

DESERET EVENING NEWS.  
BY GEORGE CANNON.  
FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1868.

TUESDAY, May 18, 1868.

POSTAL SERVICE.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES HAS PASSED A BILL REPEALING THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE POSTAL

SERVICE FOR THE TERRITORIES WEST OF

KANSAS. THE SENATE COMMITTEE TO

WHOM IT WAS REFERRED, IS AMENDING

THE BILL SO THAT IT WILL NOT GO

INTO OPERATION UNTIL AFTER SEPTEMBER,

AT WHICH TIME THE NEW CONTRACT FOR

THE CARRYING OF THE MAILS WILL TAKE EFFECT.

THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BILL IS WITH A

VIEW TO HAVE THE PRESENT RESTRICTIONS

FROM LOSS, AS WELL AS THE RESTRICTIONS

ARE REMOVED, THERE WILL, DOUTLESS, BE

AN INCREASE IN THE QUANTITY OF MAIL MATTER

CARRIED. BOOKS, &c., WILL THEN COME

THROUGH THE ORDINARY BOOK POSTAGE

AS THEY ARE TRANSMITTED BY MAIL IN THE

STATES EAST OF THE WESTERN LINE OF SAN

SAN AND WEST OF THE EASTERN LINE OF CALIFORNIA.

IN PREVIOUS ARTICLES WE HAVE

endeavored to show how unjustly the

people of this and the adjacent Territories have been treated in the levying of

LETTER POSTAGE ON MISCCELLANEOUS MATTER,

AND WE ARE GLAD THAT THERE IS SOME PROPECT

OF THIS OBNOXIOUS RESTRICTION BEING

REMOVED. OUR DELEGATE, HON. WM. H.

HOOPER, HAS INTERESTED HIMSELF IN TRY-

ING TO OBTAIN A REPEAL OF THIS LAW, AND

IN HAVING OUR POSTAL SERVICE PLACED ON

AN EQUALITY WITH THE OTHER POSTAL SERVICES

OF THE REPUBLIC. WHETHER THIS LAW SHALL

BE PASSED DURING THE PRESENT SESSION OF

CONGRESS OR NOT, WILL MAKE BUT LITTLE

DIFFERENCE IN VIEW OF THE SPEEDY COMPLETION

OF THE RAILROAD. IT IS CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED

THAT BY THE TIME WINTER WILL PUT AN END TO LABOR ON

THE RAILROAD FOR THE SEASON, THE CARS WILL BE

RUNNING TO A POINT WITHIN OUR BORDERS.

THE CARRYING OF MAILS WILL BE GREATLY

SIMPLIFIED AND FACILITATED BY THE COMPLETION

OF THE RAILROAD.

THE WORK ABROAD.—THE PROGRESS

OF THE ELDERS IN THEIR MISSIONARY LABORS

ABROAD IS VERY GRATIFYING. THE WORK HAS

SEEMED TO TAKE A NEW START OF LATE, AND

THE NUMBER OF BAPTISMS IN SOME PARTS OF

ENGLAND, HAS SURPRISED EVEN THE ELDERS THEMSELVES.

HOW MUCH OF THIS IS DUE TO THE

EFFORTS WHICH ARE BEING MADE IN THIS

COUNTRY TO SEND FOR THE POOR, WE ARE NOT

INFORMED; BUT THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR BE-

lieving THAT SOME FEW OF THOSE WHO HAVE

ONCE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, AND

BEEN EXCOMMUNICATED, IN RENEWING THEIR

CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH, ARE INFLU-

ENCED BY THE HOPE THAT THEY MAY RECEIVE

HELP IN EMIGRATING. BY ADVICE FROM

THEM, WE LEARN THAT MANY WHO HAVE

LATELY BEEN BAPTIZED HAVE SUFFICIENT

MEANS OF THEIR OWN WITH WHICH THEY CAN

EMIGRATE WHEREVER THEY CHOOSE TO DO SO.

OF COURSE, IN SUCH CASES THERE IS NO ROOM

TO SUSPECT THE MOTIVE WHICH PROMPTS

THEM TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

IN FACT, WE CAN NOT SEE HOW ANY CAN DE-

LUD THEMSELVES WITH THE IDEA THAT THEIR

JOINING THE CHURCH IS LIKELY TO PLACE THE

NCESSARY MEANS TO ENABLE THEM TO EMIGRATE

WITHIN THEIR REACH, AS WE NOTICE

THE ELDERS ARE CAREFUL TO IMPRESS UPON

THE PEOPLE THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN

LONGEST IN THE CHURCH AND OBTAINED

A CHARACTER FOR FAITHFULNESS, ARE THE

ONES TO BE ASSISTED, AND THAT THE

OTHERS MAY EXPECT TO WAIT.

THEY ARE DOUBTLESS IN CONNECTION

WITH THE FAITH AND EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE IN

THE OLD COUNTRIES RESPECTING THE GOSPEL.

THE LATTER IS THE LEGITIMATE EFFECT OF THE

FORMER. SO MUCH SAID AS HAS BEEN EX-

ERCISED HEREUPON, AT THIS POINT, COUPLED

WITH SUCH ENERGETIC EXERTIONS, CANNOT

FALL TO PRODUCE GREAT RESULTS.

THE MISSIONARIES ABROAD ARE STIRRED UP

AND AWAKENED TO RENEWED EXERTIONS, THE

HONEST-IN-HEART FEEL THE EFFECT OF THIS

FAITH, AND THE ENTIRE WORK RECEIVES AN

IMPULSE AND TAKES A GREAT STRIDE IN ADVANCE.

—EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

PRICE; BUT THE PROFESSOR DECLARES THAT WHEN THE LAWS GOVERNING THESE PHENOMENA ARE UNSTERED, THEY CAN BE FORETOLD WITH AS MUCH Ease AS AN ECLIPSE AND THAT ALL ATMOSPHERIC CHANGES AND NATURAL CONVULSIONS ARE THE RESULT OF PLANETARY INFLUENCE; NOT THE CHIMERICAL INFLUENCE AScribed TO THOSE BODIES BY ASTROLOGERS, BUT TO GRAVITATION, WHICH HE TERMS THE "INFINITE AND UNIVERSAL LAW OF NATURE." THE FOLLOWING, ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR DELISIER'S OBSERVATIONS, ARE LIKELY TO BE THE OCCASIONS WHEN PLANETARY INFLUENCES, HAVING THE GREATEST TENDENCY TO PRODUCE EARTHQUAKES &c., PARTICULARLY WHEN THE SUN AND MOON ARE IN THEIR NODES.

EARTHQUAKES HAVE MORE FREQUENTLY OCCURRED IN THE LARGE PLANETS SINCE THE SIGNS TAURUS AND SCORPIO.

EARTHQUAKES GENERALLY HAPPEN AT A PERIOD WHEN ONE OR MORE OF THE PLANETS ARE IN CONJUNCTION, AND MORE PARTICULARLY WHEN THE MOON IS IN PEGASUS OR APOLLO.

EARTHQUAKES ARE MORE PROBABLE WHEN THE MOON IS ON OR NEAR THE TROPICS OR EQUATOR, AND ARE STILL MORE CERTAIN WHEN ANY OF THE PLANETS ARE IN THE SAME SIGN.

COMETES ARE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN CAUSING EARTHQUAKES WHEN THEY COME SUFFICIENTLY NEAR TO OUR EARTH TO ASSIST IN THEIR ATTRACTIVE INFLUENCE.

AS THE PLANETARY POSITIONS AND INFLUENCES INDICATED ABOVE WILL BE NUMEROUS DURING THE PRESENT YEAR, THE PROFESSOR PREDICTS THAT INUNDATIONS, EARTHQUAKES &c. WILL BE VERY PLENTIFUL DURING ITS PROGRESS.

THE SUBJECT IS ONE OF INCALCULABLE

IMPORTANCE AND IF THE PREMISES AND CON-

CLUSIONS OF MR. DELISIER BE CONFIRMED

BY FUTURE OBSERVATION AND EXPERIENCE,

MEASURES MAY BE ADOPTED TO AVOID, TO

SOME EXTENT, THE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY WHICH THESE FEARFUL VISITATIONS HAVE HITHERTO OCCURRED.

ATTA VELA, TO WHICH FREQUENT REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE IN LATE TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES, IS A SMALL UNINHABITED ISLAND LYING ADJACENT TO ST. DOMINGO. IT WAS DISCOVERED BY CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS IN THE LAST DECADE OF THE 15TH CENTURY, AND UNTIL NEAR THE END OF THE 18TH, WAS A DEPENDENCY OF THE SPANISH CROWN.

THE DISCUSSION TO WHICH THE ATTA VELA AFFAIR HAS GIVEN RISE IN THE HIGHEST POLITICAL CIRCLES OF THIS COUNTRY IS AScribed TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSE.

IN 1860 A VESSEL BELONGING TO THE FIRM OF PATTERSON & MARQUELLO, OF BALTIMORE, TOUCHED AT THIS ISLAND, AND IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON, THE FIRM FILED A CLAIM TO THE ISLAND ON ACCOUNT OF THE VALUABLE DEPOSITS OF GUANO IT CONTAINED.

THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN UNDER AN ACT OF CONGRESS, PASSED IN 1858, WHICH PROVIDES THAT "WHEN ANY CITIZEN HAD OR SHOULD THEREAFTER DISCOVER A DEPOSIT OF GUANO ON ANY ISLAND, ROCK OR KEY, NOT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, AND NOT OCCUPIED BY THE CITIZENS OF ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, AND SHALL TAKE PEACEABLE POSSESSION THEREOF AND OCCUPY THE SAME, SAID ISLAND, ROCK, OR KEY MAY, BY THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT, BE CONSIDERED AS APPERTAINING TO THE UNITED STATES, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTICE OF SUCH DISCOVERY SHOULD BE FILED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE FURNISHED THAT SUCH ISLAND, ROCK, OR KEY WAS NOT THE PROPERTY OR IN POSSESSION OF ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT OR CITIZEN THEREOF. THE ACT ALSO PROVIDED THAT THE DISCOVEROR SHOULD HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO TAKE THE GUANO FROM SUCH ISLAND, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZED THE PRESIDENT, AT HIS DISCRETION, TO EMPLOY THE LAND AND NAVAL FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROTECT THE DISCOVERER."

THE CLAIM OF THE BALTIMORE FIRM WAS NEVER CONFIRMED, FROM THE FACT THAT UPON MAKING ENQUIRIES IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT ATTA VELA WAS PART OF THE TERRITORY Ceded TO THE DOMINIAN GOVERNMENT UPON ITS FOUNDATION.

IT IS SAID THAT JUDGE BLACK WITHDREW FROM THE DEFENCE IN THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL BECAUSE PRESIDENT JOHNSON REFUSED TO USE FORCE TO SUSTAIN THE CLAIMS OF HIS CLIENTS—PATTERSON AND MARQUELLO.

—CORRESPONDENCE.

SCIPIO, MILLARD CO., May 14, 1868.

EDITOR DESERET EVENING NEWS.—WE LEFT MANTI YESTERDAY MORNING FOR GUNNISON, ACCOMPANIED BY BISHOP WM. GUNNISON, AND CANDLAND, WHO HAVE TRAVELED WITH US FROM MT. PLEASANT, BISHOP LARSEN OF SPRINGFIELD, OLA, N. S. BEACH, JUDGE PEACOCK, LIEUT. COL. F. R. KENNER, M. D. HAMILTON, HENRY M. LOWER, CAPT. D. HENRICK AND ALICE BROWN; THESE BRETHREN ACCOMPANIED US AS AN ESCORT.

IT CERTAINLY SEEMED LONESOME ENOUGH, TO HAVE FRIENDS NEAR BY, WHILE PASSING OVER THE GROUND WHERE J. W. VANCE AND HEBER HOWE WERE KILLED, AND WHERE THE PROFESSOR'S BODY WAS BURIED.

WE PREACHED TO CANDLAND AND THE ARMS OF THE MILITIA WERE INSPECTED BY GEN. PAGE AND THURBER, WHO HAVE INSPECTED THE ARMS OF THE MILITIA AT ALL THE POSTS IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE RESULT PROVING A VERY GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR NUMBER AND QUALITY; ALTHOUGH MANY ARE WITHOUT ARMS, AND OTHERS SHOW A NUMBER IN HAVING THEIRS IN ORDER.

PT. EPHRAIM IS TO TAKE THE LEAD

IN NUMBER OF SETTLEMENTS ACCORDING TO THE PROFESSOR'S ALTITUDE

THROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF

THESE COUNTRY INVESTIGATIONS.

THE PEOPLE AT EPHRAIM KEEP THEIR

SHOOTS DRAWN, AND OTHERS

TRY TO GET OUT OF

THESE COUNTRY INVESTIGATIONS.

THE PROFESSOR'S STATEMENT

IS AS FOLLOWS:

MRS. M. M. P.

TO HELP THEMSELVES, AND WE HAVE THE BEST OF REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT A BODY OF INDIAN RAIDERS ARE NOT IN THIS VILLAGE. OUR VISIT DISCLOSED TO US, WITH GREAT SEEMING DIFFERENCE ON THE PART OF MANY OF THE PEOPLE IN REGARD TO THE SECURITY OF COUNTRY RESIDENTS, AS THERE IS NO CERTAINTY THAT THE PRESENT PEACE WILL LAST LONGER THAN THE SNOW MAKES THE MOUNTAIN PASSES EASTWARD DIFFICULT, THOUGH MANY ARE ALIVE AND SICK OF LATE.

THE LABOR OF GUARDING, DURING

WITH ARMED MEN, TRAVELING IN CONNECTION

WITH ARMED COMPANIES FROM PLACE TO PLACE, ARMED ESCORTS FOR WOODSMEN,

AND LUMBERMEN, TAILORS,

BURNERS, COLLIER, &c. &c. HAS ALMOST PARALYZED THE PROGRESS OF THE SETTLEMENTS.

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NATURALLY, HAS A TENDENCY TO CREATE DISGUSTMENT; AND RATHER THAN BOUTIQUE THESE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS SOME PREFER

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