

dressed the Saints upon the labors devolving upon them to establish union that they may become strong. The wicked are becoming more divided, the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land, while the rebellious and the ungodly shall be cut off and receive none inheritance in the kingdom of God.

Conference adjourned until 10 a. m. of the 15th of February, 1879, to meet at Mount Pleasant. Singing. Benediction by Elder Orson Pratt.

GEORGE TAYLOR,
Clerk of Conference.

A WORD ON WOOL AND WOOLENS.

Woolen manufacturing, with all that has been done in this Territory, is yet in its infancy, and most factories have the idea which pertains to a western store, viz., that it must include everything, or it is nothing, and unless the factory produces everything it is hardly entitled to the name; but this idea is a fallacious one. Success is most certain where effort is directed to the perfection of a specialty or to kindred lines of goods; a large factory may verge from jeans to cassimeres, these being mainly without colors, or confined to very simple ones. Such are easily secured, being devoid of brilliancy, and not requiring so much knowledge of chemistry or delicacy of handling, and a factory devoted expressly to this class of fabrics, jeans, cassimeres and cloths, as the business could be extended as circumstances might warrant—would surely, with ordinary business ability, insure excellence.

More science would be required in the production of colored flannels, linseys, shawls, etc. Here care as well as experience is needed, not only to give brilliancy to such goods, but also to give them permanence. Goods which have to be continually washed, need careful dyeing and a thorough practical knowledge of the best mordants and latest discoveries; many of the aniline dyes are fugitive, and should be avoided in domestic goods.

With the full colonization of Arizona, wools of a finer character will come into the market, and not unlikely cotton of certain varieties will be cultivated, and this combination should lead to the manufacture of lustrous, reps and similar fabrics, finally leading to alpacas, etc., for all of which there is a constant demand throughout the Territory, and that mainly in quiet and simple shades of colors.

There is also a large market for blankets, both white, plain colors, and fancy, some of those made in Provo are good, but that factory can not do everything nor more than any smaller one, nor does it, as yet, meet the market in its supply. To do this in any given direction will need a greater division of labor, and a better understanding between factory proprietors as to their respective abilities or facilities for producing any specialty.

There should be a determined opposition in all the factories of Utah against the manufacture of fabrics composed partly of shoddy. Goods made at the factories of Oregon in an early day won for themselves a reputation in spite of their semi-finished surface, because it was discovered in the use that they were genuine goods.

Any accumulation of old material should be used in the creation of druggets, felted goods, such as many skirts are made of, and in the production of horse blankets, or it might be manipulated into painted floor coverings for which there will always be a demand.

Any narrow, contracted policy in regard to these factories, any fear or jealousy in regard to competition, any failure to promptly inaugurate a really business system, or indecision as to future combination for the general good, will surely defer our needed yet final success, and any dishonesty, either as to material used or colors given, will be a greater detriment than lack of finish. But honesty and ambition with a smack of really legitimate speculation, will certainly grasp in time the full series of imported goods into which wool, either partly or wholly, enters. And once this character for honesty and reliability becomes established, Utah productions will not only fill the home market, but our abundant population and approved machinery will bring from neighboring districts their surplus of wool, and these will take in exchange much of the manufactured article, so

Utah could become the great depot for the Rocky Mountain States, the market from whence would come their cloths, cassimeres and jeans, their shawls, blankets and dress-fabrics, their underclothing, hosiery and fancy knit wools, their yarn, carpets and coverlets, with all other products from uncouthed looms and spindles; and the supply would be certain and continuous, because of an abundance of determined, industrious and peaceful labor, while mankind in general may be in turmoil and actively chronic strife.

Let it be resolved by the people that means shall be raised so as to prevent the exportation of wool, and let our legislature give a premium as stimulus for improvement or exportation, and many will rejoice that by industry they can sustain themselves while living in the spirit, and practicing the precepts, which lay at the foundation of social and industrial independence.

A tenant had been importuned so frequently for his rent that in a climax of exasperation he turned on the landlord with the cogent and conclusive retort: "Now, you needn't put on so many airs, old man. Why, I owe enough in this town to buy up all your old houses."

A farmer's wife, in speaking of the smartness, aptness, and intelligence of her son, a lad 6 years old, to a lady acquaintance, said: "He can read fluently in any part of the Bible, repeat the whole catechism, and weed onions as well as his father." "Yes, mother," added the young hopeful, "and yesterday I ficked Ned Rawson, threw the cat into the well, and stole old Aickey's gimlet."

A Scotch minister was once busy catechising his young parishioners before the congregation, when he put the usual first question to a taut girl who kept a public house: "What is your name?" No reply. The question having been repeated, she replied: "None o' yer fun, Mr. Minister; ye ken my name weel enough. D'ye no say, when ye come to our house on a night, 'Ret, bring bring me some ale?'"

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