

zen, personally advocating the full establishment and operation of an evil that is justly regarded everywhere as one of the most dangerous to morals that can be conceived. The Variety Theatre as a rule—no exceptions have, so far as we can learn, ever been noted—combines three of the most debasing social phases in existence, and each one of the three ministers to and feeds the other two.

Is it not time that the eyes of all good people were opened to see not only the evils that are increasing and enlarging in Salt Lake City, but to make note of the conducting causes, general and individual? This understanding will help in the formulation and application of a curative process.

We have heretofore asserted, and repeat the enunciation, that the reformation of the morals of the city is a work in which all its good people can unite. Let all differences of sentiment and opinion be laid aside, that there may be a vigorous onslaught upon vice and lawlessness. Let the object be sought with full purpose; not as "Liberals," nor as members of the People's Party; not as Democrats or Republicans; not as Protestants, Catholics, or Latter-day Saints, but as virtue-loving human beings interested in the preservation of social purity and good order in this city.

#### COINCIDENTAL BELIEFS, LONGINGS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE position of the Jews in Russia is becoming daily more intolerable, if it be possible for their misery to be increased without annihilating them. Their wretchedness is described as indescribable, and the oppression and indignities to which they are subjected exhibit the acme of cruelty and tyranny. Five millions must soon leave the dominion of the Czar, or perish. There are fifty thousand members of families whose heads have emigrated to South and Central America, where they are laboring to accumulate the necessary funds to pay for the transportation of those left in the land of Jewish despotism. Most of those fifty thousand are reported as being daily in a condition of semi-starvation.

The efforts of outside nations to induce the Russian Government to adopt a more civilized and humane policy toward the remnants of the ancient chosen people only serve to make matters worse for the unfortunates; hence the Czarina requests, in the interests of humanity, that England cease her endeavors in that direction.

Such attempts at amelioration by the British only serve to exasperate the Slavonic population against their traditional enemies, the English, and

fire the prevailing hate toward the Jews. Such interference has no mollifying effect upon the cruel government of the Czar, who rules with a rod of iron. In its oppressive pursuit of the Hebrews it has the popular support. In this direction the Government and the people are a unit, and the anti-semitic movement doubtless diverts to some extent the popular attention away from the formation of nihilistic conspiracies. Hence there is no hope in that country for the Jews.

The position of the Hebrews in Russia, where they number many millions, constitutes a question of the hour. It directs special attention to the entire race, forcing the fact more and more upon the reflecting observer that they are a singular people. They have been preserved, while sprinkled among all nations, as distinctly as if they had been locally separated from all other peoples. There has been no absorption to speak of in either direction.

This phase is of itself miraculous. It is a departure from the usual law of humanity governing races of the same color. They were scattered, and revelation announces that in the latter times the remnants shall again be gathered. Their preservation in a situation in which this could alone be possible is a natural evidence in favor of the correctness of the theological enunciation. The circumstances now surrounding the Hebrews, or a large proportion of them, also favor the consummation of the prediction in the near future.

The disposition of these remnants is a question that must be solved soon. The prevailing prejudice existing against them in many countries, and the labor question in others, will practically shut out wholesale consignments of them from most of the civilized nations. The time will arrive when the subject must be acted upon. Where shall they go? That will soon be a question of the hour. The answer will be, to Palestine, which awaits population and development. To fulfil biblical predictions the rulers of the earth will take part in planting them there and will nourish them until they become sufficiently strong and wealthy to incur the jealousy of the leading powers, who will seek to overthrow the renewed Hebrew nationality.

A great body of Jews are now looking and longing for deliverance. Some are even desiring, hoping and panting for the Messiah to come. These latter are doubtless in the minority. But they are eager for deliverance from a condition in which they are bowed down and afflicted. And it is a coincidental phenomenon that the aborigines of this country, and—according to

reports received from various parts of Central and South America—the Indians in nearly all other portions of the continent are longing and looking for deliverance. Their desire is associated definitely with the real Messiah of the Jews—Jesus Christ, who was crucified nearly nineteen hundred years ago.

The coincidental situation would not be complete had it not been placed beyond reasonable doubt that the Jewish and the Indian races have both sprung from one parent stock. Aside from revelation on the subject, the best and most comprehensive information upon this point is to be obtained from an exhaustive work from the pen of Elijah M. Haynes, of Illinois. That gentleman devotes a volume of over 800 pages to "The American Indian." It is a book which shows great research, and the materials for it were collected during a period of forty years. He was practically reared among the Aborigines and his experience among them covered the time stated.

The author gives so much information regarding the Israelitish origin of the Indians that it would be useless to merely quote isolated facts from the bulk of proof he lays before the public. An intelligent reader cannot, after perusing his work, if he has any faith in the veracity of the author, have any remnant of doubt left upon his mind that the Indians are an offshoot of the old Israelitish stock. Neither can he ignore the fact that not only did the Mosaic law and rites exist among their progenitors, but that Christianity was at one time established among them, long anterior to the discovery of the continent familiar to readers of popular history.

Here then are two branches of the house of Jacob simultaneously looking and longing for deliverance. Associated with this phenomenal state of things may be cited the agitation among many bodies of religionists throughout the civilized world concerning the probable advent of the Savior at a day not distant, to abolish strife and wickedness and introduce the promised epoch of peace and righteousness. Surely some potent spiritual forces are at work. Otherwise, why should there be such a simultaneous mental impetus in the same direction, emanating from distinct sources having no visible connection with each other? Not only is the mental bent of different classes of men most striking in the direction referred to, but prevalent conditions and circumstances are of a coincidental complexion. Even aside from religious considerations, such questions constitute an interesting subject of reflection.