

Original Poetry.

A PARTING SHOT.

The locusts came down like the wolf on the fold,  
And their cohorts were gleaming with amber and gold;  
And the gleam of their mail was like stars on the sea,  
As the blue waves roll nightly on deep Galilee.  
Like a beautiful garden when summer is green,  
The bloom of our city at sunset was seen,  
Like the trees of the forest when winter is there,  
That bloom has departed, the branches are bare—  
For the locusts, in clouds, spread their wings on the blast,  
And devoured the leaves of each tree as they passed.  
And the crops of the valley waxed slender and thin,  
And the herbage was smitten without and within.  
And there lies the clover denuded and spare,  
And there stand the trees, but their branches are bare.  
The fruit is half eaten, no bloom on the corn,  
And the leaves of the remnants are stricken and torn.  
The roses are eaten, the valley is brown  
With the hue of the locusts which cumber the ground,  
They hide the green earth—they encircle each tree,  
And a stench rises up from wherever they be.  
But, at once, without warning, there's something at hand,  
The myriads of locusts have heard the command,  
They rise like an army—in clouds seek the sun,  
The winds bear them off, and their labor is done.

VIATOR.  
The above was handed to us immediately after the flight of the last visitation of grasshoppers to our city, but press of matter has rendered its publication impossible until now.

CELEBRATION of the 24th IN THE SETTLEMENTS.

GRANTSVILLE, July 25, 1896.  
Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir: The anniversary of the arrival of the Pioneers in 1847 was celebrated as per the following programme:

A salute of 21 guns at sunrise, martial band playd some popular airs in the principal streets of the city. Procession formed at 9 a.m., at the bowerly, under the direction of the marshal of the day, Adj. A. L. Hale.  
Order of procession: Cavalry, under Major R. Barrus; 24 Pioneers, Martial Band, 24 gentlemen bearing some of the products of the country; 24 ladies, dressed in white, with banner on which was neatly painted the motto, "Zion's noble sons," under Miss H. Hoagland; ecclesiastical, municipal, and other authorities; twelve men bearing arms; the string band; Sunday and day schools; citizens.

The procession paraded some of the principal streets of the city, and was seated in the meeting house at 10 a.m. Order of proceedings, in the meeting house, where, after singing and prayer, an oration was delivered by W. Lee, orator of the day. The remainder of the exercises consisted of comical and sentimental songs, speeches, recitations, toasts and sentiments.

A recess was taken till 3 p.m., at which time all who wished met at the bowerly, when the dance commenced, which was varied with jumping in sacks and foot racing. In the evening dancing was resumed for a few hours.

Peace and good order prevailed, and many exclaimed, "This is the best twenty-fourth we have ever had in Grantsville!"

Committee of arrangements, R. Barrus, A. L. Hale, S. W. Woolley, and James Keel.  
To-day the schools are to have a dance and supper, under the direction of the Trustees, for their amusement and encouragement.

Yours respectfully,  
WM. JEFFRIES, reporter.

THE PULSE.

The pulse of a healthy grown person beats seventy times in a minute; there may be good health down to sixty; but if the pulse always exceeds seventy there is disease; the machine is working too fast; it is wearing itself out; there is fever or inflammation somewhere, and the body is feeding on itself, as in consumption, where the pulse is always quick, that is over seventy, gradually increasing with decreased chances of cure, until it reaches 110 or 120, when death comes before many days. When the pulse is all the time over 70 for months, and there is even a slight cough, the lungs are affected.

Every intelligent person owes it to himself to learn from his family physician how to ascertain the pulse in health; then, by comparing it with what it is when ailing, he may have some idea of the urgency of his own case, and it will be an important guide to the physician. Parents ought to know the healthy pulse of each child; as, now and then, a person is born with a peculiarly slow or fast pulse, and the very case in hand may be that peculiarity. An infant's pulse is 130; a child of seven years about 80; from twenty to sixty years it is 70 beats a minute, declining to sixty at four-score.

There are pulses all over the body, but where there is only skin and bone, as at the temples, it is more easily felt; the wrist is the most convenient point. The feebleness or strength of the beats is not material, being modified by the finger's pressure. Comparative rapidity is the great point; near death it is 140 and over. A healthy pulse imparts to the finger a feeling as of a woolen string; in fever it feels harder, like a silk thread; if there is inflammation, which is always dangerous, it beats fast, spitting and hard, as if a fine wire was throbbing against the finger. When the pulse beats irregularly, as if it lost a beat, then hurried to make it up, there is something the matter with the heart.—*Half's Journal of Health.*

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