

sheres, the only perfect system of government ever devised by man was constructed in lieu of the feudal, unequal and oppressive method which exacted our first allegiance. The grand truth contained in the Declaration that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God had found such an exemplification that the world believed and by degrees applied it, until now a civilized and enlightened monarchy does not exist except in name; representation, equality before the law, exclusive power taken from the head of the nation and the people participating in all public measures—this is what the Patriots did for the world. But what they did for us, who in all things lead the world, cannot be measured in sums and statements, cannot be recited in the poor language of man, which at most can but express things of ordinary moment. The hardihood and heroism which brought the revolutionists together at a time when their every movement was watched and themselves were placed under surveillance and subjected to countless annoyances and outrages, and held them till the Declaration of Independence—at once a bill of indictment and a decree of divorce—was signed, stands among the records of all times as a quality which cannot be stated by repetition nor diminished by age.

In no part of the Republic are the day and the events connected with and radiating from it more venerated than here in Utah. In the first dreary march across forbidding and sterile wastes, beleaguered by wild men and wild beasts, with hostility to contend with at every footstep, the very elements chanting discouraging discords and with little to eat or wear, the Pioneers forgot not even then to make some observance of the nation's birthday; and after the valleys were settled it was never permitted to come and depart without such recognition as the people were able to give. Of late years there has been less of demonstration but not less of cherished remembrance and upon no day are our citizens expected to be more thoughtful of the source from whence came the liberties which they enjoy. It is at once a day of thankfulness, of praise, of jubilation. The glories of the day become more glorious as the children of the people released from involuntary allegiance to foreign despotism become more numerous, and the institutions which they uphold become more widely respected and take firmer root because of the observance. The Fourth of July is a day on which we should not be Republicans, Democrats, Populists or other designations implying political division—but just simply American citizens.

A WORD OF COMFORT.

One of the best and best known citizens of Utah Territory, the bearer of an honored name and himself an honored and honorable man, said to the editor of the News a few days ago: "I feel impressed, and I wish I could similarly impress you, to say to the people who are groaning under the pressure of hard times, who are weighted with obligations, and before whom the future looks dismal and for-

bidding, that all this is but a temporary trial; it will soon be over, we shall not have to wait long for the opportunity to square ourselves in a business sense, and we will again experience prosperity. Within the last few years opportunities to make money rapidly and in every direction have been presented to us. In many cases we seized them, courageously but calmly, and all was well. In other cases we grasped at them excitedly, threw overboard all judgment, rushed into speculation and extravagance—and now are paying the penalty. We have learned, I believe, a bitter but useful lesson. The Lord does not desire us to be in oppression to the usurer nor entangled in unholy alliances from which we cannot extricate ourselves. I am convinced of His wisdom in permitting adversity to come, and of His infinite mercy in relieving us when His purposes are accomplished. My feeling is that we will be given a better and more complete financial deliverance than we have any human reason to expect; and I hope we will have learned enough to take the counsel of our leaders—help one another, be temperate and moderate, serve the Lord with full purpose of heart, and keep out of debt."

The News has pleasure in giving these views, and it firmly believes them to be true. Already there are signs that the worst has passed, that the depression has touched its lowest mark. But even if these signs are premature or improperly understood—though the pinching process may not yet cease and may even get a little more painful—the better times hoped for are not far distant, and they will dawn when we are prepared for them. Hope, confidence and mutual forbearance will save us from ruin, though failures crash around us on every hand.

NEWS OF THE WEST.

The Colorado Telephone company is putting up poles and wires to give telephone connection between Greeley, Colorado and Fort Collins. From there to Longmont they have a line.

On Wednesday afternoon while visiting at the ranch of his grandmother, west of Buena Vista, Colo., Georgie, the little son of Theodore Matzen, was drowned in Cottonwood creek while playing with several companions.

Herman Ijen, a boy of ten years, who lives with his parents in San Francisco, was shot in the right knee on Monday evening by a companion. The latter wielded a 22-caliber Fourth of July revolver. The unfortunate child was taken to the City and County hospital for treatment. The shooting was accidental.

A meeting of capitalists and business men of Montrose, Col., was held on Monday night, at which a unanimous resolution was passed to stand firmly by the banks of the city and denounce any attempt at a run on either of these institutions. It is the general belief among the merchants and depositors in general that the banks there are reliable and solid institutions.

Patrick Brown, a resident of San Francisco, while fooling with a revolver, on Monday, shot himself through

the palm of the right hand. He was endeavoring to show his uncle how to rid himself of an objectionable guest.

On Sunday afternoon John Dean, who is employed at the Pueblo (Col.) steel works, caught his leg in some machinery and had it badly crushed. He was removed to the hospital, where amputation of the limb was found necessary. At last reports he was resting easily.

Mrs. H. T. Harris and daughter, ten years of age, were drowned Sunday while crossing the Rio Grande river, about six miles west of Del Norte, Colorado. Harris, wife, child, and a young man named Tinker were in a lumber wagon drawn by bronchos. After crossing the team balked and finally began to back, throwing the occupants into the stream.

The little three-year-old son of Robert Duxford of Monroe, is just recovering from what is thought to be a severe case of poisoning, says the *Richfield Advocate*. About fifteen minutes after eating some colored candy the boy began quivering and frothing at the mouth exactly the same as if in a fit produced by strychnine. An emetic was shortly after administered and vomiting was produced, which also indicated the presence of strychnine. The little fellow has lain for many days since in a sleepy state and it is now thought that he will permanently recover. Mr. Duxford thinks that the coloring in candy is no particular benefit and may be very injurious.

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, Sunday, July 2, 1893, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m., Elder Angus M. Cannon, President of the Stake, presiding.

The choir sang the hymn:

How are Thy servants blessed, O Lord!
How sure is their defense!

Prayer by Elder George Reynolds.
The choir sang:

We're not ashamed to own our Lord,
And worship Him on earth.

The Priesthood of the Twenty-second ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

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was the speaker. He had always esteemed it an honor to stand up in defense of the truth, however much it might be scorned by the world. Mormonism is a much misunderstood religion. A gentleman, a visitor, said in his hearing a few days ago that the real Mormonism was not understood; that distorted ideas concerning it almost universally prevailed. This was true, as the speaker knew from experience. It was therefore a source of gratification to find men who were willing to look at both sides of the question in controversy, and not judge unheard this much maligned people.

It is a prevalent notion that Mormonism is a narrow and exclusive faith; that its votaries hold that they alone can lay claim to eternal salvation. This is but one of the tales which have gone