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THE CROOK EXCURSION.

On Monday next the great and good Tabernacle choir, fully equipped for the objects in view and the enjoyment of travel, will take a temporary leave and set their faces toward the Pacific coast. The trip will be something of a novelty to most of them, we take it, but it will be all the more enjoyable on that account.

That the choir will receive a friendly greeting wherever they go is well assured in advance. Their personality singularly in most cases, considering of their capabilities in the way of "making joyful noises" are popular them and they will not have to introduce themselves artistically at any point, and personal acquaintance of a most enjoyable character will assuredly follow. The people of the land where the sun sets are hospitable, cultured and cheerfully kind of high class entertainments, such as the choir can give them, and will not begrudge right the opportunity of hearing one of the greatest organizations of choristers in the world. At the same time it should be remembered that they are appreciative to a degree, which occasionally induces being critical, and we hope our singers will, in every case, as the homely adage runs it, put their best foot forward and make steadfast, undiminished, undiscouraged efforts at every place and to every detail; let them, in short, excel themselves if such a thing be at all within the possibilities. While we are sure any little shortcomings, which at times are inevitable in the greatest artist, will be kindly dealt with, the choir must not hope to escape criticism altogether at the hands of those who are slavishly and technically trained, as well as those very few who are inclined occasionally to be captious or to make an ostentatious showing of their acquirements; nor should the singers let the slightest symptoms of heart failure thereat, remembering as they must that absolute perfection does not exist and that the complete satisfaction at every audition is an utter impossibility.

We wish one and all a happy, prosperous trip and safe return to their homes.

PROPOSITION.

A Smithfield, Cache county, subscriber sends two questions to the NEWS, to which replies are requested. One reads:

> Has any person power in a Conference meeting, while acting upon the spirit of prophecy, a right to call a high priest in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ?

It is a clearly understood principle that for the time in which a place or place of another there must be an express authority to do so, either by prior appointment of, as is often the case to a special connection, by subsequent ratification. Therefore those who do anything in the name of Jesus can perform the action legitimately only under proper authorization to do so. If an individual is in reality moved upon by "the spirit of prophecy," which is the testimony of Jesus," according to the Revelations, then the prophecy uttered is in the name, whether or not the person may use words particularly stating the fact. As we read in the Doctrine and Covenants, section 68, verses 3, 5, 6: "Ye are to be given to prophesy; * * * and again, I say unto you, all things must be done in the name of Christ, whatsoever you do in the spirit."

This rule is given upon the assumption, made in the revelation, that the person is "moved upon by the spirit of prophecy." Officiations made by persons who grow overzealous in enthusiasm in certain directions, and who mistake their enthusiasm for the spirit referred to, in some cases it is not improbable that alleged prophecies are made, we fear in this present time, prompted by their inferiors are not inspired by the spirit of prophecy. If such persons, in making their pretensions, were to use the name of Jesus as authority, they are acting without right of the Lord Jesus, one of the names of the Saviour of men, and is a grievous misuse of the authority or estimate taken. In case of such persons giving the benefit of their doubts to be given to the prophecy offered to congregate the spirit of their observers, and there to rise and testify the whole of it is doubtful to be inspired, is to violate D. (Doctrine and Covenants, section 68, verse 3, and verses 5—7.) The rule should further impress people who feel to prophesy to exercise good sense in the manner of their self-exercise.

The second question asked reads:

> Has a Bishop or other person an authority or right to bless the bread or water?

The question is partly answered in the reply to the first. If a person is authorized of the Lord to prophesy, we may take a right to bless it. That privilege was strongly set forth (Luke 10, 16, 17) when the disciples were directed not to forbid the action of those living disciples who cast out devils in His name. As to a person presuming to do his own office, he may have the privilege of doing so, unless a matter of consecrating blessings should be a mistake. When a person being moved upon by the spirit of prophecy, makes the prediction in the name of Christ, he leaves to Almighty's choice just what he wishes, and is willing to accept it. Sometimes leading elders have stated that they are prompted in their own minds, while acts in a decisive manner, the article creating a doubt in the minds of some concerning the fact that they were merely reasoning their own wisdom instead of having a revelation or prophesying. This fact has a perfect right to do.

The religious circulator is we imply that there was some attempt to cast upon faith. It is not impossible that the presiding officer at some one or more meetings has erred. It is neither, in his capacity as head of the meeting, the exercise of a gift in a region which was not manifested in him by the spirit to be strongly proper. The matter in which this was done perhaps may be materially objectionable, and our experience and observation in such matters suggests to us quite plainly that the official was acting within the circle of his calling, so far as the real intent and effect are concerned. Presiding officers who have the spirit of their calling do not fritter the purpose of the gifts to the spirit, but they must guard against permitting and wrong by an authority with which sometimes goes very an intelligent inspiration. Upon this point we would advise the exercise of authority properly exercised, for there are in persons which the Author permitted referred to who may not prophesy, when the true spirit is in them, without being called upon to do so. It is prophesy, there can be no doubt of the matter; but it could cause the circumstances will not be the occasion of confusion or observation, even to a thing so at all within the possibilities. While we are sure any little shortcomings, which at times are inevitable in the greatest artist, will be kindly dealt with, the choir must not hope to escape criticism altogether at the hands of those who are slavishly and technically trained, as well as those very few who are inclined occasionally to be captious or to make an ostentatious showing of their acquirements; nor should the singers let the slightest symptoms of heart failure thereat, remembering as they must that absolute perfection does not exist and that the complete satisfaction at every audition is an utter impossibility.

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ENGLAND'S JUST CAUSE.

If the rumors relating to the troops of Russia in Armenia are heard on farts, England has a just cause against our rival in Asia. It appears that at the time Europe threatened to send a naval squadron to Constantinople the sultan made a bargain with the czar, the purport of which was that Russia should be allowed to Russianize Armenia, provided the naval demonstration should not take place. It is said to be in possession of the plan that an attempt is now being made to expel missionaries of other than the Russian church.

By the Anglo-Turkish convention of 1878, which, by the way, is in force as long as England remains the island of Cyprus, one agreement was that "in any attempt shall be made at any future time by Russia to take possession of any further territory of the imperial dominion, the sultan, in Asia, as fixed by the definitive treaty of peace, England engages to join his imperial ministry, the sultan, in extending their by force of arms." By this stipulation England is to have leave to meet with arms any open advance of Russia on Turkish territory. The question is therefore natural. Is the sultan duly holding possessing a card in between England and Russia on the basis of the Anglo-Turkish stipulation?

There is nothing on the surface to indicate any immediate danger of this kind, but the sultan sat in the a-ve on of the Nile expedition, he expected found in the Russian consulate in Paris, and perhaps the return of United States Minister Terrill to Washington, may not be merely accidental circumstances.

THE TAYLOR BROTHERS.

The responsibility known as The Taylor Brothers in Chicago is a matter of importance to quite a number of Utah people, who were members of the society before they leave the organization. Within the past few months they have had many inquiries with the Chicago brethren. The society is just now being disturbed as a result of an attempt to change its constitution, and the doubts are taken a hand in settling the trouble question. A dispatch in the NEWS on Wednesday contained the information from Boston, Ohio, that a court decision in favor of the rebels, as they are known, in the Taylor Brothers, would be equivalent to the side of peace.

On Monday, in Youngstown, Ohio, the injunction suit handed down a decision on the point. In 30 pages. The constitution of the society provides that a majority of the members, in accordance with the power to change the rules of faith, or such a change to take in the constitution, with the consent of two-thirds of the whole society. The society consists of 2000 persons. An election was called to vote on changing the constitution and revising the constitution. Fifty thousand votes for the change and 1000 against. The minority claimed that the question was carried, and numerous suits in the courts. The society legally owning property all over the United States. In the California case, Mr. Hinman, representing the majority, claimed that the minority should not be heard about every where. On several occasions questions related to the case have been answered in a way to suggest to the inquirer that an investigation is hardly within the scope of inquiry as a topic for general public consideration. The Nauvoo is ready to give any information it may possess on doctrine and principles, but where the subject matter of the inquiry relates to officers and ministries in which only the Priesthood are interested it is to complete contented with the ordinarily especially secret place. We would often prefer that they be answered through the regular channel of authority, Home records, the wisdom and character, who are selected to be handled when it relates to doctrine or important questions in the principle of the work, and those who are revelators for the whole world in duty and divine. The definitions can be found easily by those who have questions to answer.

CLEVELAND TO SPAIN.

It is a well recognized principle of international law that one state may intervene in the affairs of another when the general interest of humanity are involved. The statement that President Cleveland, or Secretary Olney, has, in a note to the Spanish government, through Minister Taylor, offered the friendly services of the United States as mediator between Spain and Cuba, is not novel, but even a step would nevertheless be in perfect accordance with international rules and usages. There is a precedent to the interference in behalf of the Greeks on the part of Great Britain, France and Russia. In the treaty for the pacification of Greece, concluded in London in 1827, it is stated that the governments mentioned, having received a pressing request from the Greeks to intervene with the Porte and being aware of the evils that might arise from the continuance of the existing condition, decided to unite their efforts and signate the protocols dated by an arrangement which was called for so much by humanity as by the interest of the repose of Europe. The case of Cuba is already in every particular similar. The Cubans have appealed to the United States, and their cause certainly demands a hearing in the interest of humanity.

A similar question is whether Spain could consistently accept the mediation of any foreign power. The position actually taken by the Madrid government is that the insurgents are only common brigands and outlaws. Thus, as a matter of course be no mediation between the representatives of law and lawbreakers. President Cleveland's proposition would therefore virtually be a recognition of the Cubans as belligerents with the rights belonging to them, and a suggestion to Spain that the time has come for her to take a similar view. If Spain accept the proposition she, by virtually granting belligerent rights to the insurgents.

THE SPAULDING MANUSCRIPT.

The old story about the Book of Mormon being identical with the Solomon Spaulding manuscript somewhere long ago, its relationship being an easy matter among people who would listen to the evidence, but there are still many people to ignorant of the facts and so imbued by prejudice as to place reliance on the story. In time, however, the Spaulding fiction will find its level even among persons not fully informed on the subject, while the Book of Mormon will advance steadily to its true position in the hearts of the people—that of a sacred record of the aboriginal inhabitants of America, as the Bible is such a record of people who lived on the eastern hemisphere. Among the discussions of the subject, we reproduce the following from the Kirtland (Ohio) correspondence of the Cleveland Plain-Dealer, which appeared in that paper on Wednesday, April 1:

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