

EDITORIALS.

PAUPERISM.

PHILADELPHIA spends \$3,000,000 a year in alms to the suffering poor. This is a large sum, and the question has arisen in "the city of brotherly love" as to the results accomplished in its expenditure. It is believed that under the present mode of granting relief it is merely "a premium upon beggary," and a movement has been started with a view to remedy the evil.

The subject of pauperism is of great importance to every community. Anything which encourages idleness and improvidence is productive of vice and accomplishes more evil than good. Indiscriminate charity is impolitic in the extreme. Giving something for nothing, unless to the aged and infirm, the sick or maimed, is calculated to pamper the lazy, induce imposture and increase the pauper element.

The same money distributed as alms, if used in the establishment of industrial enterprises, in which employment could be furnished to idle hands, would accomplish good where now it is fruitful of evil. The poor should be encouraged to self exertion, and assisted in such a way that their self respect will not be destroyed. Alms-giving takes away the spirit of independence which should animate every able-bodied person, and tends to make the recipient cringing, mean and servile. Relief to the indigent should be afforded, not in the way of gifts, but by loan or labor. Vagrancy should be checked, and, where means are provided for the unemployed to do something to earn a living, it ought to be punished as a public offence.

One of the most important considerations for Utah, at the present time, is the problem of profitable industry for the whole population. Unless avenues are opened for remunerative labor, we might as well cease bringing the poor from abroad, and moderate our anxiety to raise up a numerous posterity at home. Idleness is the father of vice, and ignorance its mother, and unless opportunities are afforded for the new comers and rising generation to earn a living, and the means are made possible for the moral, religious and scholastic education of all, we need not expect that we shall escape the evils that afflict older settled countries, and that form dark and growing plague-spots on the face of every "Christian" land.

Whether in Philadelphia or Salt Lake, alms-giving, unless to the disabled, is mistaken charity. An equivalent should be required for everything bestowed upon the poor. Thus habits of industry, justice, independence, self-respect and honesty will be promoted, and pauperism, the curse of the great cities of the world, will be repressed and confined to small and manageable dimensions.

A STEP FORWARD.

A TIE vote of 26 to 26 was given in the Senate on the 29th inst., on Sargent's motion to take up the House bill removing the disabilities of women to practice in the United States courts. This exhibits a growth in the sentiments of Senators on the question of the rights of woman, and portends the passage of the bill at no distant day. Sargent will endeavor to obtain action on the bill at every favorable opportunity, until a decision is reached on its merits, and there is no valid reason why it should not become a law.

If a woman is capable of passing the same examination as a man as to legal qualifications for admission to the bar, justice and gallantry demand that she should not be thrust out of court because of her sex. The present absurd disqualification removed in this respect, a step in advance will have been made by the workers for woman suffrage, and the complete political emancipation of "the better half" of humnity. Success to them.

A SENSIBLE GIRL.

A SHORT time ago, at Cincinnati, Ohio, a wedding was cut off in the middle and brought to a sudden deace, much to the surprise of all the friends of the bride and bridegroom, and to the great chagrin of many. The young couple were well connected, had been close acquaintances from childhood, they were very fond of each other and their relatives were mutually agreeable to the match.

On the appointed day the guests were assembled, the pair were ready to be united, the minister proceeded with the ceremony, and all went smoothly till the question was put: "Wilt thou take this man to be thy wedded husband, etc." To the great amazement of the company and the consternation of the bridegroom, the young lady answered, "No." The minister thinking she had not understood, repeated the question, when she replied again with an emphatic negative. Then came an explanation, and the breaking off of the marriage.

It appears that the expectant bride had learned some time before that her intended was addicted to the immoderate use of intoxicating liquor. Although much attached to him, she announced her determination never to wed him if he continued the degrading habit. He promised reform, signed the pledge, and for two or three months abstained entirely. She then agreed to the wedding. But as they stood together before the officiating minister, the odor of whisky on his breath was plainly perceptible to her. She saw that he was inconstant to his vow, that he was not to be depended upon, and concluded that he was not the kind of man with whom she should trust her future.

In spite of his entreaties, the pleadings of his friends, and the voice of her own heart, she bravely hearkened to her judgment and refused to link her fate with that of an untrustworthy and intemperate man. She was wise in her generation, and if there were more like her there would be much less suffering and perhaps much less sin in the world. Girls, ponder on this case, and beware of yielding up sound sense to transient feeling.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Inhalations of turpentine have been used with great success in cases of diphtheria, by a New York physician. This is a simple remedy and can be tried without danger.

It is said that President Hayes is very fond of singing Methodist hymns around the fireside in the evening. His favorite, latterly, has been "When I can read my title clear."

Her Majesty's iron steamship *Triumph*, of 6,660 tons, armor plated and carrying 14 heavy guns, has sailed from Portsmouth for the Pacific. The Russians will not have things all their own way on our western coast.

Bikuben, the Danish paper published in this city, is much improved in appearance, arrangement and matter. We hope it will be extensively patronized by the Scandinavian speaking population of Utah. It is issued every Thursday at \$2.10 per annum.

Boston lost money on its monster musical jubilee. Cincinnati made \$30,000 over its festival. Boston people have an idea that barbarism prevails out West and that Cincinnatians care for nothing but pork. The results of the festival will show them that there is "cultchaw" in other places besides "the hub."

France, with a population of 36,000,000, had a difference of births over deaths in 1876 of 132,000, while England, with a population of 24,000,000, had an increase of 205,000, more than half as much again. French and American society is much the same in regard to the infamous practice known as Restellism.

A farmer in Georgetown, Illinois, was traveling a few days ago, with eight stands of bees in his wagon. The jolting of the vehicle disturbed the honey makers, they became angry and swarmed over the man and horses. The farmer is in a critical condition and both horses have died from the effects of the stinging.

A Brooklyn man obtained a handsome husband for a young lady in that city, and now brings suit against her mother for compensation. He puts the cost at the extremely low figure of \$70. This is almost dirt cheap, and if the girl loves her handsome husband, she must consider the price put upon him an insult. The husband market must be dull in Brooklyn.

Bathers in Salt Lake should be careful to guard their hearing apparatus from the assaults of the briny waters. By putting a little cotton in their ears they may prevent much discomfort, and perhaps save themselves from deafness. Salt water is peculiarly irritating to the delicate structure of the inner ear, and the lake is peculiarly salt.

Several Russian officers have been staying at Newport, Rhode Island. The reason of their visit was a matter of wonder for some time. It is all clear now. Newport is the place selected for the torpedo school of instruction for the United States navy. Russia wants to know all about the American torpedo system. And still the Czar pleads for peace.

Jerry Dodge, a painter, who was here recently with Forepaugh's advertising car, while stepping on board at Hamburg, Iowa, on the 25th inst., slipped and fell, the wheels passing over his stomach, cutting him in twain. Col. T. R. Toole, the advance agent, cared for the remains. Boarding a moving train is always dangerous, and thus was a bad dodge for poor Jerry.

Austria is coming to the front with murderous weapons of warfare. A captain in the army has invented a repeating carbine which holds nine cartridges, that may be discharged in eight seconds, while the piece may be reloaded in nine seconds. This would give a sharpshooter power to knock over the enemy at the rate of about 20 a minute. This would be quite a heavy score.

As a simple method of removing from the eye, any foreign substance that may have become lodged therein, the following is recommended: A small camel's hair brush dipped in water and passed over the ball of the eye on raising the lid. The operation requires no skill, takes but a moment and instantly removes any cinder or particle of dust or dirt without inflaming the eye.

Governor Hampton recently pardoned a South Carolina negro murderer just as he was about to be launched into eternity. He had been prepared for heaven in the orthodox manner, and the *Omaha Herald* observes that "thus to snatch him from the pearly gates was the greatest cruelty that could have been perpetrated upon him," and thinks that Hampton is "not giving the colored brother a fair show."

The Utah County *Enquirer*, of June 1st, contains an article on sericulture, with the request for the *DESERET NEWS*, &c., to "please copy." As we published that identical chapter on the 15th of May we do not see any necessity for "copying" it from the *Enquirer*. We have the whole series of articles on the subject in manuscript, from the pen of Brother Graves, so we have no need to copy them from any other journal.

In Oregon there is a community of Clallam Indians, which has formed a thrifty farming settlement. The Indians purchased some land three years ago near Dungeness, which they successfully cultivate, they have a school in session, have recently built a church, and have a municipal government of their own. It will be strange if they are allowed, by "Christian" white folks to continue in peaceful progress towards civilization.

Trouble among religious lights is not confined to Christendom. India has its great scandal as well as America. The Rajah of Pooree, who is the sacred custodian of the far-famed idol Juggernaut, and who is considered *par excellence* a holy man, has been sentenced to transportation for life for the murder of Babaji, a sort of medicine man, against whom he had a grudge for a fancied injury. The murder was perpetrated with most horrible cruelty and atrocities, which put into the shade the tortures inflicted upon their captured enemies by the Indians of this continent.

Chambers' new encyclopaedia will contain a very fair and unobjectionable article on "The Mormons." We have seen an advance copy, and can say that if as much care has been taken in regard to other parts of the work as in procuring facts relating to "Mormonism," it will be reliable in every respect. James Dwyer has the agency for the encyclopaedia, one of the recommendations of which is its extraordinary cheapness, when compared with works of a similar character.

The *Chilian Times* gives particulars of the appearance of a petrified woman discovered on board the *Irvine*, a full rigged vessel from Peru. "The body was found imbedded in the cargo, which consisted of nitrate of soda. The body was found in a good state of preservation, and it is supposed to be that of a victim of an earthquake which occurred many hundred years ago in Peru. The body is at present lying in the captain's bath room in a crouching position. Rings are inserted in the ears."

Naches, chief of the Pintes, tells the editor of the *Silver State* that he will resign his position and retire to a little farm he has on the Big Meadows, Nevada. He says: "My people are dying of disease that they do not understand and cannot prevent. They are passing away like snow on the mountains. Thirty-four of them have died in Winnemucca and at Big Meadow within the last two or three months." The Pintes have been too familiar with the whites, that's what's the matter with that tribe.

An outbreak of the Utes has been anticipated, and alarming rumors have been in circulation. The *Washington Star* has this to say on the subject: "The Indian office has received a letter from the southern Ute agency, which says that since the departure of the military the Indians, who were before threatening and disorderly, have become quiet, and no further trouble is apprehended." This is very significant, and thinking people can form their own conclusions.

In a recent letter from our Washington correspondent, a paragraph occurred, reflecting upon "the military Senator of Rhode Island," who was represented as having figured in a conversation with a car driver in Washington, in a state of exhalation. We have since ascertained that this is a case of mistaken identity, and gladly retract the statement. Our correspondent, usually reliable and well informed, regrets as much as we, that a paragraph was made public which should cast the least shadow upon a career, that, in war as well as peace has been marked by a degree of dignity, justice and urbanity, that has acquired for its possessor the distinguished title of the Chesterfield of the Senate.

Advertisements like the following often appear in the London newspapers: "Next presentation for sale, desirable benefice in Bucks. Income about £300 a year, besides a good house. Church and schools in good repair. Prospects of early possession. Price asked £1,500. No reasonable offer refused if sold at once." Respecting this the *Echo* observes: "It was said of old, 'Make not thy father's house a house of merchandise,' but that was a long time ago, and we have grown wiser since then." Peter, the Apostle, talked in this wise of professed preachers of the gospel who would sell "livings." And through covetousness shall they with reigned words make merchandise of you, whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

Dr. John R. Park, M. D., Principal of the University of Deseret, sends us the circular of the Academic Department for 1878-79. It contains a brief statement of the origin, progress and objects of the University, the calendar for the two years, the courses of study, programme of class exercises, and general remarks of interest to all connected with or desiring to enter that excellent institution. The University of Deseret is an educational establishment, under "Mormon" management and control, and is conducted on principles and by gentlemen of the right kind. We are pleased to note the advancement and success of the institution, which will compare favorably with any establishment of equal pretensions elsewhere, and have every confidence in the ability and supervision of Dr. Park.

The *Chicago Times* gives the following brief account of a sample case in the Phoenix City, which is a whole romance, with a lesson, coched in a very few words: "Married at thirteen; choked and kicked down stairs in three weeks after the orange blossoms had been written up; a three years' voyage on the matrimonial tide, in which there were more breakers than the smooth seas, more clouds than sunshine; a shiver before the point of a pistol in the hands of a jealous husband, who added to the chill of the blood by threatening to dash a bottle of vitriol; in the police court for safety! This is the summary of a history repeated in the West-side court on yesterday before Justice Morrison, by a sixteen-year-old wife whose modesty and delicacy made her tremble like a reed in the wind."

Havana lotteries are frequently advertised in American newspapers, and some people wonder where all the big prizes go. The Postmaster General, after a trip to Cuba, says: "One thing struck me as very queer, and that was the number of persons engaged in the sale of lottery tickets in Havana. Another thing more queer than that was that by some kind of a peculiar luck the Captain General of Cuba, stationed at Havana, always draws the largest or capital prize. I have often heard that the managers and leading men in the New Orleans and Kentucky lotteries draw the largest prizes, now and then, but I was surprised to learn that the Captain General could get the capital prize every time. He is very rich." But in spite of all that may be said, people who "haste to get rich" will throw their money away on lottery swindles of the most barefaced character.

Correspondence.

Southern States Mission.

TAYLOR'S STORE,
Franklin County, Virginia,
May 24, 1878.

Editors Deseret News:

On the 24th of February, Elder M. F. Cowley and myself left Salt Lake City for a mission to the Southern States. We had a pleasant time upon the Union Pacific, arriving in Omaha on the evening of the 28th. We then proceeded via St. Louis and Columbus to Kentucky.

After preaching in different parts of the State, we continued on to Virginia. Here we found generally a hospitable people, many of whom are friendly and investigating the truth. There is every appearance of a good work being accomplished. We are holding meetings wherever opportunities offer, and the little priests begin to howl—the "dry bones are shaking."

In the course of our travels we have come in contact with influential men—men of sound minds, who have visited Utah, and they declare that Utah is a country the most beautiful and thriving they ever saw.

The moral atmosphere seems charged with a more favorable influence toward the cause. "Zion is growing."

Yours very respectfully,
H. W. BARNETT.

More Aid for the Welsh.

CEDAR CITY, IRON CO.,
May 27th, 1878.

Editors Deseret News:

The Cedar City Choir, not wishing to be behind the times in the good work of aiding the Welsh fund, gave a concert for that object on the evening of the 24th of May. A good programme was selected, of sacred, secular and comic pieces, all of which were very creditably rendered. A thorough enjoyable time was spent together and an excellent spirit prevailed, which called forth the remark from President H. Lunt, that he had never enjoyed himself better in all his life. Our concert netted in the neighborhood of \$70.00, which will be duly forwarded to Brothers Morris and Evans. I will add that a deep interest exists in the bosoms of the Cedar City Saints in the gathering of the poor, and that the choir intends shortly to repeat the experiment for the above laudable object.

Yours respectfully,
E. C. COX.