

hills for removing difficulties which prevent the easy and cheap transfer of land, for mitigating the distressed condition of the poorer classes in the western highlands and islands of Scotland; for the more effectual prevention of accidents in mines; for extending the powers of the railway commission in respect to the regulation of rates, and for the codification of criminal law. I trust that the results will be beneficial to the cause of education. There is one from the royal commission which I have appointed to inquire into the working of the education acts. The prompt and effective dispatch of important business which, in the ever growing proportion, falls to you to transact, will, I doubt not, occupy your attention. In these and in all other matters pertaining to your high functions, I earnestly commend you to the keeping and guidance of Almighty God."

CORRESPONDENCE.

RICH COUNTY ITEMS.

RANDOLPH, Utah,  
Jan. 12, 1886.

Editor Deseret News:

A few items from Bear River Valley may be of interest to some of your many readers, who are interested in the prosperity of our people, both temporally and spiritually.

As Latter-day Saints we are prospering, and, according to reports from our Bishops and other leading men, the Saints are improving, and there is a general good feeling existing, as shown by the good attendance at our Sunday meetings and the general interest taken by old and young in our quorum meetings, Young Men's and Young Ladies' Associations, Sunday schools and Primaries.

Last year was very prolific; better crops, both in grass and grain, we never had. Hay and stock are our chief products. The annual meeting of the stock growers' Association was held at Randolph, Jan. 11th. Members from most all parts of the county were present and a lively interest was taken at the meeting. The following were elected as officers of the Association for the year 1886: President, Ira Nebeker; first vice-President, W. U. Lee; second vice-President, John Snow; Secretary and Treasurer, Wesley K. Walton; executive committee, A. C. Cull, Aquilla Nebeker, W. B. Gunn, B. Sessions, Josiah Eldredge, W. U. Wyman, G. W. Sprose, E. McMillan and H. Both. Through the energy of the executive committee last year, three cattle thieves were arrested and brought to justice, one going to the penitentiary in Wyoming the other two, being young, had sentence suspended in their cases during good behavior.

The association this year will issue a brand book, showing each member's brands, and, as there will be one hundred extra copies published, those extras will be distributed among other associations, poundkeepers and stock men, so that our brands will be known, and instead of our stray stock going to stray pounds, or being taken up by cattle thieves, they will be taken care of by other associations or stock men, who have an equal interest in the stock industry. If other associations would do likewise, get out brand books and distribute them freely, it would put a damper on stock thieves.

Bear River Valley is coming to the front. A few years ago it was looked upon as a cold, unforbearing place, with nothing to be seen but sage brush and with frost every month in the year; but mark the change! The land is most all taken up, the sage brush is going (to ashes,) irrigating ditches and canals are being constructed, good grain is being raised—wheat, oats, barley, etc., just as fine blooded stock as can be found in the United States are on our ranges or in our stables, and in my opinion it will not be many years before eastern stock men will come to the west for good, healthy, large-lunged, sound-footed, pure-bred stock; for our mountain air, water and grass cannot be surpassed. And as for our people, if those in the east, who think that the "Mormons" are a poor, down-trodden and dejected lot, would come and see for themselves, instead of the pictures drawn by anti-"Mormon" writers, they would find a bright, healthy, intelligent, god-fearing people, with a rising generation that the world cannot equal, who are being taught to be true to the principles of the scriptures and to the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As to the present tirade against the Saints, there can justly be but one view taken: it is illegal, cruel, un-Christian like, has a tendency to disrupt society, morality and religion and is a crying disgrace to this great and free nation.

Whether my stay be long or short on the earth it matters but little. I wish to bear my humble testimony to old and young, Saints and sinners, that I have a living and abiding testimony that the "Mormon" Church, so-called in its entirety is the Kingdom of God and will stand forever.

taught to be truthful, honest, virtuous, industrious and law-abiding, who can be seen by thousands in our Sunday schools and who yet will be looked to by the world with pride; for truth is mighty and will prevail.

Wishing the DESERET NEWS prosperity and the patronage it so richly deserves, I remain your Brother.

J. S.

EXPERIENCE AND TESTIMONY OF A VETERAN.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
January 16th, 1886.

Editor Deseret News:

My natural birth on this mundane sphere occurred on the 23d of November, 1816, my spiritual birth on the 16th of January, 1833, making me 69 years, 1 month and 23 days of age in the former, and just 53 years in the latter.

During the first half of my life I had a long chapter of accidents and much sickness, being twice given up for dead as well as several times being considered beyond hope of recovery. Yet the hand of God has ever been over me. The most of my kindred, with much stronger prospects of life than myself, have gone to the bourne from which all travelers will return, for judgment and reward, good or bad, according to their works.

While, with my present experience, I can see many places where I might improve had I my life to live over again, yet, with the same knowledge, I have not the slightest desire to try it, as I can see many instances where I might do much worse. More abundantly do I see this when I reflect upon the fact that several Apostles and other leading men in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have apostatized from their most sacred covenants and denied the faith of the holy Gospel.

While I have not, perhaps, been as progressive as I should have been, I have nevertheless been an humble instrument in traveling several thousands of miles and preaching the Gospel, and winning a few humble souls unto Christ.

The gifts of healing the sick, causing the palsied to arise and walk, casting out devils, speaking with tongues and the interpretation of tongues have followed my administrations.

Among others I aided in securing this land on which we dwell to the government of the United States and to the present inhabitants. I have also been a humble instrument in compiling and publishing a history of the longest and most arduous infantry campaign known to mortal man, thus preserving an important link in the history of the most loyal Latter-day Saints and of our great nation. I have aided with over five hundred others, mostly Latter-day Saints, in making the first wagon road over a thousand miles across the great American desert and in making the desert blossom like the rose in this once arid region. I was a humble instrument in organizing and teaching the second Sabbath school in Utah and the third so far as I know of among the Saints.

I have ever endeavored to bind up the broken-hearted and comfort the household of faith. I have also been a humble instrument in redeeming many of those who were shut up in the prison-house of darkness.

The foregoing are a few of the incidents of my life, of which I feel humbly proud; yet so far from a desire to boast, my most humble regret is that I have not done more in the great work which God has set up on the earth through His great apostle and seer Joseph Smith. My long experience has endeared him to me, as also the great work he has established. I am equally attached to the present leaders of the Church. Their teachings in public and private during my acquaintance with them have universally been of the highest type of morality, virtue and religion. For fifty-three years I have lived by them, and the fact that I shall die by them is the greatest solace of my heart. I trust in God that I shall never commit any sin, or neglect any duty that will bar me from the society of the great and good men here referred to in the eternal future.

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DANIEL TYLER.

INDIGNATION OVER DEPUTIES' DOINGS.

SOME PROPOSITIONS THAT ARE WORTH CONSIDERING.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
January 15, 1886.

Editor Deseret News:

The reports published in the EVENING NEWS of the arrests made at American Fork and West Jordan by men claiming to be deputy marshals, show a terrible state of affairs in this Territory, carrying the impression that a person has only to become a deputy marshal to indulge in any kind of law-

lessness without any fear of being held to account for the same. I well remember hearing (I won't prosecute them) Varian say in his argument before Judge Zane, on the hearing of the contempt case of Andrew Burt, that the officers had been strictly cautioned by him to refrain from committing any act in the discharge of their duties that was unbecoming an officer, or words to that effect: Now let us see whether Mr. Varian will make an examination of the acts of the officers complained of or not.

If the information received by you is thoroughly reliable it should be the business of some one to see that proper affidavits be made and complaints filed, charging those officers with the offenses they have committed, as defined by statute, and let the proceedings take place before the Third District Court (if proper) and demand of Judge Zane a warrant for the arrest of these officers. It seems to me that an offense of house-breaking is chargeable against some of them, while against another that of threatening with a deadly weapon.

It is time that officers of the law, whether deputy marshals or not, be taught the lesson that when they go in the name of the law they must go as the law directs, and not do as they please; and let the courts rule upon this question: Whether officers of the law, without resistance, or request for admission, and without a warrant, have a right to break into citizens' houses at any hour of the day or night, or to intimidate defenseless children and females to compel them to do something contrary to their free will, or to order a person to stop on pain of being shot without having a warrant for that person's arrest or even knowing his name.

For my part I am free to confess that if any one, be he officer or otherwise, should attempt to break into my house without requesting me to open the door or without a warrant to enter the house I would treat such person as a housebreaker or burglar, and run my chances. If a man should meet me on the public highway or attempt to overtake me and order me to stop on pain of being shot, without stating by what authority he did so, I would treat him as a highwayman and feel justified in so doing.

As instances of the kind I have named are increasing, I suggest that a committee of honorable citizens be formed for the purpose of protecting and defending the rights of our citizens who may not understand their rights and to inquire into all arrests made and subpoenas served, and if the officers have violated the law, that prosecutions be immediately commenced against them in the courts for their unlawful acts.

There is one question I would like to see decided, and that is, if a deputy, in serving subpoenas on witnesses, has the right to arrest them and take them by force away at once. Is not this the process of attachment, which can only be used after the witness has failed to appear at the time required? I think this is the process that is asked for in the new Edmunds law that has just passed the Senate, and if it is lawful, where is the necessity for a law giving that power? I will here say that the deputies' organ, the Tribune, says that Mix ordered a man to stop and get off his horse or he would knock him off, and it further appears that this man Mix did not know the person he was talking to. The officers themselves must have given the Tribune reporter these items under the impression that it was a valorous deed. They may bark up the wrong tree some day.

Yours truly,  
A LOVER OF FAIR PLAY.

A SURPRISE.

TO APOSTLE LORENZO SNOW.

Just before Apostle Lorenzo Snow left home to attend his recent trial in Ogden he was the recipient of a most agreeable surprise.

While seated at his desk in his office, a messenger announced a surprise awaiting him in the parlor, where his presence was immediately solicited. Abruptly disposing of his pen, he directed his steps to the open door of the parlor, where a surprise in the form of about thirty young ladies—all of the officers, and only officers of the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association of Brigham City, standing in a circle around the room, awaited him.

After overcoming the first sensation sufficiently to proffer the compliments of the season, and a general shaking of hands, the eldest of the secretaries present read the following short and pithy

ADDRESS:

Dearly beloved and highly respected  
President Lorenzo Snow:

It is with very peculiar feelings that we present ourselves here to-day, as representatives of the young ladies of Brigham City, with a desire to express the sentiments of all the members of our Mutual Improvement Association. Although in an imperfect manner, we avail ourselves of this opportunity of manifesting our respect for, and the high esteem which we mutually entertain toward our beloved friend and President, Apostle Lorenzo Snow. We do, and ever shall remember the deep interest, and the great care and kindness you have manifested toward us from the day we were organized, and even before that time you always made the young feel and realize your great anxiety for their improvement and welfare—not only

spiritually, but morally and intellectually.

You have blessed and set apart many in the various offices and callings, and your words have inspired in our hearts stronger aims for higher and more ennobling purposes.

No other man has exercised such an influence of true nobility and refinement in our midst. We estimate you in the character of a true gentleman; but that is very insignificant in comparison with your real appellation, viz: a true Apostle of Jesus, the Son of the Living God.

We feel anxious to be of service to you in these troublesome times, and our inability to do so causes us grief. We assure you that the young ladies of Brigham City, whom we, their officers, have the honor to represent, will always remember you wherever you may be, with the greatest respect, honor and love. We shall never forget the many times you have gladdened our meetings with your presence; and how you always made us feel that your heart was full of fatherly care and interest in our behalf.

Should God, our heavenly Father, see proper in His All-wise Providence to suffer our enemies to drag you to prison, it will be for righteousness' sake, and He will glorify you in glorifying Himself through the testimony of your sacrifices. We pray him to bless you with all that will be most conducive to your comfort, and we will continually pray that God will give you strength according to your day.

BIGHAM CITY, Jan. 18th, 1886.

AN UNWORTHY OBJECT OF PATRONAGE.

"Zion, they shall oppress thee no more."

SALT LAKE CITY,  
January 16, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

We are reliably informed that the Singer Sewing Machine Company have made some great changes in their affairs in Zion, which may be news to you.

The Montana branch office, formerly conducted by the Salt Lake office, have been assigned to the Milwaukee office. The control of the Salt Lake office has been transferred to Colorado, and it is now directed by the Denver office.

It is to be hoped that the company will continue to make such changes as will be of benefit to themselves and approved of by the people.

One of the present agents has the honor of being the first foreman of the grand jury which opened the persecuting campaign against the Latter-day Saints, and assisted with others in committing the first lady witness to the penitentiary for non-compliance with the demands of that inquisitorial body.

He has also been known to denounce the Latter-day Saints as being disloyal to the government, owing to their religious belief.

In return for these honors he has been blessed and patronized to an unusual extent; yes, even very much blessed.

How appropriately the Psalmist David sings:

When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few and another take his offices.

As he loved earrings, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessings, so let it be far from him.

As he clothed himself with cursings as with garment, so let it come into his bowels like water and like oil into his bones.

Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

CONGREGATIONALIST PSALM SINGER.

A FRIENDLY VOICE.

BIGHAM, Utah,  
January 17, 1886.

Editor Deseret News:

I am not a writer fit for publication in the News, but I have been in Utah for some years, though never a member of the so-called "Mormon" Church. Before I came to Utah I had heard all manner of had reports of the "Mormons," but I am now glad to say that I don't know of one that I have found to be true. I have taken a good deal of pains to satisfy myself of the truth of the Book of Mormon, and if we have sufficient evidence to believe that Christ is risen from the dead, and is the Redeemer of the world, we have as strong proof to believe the Book of Mormon; and that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, as we do to believe any part of the Bible—the proof of both is sufficient.

But to see the stand the government has taken against the "Mormon" Church is alarming; they take the reports of men that are sent here to stop polygamy, or, I might as well say, to put down the "Mormon" Church and have never made any fair investigation hyunprejudiced men. Congress acts on reports. I don't believe to-day there is a man in Congress who even has taken the trouble to learn the truth of the "Mormon" doctrine for himself; still they sit as judges and make laws against a religion they know nothing of. There should be every fair means used to get the President and Congress to investigate this matter. It is plain to every unprejudiced person that there is now no such thing as an impartial trial for a "Mormon."

There are plenty of business men in Utah who should take hold of these

things and write and have the whole matter published in the papers all over the States. If I were a good writer they would hear from me: I do write many letters to my friends as it is.

The people of Utah should use means to circulate Church books and the News as much as they well can. In all cases give nothing but true facts. The people should not blame the courts and officers for carrying out the laws, but all honest people should use their influence against a one-sided business.

I am not one that should instruct the News, but I think we should not be drawn away so far in a quarrel as to forget home business.

If there is anything in this of any benefit to use you can do so, and I do hope Government will look into these things fairly.

Respectfully,

W. P. EDWARDS.

SOCIAL DETECTIVE BUSINESS.

The Inter-Mountain published at Butte, Montana has the following society item:

"It is the gossip in social circles that several married ladies, whose husbands stay out rather late at night, have employed a private detective (who through the columns of the city papers offers his services) to shadow their lords and masters, and ascertain what attractions keep them out so late. One lively conjugal row is said to have resulted already, and more will probably follow."

If the "several married ladies" in this city were to learn of the capers of their "respectable" lords and masters, as witnessed by detectives whose lips it is proposed to seal by judicial process, they would understand the kind of attractions that have kept them out late at night and the reason why those "business"-kept or "club"-detained spouses were so loud-mouthed in professed hatred of plural marriage. "Business" is a convenient excuse for tardiness and "regard for the sanctities of home" a pious poluter to evade suspicion. "Lively conjugal rows" would be common in this region in certain quarters if all was told that is positively true.

75 Cents for Health and Beauty.

Using Syrup of Prunes will cure constipation, biliousness, and purify the blood, thus assuring good health and a pure complexion, free from pimples and imperfections. The only true fruit laxative. Sold by Z. C. M. I.

A Clear Skin

is only a part of beauty; but it is a part. Every lady may have it; at least, what looks like it. Magnolia Balm both freshens and beautifies.

LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Probate Court in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the Estate of Elnathan Eldredge.

Order appointing time and place for settlement account and to hear petition for distribution.

ON READING AND FILING THE PETITION of Elnathan and F. B. Eldredge, administrators of the estate of Elnathan Eldredge, deceased, setting forth that they have filed their final account of their administration upon said estate in this Court, that all the debts and expenses of administration have been fully paid, and that a portion of said estate remains to be divided among the heirs of said deceased, and praying among other things for an order of distribution of the residue of said estate among the persons entitled.

It is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of the said Elnathan Eldredge, deceased, be and appear before the Probate Court of the County of Salt Lake, at the Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House on the 21st day of January, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., then and there to show cause why an order of distribution should not be made of the residue of said estate among the heirs and devisees of the said Elnathan Eldredge, deceased, according to law.

It is further ordered that the Clerk cause copies of this order to be posted in three public places and published in the DESERET WEEKLY NEWS, a newspaper printed and circulated in Salt Lake County, three weeks successively prior to said 21st day of January, 1886.

ELIAS A. SMITH,  
Probate Judge.

Dated December 28th, 1885.

TERRITORY OF UTAH,  
County of Salt Lake.

I, John C. Cutler, Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of order appointing time and place for settlement of account and distribution, in the matter of the Estate of Elnathan Eldredge, deceased, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 28th day of December, A. D. 1885.

JOHN C. CUTLER,  
Probate Clerk.

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