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REVIEW OF THE JUBILEE.

The Scandinavian Jubilee was brought to a close last night, Sunday, June 17, with the unanimous adoption. on the suggestion of Eider J. M. Sjodahl, of a resolution to endeavor to raise, among the Scandinavians in Utah means enough for the erection of sultable Latter-day Saints places of worship in Copenhagen and Stockholm. For some time endeavors have been made to collect money for mission headquarters in the former city, and the subject came up by the reading, by Apostle Anthon H. Lund, of a commanication from Elder J. M. Christensen, of this city, in which he contributed \$100 towards the funds already gathered for the purpose. The resolution would have included Christiania, but for the fact that the Saints in the capital of Norway have a convenient and centrally located meeting house of their own. It was left to Elder Anthon H. Lund, of the Council of Apostles, and Elder C. D. Fjeldsted, of the First Council of Seventies, to ap-

It is difficult to conceive of a more fitting close to the Scandinavian celebration, which has been so successful in every respect. We trust the Scandinavians in Utah will be able to put this crowning work on their jubilee, and erect, in the capitals of Denmark and Sweden, suitable monuments of the semi-centennial of the introduction of the Gospel Into the countries of their fathers. It is much needed in both places, and would, undoubtedly materfully further the cause of truth.

point a central committee, and local

committees in the various settlements,

to have charge of this work; and it is

hoped that with systematic and well

directed united efforts this great under-

taking will be accomplished before long.

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In reviewing the four days' celebration, the completeness of the arrangements, and the unity and harmony in their execution appear in a most favorable light. The religious exercises were interesting and appropriate. The addresses by Elders C. C. A. Christensen, N. C. Flygare, O. H. Berg, and John Thorgeirson, on Thursday, Andrew Jenson, on Friday, and Anthon H. Lund, on Sunday, were of great historical value. The speakers were well prepared with data, and they presented them interestingly. The doctrinal discourses by Elder C. D. Fjeldsted, J. M. Sjodahl, and others, were earnest and convincing. The latter made the point, briefly, that modern philosophy, as reflected through the current literature, is groping in the dark, no less than modern theology, concerning God and His relation to man, and that but for the revelations given through Joseph, the Prophet, the world would have been without knowledge of that truth which alone leads to life eternal. The addresses delivered at the missionary reunion meeting on Sunday, by Elders H. O. Magleby, J. Hoeglund, C. A. Peterson, John F. F. Dorius, Canute Peterson, and O. N. Liljenquist were reminiscent of missionary life, and in-

structive. The ladies' meeting on Saturday, at which Mrs. Lorenzo Snow so ably presided, assisted by Mrs. J. M. Sjodahi and other ladles, was one of the features of the religious exercises. The brief addresses by Mrs. Anna Beckstrom Snow, Mrs. Anna Widtsoe, Mrs. Augusta Oblad, Mrs. Cornelia Parker, Mrs. Julia Brixen, and Mrs. Minnie Snow, were inspiring to all who were privileged to listen to them. On the same occasion, an eriginal poem, composed by Mrs. Annie Stevenson, of Ephraim, was well recited by the au-

The testimony meeting, Sunday evening, was one of the best attended gatherings. It commenced at 7 p. m., and closed shortly before 10 o'clock, the people reluctantly leaving the hall where they had for the past days enjoyed a great spiritual feast. Those that bore their testimonies were Jens Fredericksen, of Logan, John G. Jorgensen, of Salina, Anna B. Snow, Wilhelmina Danielsen, of Ogden, Anna B. Anderson, of Lehl, Jens Christensen, of Springfield; C. P. Ronnow, of Panaeca, Nev.; C. A. Carlson, Peter Christensen, of Elsinore; Anna Otte, of Logan; Carl A, Ek, Lars E. Eggertsen, of Provo: Martin Ankerstrand, H. J. Christjansen, of Logan, and L. M. Iverson, of Sait Luke City.

Apostles, and the First Council of urgent that the money will have to be Seventles; the Presiding Bishopric, the forthcoming. If the people vote down Presidency of the Sait Lake Stake, and the bonding proposition, the Council the Patriarch of the Church, Eider will at once levy a special tax to secure John Smith.

The musical exercises of the jubilee | fer to have the bonds issued? were all of the highest order, and gave | evidence of the progress made in this were the choir of Sandy, under the di- largest amount, the poor possessor of

rection of Mr. Hartvigsen; the Danish-Norwegian choir Harmonien, of this city, under the direction of Mr. Olof Nilson; the Swedish choir Svea of this city, under the direction of Mr. Hugo Peterson; the Ogden choir, under the direction of Mr. Hagbert Anderson; E. Christopherson, Geo. Christensen, Miss Ida Peterson, Hyrum Olsen, Miss Judith Anderson, Prof. J. A. Anderson, Mrs. Agnes Olsen-Thomas, Alfred Nilson, Professors A. Lund and Jensen, Prof. Willard Welhe, the Norwegian Ladies' quartet; Miss Emma Jorgensen, Prof. Jos. J. Daynes, Miss Emely Larson, Enoch Jorgensen, Miss Mary Larson, and Mr. J. Stroberg. The selections rendered were all received with much appreciation. Some of those who were heard luring the jubilee, as Professors Daynes, Welhe, Lund, Anderson, Miss Ida Peterson, Miss Judith Anderson, Mrs. Agnes Olsen-Thomas and Mr. Alfred Nilson, are already well known to the pub-

lic. Prof. Anderson's recitation on the piano was among the best ever heard in the city, and the rendition at the concert of a German duet, by Professors Lund and Jensen, as well as Professor Lund's solo at the Tabernacle services, gave evidence of great musics al talent and long, patient study and training. This must also be said of the solos rendered by Miss Ida Peters son. Others were less known, some of them being heard in the city for the first time. Among these were Miss Emely Larson, of Gunnison, who some day is likely to become well known in musical circles. The original compositions of Mr. Olof Nilson, entitled Jubilee Hymn," and "The Lamb of God," have been very favorably com-

The excursion to Saltair and to Lagoon were social gatherings marked by a genuine "old country" cordiality. Many of the visitors had never seen these places before, and they were delighted with both. The exercises at Saltair, the principal feature of which was an oration by Judge C. M. Nielsen, were pleasing, and the arrangement at Lagoon, where a tastily decorated maypole, a pantomime, reminding of Tivoli. Copenhagen; the distribution of refreshments on a large scale, and fireworks were special features, gave universal satisfaction. And the best of it all was the testimony given by the management of both pleasure resorts, that the vast multitudes assembled were orderly and refined in their conduct. Not even offensively foud talking was indulged in, and everything came off without hitch, or accident.

The review would be very incomplete without a word of commendation for the numerous committees that have for a long time been working faithfully and intelligently on the details of the jubilee. Their names were printed in the program for the concert, and only lack of space prevents us from repeating them here. The results of their labor were seen in the exquisite decorations of the Tabernacle, the Assembly Hall, and Fourteenth ward assembly rooms; in the arrangements for the reception visitors, in the financial management, the meetings and amusements provided for, and last but not least, in the historical album issued as a memento of the jublice.

The "News" trusts, that the veterans of the Scandinavian mission, who have been the guests of honor during these gatherings, will return to their homes, pleased with their stay among friends; and that the younger members of the Church may have derived spiritual benefit from the testimonles and instructions they have received. The jubilee is over, but may it long live with sweet memories among those who have participated therein, both as hosts and

WHICH SHALL IT BE?

The City Council, with but one dissentient voice, at its regular session on Tuesday evening, decided to submit to the votes of the people, the question whether bonds in the sum of \$250,000 shall be issued, for the purpose of making improvements in the water system and supply of this city. The bonds are not to draw more than four per cent interest annually, and may be redeemed at the city's option in ten years, otherwise they are to run for twenty years.

The Deserct News has already commented on this measure. While opposed on general principles to bonding the city, county or State, to any further extent, we cannot ignore the fact that money must be raised for the purpose mentioned, and that it will have to come either by issuing bonds, or by a special tax of five or six mills, to be added to the regular taxes for the year. Therefore we are of the opinion that the election should be carried in favor of the bonds.

Councilor Fernstrom alone opposed the bonding proposition. He did so sincerely and courageously, from the conviction that it would not carry at the polls. He knows the objection that is felt by the public against raising money in that way, and the prejudice that exists against bonds for any public purpose. It is true that the city is deeply in debt, and good polley would suggest that if possible we call a halt, and begin to retrench and get out of debt, instead of plunging deeper into the pool that threatens to engulf us financially. He also suggested a three mills extra tax in 1900, and another three mills in 1101, as a means of meeting the emergency that confronts the Council. It is possible that the proposition for bonds will be voted down. Others have met that fate. But we think the voters will look at this matter in a little dif-A much appreciated feature of the ferent light from that in which those jubiles were the greetings from the defunct measures were viewed. This venerable President of the Church, is not a question of whether funds shall Lorenzo Snow, and the personal at- he raised or not. Contracts have been tendance of President George Q. Can- let for part at least of the work necesnon, the members of the Council of | sary to be done, and the pressure is so

Even the splitting of the amount necessary by tax, namely six mills, in direction during the past fifty years. | two, will entail a great hardship on the Those who assisted at the religious masses of property owners. While the services and the Tabernacle concert | biggest taxpayers will have to pay the

the cash. Will not the taxpayers pre-

small homes will feel the burden most severely. Three mills more than the usual rate this year and next, will be a sore tax on the little resources of the ordinary payer, and there will be loud complaints and also sales of prop-

erly for taxes. Under the circumstances, we think the public will look at this matter with an eye to the future as well as to the present. They will perceive the fact that all the expense of public improvements should not full on the taxpayers of today. That as the benefits will flow to and be shared by the people of tomorrow, they ought to pay their share of the cost. And between the raising of extra taxes now, and the borrowing of money on bonds to be redemed in twenty years, or in ten if it is feasible, there are many odds in favor of the latter alternative. The money must be raised; the only question is, how shall it be obtained? Bonds or special taxes; which?

THREATS ADDED TO ABUSE

The writer of the anti-"Mormon" article in Munsey's for June affirms, through the Salt Lake Tribune, the truth of all the falsehoods the effusion contains, and threatens to produce more of the same kind. That would be very easy of fulfilment. All that is needed is to copy a few more stories, like the walking on the water fable, and a few more planders on the character of Joseph Smith and of his parents, and the promise can be kept. These can be obtained from anti-"Mormon" pamphlets and books, some of them half a century old or more. They have been often refuted, but that does not matter when a Mormon-hater wishes to get in his work.

The people of Utah will doubtless appreciate that kind of "history" which may be classed, for accuracy, with the same writer's attempts to prove that the region now called Utah was not formerly a part of Upper California, and that when the Mormon Battalion were marched to Santa Fe and thence to San Diego, they were being helped to reach the place where the Saints intended to go, and that taking away the chief male strength from the camps of the exiled Saints, in an Indian country, was just what they had asked for and was hailed by them with shouts of joy. That sort of "history" is all-of-a-piece with most of the anti-"Mormon" literature that is copled from paper to paper.

The Tribune writer does not seem to know the title given to his own magazine sketch, but says it is headed "A True History of Mormonism." . Even that is not correct; its title is, "The Truth About the Mormons," and one is just us misleading as the other would be. He is also entirely wrong in stating that the "News" has been hurling the epithet of "liar," at him or anybody else. That is one of his own stereotyped "arguments" when driven into a corner. We have sometimes quoted it as a sample of that sort of "reasoning," but it is not listed in our vocabulary. As to the threats in which he indulges, we are simply terriinto extremity of merriment,"

War comes pretty near being poured out on all nations from a China bowl. South Africa is quiet enough today to make another outburst there reason-

ably certain in a short-time. The election in Cuba on Saturday showed that the island has a much more peaceful civilization than Ken-

Taku spoke out in thunder-tones to the international warships today. "Take you!" was the response, and

Taku was taken quickly. The San Francisco bubonic plague quarantine seems to have gone to the winds. There was a good deal of blus-

ter about it anyway. The Philadelphia convention nominees are likely to be McKinley and Roosevelt, rather than Mo-Kinley and Dolliver, according to the

outlook today. A Denver preacher says: "It is worth any cost in bloodshed if we can make the millions of Chinese true and intelligent Christians." No true Christian

ever talks like that. It looks as if the international guards failed to reach Pekin. News of the expedition is scarce, but the prospect is sufficiently startling to cause alarm and

Now it is war again, the Chinese having begun it Sunday morning, by an attack on the warships, which soon resulted in a Chinese defeat. Will that be enough to warn the Mongolian to

Russia has laid the foundation for taking another piece of China, by demanding fifty million taels as damages. This will be settled by the acquisition of queues.

The announcement is made by the head of the strikers in St. Louis that the contest there is now a war to the death. It has been that way some time, considering the shooting and dynamite outrages that have been going

That was a terrific ride on Saturday night, for passengers on the Burlington train from Denver to Kansas City. Itcan be said safely that the Burlington will not advertise as one of its attractions hallstones as large as baseballs. to break in the car windows.

AS TO METHODISM.

Chleago Inter-Ocean.

The fears of those who think that the abolition of the time-limit rule will in some way check Methodist progress seem to have little foundation. The result will be that the pastor who has found his peculiar field will stay in it, and the pastor who proves a square peg in a round hole will be tried elsewhere until he finds the post he fits or gets out of the ministry. The effect proves he to raise the seneral standary must be to raise the general standard of ministerial competency. The real question is whether the Methodist church is willing to trust the judgment of the bishops, its highest officers, and the general conference has declared that it does trust them. that it does trust them.

Boston Transcript. There will doubtless continue to be instances where the bishops and the elders may exert their authority along

the line laid down by the old rule Their paternal direction may be needed in weak and struggling parishes, but eants will be benefited by the change The pastor and his people are generally competent to decide for how long a continuance of their relations is profitable r desirable.

Indianapolls News The time limit, of course, had its advantages. It served in a way to protect the less fortunate churches from going down under weak ministers, cause it kept strong and weak alike moving. No one church or set of churches could have a monopoly of the strong men. But for all this, the change instituted by the present conference is for the better. for the better.

Boston Universalist Leader. The action is good in being a recogastorate, but it is hardly the method bring it about. There must be a good deal of spiritualizing and consecration of pastor and people before it can be-

Pittsburg Presbyterian Banner. These constitutional changes show that the Methodist Episcopal church is not afraid of innovations, and they do not indicate deterioration but manifest vitality and growth. For years the great from wheel of the itineracy, whose ruthless rotation tore every Methodist pastor out of his place every few years, has been growing into a burden and bondage too heavy to bear,

New York Times. Methodism was, to its founders, not a church but a missionary society. Its organization was that of a missionary ciety. To such a society the prinis it is to an army, and as it is inap-propriate to a settled and independent hurch, such as the Methodistalong ago became. The abolition of itineracy is simply the tardy recognition of the actual condition of the Methodist church in our time.

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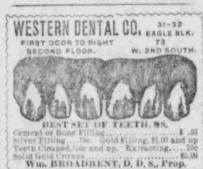
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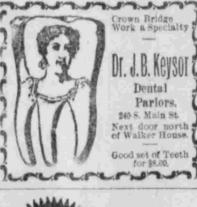
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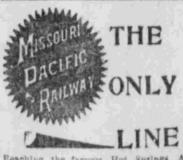


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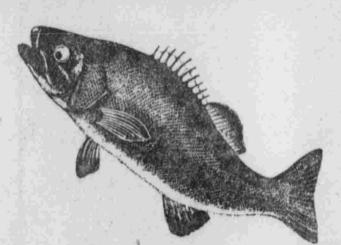
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