

some among thorns. That that was sown on stony ground came up very quickly, but it was so tender that the rays of the sun were too powerful for it and it dwindled away and died. It was so with this people; they are not prepared for all that comes to them. In some instances, the word of God seems to be like seed cast upon stony ground. Some of the seed was sown among thorns; but the cases of the world choked it; and some was sown upon good ground where it took root firmly and brought forth fruit, yielding "some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold." These are the ideas which Jesus brought forth to show the people wherein they might fail, and the danger of receiving the word unless they did so into good and honest hearts. Look upon the inhabitants of the earth. Whenever any of you go and preach the gospel to them, they must acknowledge that every iota of it is true. Truth, reason, judgment, teach them so. The revelations the Lord has given teach it. Do they believe it? Some will say they believe it. They receive the truth, but do they receive the love of the truth? If persons receive the love of the truth and are faithful to the laws God gives to them, they will make themselves the elect through their faithfulness; and they will be the elect of God.

It was observed here this morning, in relation to the building up of the kingdom of God, that many think they have the privilege of doing just as they please. We have only the privilege to do right. There is not an iota in the revelations, from Adam down to the present day but what requires strict obedience. They who cannot abide a celestial law, the law that God has revealed for the sanctification of His people to prepare them to enter into the presence of the Father and the Son, should try and abide a lesser law, but they must expect a lower glory; a secondary glory. If they cannot abide the celestial law, and can abide a lesser law; then they will receive the blessings of that law, and whatever law they abide they will receive the blessings thereof. The Lord has been pleased to reveal unto the people His law by which they can be sanctified and return into His presence. Latter-day Saints observe this law. What shall we say to them? Teach them the law of God. How easy it is! Is it easy to be understood? Yes very easy; it can be summed up in these words: Do right, love God and keep His commandments. Take the moral code, that the Lord has revealed and let it be strictly followed out; and what man or woman would ever intrude upon the rights of his or her neighbor? They would never do it; they would do good to their neighbor all the day long. If we would observe the moral law which God has given us, we would be honest with our neighbors and ourselves; and every man and woman belonging to the Kingdom of God would speak truly and honestly. Would they be honest with regard to their dealings? Yes. If we give our word, it should be just as good as a bond that can be ensured and be made strong and powerful by securities. Our word should be just as good as all the words that can be spoken, or all the names can be written. If we write what we say, we will keep that word. Will we oppress the widow and the fatherless? No. The hireling in his wages? No; we will give them all that they can do or earn and then a little more; and if any one comes to us that is poor, in distress and in want turn him not away empty handed. "Give to him that asketh and from him that would borrow turn thou not away."

This people do this pretty well. There is not much complaint on this score. I do not think there is a house in these mountains where a Latter-day Saint lives, that a person can go to and ask for a meal of victuals, where he would not get it if the people living in the house had it in their possession. I do not think he or she could ask to stay over-night and be refused the privilege. That is saying a good deal for a community. Would we be honest in returning that which we have found to the owner? We would. Would we ever take that which is not our own? We would not. Would we be honest in our labor? We would. Would we be honest in our merchandizing? We would. Would we be honest in every respect? We would. Would we take usury? I hope to see the day when there will be no such thing as one man taking usury from another. But it is not so now; people do not come to this; we do not expect them to do so while they follow the spirit of the world. But these are things they have to learn when they gather together. Will there be any extortion, any selling our goods for a hundred to five hundred per cent in advance of cost? No. The time will come when this co-operative system which we have now partially adopted in merchandizing, will be carried out by the whole people, and it will be said: "Here are the Saints." The time will come when we can give all into the store house of the Lord and have our inheritances given out by those who will be appointed; and when we have had sufficient for the support of our families, the supplies will be given into the store house of the Lord. Will there be any rich or poor then? No. How was it in the time of Enoch? Had they some rich and some poor? Did some ride in their silver carriages, as I do? No. If had my way, we would foot or ride together and we shall see the day when we shall do it. Do you think we will relinquish our claims pertaining to oneness in action? No. I do

not calculate, as far as I am concerned to yield one particle. I have asked the Latter-day Saints to go to and become one in all things; the Lord requires this, but until they do, I do not expect to yield, not the least. Let us hold on to all that we can. The enemy of all righteousness is determined to own and possess this world and govern and control it as far as he possibly can; and he will do it until Jesus and His Saints drive him out.

Whatever the Latter-day Saints have gained, has been obtained by sheer wrestling and unconquerable resolution. We would never have been permitted to own a foot of land on this earth if the devil had had his way. But we have the land and can build our temples and endowment houses and then sanctify our inheritances, sanctify ourselves, our families and sanctify the Lord our God in our hearts that we may be prepared to build up His kingdom.

I wonder what the Latter-day Saints would say, to-day, in this matter? Do you think we had better hold on to the ground we have already gained from the enemy. We have gained a little in this co-operative system. We feel for each other and try to assist each other. But let me tell you what I am going to do. I do not expect to merchandize with our enemies to any great extent, but to cut it off just as fast as we can. I expect us to raise our own silk here. I would have had plenty for hundreds of silk dressers this year if I could have been blessed with some person who would have taken care of my silk worms and done just by me. Raise your own silk, I will raise mine. Raise your own wool, work it and then wear it, and stop going anywhere to purchase goods. Let us sustain ourselves; for by and by Babylon will fall. What will be the result? The merchants will stand and look at one another worse than they do in this city. No man will buy their merchandise; and they will look here and there for a customer; but there will be no one to buy their merchandise, and the cry will be "Babylon is fallen, is fallen!" Is this day coming? Yes; just as sure as we are now living. We are hastening it with all possible speed, as fast as time and circumstances will admit, when it will be said "Babylon is fallen, is fallen!"

Are you going to prepare for it? We say we are the people of God and are building up the kingdom of God. We say we are gathered out of the nations to establish Zion. Let us prove it by our works, and we will then manufacture that which we wear. Do we make clothing enough for me and you to wear? Yes; plenty.

Let us live so that we can say we are the Saints of God; and when the finger of scorn is pointed at us and we are held in derision and the nations talk about us, let us show an example before them that is worthy of imitation, that they cannot but blush before all sensible and intelligent persons when they say, "There is a people that sin; there is a people that are corrupt;" and with shame-facedness they will look upon each other and condemn themselves. Let them howl and bark against us as much as they please, but let us live so that they will have no reason to say a word. Some people say: "Why don't you contradict this and that?" I have been proclaiming the gospel almost forty years, and a few have come forth and received and obeyed it. What do you think the leading men among our Christian neighbors said about us? They lied about us until we thought they ought to be satisfied and we were tired of hearing them and we found it was no use contradicting them. Yet these professed to be good, pious Methodists and Baptists. There is a world of liars. It is said that a lie will pass out of the key-hole and travel a thousand miles before truth can get out of doors. The whole tribe of scribblers and everybody else, almost, are ready to contradict every truth and make a lie of it; ready to ridicule every just and holy truth; and the individuals that say children born in polygamy are feeble, have no knowledge of the human race or else they belie themselves. Let them study physiology and human nature. Let them study their own bodies. What do you see among them? You see children that are born into the world sickly, weak and unable to walk for years; they are poor, emaciated little things, almost without flesh on their bones. It is from such that the cry comes about the "Mormon" children. Why, one of our children at three months old has much more flesh on its bones than theirs have at ten; and, on an average, they have more marrow in their bones and energy in them than theirs do. They do not know anything about human nature or the organization of human beings, nor of the beasts. To make any such declarations proves they are ignorant, or they belie themselves. These are harsh expressions; I need not have used such harsh words; I might have said they tell that which is not true, they slightly diverge from the truth. How soft it would be! But I say they will be destroyed; and all the nations that follow their corrupt practices will go down to hell; and we will go onward and upward. All we have to do is to perform our duty and keep the law of God, and our course is onward and upward. God overrules the acts of the wicked and the righteous.

I recollect when the army of '57 was coming here, a young man named Thomas Williams wrote to his father saying: "God favors great guns and great armies!" What did those great guns and great armies do? They took two "Mormon" elders into their

camp—Bro. McDonald, at Provo, and Bro. Kearns, who now lives at Gunnison. What a howl they raised! The whole camp howled to think they had two "Mormon" elders. But there was too much faith; the Saints were praying for those elders and they came out unscathed, unhurt and all right. What power there was! What a magnanimous camp it was! "The flower of the army," sent to destroy the "Mormons!" When they blow out the sun and stop the moon from shining and the earth from revolving on its axis, they may talk about "wiping out" the "Mormons" or the Gospel, but not until then. This is the way I feel. I am as unconcerned and just as happy as a man can be. It is no matter if the whole world is against us, God is for us. Could not they kill you? Yes, if it be the Lord's will. If it be the will of the Lord for the people to live, they will live. If it had been the will of the Lord that Joseph and Hyrum should have lived, they would have lived. It was necessary for Joseph to seal his testimony with his blood. Had he been destined to live he would have lived. The Lord suffered his death to bring justice on the nation. The debt is contracted and they have it to pay. The nations of the earth are in the Lord's hands; and if we serve Him we shall reap the reward of so doing. If we neglect to obey His laws and ordinances, we shall have to suffer the consequences.

Well, brethren and sisters, try and be Saints. I will try; I have tried many years to live according to the law which the Lord reveals unto me. I know just as well what to teach this people and just what to say to them and what to do in order to bring them into the celestial kingdom, as I know the road to my office. It is just as plain and easy. The Lord is in our midst. He teaches the people continually. I have never yet preached a sermon and sent it out to the children of men, that they may not call scripture. Let me have the privilege of correcting a sermon, and it is as good scripture as they deserve. The people have the oracles of God continually. In the days of Joseph, revelation was given and written, and the people were driven from city to city and place to place, until we were led into these mountains. Let this go to the people with "Thus saith the Lord," and if they do not obey it, you will see the chastening hand of the Lord upon them. But if they are plead with, and led along like children, we may come to understand the will of the Lord and he may preserve us as we desire.

Let us, then, you and me and all who profess to be Latter-day Saints, try to be Saints indeed. God bless you, Amen.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

THOSE BLESSED MAILS.—We extract the following paragraph from a letter of R. Warburton, Esq., of Tooele City, dated Jan. 25th: He says:

"How is it that No. 49 of the DESERET NEWS has never arrived here; were they mailed for Tooele? the people are very anxious for their papers. The Morgan city papers came here and a package for Springville. I do not know if the package addressed for Springville contained the DESERET NEWS, but that for Morgan city certainly did. Perhaps our papers have gone to some other settlement."

We think the last supposition very probable. This morning we received the Ogden Junction for the 22d inst. Where has it been the last five days? Really the carrying of the mails in this Territory is becoming a huge farce. We had better return to the days of "ox team telegraphs and pony expresses!"

NOTICE.—Elders in the States are requested to enquire as to the price of honey-bees in their several localities and to communicate any information they receive to bro. Wm. D. Roberts, Winchester, Scott County, Ill.

ENTERPRISING.—Brother William D. Roberts, of Provo, will start on the 5th of February from this city to the States, for the purpose of purchasing honey-bees. A number of brethren in Provo, convinced of the importance and value of cultivating the honey-bee, have arranged for him to go East and make purchases for them. He will probably bring on at least a car load, and he proposes to guarantee to those who wish to send for bees to deliver them a hive for \$25, paid in advance. For further particulars, apply to him at Provo, or to Bassett & Roberts, in this city, to whom payment may be made.

WHITE PINE AND THE UTAH CENTRAL.—The *Inland Empire* is getting a little anxious on the railroad question, as is evidenced by the following paragraph published in that paper. Did we live in White Pine we have no doubt that we should feel the same as the folks there now do.

"Now that the railroad is completed from Ogden to Salt Lake, the parties interested in it are taking steps to at once build a line further south. This extension will bring a north and south road to a point directly east of White Pine, from which we can connect, by a favorable route, this district with the East. By reference to the map it can be seen that this will be a most favorable route for Eastern travel and freight, and we can save many miles of railroad

transportation and have about the same distance of teaming to do what we now have to Elko. The continuation of the road south from the Mormon city is a matter that every man in White Pine is interested in. Success to the enterprise."

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

THE MAIL QUESTION.—We have had the pleasure of reading two letters addressed to J. M. Moore, Esq., Postmaster of this city, which tend to explain the late mail irregularities in our northern counties. The first is from C. C. Smith, Esq., Terminal Agent at the Junction. He says: "For the last ten days the C. P. agents have reported 'no one at Hot Springs to receive the mails.' The mails, in consequence, have been carried by. I have forwarded your note to Mr. Alexander, Chief Head Clerk of C. P. Route Agents, and if the neglect is with the agents it will be remedied."

The other communication is from James I. Terree, Esq., Route Agent C. P. R. R. He says: "Permit me to state that on last Thursday and also last Thursday week I could not deliver the mail for Brigham city at Bonneville because there was no person there authorized to receive it; I was therefore compelled to do the next best thing by leaving it at Corinne. Also on last Thursday morning I brought the Brigham city mail of the day before from Corinne to Bonneville. Other agents inform me that they have had similar experiences with the same mail."

We hope the ventilation of the subject will accomplish the good we desire, and obtain for our citizens regular and prompt deliveries, and that wherever the fault may be, it will be at once remedied.

SANDWICH ISLAND SUGAR, &c.—It will be seen by an advertisement in another column, that Zion's Co-operative Wholesale Store has received a new consignment of sugar, from Laie, Oahu, Sandwich Islands. It has been sent by Elder George Nebeker. Besides the sugar, there is some rice, the quantity of both amounting to two car loads. There seems to be much prejudice in the minds of many individuals against using home-made articles; they prefer to use those that are imported, though they may not be of as good a quality. But this failing is gradually dying out. The sugar and rice received have two qualities to recommend them: they are produced and made by our own people, and have been transported upwards of three thousand miles.

We hold it to be our bounden duty to use articles so produced in preference to all others, especially if the quality be as good, as is the case with these. The nucleus of what promises, if properly supported, to be a great work, has been established on the Sandwich Islands.

Brother Nebeker and the brethren associated with him do not ask us to pay them more for what they produce than we could buy the same articles elsewhere; but what they ask is that we will pay them as much. They will be content with this. We go in for Sandwich Island sugar and rice for ordinary use.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last, the westward bound train on the U. P. R. R., when between Aspen and Evanston, at a point some distance east of Bear River, ran off the track in consequence of a spread in the rails caused by the weight of the train, and a disastrous accident was the result. From passengers on the train we learn that every car but one was thrown from the track, occasioning several deaths and wounding from forty to fifty others. Two bodies were obtained and it was believed that some others were under the cars, which had not been lifted when our informants left. The train preceding the one which was thrown off was driven over the place where the accident occurred with considerable velocity and escaped without damage.

RETURNED.—Elders Albert Lutz and Henry McEwan, just home from a short mission to the Eastern States, called this morning; they were accompanied by Messrs H. H. Barnard and G. W. Margerum, the former a member of the house of Barnard & Son, of Calais, Me., traveling for pleasure; the latter, a shipwright, en route from Philadelphia to the Mare Island navy yard. All four gentlemen were aboard the train on the U. P. R. R. to which the accident happened on Saturday, but all very luckily escaped injury. Messrs. Lutz and Margerum jumped out of the last car after the commencement of the accident; the car in which Mr. Barnard was seated fell down an embankment fifteen or twenty feet high, but he got under a seat and braced himself there and so escaped injury. They all reached this city from Ogden last night.

Elders McEwan and Lutz feel great pleasure in reaching their homes in the Valley once again. Messrs Margerum and Barnard have been *compagnons de voyage* with Elders Lutz and McEwan some portion of the way from the States hither, and the two former gentlemen were profuse in their expressions of gratitude to the latter for the politeness and attention shown them on the way and since their arrival here.