

opinion on prohibition. He then read the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the people of Provo, in mass meeting assembled, respectfully request the Constitutional Convention to submit, as a separate article, the question of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, to a vote of the people at the same election at which the proposed Constitution is submitted."

He believed the people would be united in their efforts to suppress the liquor traffic. It was a mistake to expect any relief through political parties, because neither party would venture to father any reform along this line for fear of losing the vote of the saloon element. This was a question in which the churches had a right to make themselves heard. If they refused to raise their voices against this terrible evil that was oppressing the people they were not doing their duty, and would be held responsible before God. Some say the churches should go about their business and let the whisky question alone. This was nothing new; once when the Savior found a man possessed of devils, the devils said: Let us alone, what have we to do with Thee? All we ask is that the saloons be closed in order to rob the drink custom of its respectability, in order to save our boys. We may not be able to prevent liquor from being imported, but can say it shall not be sold, and make this traffic, which causes more woe, wretchedness and degradation than all other evils combined, a disgrace.

Bishop J. B. Keeler, of the Fourth ward, read from a work written by a Mr. Nordhoff of New Jersey, who was not in favor of prohibitory laws. This author admits that the immoderate use of liquor produces three-fourths of the crime and pauperism in existence, and that if it can be prohibited it could reduce taxes one-half. He bases his objections to prohibitory legislation on the grounds that legislators should consider the natural tastes and passions of men, and that the proper functions of legislation is not to prevent a man from injuring himself, but from injuring others. Bishop Keeler showed that the taste for intoxicants was not a natural taste; and also that if it were true that through the liquor traffic taxes were increased 50 per cent it injured all citizens. He was in favor of the resolution, and believed that a prohibition clause incorporated in the Constitution would raise the moral status of the people, and they would see to it that no man was elected to the Legislature who would not enact prohibitory laws, and no man elected to an executive office who would not enforce them.

Rev. Samuel Rose, of the Congregational church, explained that the adoption of the Constitution would not be affected by having a separate prohibitory clause voted upon by the people. It would give the people an opportunity to say whether they wanted such a clause incorporated in the Constitution or not. This was their right as American citizens. Utah would never have such an opportunity to express their will as at this time. Parties could not be depended upon to effect this reform because they wanted votes and would not antagonize the liquor men.

A vote on the resolution, previously read, resulted in its unanimous adoption.

Elder V. L. Halliday offered the benediction. The tabernacle choir furnished beautiful and appropriate music for the meeting. L.

FROM SALT RIVER.

MESA, Arizona,
Feb. 8th, 1895.

Since my last we have had with us Elders Geo. Goddard and K. G. Maeser, the honored veterans of the Sunday school and academic education for the growth of Zion. They have truly fed the flock of Christ in this Stake, both lambs and sheep, and stirred the hearts of old and young, to study the day in which we live and to square our lives by the revealed will of God and the counsels of His servants. I feel that the impress of these teachings will broaden the minds of all and remain indelible upon the hearts of many.

The day before leaving us they were escorted to the Seven Mile Butte by near six hundred picnicens; outsiders as well as Mormons joined to honor the occasion. Sumptuous feasting, songs, recitations, children's plays and teaching, with music by the band, occupied the day to the happiness and joy of all, without tea, coffee, tobacco or strong drink being known upon the ground. The round dance is to be discontinued here and all have voted for a Stake house a flouring mill and a better union with us as a people.

Since previous date we have had our winter's freeze and tender vines are mostly killed; but the cottonwood and mulberry are putting out leaf and blossom; apricot and almond will soon bloom and the bees are already out in force. Salt river, from recent rains, has been on a rampage and as usual dams have been broken on both the Gila and Salt rivers, soon again to be repaired as the waters recede.

Prospects for mining and the great water storage now commenced, with the approaching railroad from the north, are increasing confidence in the future of this great and delightful country. So long. "UNCLE BEN."

TERRITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Tooele Transcript: It is stated by Mr. Bruneau that he intends closing up his saloon on the 15th of the present month. His license then expires and he claims business is now too dull to continue. He may open again when times are better. Roy Thornton, who is accused of extracting \$65 from the pockets of a bartender named Isaacs, who is employed by Charles Irish, of Mercur, is in the county jail. His case was expected to come up before the grand jury this week. The county clerk has received a communication asking the whereabouts of Noah Burk, who left Round Bottom, Wayne county, Virginia, fourteen years ago. He came west and is supposed to be in Utah. He can learn something of advantage to himself by making inquiry of the county court, Tooele. The Burr mill project has been given attention lately, and is now in a fair way to get started nicely. Something over ten per cent of the capital stock has

been subscribed for, and the work on the mill will soon be progressing rapidly. On Saturday evening last the Tooele city council met and all the members were present. Stephen Gee claimed to have been bothered by a large sized dog dying on his premises, and as the sanitary inspector had failed to attend to its removal, the council appropriated \$1.50 to Mr. Gee for acting in the matter. Thomas Spiers got a similar dose to the tune of \$3 for disposing of a dead horse.

Beaver Utonian: It is understood that our woolen mills will make an early start this season. Things are being fixed up ready for a more advantageous and longer run than was possible last year. Messrs A. L. Fernemore, T. M. Low and Ezra Bird who, about six weeks ago left Beaver on a tour of inspection to the St. Thomas gold country, returned on last Tuesday night. The boys found lots of experience and country, besides some good prospects in the land of the sunny south. St. Thomas is 250 miles south of Beaver, and it is through a very rough country one has to travel to reach there. No roads have yet been made, but should the properties there ever amount to anything, the place will come into great prominence. Gold, silver and iron are the principal metals with every indication of a great abundance of each. The boys of course staked out their everlasting fortunes, if they did return broke.

Manti Messenger: The gold fields are not panning out very well just at present but work is progressing nicely. The proprietors are still satisfied that gold in paying quantities exists in the east mountains. George Lowry, city marshal of Moroni, brought two prisoners from Moroni on Monday and placed them in the county jail. The parties were a young man commonly known as "Ras Dane," but recognized as Erastus Christensen, and a woman by the name of Rose Ellen White. They were arrested on a charge of fornication and held under bond, which could not be given. Manti is a very quiet and peaceable city. We seldom see a man under the influence of liquor. On Wednesday a young man from Gunnison imbibed too freely of the fire water and had to be taken charge of by the marshal. He deposited cash bail and departed but never returned. The circumstances of the arrest were so uncommon as to draw quite a crowd round the marshal when he took the man.

Word comes to relatives in this city of a heinous crime committed by tramps, Tuesday, at a ranch five miles west of Coriame, says the Brigham City Bugler of Feb. 9. Two ugly fellows called at the home of Michael Christensen, a cripple, and asked for food. They were given something to eat, but not being satisfied, they drove the mother, babe and crippled father from the house. They helped themselves to everything, then devilishly outraged, time and time again, the 14-year-old daughter whom they had kept in the house. Each shriek of pain and terror from the poor girl must have cut like daggers into the hearts of the maddened parents outside. But the odds were too great; they could do nothing. The fiends made their escape. Yesterday friends in this city went out to their relief.