

EDITORIALS.

FOR JUDAH, NOT FOR THE POPE.

A NEW programme for Palestine is at the tapis. It is a Jesuit movement. Dr. de Haas, an authority on these matters, says a project is on foot to make Jerusalem the headquarters of the Latin Church. Commissioners have been appointed to negotiate for the territory; engineers have surveyed a railroad from Jerusalem to Jaffa; money is being collected for the erection of a magnificent palace for his Holiness on Mount Zion, to which the wealth of the Vatican is to be transferred. There the successor of Pius IX is to be installed, and the "City of the Great King" is to be the future head of the Pontifical See.

We are of the opinion that those who are engaged in this scheme will find another illustration of the adage "Man proposes, but God disposes." Jerusalem is for Judah, not for Rome. The temporal power of the papacy is broken beyond repair. If the Pope cannot rule in Italy he will not preside in Palestine. The genius of Catholicism hovers over the Vatican and centres in the city of the seven hills. The traditions of its Church emanated from and cluster round the fabled seat of St. Peter. Its wealth and power and gorgeous edifices are massed in Italy. The land of Tyre and Sidon, of Galilee and Samaria, of desolation and the Dead Sea, are foreign to it in every respect, and the City of David is no place for the palace of the "Holy Father."

These are the "times of resitutation spoken of by all the holy prophets since the world began." The purposes of Jehovah cannot be frustrated. The descendants of His ancient covenant people will reap the fruits of the promises planted in the hearts of the fathers. The signs of the times point to the speedy redemption of Jerusalem, and the spirit of the great gathering is beginning to take hold of the Jewish heart. The war now raging will be one of the instruments in the hand of the Omnipotent to prepare the way before the feet of the sons of Jacob, and the Hebrew, not the Latin, will come in upon the land like a flood.

There are no people who watch the events transpiring in the old world with greater interest than do the Latter-day Saints. The gathering of the Jews to Palestine is one of the important incidents of the work to which their lives are devoted. Their destiny is associated with the ultimate triumph of Judah. And the fulfillment of the predictions of ancient prophet and modern seer is taking place so rapidly and significantly, that they are almost ready to proclaim: "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins." No, Jerusalem is not to be given to the Jesuits. Palestine is not to pass under the power of the Pope. The soil is reserved for Judah and "the mighty God of Jacob" will turn and overturn until the dominion is established. The dispersion of the House of Israel was clearly predicted by their prophets, and they literally became "a hiss and a by-word among all nations." "He who scattered Israel will also gather them." The prophecies concerning the restoration are just as clear and definite as those in relation to the dispersion. If the latter have been fulfilled, have we not good reason for expecting the accomplishment of the former? The great theme of the inspired Jewish bards and seers was the latter-day glory of their nation. The events which they associated with the restoration and the re-building of their ancient capital, are now transpiring and we therefore look for the complete fulfillment of their sayings concerning the triumph of Judah.

This re-establishment of an old and once powerful nation upon the site of its former splendor and dominion, is one of the important scenes in the great drama of the last days, and a precursor of the "consummation of all things." It will surely be accomplished, and will aid in the vast revolution that is about to be inaugurated by the powers on high, which will result

in the "end of the world" or, in other words, the destruction of man's misrule, and the setting up of His kingdom whose right it is to reign, whose dominion shall be everlasting, and whose sway shall be "from the rivers even unto the ends of the earth. He is the "Lion of the tribe of Judah;" he will sit upon the throne of his father David, and all nations and kingdoms will serve and obey Him.

WHO WAS THE DOTARD?

It is the easiest thing in the world for sceptics to scoff at divine things and to ridicule the faith in others which they do not themselves possess. Sir Isaac Newton wrote a book upon the prophet Daniel, and another upon the Book of Revelation, in one of which he said that in order to fulfil certain prophecies before a certain date terminated—namely, 1,260 years—there would be a mode of travelling of which the men of his time had no conception; nay, that the knowledge of mankind would be so increased that they would be able to travel at the rate of fifty miles an hour. Voltaire, who did not believe in the inspiration of the Scriptures, got hold of this, and said:—"Now look at that mighty mind of Newton, who discovered gravity and told us such marvels for us all to admire. When he became an old man and got into his dotage, he began to study that book called the Bible; and it seems that, in order to credit its fabulous nonsense, we must believe that the knowledge of mankind will be so increased that we shall be able to travel at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The poor dotard!" exclaimed the philosophic infidel Voltaire, in the self-complacency of his pity. Time has tested the sayings of both those notables. Which of the two is most deserving of the name of "dotard;" the believing philosopher or the cynical skeptic?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Considerable fun was made at a fashionable eastern wedding, at the groom's expense, because when he knelt at the altar, \$3.50 was plainly marked on the soles of his shoes. Well, that is \$3.45 more than the value of some bridegrooms.

John Schmidt, a Nebraska farmer, received a painful wound to one of his fingers in a fall, lockjaw set in and he died last Monday. Doesn't that look like the finger of fate?

The heir presumptive of the British throne, the son of the Prince of Wales, has an attack of typhoid fever. He is the third of his line who has been afflicted with this disease within a period of sixteen years. The doctors say this illness is of deep sanitary significance.

In Europe toads are carried to the cities to market, and are purchased by horticulturists, who by their aid are enabled to keep in check the multiplication of the insect tribes which prey upon their fruits and flowers. The anatomy of this reptile proves its perfect adaptation to the sphere which it fills in the economy of nature.

Seven thousand head of beef cattle have been purchased in Southern Utah, by those Chicago merchants mentioned in the News a few days ago. The Beaver Square Dealer says some of that beef has been shipped to Europe. Why can't our home stock-raisers open up a foreign market for beef as well as the Chicago and Denver men?

"Give no quarter to tramps," says an eastern exchange. That's right; make them earn the quarter first. An honest tramp is not afraid of an axe and a woodpile. Feed the hungry but don't give money to loafers. In Fayette Co., Iowa, a few days ago, on the body of a sunstruck tramp a belt was found containing \$500.

One of the latest inventions of destruction is an aerial torpedo. It is attached to a balloon to be started to the windward of any point of attack, detached by means of electricity, and discharged at any desired time or place. The balloon can be wafted out of the range of shot, and the destruction from the torpedo in falling into a fort or camp would be terrible and enormous.

Several thousand spawn of Penobscot salmon were placed in the Des Moines River, three years ago, and no results were discovered until a few days since, when a number of nice salmon were caught by fishermen a few miles below Des Moines City.

A carrier pigeon of the Belgian breed recently beat a railway express train on a journey from Dover to London, arriving twenty minutes before the train. The winged messenger travelled about fifty miles an hour. Feathers and muscle out-travelled iron and steam.

"Col. Sellers" new play is called "The Golden Calf." He does not reveal what heifer-its he will make to give it success. So says the *Globe-Democrat*. We think it is not mete he should do so. Better hide his intent till after the play, and not unfold that tale before, lest he should be branded with attempting to bull-doze the common herd.

For the sake of the children, to say nothing of older persons, it ought to be generally known that tobacco is a sovereign remedy for the sting of a wasp, mosquito, bee, hornet, &c. Moisten a little cut tobacco and place over the spot affected, and if applied soon after the injury the cure will be immediate. Even when some time has elapsed after the sting it will relieve pain and aid in extracting poison.

An "Insect Society" in Michigan is accomplishing much towards the salvation of fruit in that State. Before the organization of the society only five per cent of the fruit was free from insects. Now more than seventy-five per cent is preserved from their ravages. Unless some organized effort is made in this city for the destruction of the cod-lin moth and other fruit pests, we might as well cut down our apple trees for firewood. Those insects can be extirpated. But talk will not kill a worm or save an apple.

In several of our exchanges we notice encouraging reports of women's labor in suppressing the liquor trade. Influential ladies of Toronto, Canada, are pressing the subject in Parliament, and so far have met with considerable success. It is hoped the "Dunkin bill" presented in Parliament, will become a law, which requires that not less than five gallons of liquor can be sold at a time. We hope our Legislative Assembly, which meets on the first Monday after New Year will handle this subject and assist in carrying on the good work commenced by the ladies of this city some time ago.

Nowhere but in this free and remarkable country would such a peculiar wedding affair occur as took place at St. Louis a week ago last Sunday. Mr. Joseph Pauline and Mrs. Annie Statelbut were joined in matrimony. Mr. Statelbut, the bride's former husband from whom she had been divorced, acted as Master of the Ceremonies, passing around the cake and wine, and congratulating the principals. He said if Mr. Pauline had not married her, he would have been pleased to do so again himself. The new-vamped bride didn't want him, however. She is not yet twenty-five years old.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania is troubled with heretics. A Dr. Blauvelt has recently been dealt with, his doctrines declared unorthodox, and he has been cast out. O. L. Ashenfelter, pastor of the Reformed Church, Carlisle, is the next case to be dealt with. He is accused of heresy. He is charged in substance with preaching doctrines inconsistent with those of the Reformed Church, with denying the inspiration of the Bible, especially the Old Testament, with teaching that it is not to be regarded as an absolute rule of faith and life, with denying the eternal punishment of the wicked, and with setting forth the final restoration of all men to heaven, contrary to the teachings of the Heidelberg Catechism. They have a very summary way of dealing with such cases as these in that church. The accused will not be allowed to make any defence of himself or his doctrines; but the church court will merely declare his doctrines unorthodox, and cast him out. This method of dealing with heretics is deemed the best, as they are prevented from using their trial as an opportunity for displaying themselves and propagating their doctrines.

The peach crop in Delaware, Maryland and North Carolina is a failure. The fruit rapidly decays after plucking, indicating that it is diseased and unwholesome.

The Omaha Bee does not think the ravages of the Missouri so extensive and alarming as many people imagine. The danger has been over-estimated, and due precautions will prevent the destruction anticipated.

Venomous spiders whose bite is often fatal, swarm on the Russian shores of the Black Sea. What a sweet spot for a watering place! The decrease of birds is supposed to be the cause of the rapid increase of the poisonous insects.

Asia is in a bad fix. While war is raging on the Turkish border, famine is devastating India, and China, in addition to a terrible fever epidemic, is in danger of suffering through the loss of crops. The Orient is under a cloud.

A San Francisco society man has written a book on the evils of round dancing. He knows how it is himself, and has given to the world the most scathing denunciation of the waltz that has ever emanated from the press. He calls the waltz "The Dance of Death," and depicts its immorality and demoralizing tendencies in a most forcible and convincing manner.

Habeas corpus goes on a rampage occasionally in other places besides Utah. A negro stole twenty cents at Columbus, Ga., and being incarcerated under a commitment to answer the charge, was habeas corpused and released a few days ago. This is a wonderful country, with a wonderful judicial system.

A marvel of the photographic art has been produced by Muybridge, of San Francisco. It is the picture of "Occident" while trotting at a 2:27 gait. The exposure of the negative was said to be only "the thousandth part of a second." The picture is splendid, and the spokes of the sulky wheels are clearly defined.

The Sierra Flume and Lumber Company of California have come to the conclusion that Chinese cheap labor is not profitable, and after the 1st of September will employ only white workmen and apprentices. Gen. Chipman, the superintendent, says experience proves that in all the work of logging, hauling, sawing, etc., Caucasian labor is far superior to Mongolian. Correct?

No accounting for taste. According to an exchange, Miss Harriet Church, a handsome, educated daughter of a wealthy Connecticut gentleman, eloped last week with Mosely P. Sweet, an ignorant man of doubtful reputation, who is half deaf and partially blind and afflicted with a cancer. He appears to have been attached to the Church, and however repulsive he may have been to others, he seems to be Sweet to her.

There are 16,000,000 emancipated serfs in Russia. Under the old system they and their children were provided for by the Commune. Expecting that this sustenance would be continued, many of them sold their plots of land and are without support or the means of it, having spent the cash they realized on their sales. Great discontent prevails among them, and if the spirit that raged in America during the great strike should move into Russia, a formidable outbreak might cripple the nation at home while engaged in making war abroad.

The fight between Judge Hilton and Mr. Joseph Seligman over the exclusion of the Jews from the Grand Union Hotel, at Saratoga, has not resulted in bringing any increase of patronage to that hostelry. The war upon the Jews has injured Saratoga. It is estimated that no less than 1,500 of that race, wealthy people who spent their summer at Saratoga, have entirely disappeared; they have gone to other watering places. The leading aristocratic Jews have left Saratoga altogether. They say they will not go to a watering place where their privileges or standing is a question of discussion. The war which drove these people away from the Grand Union has not filled their places with other guests. The tide of aristocratic popularity has not set in that direction. Judge Hilton is said to be satisfied with the results of the fight and that he would make the same fight over again. But his hotel has not been benefited thus far, financially or socially.

A colored man attempted an outrage on a young lady in Georgia, a short time ago, when her brother followed the scoundrel and shot and killed him. A coroner's jury, after investigating the affair, returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide." Or in other words, "served him right."

The *Prairie Farmer* advocates the use of weak brine for certain plants and says: "If cabbages do not head properly, a pinch of salt to each head will be beneficial, or, better, give them a slight watering at night with weak brine. This may again be repeated later in the season. A single watering with quite weak brine is also excellent for watermelons, about the time the fruit is setting."

The London *Daily Telegraph* tells a strange story of the discovery at the bottom of Lake Geneva of an inundated village. Searching for a lost trunk led to the discovery. Oil poured on the surface of the lake enabled the astonished observers to see about 200 houses surrounding an open space, and a large square tower which was once supposed to be a rock. There is some talk of draining off the water to expose the covered town, and archeological developments of great interest are expected.

Following are the numbers which the great cathedrals of Europe will hold, according to a list in the Cincinnati *Enquirer*—St. Peter's Church, Rome, 54,000 people; Milan Cathedral, 37,000; St. Paul's, at Rome, 32,000; St. Paul's, at London, 35,900; San Petronio, at Bologna, 24,400; Florence Cathedral, 24,300; Antwerp Cathedral, 24,000; St. Sophia's, Constantinople, 23,000; St. John Lateran, 22,000; Notre Dame, at Paris, 21,000; Pisa Cathedral, 13,000; St. Stephen's, at Vienna, 12,400; St. Dominic, at Bologna, 12,000; St. Peter's, at Bologna, 11,400; Cathedral at Vienna, 11,000; St. Mark's, at Vienna, 7,000.

The green-eyed monster creeps into the breasts of the toughest men of the world, so we shouldn't find much fault with the women for feeling it. Even showmen are not exempt from the pangs of jealousy. Here is Barnum the "Prince of Showmen" and Emperor of Humbugs, sending word all over the United States that the baby elephant in Forepaugh's Menagerie was not born in America, but in Asia. Well, there is a baby elephant in the big show, and it has four-paws, and the crowds who have come in from the country to "see the elephant" will not care a great deal where the infant was first brought forth, so long as it is brought forth here.

The following August hints to bee-keepers are made in the *Prairie Farmer* by Mrs. L. Harrison: "Bees that are queenless now will either be robbed or be destroyed by the ravages of the bee-moth. They should have their combs exchanged for those containing brood, or be united with other colonies. If any colonies are so full of honey that they have no room for brood-rearing, some of the combs should be removed, and empty ones put in their places." * * * Those of us who are desirous of wintering our bees successfully should keep their stocks strong. Those who are able to carry out this rule, will prove themselves to be, not only bee-keepers, but bee-masters, and may safely calculate on generous returns from their industrious subjects."

The President, acting upon the opinion of the Senate and House Military Committees, the Judge Advocate General and upon his own, derived from a careful and exhaustive examination of the evidence upon which General B. P. Runkle was convicted of embezzlement, by court martial, has disapproved its sentence and directed that General Order No. 7, 1873, directing that said General Runkle be cashiered from the military service of the United States, be revoked. To those most familiar with the merits of the case and with Belknap's unjust rulings, oftentimes, there is but one voice—that of approval—at the President's decision. General Runkle resumes his old place in the army with his reputation in nowise damaged by the taint unjustly cast upon it through the hasty action of a court-martial, approved by a Secretary of War who now rests under a weight of odium that no action of the Chief Executive can ever remove or in any degree lighten.