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AID FOR THE POOR.

Lieutenant J. W. Gunnison in his report on the Mormons, published in 1856, estimated the probable amount of population that could be sustained in Utah at four thousand souls to the square mile. He was of the opinion that an equivalent of two thousand pounds of flour to the acre of proved lands might be relied on and this with the most prosperous would sustain such a dense population. However, allowing such few to the square mile, the territory of Utah, he said, could contain, with ease a million inhabitants.

Of course Utah at that time covered much more ground than now. But the development of the resources of this region has, on the other hand, been marvelous. The water supply has increased and is utilized to better advantage; mines have been developed and manufactories established, and it is no exaggeration to say that the State of Utah today is capable of sustaining a population equal in number to that which the Territory of Utah, much larger in area, was said to be able to sustain with ease about fifty years ago. There is ample room, then, for a million people in Utah at the present time.

When these facts are considered in connection with remarks made by some of the speakers at the Salt Lake Stake conference, it will be seen how practical and timely those remarks were. People out of work in cities were urged to seek employment in the country and to endeavor to get a piece of land as an inheritance. This counsel has often been given. To some it appears that the country is crowded and that the good old times have gone never to return, whereas the truth is that it is the spirit of the Pioneers that is wanting. Were that spirit with us actively generally, as it was years ago, there would be no idle hands, no jostling for a meagre job as long as there remain such places to change into gardens and rose-beds.

The Latter-day Saints are noted for their benevolence. It is in full harmony with the Gospel to relieve suffering to the utmost extent possible. And one form of charity is to point out opportunities to make an independent living and so aid those not endowed with strong initiative to avail themselves of such opportunities. After that is done, there will remain a portion who are proper objects of charity, and with these it is a blessing to share from the bounties of Providence.

THE PASSING OF THE HUMBLE.

All the heroes, all the good and useful men in this life are not noted souls. In fact, the majority of the souls most worth a reputation are unknown with the million or over the state in which they live. Those are often as deserving of a lot in "time's eternal camping ground" as those who get it, much more so than some; yet when the friends of the faithful yet observers among us are called upon to lay the mortal remains of the humble beings away upon the hillside, the cortege which follows them is seldom large, imposing or impressive. It contains a few surviving relatives and perhaps a few more sympathetic friends, the last sad words are said, the clods clatter with a prosaic sound upon the framework which excludes them from the dead, the attendants break apart, each turning his back upon the last resting place, and slowly but surely the image of the departed fades and wishes in the mental view.

It is at such times that the thoughtful mind reconsiders an equation in human affairs. One who has thought and training forbids him "My mode through slaughter to Glory" or to promulgate of any kind, would not permit him to be complacent and resignation at the absence of an afflicted condition, who was ever faithful in all respects from beginning to end in his dealings, who was virtuous without being provocative and charitable without ostentation, has gone to the summit of his career and then passed along into the impenetrable shades beyond without being given such honors and obsequies as seemingly should be a good deals well performed. If there is an adequate reward here, there must be compensation. We come into the world and quend of it on exactly equal terms, and the period between is one of the most unfeeling contradictions. Some are born to wealth and have no good, others born and riches never not much of either, and how office is it the case that the deserving are nothing while the undeserving get more than they need? All this must be adjusted somewhere, sometime, in some way.

After the dirge, after an age in most excellent, who dwelt long or short, is generally dedicated as "the old, the wise, the reverend head," or the head which for some other reason differs for the time above its surroundings apparently children of the world and yet impending two thirds of mass "Be as low as earth" [illegible] in faith. For the upright, the straightforward and the brave whose stature has kept them in the ranks of mediocrity or even lower still, but few strokes ever take the pains to make portraits in showing up weaknesses and thoughtlessness, a few instances of the old threadbare stock, something flat and meaning nothing, must suffice. But what will the record say over these there, where all the actions of mankind are recorded, where flattering, fulsome lies, reminiscence, imagination and success built of failures are not recorded? Will they not, instead of creating lasting praise and endless reward, be stored in the balances which measure with exceeding finesse and record the feathers, inflated attributes of this life as a feather by their between, which and things absolutely impondorable there is nothing at all?

Every day some worthy moment, or a worthy soul is laid to rest and few there be to notice it outside the immediate circle in which the person moved. It is unfashionable to say much on these occasions, and to run counter to fashion requires a degree of temerity amounting at times to rashness. Nevertheless, a departure now and then is overlooked if not forgiven. On Sunday in this city occurred the simple but not impressive funeral service over the remains of a man who in life lived altogether but more other lives in his keeping than any general of modern times, and they were in as much peril as was ever the host that contended frontier settlements and doubly implements of strife. A slight alteration of the telement, a time movement of the head, a moment's failure of the eye, a temporary weakness of the heart, on the part of this man at any one of thousands of times might have been the means of hurling many souls without warning into eternity and inflicting terrible injury and suffering upon many more, to say nothing of the sorful destruction of useful and valuable property which must have ensued. Yet no such calamity ever befell at his hands. His responsibilities, always realized were never slighted, never overlooked. He was an humble railway engineer, who was always at his post and who invariably maintained the confidence of employers, fellows and all who knew him. He began his labors in Utah on the first road ever built in and by the people here and he maintained his post for thirty years, until the very last, with a record entirely spotless and never surpassed. His name was Frank H. Hanson and he lived in the Fifth ward. Thus his promotion is a higher, broader field may be sure and unending to the sincere wish of all who knew him.

GENERAL GARCIA.

With the death of General Garcia the last of the great figures around which the events of the long struggle for Cuban independence were grouped disappears from the terrestrial stage of action. One by one they laid down their lives without having obtained that for which they suffered, bled and died. Gomez, Maceo, Rivera, Cespedes, Aguilera, dreams of patriotism realized. But only for a moment did the vision last. Then he, too, was called away to join the throng of friends and co-laborers in the great cause of liberty. His mission on earth was evidently completed in the utmost extent possible. And one form of charity is to point out opportunities to make an independent living and so aid those not endowed with strong initiative to avail themselves of such opportunities. After that is done, there will remain a portion who are proper objects of charity, and with these it is a blessing to share from the bounties of Providence.

Spanish character is well illustrated in the recent remove from Havana regarding Admiral Cervera. This officer has been regarded in this country as the personification of Spanish courage, chivalry and humane sentiment. If the story told of him is true, it simply proves that the best of the Spaniards is but a child of the country, not to be entrusted with power over fellow-beings. It is said that Cervera the day before he heard from Santiago had contemplated the bombardment of that city and the massacre of thousands of its peaceful inhabitants, just for the purpose of relieving it on a very emergency before General Shafter should enter with his troops. Now this inhuman plan was frustrated in not as follows:

To a request from the French consul that provision for the Spanish women should be American take Santiago, the admiral replied that he would open fire on the city immediately. The American officer said that he could take the request to no authority. The French consul communicated Cervera's answer to Admiral Sampson, who, he immediately, at 2 o'clock, July 26th, telegraphed Admiral Sampson, the French consul general at Havana, and urged him to use diplomacy at once and compel his interference to prevent the slaughter of defenseless people. Sir Alexander was aroused from sleep and presented a note of protest to the Spanish minister, which was delivered in Captain General Blanco at 9 o'clock on the morning of July 26th. As your your Blanco's letter, in which he "found the letter of the British commander in "signing affection" informed Sir Alexander that Admiral Cervera was "Spanish with the intention of fulfilling the duties of the military commander." Blanco refused the power to take the prisoners, which was the only request for the space of the campaign. The British fleet officer, who was remonstrated with and Sir Alexander was instructed to act energetically. In it only, of the place, he informed Blanco that the British government would consider the bombardment of Santiago by the Spanish with the intentional extermination of the women and children as a wanton outrage against humanity. There it was that Blanco changed his mind and ordered Cervera to leave the harbor.

Weyler, Blanco and Cervera seem to have been successes on the question of devastating Cuba. But perhaps the latter can give another version of the intended massacre of non-combatants at Santiago.

THE CABINET.

To the Editor: Will you kindly tell me through the columns of the "News" the names of President McKinley's cabinet, also their respective offices.

Yours truly,
A SUBSCRIBER.

Tooele, Utah, Dec. 5, 1898.

Secretary of State, William R. Day. A more fitting title for this responsible station would be secretary for foreign affairs, which more readily defines the duties. He is in charge of the diplomatic corps, looks after our foreign relations generally, and being at the head of the cabinet, is presumably nearest the President for all state purposes. He is in line for the presidency, to which he would succeed in the event of the death of both the President and Vice-President.

Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman J. Gage. His duties are indicated by the title of the office. He is in charge of all the financial affairs of the nation and is assumed to know all about the amount of cash coined, what kinds of money and how much of each, keeps ready an accessible statement of all moneys paid out and all bills receivable and always has a very grave responsibility on his hands, having accountants to the extent of a small army—more than provided for any other department—to enable him to discharge it. He is next to the secretary of state in line for the presidency.

Secretary of War, Russell A. Alger. If any description of the duties of this office were needed as a general matter, it could scarcely be more expressive of them than the well-advertised doings of the department during the past eight months. He looks after the armed forces of the United States in peace as well as in war, and keeps complete records of the personnel of the army, its movements, all changes made in positions, stations and so on, keeps correspondence on the President regarding the needs and requirements of the forces, and is a clerical way controls the entire military establishment.

Attorney-General, Joseph McKenna. He is the President's legal adviser in an official capacity. All matters involving a proposition of law are submitted to him for examination and by him reported on. A very responsible station.

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Secretary of the Navy, John D. Long. Here is another personality brought into an prominence by the war with Spain. He stands in the same relation to the naval establishment that Mr. Alger does to the army.

Secretary of the Interior Cornelius N. Bliss. This is a department from under whose jurisdiction Utah passed nearly four years ago, it being then territory within the exclusive control of the United States, a state of things which with a narrow compass fairly defines the duties of the office.

Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson. This department was formerly a bureau of the interior department and was created during President Cleveland's first administration. It is one of the most useful and least calculating branches of the government. Complete statistics of the agricultural products and stock-growing industry, with developments, exports, imports, conditions, changes, etc., relating thereto are kept, information and suggestions and reports therefor are sent out, seeds are furnished and in a general way the great industries to which this portion of interior are devoted are fostered and stimulated.

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