

Facts and statistics relative to the manufacture and consumption of sugar in this Territory have frequently appeared in these columns, and our readers generally are tolerably familiar with the subject. It has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of certain investors that sugar can be successfully manufactured here, though there is still a degree of uncertainty as to just what it will cost to produce it. No doubt the first turned out will cost more than that which is made after the industry is fully established, as the results of experience can, in all probability, be utilized so as to reduce the expense of production. Encouragement given by the Legislature which will aid in imparting confidence to capital at the outset, is therefore wise, and will probably be the means of helping to establish an industry fraught with benefits to our Territory.

Similar reasons may be assigned in approval of the bill to encourage the manufacture of cement. The demand for this article is rapidly increasing, and if its cost could be reduced, would become enormous. It is unnecessary to recount the uses to which cement might be put. They are legion, and the raw material is so abundant in this region that the industry, if once established, is reasonably certain to assume imposing proportions in course of time.

Such a "boom" as we are now experiencing in real estate is a doubtful blessing unless accompanied by something more substantial than climatic characteristics and landscape views. Unless industries shall be established to give capital and people employment, a disastrous collapse is likely to follow the present inflation of values. It is therefore pleasing to note a disposition in the Assembly to encourage substantial financiering.

TOO MUCH REALISM.

THE fact that a real burglar has been advertised for to play the part of a cracksman in the drama entitled "The Stowaway" has been telegraphed all over the country. There have been quite a number of applicants, the one most likely to obtain the engagement being a fellow named W. F. Ensign. The preference for him probably arises from the fact of his being able to show that he is the most expert scoundrel who has asked for the job.

This novel feature connected with

the stage has several notable aspects. As an advertising dodge it relegates the St. Jacob's oil business into the shade. The next idea that strikes one is that this extreme of realism is not of a character to exalt the moral tone of the stage. If it be needful, in order to gratify a vitiated popular taste, to introduce genuine burglars, may it not be anticipated that, as dramatic barbarism increases, real cut-throats, wife shooters, voluptuaries, etc., shall be called for and introduced. Then shall the art of "holding the mirror up to nature" be abolished, as acting will be a presentation of nature itself. There might, however, be some difficulty in finding genuine heroes, as that class are presumed to be too modest to exhibit their heroic qualities on the stage. When the drama gets loaded up with real wife-shooters, burglars, confidence men, conspirators and loose characters, its function as a teacher of morality will have vanished into thin air. It will then be a medium for the diffusion of villainy. Actors and lovers of the histrionic art should protest against the threatened corrupting invasion.

DUPING THE GRANGERS.

THERE are two distinct sets of swindlers going through Central Illinois, defrauding the farmers. As they may reach Utah after awhile in the hope of finding ready victims it may be well to describe their tricks. One scheme is to purchase the farmer's corn at twenty-five to thirty cents a bushel and get the farmer to sign a contract for the delivery of the corn which turns up in some bank as a promissory note. Another and still later swindle is the sharper who has a double fountain pen which is so arranged that it uses two kinds of ink; one will fade and the other will remain. The sharper makes an agreement with the farmer and uses the ink that fades, and then gives the farmer the same penholder, only it is reversed, and he signs his name. The words of the agreement fade and the signature remains, when the sharper writes whatever he pleases over the signature.

The Chinese have contractions for all the characters of their written language, the use of which qualifies them to become shorthand reporters of speeches in their own language. They do not practice speech making, but they write the contractions with wonderful quickness, and the scribes at an imperial audience probably write all or nearly all that is said.

PRESIDENT WOODRUFF'S BIRTHDAY.

TODAY (March 1st, 1890) is the 3rd anniversary of the birthday of President Wilford Woodruff. Considering the hardships he has endured and the unvarying activity of his life he is probably the best preserved man of his age in this generation. He is hale, hearty, quick and active physically, while his mental faculties are also phenomenally clear. The labors of his life have been of an extraordinary kind. As a missionary of the Church of Jesus Christ he has traveled scores of thousands of miles, much of it on foot, and in that capacity has been wonderfully successful, being the means of bringing a host of people into the fold. He has also been noted as one of the most industrious of men in the matter of manual labor, overcoming numerous physical difficulties by dint of indomitable perseverance. His hale condition is all the more striking because of his having met with many accidents resulting in severe physical injuries, many of the bones of his body having been broken. His ministerial labors at home in these valleys are well known to and appreciated by his people, who hold the respected veteran in the greatest veneration, because of his integrity to the truth, his genuine frankness and the service he has rendered to them and the cause of God. With all Latter-day Saints we wish President Woodruff long life and peace.

DETECTIVES AND THE ELECTION.

A COARSE and brutal criminal whose guilt is proven by the bringing to light of definite and specific facts, who yet hopes to defy the law by "running a bluff," will often adopt a certain style of language and line of argument. The language will be boastful and swaggering, but studiously confined to general as distinguished from specific denials of guilt; while the arguments will consist mainly of abuse of the officers or persons who have produced the proof against the accused.

This description will not require much modification when applied to the articles which have, from time to time, appeared in "Liberal" organs for the purpose of meeting the charge that the late election in this city was carried by brazen and extensive frauds. In support of that charge specific statements of