

THE EVENING NEWS.

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THE "ALTA CALIFORNIA" AND THE  
MORMONS.

THE *Alta California* of the 24th inst. has an editorial headed "Utah and her Mines," which, is not, however, confined to mining affairs, but comments upon the religion, character and domestic institutions of the people of Utah, as well as upon her mines. The writer is evidently not one of the Mormon-owning class who, unfortunately, so often wield the editorial pen, and who, if they can see any good in Utah or among her people, are not willing to admit the same. It is gratifying to see once in a while, a brother of the quill like this, who can manifest a degree of liberality and common sense while handling Mormon affairs as well as on any other subject.

According to this writer, the coming question, and one which will demand a prompt decision, is, Shall the East or the West reap the profit accruing from reducing the ores mined in Utah? The *Alta* says that a party of gentlemen, occupying a prominent position among the miners of this Territory, were about to visit San Francisco to effect a solution of this query. It thinks that if this branch of Utah trade be drawn to San Francisco the railroad and mill men, and smelters will have to reduce their figures considerably; and it evidently inclines somewhat to the opinion that it will be worth their while to do so, as it says, the present produce of the mines of Utah is \$200,000 per month, with a prospect of continual increase, for Utah promises in a few years to become one of the chief silver producing regions on the continent, no district in Nevada, save White Pine, having given such promise of richness as some of the mines now worked in the Territory of Utah.

The *Alta* is of the opinion that if the mines here prove as rich as surface explorations indicate, a large gentile population will soon be drawn hither, which, of course, will exercise much influence on the future of the Territory. He says, the "bitterness of feeling" which once existed between "Mormons" and "Gentiles" residents is moderating; "The Mormons" are trying to make themselves agreeable to the better class of new comers, "many of which in return are unwilling to sustain the old Gentile policy of trying to make trouble at every opportunity and on any pretext."

It then goes over some of the old ground, including polygamy, the old thinks cannot be perpetuated; it asserts that the general opinion here among the prudent and intelligent gentiles is that the peculiar institution should be allowed, or assisted to die out gently and peacefully. It is of the opinion that the mass of the Mormon people have lost little of their faith in their leaders; that they would bitterly resent "the passage of the Cullom or any other similar measure; says that they are proud of their success in building up the Territory; and adds they have proved themselves faithful and diligent laborers, and it doubts not that with kind and prudent management their political institutions can be brought into harmony with the rest of the country. As for our religion, the *Alta* says, as far as it does not lead to polygamy, it is no "worse than various forms of superstition tolerated under our laws." It concludes its article by saying that, "as the people of Utah are rich, and her mines orderly and industrious, they may yet become a source of credit as well as wealth to the American Union."

We think there is much to admire in the liberality manifested by the *Alta*, and in the views of its writer; but with all respect to both we desire to ask a question or two, suggested by its article.

Can the writer of this article, who is undoubtedly posted considerably in relation to Utah affairs, deny that the people here have already proved a source of credit and wealth to the Union? We think he cannot. He admits their success in building up the Territory, says that as laborers they have proved themselves faithful and diligent; and we know that all who visit here, no matter of what nation or persuasion, freely admit that the state of society here is more peaceful, sober, orderly and less marred by crime of any description than any other portion of the earth they have visited. Seeing that this is the direct result of the course of life pursued by the people of Utah, we think they are already a great credit to the Union, and do not need to wait years before they prove themselves to be, as hinted by the *Alta*.

As for becoming a source of wealth to the Union, we affirm, without the least fear of contradiction, that they have been already. There is no need to remind our contemporary of what the people of Utah have done. He is as well aware as we that, to their pioneer labors, the Union is indebted for the opening up of nearly the whole of the national domain included between the Missouri river and the Pacific ocean; and thus, in opening up a vast extent of desert

territory, in which industrious millions of population may find homes, extend manufactures and vastly develop and increase the aggregate of the nation's resources and wealth, the people of Utah have done more to enrich their country than the same number of people, ten times told, in any other section of the Union, whether the mines here, do or do not prove as rich as the reports in circulation with regard to them lead some to anticipate. We think if our contemporary will permit the liberality and good sense which he evidently possesses, to sway him in this view of Utah affairs he will at once admit that our claims are just and cannot be shaken.

A big strike among the boot and shoe makers of New York City is now in progress, and threatens to be an obstinate one. The cause of the move on the part of the "journe" was a heavy reduction of wages by the employers. The latter claim that they have lost heavily in their business the past season, and they formed an employers' protective association, and resolved to indemnify themselves in part by reducing the wages of their employees. This programme was announced to the men, who met in convention and sought to adjust the differences by a compromise, without having recourse to a strike, but the bosses wouldn't budge, and a strike was declared.

The Crispin's Association in New York is very strong, numbering, it is said, five thousand, and they have resolved not to submit to the terms of the employers. They have made an appeal to the various Union societies of other trades for contributions, and with the aid thus received, and their own funds they are supporting the families of those out of work through the strike. Three thousand dollars a week are required for this purpose. The latest report is that the workmen out of employ are about to start a co-operative factory; and that an organization is to be effected immediately.

This is a sensible conclusion, and if the members of the Crispin Society will use their means for this purpose they may forever emancipate themselves from the tyranny of bosses. If this be the result of the present strike, the protective organization of the bosses will be a failure, and their tyrannical measures will work out their own defeat. It is so in everything, every evil carries its own remedy along.

Called—General C. C. Rich, from Bear Lake Valley, called this afternoon. He reports a general time of health in Rich county. There is plenty of snow up there, and consequently good sleighing. The General is in the enjoyment of splendid health.

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WASHINGTON.

Minister Schenck.

WASHINGTON.—The Department of State has not yet prepared Minister Schenck's instructions on the Alabama claims, nor will they until Schenck returns to Washington. It is not yet officially known when the new minister will leave, but it is reported that he will do so about the middle of January.

The sub committee on appropriations is now engaged in preparing a bill for a full investigation of alleged frauds in the purchase of Indian goods and supplies.

WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 23, 1879.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.—In the United States District Court, today, Dexter Mills and others were arraigned for trial, charged with smuggling and alleged frauds covering a period of between three and four years, to the amount of nearly three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO.—The dead body of a well dressed man, evidently in a passing way, was found lying on the north of West Madison street, near the corner of the street.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, 27.—Jean Auzar, a notorious Spanish gambler and desperado, attacked a young man named Hernandez, with a knife, at San Jose, this morning. Mariano Hernandez, seeing his brother's life in peril, fired, killing Auzar. Hernandez' brother was promptly admitted to bail.

VIRGINIA.

Richmond.—No more bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the recent great fire, and it is thought that the number of victims is now known. The celebrations which were fixed for today, of the Masonic fraternity and the Knights Pythias, have been postponed indefinitely on account of the loss of a number of those orders in the fire.

Dr. Milford, a prominent physician, for many years professor of Materia Medica in the Virginia Medical College, died this morning, aged 74.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Gladstone denies having turned Roman Catholic. He says he is a Protestant.

LONDON, 27.—A delegation of the inhabitants of Luxembourg, to-day presented Prince Henry a patriotic address. The prince, in reply, expressed confidence in their ability to defend the rights of the Duchy. He had faith in the justice of their cause and the loyalty of the signers of the treaty of 1871.

Gladstone has published a letter, indignantly denying the report of his conversion to the Roman Catholic faith.

LONDON, 27, midnight.—The French army of the North has fallen back on Arras, having evacuated Corbier Albert to the Germans.

Bismarck, in a note to the Cabinet of Vienna, calls attention to the reorganization of Germany, and expresses hope that nothing in the treaty of Prague will interfere with her development.

GERMANY.

Dresden, 27.—A dispatch from the Commanding General of the Saxon troops before Paris announces that the bombardment of Fort Avron commenced to-day. This fortification is the most advanced of the French outposts on the east of Paris, and crowns Mont-Avon, a considerable elevation, six miles from the city walls.

Died.

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Special Notices.

Z. C. M. I. High Noon.—Will arrive and be for sale, on Saturday, December 28th, 1879, Three Hives of Fancy Assorted Bees for the Bazaar. Persons desirous of securing appropriate presents should be on hand to secure the rare Novelties.

H. B. CLAWSON, Supt.

CHRISTMAS is the time, par excellence, for good cheer. Everybody expects to have a share of the good things of life in the shape of Beef, Mutton, Pork, etc. All who calculate to enjoy themselves in this line this Christmas may procure first-class cuts of MEAT, CHICKEN, DUCK, STALL NO. 2 in the Meat Market. His supply of all kinds of Meats is of the very best quality, and the public will find George as civil and obliging as his steaks and joints are excellent.

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