A. McAllister give an interesting account of a trip through the northern part of England and a portion of the south of Scotland. They visited the towns of Alnwick, Alnmouth, Belford, Berwick and Kelso. Concluding their communication, they say:

"We walked over 100 miles and distributed over 1,000 tracts, besides the articles of our faith and our larger tracts that we gave to ministers. We held several out-door meetings and bore our testimony both in private and public, and feel that our trips have not been made in vain."

Weather Report.—The following was received by Deseret Telegraph at 11.15 this morning:

Corinne—Cloudy, cold, looks like storming; a very little snow fell last night.

Franklin, Idaho—Snowing and blowing from north; thermometer 34.

Springville—Cloudy, cold; snowing little, wind blowing.

Sandy—North wind and snowing. Frisco—Snowed all night, clearing up this morning.

Kaysville—Strong north wind blowing, clouds very heavy, was sleeping last night.

Bingham—Snow 18 inches, still snowing and blowing.

Ogden—About two inches of snow on ground and snowing a little now.

Paris, Idaho—Very stormy, froze hard last night, snowed a little last night.

Brigham City—Cloudy and calm; snowed a little this morning. Thermometer 36.

Provo—Snowing and blowing, cold and disagreeable.

Monroe—Cold and cloudy, with south wind blowing; no snow.

Salina—Half inch snow last night; cloudy to day.

Manti—Cloudy and cold; snowed a little last night.

Ephraim—Cloudy and cold; two inches snow fell last night; looks like more snow.

Mt. Pleasant—Snowing hard; very cold.

Fillmore—About two inches snow on ground; still snowing.

Beaver—Been storming for last 24 hours with heavy wind from southwest; snow about two inches deep.

Cedar City—Stormed all day yesterday, rain and snow—cold—snowing this morning.

Payson—Cold and damp, snowing some.

Logan—Cold—snowing.

American Fork—Stormy, about two inches of snow and drifting hard.

Nephi—Commenced snowing yesterday evening about 4 o'clock—snowed all night, still snowing. Eight inches on the level—packed solid.

Silver Reef—Snowed last night about two inches, melted now except on foot-hills—cloudy.

St. George—Rained last night and this morning—cloudy.

Pioche, Nevada—Snowed about two inches during the night—calm and cold.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 8.

Bad Roads.—Brother George Crane, who arrived to-day from Kanosh, Millard County, by team, states that the roads between Spanish Fork and this city are simply execrable, the bottom being almost beyond reach. He comes as a delegate from Millard County, to the Constitutional Convention to be held on Monday.

Wool Growers' Convention.—According to adjournment, the wool growers of Salt Lake County met in the Council House at 9 a.m. to-day. There was a full representation. After a good deal of discussion, during which an excellent feeling prevailed, the following resolution was presented and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the wool growers of Salt Lake County, assembled in convention, that they will either combine together and ship their wool or that they will place it in the hands of agents recommended by the Salt Lake Stake Board of Trade to sell for them on commission.

Shooting at Mona.—The *Enquirer* is informed of a shooting affair that occurred at Mona, Juab Co., last Monday. A young man by the name of John Young, met another man, named Dick Netherly, and without any cause or provocation Young drew his pistol and fired at Netherly, the ball taking effect in the arm. Young escaped to the mountains. It is supposed the cause of the shooting resulted from a previous dispute. Netherly is not seriously hurt.

Laying Track.—We learn from Brother R. W. Driggs, just up from Pleasant Grove, that tracklaying on the Denver and Rio Grande R. R. has reached a point opposite that town, which the line passes at a distance of a mile and a half.

As the road touches close to the other towns between Provo and this city, the people of Pleasant Grove felt as if they were left out in the cold. The company has lately tendered a little mollification upon this point by intimating an intention of building a switch from the main line up to town.

Deseret Museum.—F. R. Clayton, Esq., editor *Southern Usonian*, has presented a fine specimen of tomahawk made by the Sioux Indians. It constitutes a pipe as well as a hatchet, is well made of iron, the perforated stem made of ash and ornamented with figures.

Models of fish-hatching apparatus, etc., have been placed on exhibition by the Curator.

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th volumes of the *DESERET NEWS* have been presented to the Museum library, by James McKnight, Esq.

Lightning Freak.—The Logan *Leader* speaks thus about an incident mentioned by the News a day or two since:

"During the storm last Monday evening a most remarkable freak of lightning occurred. In an apartment in the house of Mr. E. M. Lee on the Island, 13 persons were seated on chairs around the room. In the centre of the floor lay a cat fast asleep, when a bolt of lightning came down through the chimney and struck the sleeping feline, killing it instantly. Two persons in the room received a shock, but were not seriously hurt. One of them, a boy, was struck in the feet. His legs below the knees became perfectly white for a short time, but he soon recovered his normal condition."

Knocked Down and Robbed.—The Ogden *Herald* says that on Wednesday night, in that town:

"A stranger who had come in from the railroad was walking along Fourth street, when near the electric light tower, he was accosted by three individuals, one of whom knocked him down to the ground while the other two fellows jumped on him, breaking one of his ribs and going through his pockets. Having secured all the money the helpless man had on his person, they left him abruptly before he had time or strength enough to call for assistance."

The name of the hapless victim is not given by the paper publishing the incident.

Returned Missionary.—This morning we received a call from Elder J. W. Packer, of Brigham City, who lately returned from a mission to the Southern States. He left home on the 12th of October

and labored in Georgia, first in company with Elder Samuel Bills, of Sanpete, and lately with Elder John W. Taylor, of this city. During his ministry he, in connection with his companions, assisted at the baptism of 17 new members. He traveled in several counties, and although many times threatened by mobs, he enjoyed his labors, and met many good friends who treated him with great kindness.

Elder John W. Taylor has removed from Georgia and is now laboring in Kentucky.

RELIEF SOCIETY REPORT.

The following are the statistics of the Relief Society, which were read before the Conference on Friday morning:

No. of Teachers,	-	-	-	2,620
No. of Members,	-	-	-	11,847
Total Officers and Members,	-	-	-	15,329
No. of meetings held,	-	-	-	2,090
Average attendance,	-	-	-	4,822
No. of Exponents taken,	-	-	-	577
Cash on hand at last report,	-	-	-	\$4,347 45
Property " " " "	-	-	-	48,128 18
Wheat " " " "	-	-	-	bushels, 19,709
Cash received,	-	-	-	\$4,573 71
Property, " " " "	-	-	-	4,655 54
Wheat, " " " "	-	-	-	No. of bushels, 4,990

DISBURSEMENTS.

To the poor, in cash	-	-	\$1,024 53
" " property	-	-	3,166 42
To emigration	-	-	224 98
" Temple, in cash	-	-	1,106 27
" " property	-	-	1,222 10
" Home industries, cash	-	-	287 10
" " property	-	-	93 03
" Missionaries, books	-	-	109 50
" " cash	-	-	243 62
" Buildings, cash	-	-	1,227 19
" " property	-	-	646 76
" Indians, property	-	-	22 83

ON HAND.

In Cash	-	-	\$4,760 97
" Property	-	-	58,128 45
" Bushels of wheat	-	-	26,072

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FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 10.

School and Farm Work.—A Fairview, Sanpete, correspondent writes:

Day and Sunday schools have been well attended this winter, and much good has been done in the way of training the young and tender minds in the right way. We have also a small Presbyterian school now, to accommodate such as are weak in the faith of the true God.

Spring work is now being pushed ahead.

Homicide.—A letter from one of the brethren at St. David, on the San Pedro River, Arizona, states that a man named McMinnehan, owner of a large sheep herd, whose ranch was about three miles from the settlement, was found murdered on the 28th of March. Three bullets had been fired into his body. The deceased was possessed of considerable wealth, and is supposed to have been murdered for his money, by roughs, of which class there is quite a number in that part of the country. That element is, however, getting somewhat thinned down by a vigorous enforcement of the law.

Heavily Afflicted.—F. Christensen wrote from Fairview, Sanpete County, April 6th:

We have, as a Ward, been sorely afflicted this winter and spring, especially since the opening of 1882. Scarletina has prevailed, and for a time spread in our midst, by which many young children have passed away. Out of our little population of about 800 souls, 13 have been taken since January 1st, and of these but one could be said to be of mature age, while the other 12 were under the age of 20 years. To-day, three children are lying corpses in as many different families, awaiting burial. One of the afflicted families at this time is that of our esteemed Bishop, Amasa Tucker, bereaved of a little girl not one year old.

U. & N. Smashup.—On Friday last, as freight train No. 7 was coming down grade from what is known as Nine-mile Switch, between Oxford and Oneida, the engineer noticed one rail raised and sprung about two feet out of position, a short distance ahead. There was no time to stop, and a smashup was inevitable. He accordingly called to his fireman to jump, which they both did, and a moment later the engine and 14 loaded cars were piled in a heap on either side of the track. The conductor was on the fourth car from the engine, and by jumping, escaped injury, except a few scratches. It was a warm day, and the cause of the accident is said to be the expansion of the rails.—*Blackfoot Register*, April 8.

Light and Shade.—Last Thursday, Mr. James Bradshaw, apparently a hale and hearty old gentleman, arrived from Council Bluffs on a visit to relatives at Slaterville, Weber County, whom he had not seen for a dozen years. It was a joyful meeting, but the Ogden *Herald* states that the pleasure was soon turned to mourning. On Friday afternoon, while at the residence of his brother, Mr. Henry Bradshaw, the visitor suddenly began to complain of failing speech and attacks of faintness at the heart and stomach. His articulation, after a short time, ceased altogether, and he lapsed into utter unconsciousness, in which condition he continued until about 11 p.m., when his death occurred.

Densely Crowded.—Yesterday, seven hundred Conference visitors from the country departed by the two o'clock train for the South. Notwithstanding this fact, the Tabernacle was crowded to excess, every foot of standing as well as sitting room being occupied, and hundreds of people were on the outside, unable to gain admittance. The attendance was doubtless larger than that of any similar occasion on record. At the forenoon session of the Conference yesterday also the building was packed to its utmost capacity. It now transpires that even the mammoth Tabernacle has become too small for the more numerous attended meetings of the General Conferences of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Salt River.—We were pleased to receive a call to-day from President A. F. McDonald, of Salt River District, Maricopa Co., Arizona. We learn from him that it is a promising country, having more facilities than this had when it was first settled. All the necessary facilities for a fine agricultural district are there excepting timber, which is scarce. The water is conveyed by canal on to the Mesa or table lands.

The entire country bears the marks of a high civilization long past, in the form of scientifically constructed aqueducts, mounds, ruins of buildings and other remains of an intelligent people. The settlers of Mesa City now use five miles of one of the ancient canals, which answers their purpose admirably.

The climate bears a strong resemblance to that of Southern Utah, being very warm from May to September, but mild during the balance of the year.

Brother Macdonald says that Mesa is greatly in want of a good shoemaker, music teacher, blacksmith and school teacher. Any proper person proficient in either of these pursuits would find a good opening. Information can be obtained from him.

The schools of Maricopa are free, and good salaries are paid to teachers, by the county.

Semi-annual Conference of the Y. M. M. I. A.—The Semi-Annual Conference of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association of the Territory was held at the Assembly Hall last evening at seven o'clock.

The General Superintendency of the associations—W. Woodruff, Jos. F. Smith, Moses Thatcher, and Assistant J. F. Wells were present. The congregation was large, the house being crowded.

The opening prayer was offered by Apostle Brigham Young. The roll call showed fifteen Stake organizations represented, exhibiting an aggregate membership of over 9,000.

The general authorities of the associations were presented by President Joseph F. Smith and unanimously sustained.

A committee was appointed to get up a uniform style of record to be used by all the associations.

Reports of associations, showing they were doing a large amount of good, were given as follows:

Utah Stake, by M. H. Hardy; Sevier, W. H. Seegmiller; Sanpete, J. F. Alfred; Davis, A. V. Call; Cache, L. R. Martineau; St. George, A. W. Ivins; Weber, E. H. Anderson; Wasatch, Brother Watson; Tooele, C. Anderson; Millard, L. Holbrook; Panguitch, J. W. Crosby.

Besides these, Sister Clark gave a report of the Young Ladies Associations of Davis Stake; Sister Cluff those of Utah Stake and Sister Elmina Taylor of the Territory generally.

Instructive remarks were made by Presidents W. Woodruff and Smith, and Apostle M. Thatcher, of the general superintendency.

The benediction was pronounced by Apostle Erastus Snow.