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AUTOS IN THE CANYONS.

The News once more calls attention to the necessity of establishing a speed limit on automobiles traveling up and down Big Cottonwood Canyon. Authentic accounts brought to this office state that there were more than 20 automobiles in the canyon on Sunday, most of them traveling to Brighton, and many of them went over the road at a rate which was simply foolhardy.

BWARE OF FAKERS.

We are in receipt of a communication from a perfectly reliable source, arising the people of Utah settlements against an adventurer who has appeared at various places under different names, such as Webber, Webb, and West, and brought sorrow and financial loss to many homes. Sometimes, our correspondent says, he poses as a latter-day Saint, but has probably never joined the Church.

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EFFECTS OF AGITATION.

The insane attacks upon Utah that have been made by various anti-Mormon agencies of late years, though perfectly well understood, as regards underlying motives and character, by every intelligent and well-informed observer, are not entirely without their economic effects on the State. And that is a fact that should be of interest to every citizen of Utah, no matter what his creed, race or color.

enticed but where they later repent in sackcloth and ashes their folly in emigrating.

Fortunately, Norwegians living here, conceived the idea of calling a mass-meeting of their fellow-countrymen to protest against the vilification of Utah. The meeting, as reported at the time in 'The News' was generally attended. There were present men and women, business men and professional men, Church members, and non-Church members, young and old, new-comers and pioneers in the community, and all with accord condemned the false stories and entered their protest against them.

We say it was fortunate that the Norwegians here, without regard to creed or politics, came together and tried to impart some information to those 'at home' concerning the nature of the stories circulated there and based on the local anti-Mormon effusions. But experience teaches that falsehood runs a long way while truth puts off the boots, and in the meantime mischief is done, sometimes, that is irreparable.

It is evident that such stories circulated abroad must have the effect of causing many good home-seekers to decide not to consider Utah at all. It must have the effect of depriving Utah of her share of the influx of good, industrious settlers. That is the effect of the anti-Mormon agitation. Some fools chuckle at it, rub their hands and say: "Serves 'em right." In the meantime the home-builders from abroad go to Colorado, Idaho, California and other states. They build up Denver, Los Angeles, and other cities, while Utah settlements grow slowly. That is one effect of the special form of insanity of which some people here are suffering. Is it not time for reason to assert itself?

Anti-Mormon assaults do not hurt the Church. Nothing can hurt the Church except the failure of its members to keep the laws of God; but they hurt the state by retarding its material growth, and that is a fact of personal interest to all who dwell here.

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This resolution was introduced at the request of Mr. Bartholdt, of Missouri, and Mr. Bennett, of New York. It is indefinite enough to be inoffensive. It places upon the commission the duty of considering the expediency of utilizing "existing international agencies" for the peace purposes; but though it is entirely non-committal, it serves to call the attention of the world again to the fact that we have already international agencies that can take the place of armies and navies in international disputes. It again brings out the question of limitation of armaments, and if Mr. Roosevelt accepts the chairmanship, we believe the discussion will lead to practical results. For Roosevelt is a man of deeds, as well as words.

We presume other nations will appoint similar commissions, and finally they will all come together and begin anew the discussion for which the first Hague congress was called by the czar, but which was regarded as idle. Perhaps by the time the discussion is resumed the world will believe in the possibility of a world federation.

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