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ELECTION TICKET

For the General Election to be held on Monday the 3d of August next.

Nomination for the Territory of Utah.
For Delegate to Congress,

JOHN M. BERNHISEL.

Nominations for Great Salt Lake County.

For Councillors,

HEBER C. KIMBALL,	ALBERT CARRINGTON,
DANIEL H. WELLS,	FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS
WILFORD WOODRUFF.	

For Representatives,

W. W. PHELPS,	DANIEL SPENCER,
J. W. CUMMINGS,	ORSON HYDE,
A. P. ROCKWOOD,	JOSEPH A. YOUNG,
HOSEA STOUT,	ALEXANDER MCRAE,
JESSE C. LITTLE,	H. B. CLAWSON,
E. W. RICHARDS,	JOHN TAYLOR.

For Select Man,

SIMPSON D. HUFFAKER.

For Justice of the Peace for Farmer's Precinct.
ARCHIBALD GARDNER.

Religious Persecution.

Few circumstances, if any, more strongly and plainly manifest the great power of evil over the human family than does religious persecution. It has been in fashion and force, in acts more or less violent and cruel, from the days of Cain and Abel until now. And notwithstanding it is known from all records and experience that 'charity never faileth,' and that the blood of martyrs but enricheth the soil for a more abundant increase, still in this 19th century of boasted enlightenment, and even in the professed freedom-of-conscience United States, have been perpetrated the harrassings, oppressions, mobbings, killings and drivings of the Saints of the Most High. And all this too without the people's being able to lift the heavy veil of ignorance and profit in the least by the long, invariable and vivid array of the testimony of all ages.

"It is impossible but that offences will come, but wo unto him through whom they come." This saying of our Savior, based upon the knowledge that good and evil were upon the earth and within the choice of persons in probation, most readily accounts for that fierce opposition which expelled Enoch and his city of Saints. Did that singular event induce the philosophers, the worldly wise, the sects and parties of that day to cease following evil—lies—that in which there was no salvation?—The preference of evil heaped jeers and scoffs and ridicule upon Noah during the long period in which he was building an ark and returning the bitter assaults of persecution with kindly teachings of the saving principles of the gospel. Did his labors profit those scoffing hosts? The wo through offences was an eternal principle, and the waters cleansed the earth of those wicked and their abominations.

But did not the teachings and traditions concerning that signal event most effectually deter the posterity of the eight who were saved, from again venturing upon the service of the evil one, or at least from persecuting those who strove to serve the Lord their God? Had such been the result the 'cities of the plain' might still have gladdened a region now desolate, the cruel Egyptian bondage need not have been endured, the chosen people of the Lord would have walked in the light and glory of the celestial law instead of choosing the law of carnal commandments, and idolatry, bloodshed and misery would not have held revel until the priesthood was nearly driven from the earth at the period of the first coming of our Savior in the meridian of time.

And when the Only Begotten, 'full of grace and truth,' 'who taught as never man taught,' came to the chosen people teaching them the principles of eternal life, healing their sick and casting out devils, who would have presupposed that he would not have been hailed with universal acclamation and revered and obeyed by the whole Jewish nation? But no, the power of the great adversary is such over the weaknesses and ignorance of mankind, that the very people he came to exalt, almost to a man, rejected his mission, heaped abuse upon him, reviled him with the most slanderous epithets their imaginations could invent, accused him of casting out devils 'through the prince of the devils,' and at length, when even a Gentile ruler would have released Jesus, the multitude, persuaded by the CHIEF PRIESTS AND RULERS, claimed the re-

lease of a notable malefactor and crucified the Redeemer of this world.

Did religious persecution cease with the consummation of that darkest crime in all the fearful catalogue? Were not the ancient Twelve Apostles and the rest of the disciples stoned, sawn asunder, torn by wild beasts, boiled in oil, crucified and in various other ways cruelly slain, until the priesthood was utterly driven from among men? And all this by the 'CHIEF PRIESTS AND RULERS' OF THE DAY, who were so deceived and stone-blinded by the prince of this world that doubtless many of them deemed the commission of their hellish deeds an incense of praise to the Almighty. That same spirit has most manifestly held strong and for centuries almost sole sway in the dark idolatries of the benighted millions termed heathen, but far more virulently in the unrelenting warfare between the Greek and Latin branches of Popish worshippers, between those branches and the Protestants and between the Protestants themselves, crimsoning the earth with human blood for opinion's sake, until the truly intelligent and right minded are sickened with the hypocrisy, emptiness and terrible tyranny and abominations of what is called Christianity.

But have all the plain and stern lessons of the results of wrong doing and the folly of religious persecution, as taught in the thousands of years preceding the advent of the Messiah and in the eighteen centuries of later practice, availed to learn mankind the utter uselessness of striving to coerce intelligent beings in matters solely between themselves and their God? Verily no, for in this our day, and upon soil occupied by professedly the freest and most enlightened people in all the earth, has the blood of the Saints been shed like water. And upon the assassination of two of the purest and noblest men that ever lived, the Prophet and Patriarch Joseph and Hyrum, the 'CHIEF PRIESTS AND RULERS' hugged themselves with joy, and the small band of righteous mourned for the darkness and sins of the people and in vain sued the powers that were for redress and their just rights!!

And even now, after having thoroughly retested the utter futility (to say nothing of the awful wickedness) always attending religious persecution, by causing the hundreds of Saints in Ohio to become the thousands in Missouri, and the thousands in Missouri to become the greatly increased thousands in Illinois, and the many thousands in Illinois to expand to the tens of thousands in Utah, editors, politicians, 'CHIEF PRIESTS AND RULERS' are continually stirring up the masses to further oppress and if possible corrupt, divide, waste, plunder, drive, kill and exterminate the most virtuous and upright people to be found in all the world.—What a spectacle for holy beings is now afforded by the fanatical and devilish plans of the learned (?) editors, 'CHIEF PRIESTS AND RULERS' of our boasted Republic!

And should you succeed in your CHERISHED designs, and be able to pour hosts of regular and volunteer troops, (terribly and most ignorantly misled by your blind and bloody fanatical teachings and exhortations) upon the broad plains of Kansas and Nebraska, through the Black Hills and the South Pass, through the rugged defiles of the Wasatch mountains, and even to the dreary wastes now blossoming with the fruits of 'Mormon' toil, what will you have accomplished?

At the expense of untold treasures and seas of blood, you will have made a mighty effort to slay the innocent, overthrow the kingdom of God and drive the priesthood again from this earth. But have you the slightest prospect of succeeding in this object, rendered as dear to you by the devil as are the apples of your eyes? Most assuredly, NO, for He who has again restored Truth to the earth is infinitely more powerful than all her gainsayers and opponents with Lucifer at their head. And your very howlings, foamings, frettings, slanders and killings will but recoil with added fury upon your own heads, and will all the more rapidly increase the tens of thousands of Utah to the hundreds of thousands, ay, millions, of the United States, for our God will cause even the wrath of man to praise him, and the remainder of that wrath will he restrain.

Now, ye Editors, politicians, 'CHIEF PRIESTS AND RULERS,' what are you going to do about the matter? We will frankly tell you what you had better do, repent of your sins, every one of you who have not denied the Holy Ghost nor shed innocent blood or consented thereto, be baptised for the remission of your sins, receive the laying on of hands for the reception of the

Holy Ghost, gather with the Saints of the Most High and serve the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Brigham, Heber, Daniel and the faithful of all ages. Or if that is too straight and narrow a path for your footsteps, we commend at least your observance of Gamaliel's advice to like characters in his day, as follows, 'And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found to fight against God.' Acts v, 37 & 38.

If ye have not integrity enough to serve the Lord and stem the fierce tide of the opposition of the world and the powers of darkness, we counsel you, as a true friend, to accept of Gamaliel's advice and tarry at home and mind your own business, and leave to the people of Utah the inalienable rights of worshipping God according to the dictates of their own consciences and of regulating their own domestic institutions, under the constitution which we revere and which you profess to be willing to abide.

And in your most frenzied madness strive to ever bear in mind that religious persecution ALWAYS defeats its own aims, also that our Savior taught, 'wo unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but wo to THAT MAN BY WHOM THE OFFENCE COMETH!' Matthew xviii, 7.

HOME AFFAIRS.—From Salmon river to the Santa Clara and from the Rocky Mountains to the Sierra Nevada—in all the settlements of the Saints—the earth is bountifully teeming with products for the sustenance of man and beast, at least so far as we have information. And considering the amount of available water and the condition of other facilities, the people evidence a most commendable energy and industry in tilling the soil. This fact alone, to all who profit by what they read and observe, is self evident testimony of the general peacefulness and good conduct of the community.

After having fenced, plowed and seeded, it yet remains to carefully till and watch to maturity the rich reward now promised to well applied toil, and to be prepared to gather and store in a timely and saving manner. To the prudent this suggestion may be unnecessary. But there is a proneness in the careless and improvident, particularly when surrounded with plenty, to permit more or less waste in divers ways, and to forget that the Lord of the vineyard requires correct accounts from his stewards for their use of his bounties and that he has a definite purpose in blessing with periods of abundance.

That purpose has always been seasonably made known to the saints by the First Presidency, and is now again proclaimed by them from Sabbath to Sabbath and published in the News for the guidance and benefit of all. The Spirit also witnesses to all the faithful the necessity for and truthfulness of those teachings, that there may be a wise concert of action in this as in all matters pertaining to the well being of mankind. But the careful saving and securely storing do not reach to the full extent of the counsels of our President and others upon this point. A saint-like use of all thus saved and stored remains incumbent upon each, until the whole shall have been wisely improved upon as an earnest of continued blessings, for it is akin to folly to be seeking and expecting further blessings while trampling under foot those already conferred.

It is well understood that Pres. Brigham Young holds the keys of temporal as well as spiritual salvation, but after all their toil, study and experience, many are still to be found who are not as wise in their generation as are the children of this world. Many are very ready and willing to submit their spiritual guidance to the counsels of our President, but when it comes to the disposition to be made of horses, cattle, grain, gold and other riches of this world, they are very apt to consider their wisdom superior to that of him who is placed to counsel in all things. This manifests the strong power of tradition and short-sighted selfishness still resting upon those who pursue such a course, which invariably results in individual disappointment and tends to retard that social advancement we all profess to be so earnestly striving to obtain. And such will be the case, until it shall have been thoroughly learned and put in practice that the wisdom given to our President is profitable for our direction in all things, temporal as well as spiritual. This lesson is now far better understood and carried out than at any former period in this Church, and very

many hold not only themselves but all they possess and can influence at the control of those who are appointed to direct. That is the reason why the wicked are so signally enraged against us, and also why the Heavens are so propitious.

It is alone by giving heed to counsel in all things that we can rapidly preach the gospel to all nations, confound the wicked, attain to that faith and union necessary for overcoming 'the world, the flesh and the devil,' accomplish the redemption of Zion and obtain the salvation we seek. Who then will be so unwise as to profess to hold himself subject to counsel, and at the same time withhold or make a foolish use of the means over which he is at best merely a steward? No Saint, though a 'Mormon' may.

Wheat is being harvested in some settlements, and is fast ripening in others; much hay and wood are being hauled for winter; the numerous mechanics are busily engaged in their various occupations; the basement story of the Temple is rising rapidly; not a single lawyer is fattening upon quarrels before courts or otherwise; no judge is burdened by complaints of grievance; unmarried women have no children and the married ones are remarkably prolific, eight of them in Springville having lately given birth to eighteen children. The whole of that sentence severely knocks the fancied foundation from beneath the misrepresentations of our enemies, for, aside from their religious faith, the people are actually too busy to indulge in the CIVILIZED and CHRISTIAN practices alleged as having been and being committed by the 'Mormons.' And eighteen children at eight births is a terrible refutation of the fine spun theories of monogamists. But, poor souls! they are rather to be pitied, for their experience is confined to the degradations and deterioration of Christian monogamy and heathen polygamy, and they know naught of the blessings and benefits here and hereafter of the holy order of marriage as again restored and enjoined by Jehovah.

THE TERRITORIAL AND G. S. L. COUNTY NOMINATIONS, for the general election, to be held on the first Monday in August next, are printed in this News in time to remind the several County Clerks to post their notices in accordance with the 'act regulating elections.'

In the nomination of the Hon. J. M. Bernhise for Delegate to Congress, it is worthy of note that, as always heretofore, not a single opposition speech or vote could be produced. This fact, so uniform and so well known, if people would but read and inform themselves touching matters in Utah, should operate as an effectual wet blanket upon the budding hopes of aspirants from abroad for political fame in the mountains, and actually convince them that we are united and know how to conduct our own business.

FORT LIMHI.—Col. T. S. Smith, who lately arrived from Salmon river, states that the crops at Fort Limhi were in a very flourishing condition. Wheat was knee high, and some of the heads were beginning to show. Col. Smith brought several specimens of an excellent quality of the micaceous oxide of iron ore, found in abundance on the east slope of the east range of the Salmon River mountains, and mixed with quartz and mica or talc slate.

RECIPE FOR MAKING CURRANT WINE.—Unless you have a strong press with which to squeeze the currants, put water with them at the rate of about one quart of water to eight gallons of currants and slightly scald them, that the skins may be easily broken, then mash fine, pour the juice through a strainer or cloth that will catch the seeds, and thoroughly squeeze the remaining pulp. To each quart of strained juice add three quarts of water, allowing for that used in scalding, and half pound of sugar for each quart of juice and water. Let the whole stand 48 hours in tin or glass pans, then pour into bottles or kegs with paper placed over the mouths or bung-holes, and from time to time remove the scum which rises until the wine has worked itself clear, which it will generally do in about two weeks, when it must be tightly stopped up.

Black currants are much thinner skinned than the other varieties, hence easier to be mashed for wine making.

CUCUMBERS, grown in the open air, were presented to us on the 14th inst. by Mr. Hardman of the 17th Ward. All were full grown, and one had begun to turn yellow.

ANNA MARIA, of Manti, has our thanks for her very ingenious answer to the enigma in No. 15, but it did not come to hand until after an answer had been published.