

Tuesday, January 27, 1890.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is too late in the day to attempt to prove that great things cannot be achieved by men who are total abstainers from the use of intoxicating drinks, but it is only a few years ago that such rubbish was openly advocated. In Utah we have too many living examples, read and known of all men, of leading spirits in every good work who never touch the drunkard's cup. And there are many prominent names in the list of this world's present workers who are total abstainers, amongst whom we find the names of John Bright, Sir Garnet Wolsey, Samuel Morley, Dr. Forster and last, but not least, President R. B. Hayes.

An extraordinary pig has been developed in Michigan, though remarkable only in the one thing, that it lived 142 days without food of any kind, at least that is the claim set up in its behalf. The story runs, that a Mr. Eberhousen, of Little Bay, Michigan, built a wooden house on sloping ground, and into the space between the ground and the floor the pig crept in unnoticed November 23d, 1878. The house was not occupied immediately, and the porcine intruder, then in good condition, not being able to get out, philosophically rolled itself in some convenient shavings and went to sleep. The genial breath of April aroused it from its lengthy slumber. To the surprise of the occupants of the room above it grunted with a gusto and began to knock for release. When brought to the light its appearance was pitiable. The ribs seemed to have vanished, the hams had vanished, the vertebrae could be counted, the eye looked out of their bony sockets with a profoundly melancholy expression. For some time the creature was not recognized, but at last a woman claimed it as her property, recognizing it by some peculiarities in the tail. When the curious story spread, the animal became an object of peculiar interest, and was the recipient of many delicacies not frequently heard of in the dietary of pigothers. These aided with marvelous effect, and when last heard of it was as plump as it had ever been in any previous stage of its peculiar history. The *Duluth Tribune* and *Herald* is responsible for the above details.

FREEDOM TO WORSHIP GOD.

Under the above heading the *Hart (Michigan) Journal*, of January 15, has the following liberal and sensible leader, which coming from a non-Mormon source is refreshing when contrasted with the usual bigoted, bitter and intolerant intemperance of the press on the "Mormon" question:

"It is not the purpose of this article to argue in favor of Quakerism, Shakerism, Dunkardism, Spiritualism, Mormonism, Catholicism, Calvinism, or any of the other religious sects of the day—only to say that while the acknowledgment of the right to worship God as men desire in religious freedom in theory from all denominations, yet man is such a tyrannical animal that when it is possible for one sect or denomination of them, to deny the right to others, history shows that it has been done. Look at the long interminable religious wars of the past, the most revolting proof of this. And just now all of that same old persecution seems to be centered upon one poor, helpless, religious sect, who in humbly following the lives and practices of the old patriarchs of God, so much exalted and glorified by all denominations, are anathematized, denounced as outlaws and criminals. Congressmen are trying to earn cheap adulation and glory by working forth in violence and bloodshed against that despised, mobbed and martyred sect. And almost every body runs up in holy horror and cries, why they are vile, they commit polygamy. But hold on biggity, intolerance, in your hasty passion, don't dash prejudice, you forget that in branding with crime and criminality, you pile up hatching of crimes against you, you canonize and have and do now exist and worship next to the religion of the old patriarchs, David and all of the old patriarchs and prophets of God, if not slain, and their members perished and cleansed from the earth, should have been confined in prisons all of their lives, and then in death their bodies should have been embalmed and preserved in dungeons and chains until this day. Judge not that ye be not judged, and remember that no infinite God sanctions, commands and approves a practice in one age which is an abomination in the next. Truth is stranger than fiction, and man is a weak, unstable and imperfect interviewer of God. Hate and despise polygamy in far away Utah as you please, but would it not be better if Congress would cleanse itself of the taint, treason and uncleanliness with which each side charges the other, before breaking imprisons and dungeons upon a far away sect for believing in the religion of the 'wisest' servants of God who have ever lived, and of all his inspired and saintly co-workers—in doing the latter, would it not strike at the right of religious conscience and freedom, and at the same time cast a reflection back upon and brand Solomon and all of the patriarchs as criminals? Better tend to other and more important matters and wait and see. Let none say that this article advocates polygamy. It does not such thing, or vice versa, but it states history and facts, and urges Congress and others to be consistent and not covetously burn the power upon and against a few thousand rural and industrious Chinese, and powerless sect who a few years ago fled from the fury of mobs through a then charge of darkness and wilderness to a resting place along the mountains.

MOBES AND POSTERITY.

In the first view it will astonish the people when they consider a number of lines of ancestors do every man has within a very great number of degrees; and many different bloods is a man to receive as he has lines of posterity. Every person has two sets, four grand parents, eight great-grandparents and so on, it is evident that the number is

doubled at every several, because each of our ancestors had also two ancestors of his own. When the tenth degree is reached the number is 1024, and thence, as follows, to the twentieth:

10th degree	2,048 ancestors
11th	4,096
12th	8,192
13th	16,384
14th	32,768
15th	65,536
16th	131,072
17th	262,144
18th	524,288
19th	1,048,576

On the other hand if our posterity double each generation, in twenty generations our descendants will number as above stated, by simply reversing the idea, and calculating forward instead of backward. However there are but very few, except those who receive special promises from Heaven whose posterity double at every generation; in fact but few can calculate that it is probable they will have posterity to twenty or an indefinite number of generations.

This is an interesting subject to the Latter-day Saints, because it is to perform a necessary work for the benefit of their ancestors, as well as to lay an immovable foundation upon which their posterity can build, and who expect to continue their works in eternity, for the ultimate redemption of the whole race of Adam except the "sons of perdition" who willfully sin to the uttermost against their own understanding of the truth. The blessings promised to Abraham in the number of his posterity will never be fully comprehended until the light of eternity discloses its immensity. The promise made to Phinehas of the everlasting continuance of his priesthood in his family line is a similar character. And when men who have received those promises in subsequent times to those in which the above named worthies figured in the earth's history, obtain the fulfillment thereof through faithfulness they secure a blessing which reaches into the regions of immortality and is rich in glory and power and dominion forever.

A WOMAN ON THE WOMAN QUESTION.

Editors Deseret News:

Will you allow me space for a few remarks that have suggested themselves to me on reading in Friday evening's issue the letter of "Reignald." I read it in my sick room, and was much surprised to find it was deemed necessary to give the names of those who signed the bill for the removal of women's disabilities. Have been prevented, through sickness, from attending the Legislature except on the opening day, and know nothing but what I get through the *EVENING NEWS*, having seen no one to communicate with on the matter, therefore I say anything not *au fait*, impute it to my non-understanding.

Surely, gentlemen of the Legislature need no reference as to "character," capability, integrity, etc., of those women who signed the bill, their lives, family connections, and principles are an open book before this people and in large measure before the world. They are "working bees in the hive of Deseret," not fine ladies' work, but the common drudgery of domestic life. They understand practically the sweat of the brow, the sweat of the brain, and the sweat of the heart. They have been the domestic alchemists, practically converting all into gold, or something more useful. They have been their own housemaid, cook, kitchen maid, laundry maid, the laundress, the dressmaker, the seamstress, and general factotum. Entering into all the minutiae of these occupations, they have been hard workers and nursemaid alternately, with country other offices too numerous to mention, and above all the housekeeper and lady of the house, to receive company and "do the honors" and all that complex work has been done, and done well. Most of them have had large families of fine, healthy, intelligent children, and they thoroughly understood rearing and educating them. The woman who has thus graduated has a readiness in her character for any small office she might be appointed to. These women never yet have stepped out of their sphere of womanhood, and their sphere given no cause for doubt, or for one who may be found doing so; "prove all things," knowledge is power and experience is revelation. To all that have it, give change for development; vegetation on a cabbage leaf belongs to a past age. If a man, or woman, give no promise for fitness for a certain place, or office, by no means place them in it; in some other department they may become "burning and shining light," a wise legislature will at once see the propriety of such selection; many persons develop even to their own astonishment; we should not know that fire was hidden in the flint if it was not struck. Napoleon the First would have lived and died "the little corporal" had not circumstances and position developed him into General, Comandante, Emperor—the commander of the world's army; and died simply a scholar. A lover of learning and an obedient pupil, as Sir Roger Ascham pronounced her, being her tutor. But a crown and a great kingdom fell upon her head and shoulders, and she simply raised herself erect and bore them with a masculine mind alone. Her prodigious learning when it came upon, "dids, there shall be but one mistress, and no master"—let no one pronounce this arrogance; it was simply the voice of a kindly soul, whose duty it was imperative to hold its own. Solomon, the wise, lacked this knowledge, and became worse than an imbecile. Could she, a woman, with the ideas men have ever had of woman—could she have held her scepter, her crown and kingdom, with a feeble vacillating hand, and in such troublous times as all the early part of her reign witnessed? No, she had constantly to bring out all the strength of her mind, and she was a woman, and a woman's duty it was imperative to hold its own. Solomon, the wise, lacked this knowledge, and became worse than an imbecile. Could she, a woman, with the ideas men have ever had of woman—could she have held her scepter, her crown and kingdom, with a feeble vacillating hand, and in such troublous times as all the early part of her reign witnessed? 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