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THE MARTYRDOM.

The anniversary of the martyrdom of Joseph, the Prophet, and Hyrum, his brother, who were slain at Carthage, Ill., on June 27, 1844, will be kept in solemn remembrance by Latter-day Saints as long as the divine message they were sent to deliver continues to influence the private and public acts of this people. It was a great event in the brief history of the Church. Some time it will be recognized as an epoch-making occurrence in the annals of the world.

History in general, and that of the Church of God in particular, must be viewed from a spiritual standpoint and in the light of revelation; else much of it is unintelligible. When the son of God was nailed to the cross and His few followers were scattered, not of fear and sorrow, it appeared for a brief moment as if the powers of darkness were triumphant in victory. Yet Calvary was but one stepping stone to celestial glory, and the power of Christianity was manifested from the moment the dying Savior, conquering death announced His Tetelestai—It is finished! The following outpouring of power from on high and the conquest of paganism had been impossible had it not been for the departure of the Savior. As far as a comparison may be made, in all reverence, between the martyrdom on Calvary and that at Carthage, it is evident that the latter, too, although planned and executed by enemies of God, was made a part of the training of the Church for the mission it has in this world as the teacher of light and truth and the foundation builder of a millennial kingdom.

This becomes plain when it is considered that servants of God, although removed from this sphere of action, still live and labor for the cause that was theirs on earth. There is on record how the Prophet Elijah, several years after his departure in a chariot of fire, sent a flaming letter to the idolatrous King Jehoram, exhorting him to repentance. The same prophet in company with Moses came forth from behind the veil in glory on Mount Tabor to confer with Jesus and His three followers concerning the work of atonement. Christ appeared to Saul in the interest of the sorely persecuted Nazarenes. And in this dispensation, John the Baptist, Peter James and John, and Moroni, have appeared with instructions regarding the re-establishment of the Church. There is, indeed, a close communion between the faithful Saints behind the veil and those engaged on earth; between the work here and yonder. As may be gathered from the Apocalypse, and from other inspired witnesses, the plans and designs of the heavenly councils are visible in their results on earth—from all of which is clear that the martyred Prophets, although temporarily removed from the circle of their brethren, continued their work commenced here, and will still continue it, until it shall have been consummated and as a result, Jesus shall be acknowledged the Savior and the King throughout every part of the earth.

Tertullian originated the saying, so often since his time repeated, that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. It has proven so in the case of the Latter-day Saints. Yet, it cannot be denied that periods of persecution have their disadvantages as well as blessings. Violent opposition has a tendency to strengthen the faith, where it is genuine, and develop brotherly feeling and fellowship, so essential to followers of Jesus. On the other hand it tends also to retard progress in some directions. It is a remarkable fact that the age following the first Apostles is chiefly characteristic of confusion, modernity and ignorance. It is almost impossible to form a correct idea of the theology of that age from the writings of the apostolic fathers and church fathers of the first three centuries. The traces of the great Roman persecutions are clearly seen in this, for by them the Christians were deprived of many opportunities of intellectual advancement, and the ground was prepared for errors, at first insignificant but later bearing fruit in apostacy.

The Latter-day Saints at present are enjoying peace and prosperity. This is a time to which to improve in knowledge of all things divine and to carry it out in lives of righteousness; to lay in the hearts of the children a sure foundation for belief in the Gospel; to advance and carry the divine message to the uttermost parts of the world, thus growing in strength and in faith and in knowledge, glorifying the Son of God, to whose service the modern Prophet and Patriarch barely gave their lives.

100 LOCAL PERFORMANCES.

The idle play by which the Salt Lake City Council is to hold a special session on Saturday evening to repeal a tax levy ordinance is a case of business war, in the interests of economy, for the public funds from being squandered, should be personally stopped. At the present time, when there is so much excitement about the outlays of money to the municipal treasury, when the Council has found it necessary to increase the present heavy burden of taxpayers—already much heavier than to meet larger municipalities—and when economy in practice as well as in windy speeches is greatly desirable, the performance referred to is of a highly objectionable character, and, if we do not mistake the temper of the taxpayers, will not be forgotten by those who can readily be given to express their views in potent form.

If ever there was an unnecessary expense entailed upon the city it is this tax levy business. There was not good reason why, if the Council is not intentionally indulging in expensive idiots' play, a valid tax levy ordinance could not have been passed at a regular meeting. There was no occasion to drive the mailer to the last regular session before the expiration of the legal time when it could be attended to, and then make a blunder, it blunder it is. The business could have been attended to earlier, just as easy as not, without this waste of money.

The extra session of the Council may not seem to many a very large expense. It is only about a hundred dollars; but the needless expenditure of even one dollar of public money is a breach of public trust. The corporation business should be conducted on business principles and these small leaks stopped, as there will be no opportunity for large ones.

MORMONS IN CALIFORNIA.

The San Francisco papers have been giving considerable attention of late to the Latter-day Saints in their California mission. With regard to those references it is pleasing to state that there is a manifest disposition to deal fairly by the Mormons, and while inaccuracies appear in the publications they are of a character which do not indicate a desire to misrepresent. Among the papers to that note the work of missionaries there are the *Call* and *Examiner*, which have been quoted from by the *News*, and the *Chronicle*, which has an article in its issue of Tuesday, June 25, the opening paragraphs of which say:

The California mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, known as the Mormons, has moved its headquarters. The Sunday services are now held at Columbia Hall, 900 Market street, instead of 927 Mission street, between Fifth and Sixth, as formerly. The mission has been further reinforced by a very good-looking young Elder, H. S. Tanner, who is president of the California mission. Mr. Tanner is tall, dark-haired and bright-eyed. He has broad shoulders and a very frank, honest face. The ministers of the city are rather taking him up, and extending to him the glad hand of brotherly welcome.

The services in the little Mormon church run from forty to seventy-five. There is a Sunday school at 10:30 a.m., and services at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Elder Tanner usually preaches three times a week about twice concerts. Usually Elder Tanner preaches at the services, but occasionally some of the other Elders take a turn.

All the new converts have to be baptized, even if they have already gone through that ceremony in another church, for the Mormons believe in the apostolic succession and only those who have the proper sort of authority from God are permitted to administer baptism.

The article further recites particulars regarding the calling of missionaries, and the methods employed in California to get their messages before the people. Altogether it breathes a spirit of kindness and courtesy which will be highly appreciated by the Saints, and which suggests that as intelligent newspaper men are brought in immediate contact with Mormon Elders they become, as is usually the case with acquaintance, impressed with the feeling of sincerity and pure Christian love that decals the missionaries to go forth and proclaim the Gospel freely for the salvation of mankind. And those Elders who have the privilege of getting before the people, through newspapers as well as other means, authentic information regarding the true Gospel proclaimed by the Latter-day Saints, without invoking unnecessary antagonism or engaging in unprofitable discussion, are to be commended in thus adding the opportunities their offices.

THE CO-OPERATIVE RAILWAY.

Messrs Geo. W. Thomas and John C. Long are busy engaged in the city on the scheme to construct, on the co-operative system, a railway between this city and the port of San Diego, California. Mr. Long is managing the matter with business sense, while Mr. Thomas takes up the subject with the railway employes. The latter held a meeting on Wednesday evening, and will have another on Friday evening to further discuss the proposition. The route of the road as suggested is southeast from San Diego through several fertile California valleys, then across the Mohave desert for about eighty miles, and through a mineral region in Nevada to southern Utah, where it will reach the extensive coal and iron deposits of that section. From there it is to come direct to Salt Lake City. The cost of construction is estimated to be under an average of $15,000 per mile. The capitalization of $1,000,000 is divided into shares of $10 each, payable at the rate of fifty cents per month. In order to prevent too many falling into the hands of speculators or combinations to freeze out small shareholders, it is provided that no stockholder can subscribe for or hold more than five hundred shares. A further provision is made in the interest of transportation that the road cannot be controlled in the future by any such been monopolies as railway companies or trust clique.

At the time of the meeting of the session, several months ago, the NEWS gave a detailed statement of the plan, by which it was proposed that the people, principally railway employes, tradesmen, hustling business men, mechanics and others, could enter into the work in co-operative fashion, and construct the road. At present the promoters are just starting in practical operations, hence there is no great showing to be made yet, although some five thousand shares, representing $50,000, says Mr. Thomas, were subscribed for before he left San Diego. It is not five weeks since the preliminary examination of the route was made, and as San Diego and Salt Lake are the terminal, the work of canvassing at both places marks the commencement of operations. The intention is to secure subscriptions to the present amount of the capital stock before asking any payments, and then these are to be called for, representing an income of $50,000 per month, and actual construction begun at once.

It is fair to presume that the gentlemen named will be listened to with interest in their advocacy of the co-operative San Diego, Pacific and Eastern railway, by business men, railway employes and others. Surely there will be no necessity in this community to argue upon the advantages of co-operation as a principle, for the situation here presents examples of some of the largest and most successful co-operative institutions and accomplishments that have been inaugurated. As to the other prospects of the proposition, there is no doubt these will be closely inquired into and carefully weighed. The importance to this section of railway connection with southern California is so thoroughly comprehended that any practical, feasible, and well directed scheme to that end will not fail to receive due consideration on its merits.

THE FIELD OF THE FLAG.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* points out that the forty-four stars now in the field of the American flag present a very jagged appearance, and suggests that there does not seem to be any way to arrange them in equal rows; nor will there be any uniform arrangement while there is the expectation that the number will be shortly increased. In this connection it is stated that no change can be made until 1896, as the law requires that additional stars shall be added only on the Fourth of July succeeding the admission of new states. In all probability Utah, and perhaps New Mexico, will be admitted next winter, which will increase the stars in the field to forty-six. But even then there will be almost the same irregularity, though the field will be in its nearly filled up and will appear less jagged than now.

The suggestion is made that forty-eight stars could be arranged so as present a perfectly regular appearance, and this number will be reached when Arizona and Oklahoma are admitted. The ideal number, however, is placed at forty-nine stars in the field. Then, up, down, and diagonally, there would be rows of seven, the mystic number." To complete this arrangement it is stated that, as Alaska barely can be considered a possible state, it might be added to Washington or even to California, and with the Indian Territory admitted, the whole affair could be satisfactorily arranged, and the limit of states in the Union be definitely fixed at forty-nine. If Hawaii should be received, the number could be retained by a proper partition of the Indian Territory.

The suggested arrangement and limit appear to be very good, provided there is not much increase in the area of the United States beyond its present prospect. But the possibilities in connection with Cuba, Canada and Central America that may arise within the next half century render it impossible that the government of the United States will agree to any uniform arrangement of states and stars which even by implication may be interpreted to mean that it few "fixed the bounds of its habitation."

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AN OPINION GIVEN.

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