

Our faith and works should harmonize, and we might with just as much propriety say that the Lord will destroy the smut in wheat, as say that He will destroy the seeds that spoil our fruit without any effort on our part.

The cause of smut in wheat, is caused to be, by some, an insect which consumes the grain too quickly after germination, thereby creating a weakness in the plant.

We now have the red spider to contend with as well as the moth. This insect is very small and it preys on the foliage of the trees.

In the latter part of the season the eggs are laid upon the bodies of the trees and on the under side of the leaves generally, but at the present time they are nearly all over the trees and are very numerous. They are readily seen by the use of a magnifying glass. They will hatch the spring about the time the leaf is large enough for them to live upon.

Washing the bodies and the large limbs of the trees with lye, is done by some as a remedy. For this insect it is not only necessary to clean the trees, but to burn the high bark that is taken off, or remove it far enough from the trunk of the trees so that the young spiders, when hatched, will not find their way up the tree. Wash with lye or anything else that will kill the spiders and not injure the trees.

Lime whitewash, after cleaning, is claimed by some to be beneficial in the destruction of insects.

The red spider takes its principal nourishment from the leaf of the tree, and injures so that it is of little use. The leaves of a tree may be killed the lungs of a tree, and have much to do with the organization of the fruit, whether it be of good flavor and quality, or whether it be inferior and unwholesome.

Shall our children, with all the favors of our staple fruit, which formerly grew here in great abundance, be deprived of that which is good and whole-ome, or have none at all?

THOMAS H. WOODBURY.

**VOICE FROM THE SOUTHERN STATES.**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.,  
March 15, 1882.

Editor Deseret News:

While the common rabble, the railing priest and the press are busy in denouncing and lying about the "Mormons," of whom they know about as much as they do of the hereafter, and while the National Assembly framing inimical laws for the people of Utah, the Elders are quietly at work preaching the gospel of truth and baptizing the penitent believer. And the more opposition, the better success attends the labors of the missionaries; the more sharp persecution from without, the more of a unity of spirit is seen among the Saints.

**THE CONDITION OF THE MISSION.**

In South Carolina, within a few months, the two Elders laboring in that field have added to the fold of Christ 17 souls. Also in this, the Tennessee Conference, several baptisms have recently been reported. Since last November we have had the pleasure of leading into the waters of baptism 21 souls near Baird's Mills, about 25 miles from this city, who with those previously baptized, make a branch of 30 members. Besides a number of children that have been blessed. A late report from the turbulent Georgia chronicles everything remarkably quiet. In the Conference of Virginia, that State, where, above a century ago, such a liberal spirit prevailed as to include, within the mantle of its protection, the Jew and Gentile, the Christian and the infidel, the Mahomedan and the Hindoo of every denomination, now, in this liberal and enlightened nineteenth century, it is not without molestation that the pure doctrine of Jesus Christ can be taught. And though some unpleasant opposition is experienced, still the Elders are ever ready to stem the popular current and to

"Go where duty calls,  
Against a world in arms."

**WHAT THEY SAY OF US—POLYGAMY.**

One cannot pass a book-store without seeing in its windows scandalous stories about the "Mormons," and ridiculous illustrations, such as task-masters set over the "Mormon" women in the fields. Varied are the comments made by the people about the so-called "Mormon" problem. Some say the "twin relic" ought to be wiped out; but, as the

South had no desire to see the other "twin" abolished, so now it refuses to join the "Yankees" in holding anti-"Mormon" mass meetings, though letters have been received by leading citizens in all the large towns of the South, asking their aid in promulgating the "doctrine of hate," as "the curled darling of the nation" hath said.

Of course the present furore is said to be against polygamy, but people have no correct information on the subject, nor do they wish to be correctly informed. The sensational drama, "The Hundred Wives," was performed here about a year and a half ago for a whole week with great success. This serves as a good index to the kind of trash the people devour with greedy appetite. Some will at first try to disprove the doctrine of plural marriage from the Scriptures, but failing, often say, "Well, if the bible does sanction it, I'll burn the myth," so much faith have they in their guide book. They regard one who believes in the divine marriage of Abraham and Jacob with holy horror, at the same time their own practices are bad enough to call down a similar destruction as that which befel the cities of the plain. Why a genuine black son of Africa will soon have to be sought for on his native soil; they are, forsooth, becoming pretty scarce in the South. Yes, they are a pure they are a holy nation.

**HARD TIMES AHEAD.**

In several counties of this and the adjoining States, many people are in a destitute condition. Besides the recent floods in the Mississippi valley, which rendered thousands homeless, and the scarcity of provisions from last years' drouth, a small insect is eating up the young wheat, which, in some localities, is already destroyed. Though some still have a meagre supply of corn-bread and bacon, if the wheat crop fails, truly "hoe-cake" and greens will be a luxury.

**LIGHT WINTER—THE EMIGRATION.**

The past winter has been the mildest known for years. We have had but two very slight snow storms, and the "beautiful" lingered but a few moments. The ground is now clothed with a garment of velvety green; the fragrant flowers are unfolding their blossoms to the sun, while the orchards have been in bloom for several weeks. Numerous birds fill the air with their delightful strains, among which the varied notes of the ever welcome mocking bird are most enjoyable.

The first emigrant company will leave Chattanooga on the 22d inst., for Manassa, Colorado. The company will probably number about 75 souls.

Ever praying for the triumph of truth, I remain yours, in Zion's cause,  
A. H. SNOW.

**Correspondence.**

HUNTINGTON,  
Emery County, Utah,  
March 27th, 1882.

Editor Deseret News:

Some time ago I sent you the particulars of a two days' meeting we had in this place, but as I have not seen any reference to it, I presume you did not get it.

On Feb. 25th, Presidents Larsen and Seely visited us, and according to previous notice, meeting convened at 2 o'clock p.m. After the usual opening exercises, President Larsen said the object of the meeting on that day was to organize a Relief Society, and gave those present, especially the sisters, some very good instruction in regard to their duties, after which the following organization was effected:

Sister Tabitha Avery, president; Sisters Emma Leonard and Mary E. Cox, her counselors; Sister Anna Johnson, secretary; and Sister Eliza J. Avery, treasurer; after which the speakers were President Larsen and Bishop Elias Cox, who thanked the sisters for their good attendance.

Sunday, 26th, at 11.30 a.m., meeting opened with singing and prayer. The speakers were Elder W. Seely, Priest, Orange Seely, Priest, Larsen and Bishop Cox, who all spoke with the spirit of the Lord resting upon them. At the close of the meeting the universal feeling among the people was that they had enjoyed themselves very much.

We also have a very good Sunday school, presided over by Bro. Peter Johnson, with an average attendance of over 100 pupils. We also have a good day school taught by Bro. Elias H. H. Cox.

Bro. N. T. Guymon has delivered several very interesting lectures this winter on the early rise and persecutions of the Church, having passed through the trials and mobbings of the Saints in Missouri and Illinois; he was able to handle the subject with ability. There has been considerable sickness among the children here, but as far as I can learn all are better now and we all feel very thankful that there have been no deaths among us.

The heaviest snow fall we have had here this winter, (or I might say last winter, for it is nice spring weather here now), has not been over one and a half inches deep, and otherwise the weather has been warm and pleasant.

Last Saturday, March 25, 1882, there was a county convention at Castle Dale, at which Hon. C. G. Larsen was chosen to represent Emery County in the State constitutional convention to be held in Salt Lake City April 10, 1882. Elias Cox was elected his alternate. The following preamble and resolutions was introduced in the convention by Wm. Howard, and after being slightly amended was unanimously approved by said convention:

Whereas, There are now pending in the Congress of the United States several bills, having for their object the persecution and disfranchisement of a large majority of the people of the Territory of Utah, commonly called Mormons, and some portions of said bill not only strike at the religious and political freedom of the Latter-day Saints (a right that is as dear to them as it ever has been or ever will be to any of the people of the United States) but also at the Constitution of the country in which we live, an instrument we hold to be sacred, and beyond the power of Congress to make laws in conflict with, as article 1 of the amendments to the Constitution expressly declares that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, and

Whereas, Some parts of said bill are bills of attainder, depriving the people of their just rights, without due process of law, while article five of the amendments to the Constitution declares that no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on presentment or indictment of a grand jury \* \* \* nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; and article six of the amendment says, in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy trial by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, be confronted with the witnesses against him, have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and have the assistance of counsel for his defence, and

Whereas the Edmunds bill, lately passed by Congress, deprives us of these rights inasmuch as it takes from us our liberty and property which we hold in the right to vote at any election held in the County, City or Precinct in which we live, and perhaps our lives, without due process of law, and inasmuch as we hold as dear as life the privilege to worship God according to the dictates of our own consciences (and what we know to be right, and also the right to speedy trial by impartial jury, the right to be informed of the nature of the crime held against us, and the right to be confronted with the witnesses against us and also the right of counsel for our defence. And,

Whereas our people in other more favored parts of the Territory have availed themselves of the privilege of sending petitions to Congress protesting against the enacting of such unlawful measures, and asking Congress to send a commission of honorable men to Utah to examine into its affairs that they may be properly informed of the condition of the people of Utah, which is greatly exaggerated for the worse by a small clique of our enemies who would like to possess our property, our homes, and destroy our peace and good will towards each other and our conscience void of offence towards our God and towards all truth-loving men and women (a thing they can never do), and

Whereas, Knowing as we well do that the cause of our people is just and that proscriptive legislation, whether against the people of Utah

or of any other people, is not becoming the high dignity of a free and independent Republic, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we do heartily concur in and sanction all petitions sent by our people for that purpose, and be it further

Resolved, that the clerk of this convention send copies of this preamble and resolutions to the DESERET EVENING NEWS and Salt Lake Herald for publication.

Very respectfully,  
WILLIAM HOWARD,  
Clerk of Convention.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:

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