

Correspondence.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 12th, 1869.

Mr. Editor:—All questions that are proposed and agitated by the Presidency of the Church have a significance and importance, and demand more than a passing thought or a few days' observance; and none more so than the question of co-operation. The movement has elicited the hearty approval of the transient visitor; it has been commended as good forecast and statesmanship, and as the correction of the speculative abuses inseparable from trade and commerce under the old system. A hearty endorsement of all the views touching this question was given by the "Irrepressible Train." But while the casual observer sees so much to admire, does this great movement find the hearty and unqualified support that it should? Does it demand, to-day, the careful adherence to its programme of every buyer that it should? Does every man of prominence use his influence to have the means of the people flow in the proper channel, helping to make this great experiment a complete success? This enterprise was the first to inaugurate low figures, as the prices of goods now and formerly will show (I quote best articles):

Nails, formerly \$21, to-day - \$10. Stoves, " \$60, " \$42 to \$45. Sugar, " 35c. " 23c. 4-4 brown muslin, best, 22 1/2c., to-day 20 1/2c. " 19 1/2c. " bleached " 20 to 32 16 to 30 Denims, - 21 to 35 19 to 30 Hickories, - 20 to 32 19 to 33 Apron checks 24 1/2 to 38 21 to 35

What has produced this astonishing reduction in prices? Not the mere difference in freight charges now and six months ago, but the adherence to pledges made. I say, therefore, that this movement should not be considered as a tool merely to provoke others to sell cheaper simply because they are compelled by virtue of co-operation; but it should be sustained by all from gratitude, principle and duty. It should command patronage on the high moral principle of benefactions conferred, and the question should be not where I can do the best to-day, but where I ought to trade. Who broke the barriers of high prices? The answer is the Parent Co-operative; and if every purchaser felt this and did his whole duty well, the principle sought to be solved would permeate all the avenues of trade. The main consideration has not been how much can be made, or how much this or that article would bear, but how low can we deal safely and justly with the stockholders' funds. Had this not been the motive then the gap of depreciation in prices consequent on causes beyond control might not have occurred. But the pledges and determination, that while the people, and the bishops, those cabinet ministers, were called upon to sustain their movement, all just cause of complaint should be removed and the people have cheap goods. Has that pledge been maintained? Let the figures above quoted tell.

The wisest and greatest schemes, having for their sole object the good of the great mass, will fall to the ground unless sustained by hearty and unceasing co-operation. Even the scheme to redeem the world spiritually must have a Christ to bring in a happy and glorious consummation. Perhaps all the details and workings out were not made known to him, but nothing short of his hearty co-operation to make his Father's scheme a success, could have enabled him to say "Not my will, but thine be done," and at last to say "Father, it is finished."

In the peculiar organization of our church, what are we all but the avowed disciples of one man, who, by choice, ordination, &c., have promised adherence to the policy proposed for our adoption, and whose highest aim it should be, so long as we make our profession, to make these schemes a success. True, in the midst of a transition from one state to another, some few may suffer, but the masses are benefited. It would be better to-day, a thousand per cent. if, in all the avenues of trade and in all our secular pursuits, we had wise, judicious men to advise, in the expenditure of the several sums of money seeking investment, so as to bring into the several settlements the varied machinery needed.

Some time ago one of our superior mechanics, seeing the impoverished condition of one of the settlements and the miles the people had to travel to get needed mill privileges, built two

very fine ones, a saw and grist. Presently the cries were raised, "extortion," "competition is the life of trade," "free trade and sailors' rights, &c., which do well for England, perhaps. But the consequence was another mill, No. 2, was erected to modify No. 1, and then No. 3 was to be built and now that town runs 25 miles to get wool carded, &c., &c. Hence competition is not the life of trade, but as in this and hundreds of cases that might be named it was its death; for where so much competition exists the spirit that suggested co-operation, the greatest good, to the greatest number is needed for a balance.

The Parent co-operative here has seated itself to control the wholesale and retail markets; it looks and demands perforce of our position, our unqualified support, and this it must have or else let us forego the one, recall the other and pull down the signs, and be like the rest of the world.

Yours, OBSERVER.

TOOLEE, Sept. 1st, 1869.

MR. EDITOR:—In this city we have been blessed and profited the past season by the dealing out of goods by our Co-operative Institution, which, I think has thus far done a very fair business; the only competition being Mr. N. Duanyan, who has now sold his entire stock to S. A. Cotter, who, I am informed, will continue the business heretofore carried on by Mr. Duanyan.

Crops are good; wheat nearly all thrashed. Abundance of bread stuffs, and the people generally happy.

L. GEE.

A half-breed captured by a vigilance committee in Kansas for murder, and about to be hanged, told the committee that he would hang himself. Accordingly he put the rope round his neck, climbed the three and jumped off, declaring that he had killed six men, and would have doubled the number in a few days. He closed his brief speech with curses and execrations.

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