

A communication was read from the same, calling attention to the printing of marks and brands of stock. Referred to committee on agriculture.

Mr. Barton, for the committee on agriculture, to whom was referred H. F. No. 27, a bill defining the duties of poundkeepers, reported adversely. Adopted.

The committee on fish and game, to whom was referred C. F. No. 12, a bill for the protection of game and fish, reported favorably thereon, and recommended that the same be put upon its passage. Adopted.

Mr. Boyden presented H. F. No. 48, a bill providing for the health and safety of persons employed in coal mines, which was read the first and second times by its title and referred to the committee on mines and mining.

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Mr. Robinson presented H. F. No. 49, a bill to amend the charter of Fillmore city. Referred to the committee on municipal corporations and towns.

C. F. No. 19, a bill regulating the herding and keeping of sheep, was read the second and third time by sections, amended and passed, ayes 17, nays 4.

H. F. No. 37, a bill to provide for the election of a board of fish commissioners and to prescribe the duties thereof, was read the second time and ordered printed.

H. F. No. 24, a bill to amend an act for the disposal of estrays, was read the second time by its title and ordered printed.

C. F. No. 12, a bill for the protection of game and fish, was read the second time by its title and placed on file for its third reading.

H. F. No. 20, a bill regulating the branding, herding and care of stock, was read the third time by sections, subject to amendment and on motion of Mr. Rider recommitted to the committee on agriculture. Carried.

Mr. Hatch moved that 150 copies of so much of H. F. No. 9, as relates to the civil procedure, be printed. Carried.

Adjourned at 4.50 p. m. to 2 p. m. to-morrow

2 p. m. Feb. 20, 1884.

Mr. Llewellyn presented a petition from H. O. Crandall ex-assessor and collector of Emery County. He asks for relief far money paid personally for delinquent taxes. Referred to committee on claims and public accounts.

Mr. Robinson presented a petition from Hans Olson for change of name. Referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Francis presented a petition from citizens of Kaysville city, asking that the limits of said city remain intact. Referred to committee on municipal corporations and towns.

Mr. Snow for the committee on manufacture and commerce to whom was referred H. F. No. 4, a bill authorizing limited partnership, recommended that the same be put upon its passage. Adopted and bill ordered printed.

The committee on public health to whom was referred H. F. No. 17, a bill to prevent the sale of drugs to females for the purposes of abortion, recommended that the same do not pass. Adopted.

Mr. Hatch for the committee on judiciary to whom was referred C. F. No. 27, a bill amending Sec. 14 of Compiled Laws, recommended that it be referred to the special joint committee. Adopted.

The same, to whom was referred H. F. No. 39, a bill regulating voluntary assignments, etc., recommended that it be referred to a joint special committee. Adopted.

Mr. Anderson for the committee on highways, to whom was referred the petition from citizens of Wasatch and Uintah Counties, asking for appropriations for roads and bridges, recommended that the request be granted, and the same was referred to the committee on appropriations, which was instructed accordingly.

C. F. No. 12, a bill for the protection of fish and game, was read the third time by sections subject to amendment.

C. F. No. 12 was recommitted to committee on fish and game.

Mr. Robison was granted leave of absence until Monday next.

Mr. Clark presented a communication from the Deseret News Company inclosing a bill for services and asking an appropriation for amount to cover the same. Referred to committee on claims and public accounts.

Adjourned from 4 p. m. till 2 p. m. to-morrow.

2 p. m. Feb. 21st, 1884.

Mr. Snow presented a petition from members of the County Court of Box Elder County asking for an appropriation for the building of a bridge. Referred to committee on highways.

A communication was received from the Council giving notice of their non-concurrence of C. F. 19 as amended by the House.

Mr. Francis moved for a committee of conference. Carried.

Mr. Creer for the special joint committee on private corporations to whom was referred H. F. No. 41, a bill for the formation of and granting powers to private corporations, reported the same back with amendments, and recommended that it be printed as amended. Adopted and bill ordered printed.

Mr. Thurber, for the committee on fish and game, to whom was referred C. F. No. 12, a bill for the protection of fish and game, reported the same back with amendments, and recommended that it be put upon its passage as

amended. Adopted, and ordered printed and placed on file for its third reading.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PROPHET JOSEPH—SOME OF HIS SAYINGS.

SPANISH FORK,
Feb. 18th, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

I noticed in the News, yesterday, a communication from Brother Lucius N. Scovil. My father made known to me that he received the blessings of the holy ordinances in the days of the Prophet Joseph, as I understand, in the place indicated by Brother Scovil. At the time the Nauvoo Legion was drawn up in front of the Mansion House, at Nauvoo, the Prophet spoke from the top of the frame on the opposite side from the Mansion. I stood close to the Mansion on the top rail of the fence, holding to an apple tree limb. Brother Joseph laid his hands on my father's shoulders and said: "Brethren! the Lord has this day revealed something to me that I never fully comprehended before. That is, that I have friends who have always kept at a respectful distance ready to ward off the blows of the enemy; while others who have pretended much friendship have crawled into my bosom and become my most bitter enemies." He called us his boys and said we should be his boys to all eternity. I looked with joy and pride on the scene, lad as I was at that time. None but God could tell the swellings of my heart. I wished that I might be as great a friend and brother to young Joseph as my father was to his father. When I returned home I spoke to my father my feelings concerning young Joseph. He said to me, "Moses, Brother Joseph feels bad for his son Joseph. For he said to me, 'Brother Levi, you will live to see the day that my son Joseph will be the cause of drawing many away from this church after him. You sustain the Twelve as you sustained me; I roll this kingdom on to the shoulders of the Twelve and they shall bear and send the gospel to every nation on the earth, and when you see a people clamoring for the blood of their fellowmen you may know they are not the Church of Christ.'" My father having taught me these things I could not depart from them. And when I got an opportunity to say a good word to a wayward soul I tried to do so. Still I could not but compare the imbecility of thought in those who had once tasted of the word of God and departed therefrom with the nobility of those who remained firm to the work of the Lord. When I learned of the efforts made by what is called the Reorganized Church to endeavor, with the howlers of the day, to incite our government to destroy us I thought of what the Prophet said concerning those who clamor for the blood of their fellowmen.

Concerning the doctrine of celestial marriage the Prophet told my father in the days of Kirtland, that it was the will of the Lord for His servants who were faithful to step forth in that order. But, said Brother Joseph, "Brother Levi, if I should make known to my brethren what God has made known to me they would seek my life." My Father made some things known to me concerning those days, and the part he took with the Prophet in trying to assist him to start the principle with a few chosen friends in those days. My Father has required of me to bear testimony of these things at a proper time. Shall I always keep still when I see those things which are revealed by the God of Heaven for the exaltation of men and women trampled in the dust? When I reflect of the majestic mien and towering form of the Prophet in times of the greatest danger, and contrast the sneaking disposition of the traducers of this people. Well do I remember when Brother Brigham returned from the East to Nauvoo after the martyrdom of the Prophet. I sat in front, but a short distance from where he arose, and I bear my testimony that his voice and look at that time was as Brother Joseph's. I knew the mantle of Joseph had fallen on Brigham Young.

Respectfully,

MOSEAH HANCOCK.

KEEPING MONEY AT HOME.

A Utah County Merchant on Local Fire Insurance.

The idea has come forcibly to my mind—by no means a new one—that the merchants of Utah county, might organize themselves into a Mutual Insurance Society, and thereby insure our goods against loss by fire, and by so doing keep thousands of dollars at home and in the business. I have corresponded with several of the merchants in this county on this very important subject, and while awaiting their reply, would like to have the subject ventilated in your columns. While some of the more solid merchants insure, the most of them do not for various reasons. Let us who are not the holders of policies organize at once and secure ourselves against loss by fire. I will give a few facts and figures to show the benefit of such a society. In the first place we have very few fires in this county. I cannot call to mind but one or two small fires in our line in the past decade, and if they should increase we can stand the loss better than we can afford to pay

heavily for others to do it for us. I have nothing to say against fire insurance companies, probably they are good institutions, but remember that the money is for those who can earn it legitimately and keep it.

When a drummer comes along we tell him to give us bottom prices and to figure fine, and if we are sharp and well posted we will get goods at the lowest prices. The house he represents may be struggling for supremacy, and we get them to divide part of their profits with us. The next day we will pay out several hundred dollars for an insurance policy. I am told we cannot make it binding. I think we can. No merchant of ordinary sense would disgrace himself by refusing to pay his quota in case of loss by fire by one of the Society, say nothing of the position it would place him in as a business man. I think at least \$100,000 might be represented to start it. That would only take about twelve stores of eight thousand dollars each. We might insure for 75 per cent.; that would cover \$75,000. It would cost about \$1,800 at the present rate of policies to insure the same amount annually. In ten years it would amount to \$18,000. The simple interest on the payments at 10 per cent. per annum at the end of the ten years would be \$9,900. This added to the sum paid for policies would swell it to the nice little sum of \$27,900, nearly enough to buy the present stock of goods in the county. We could afford to lose two or three of these \$8,000 stores every year. Just look at it for one moment, and you will readily see that the present method is a costly one and entirely unnecessary. The members might be assessed a small sum annually, for it would be necessary with some other labors to have an expert to examine the stock often of each member and ascertain if his stock is up to the standard.

Hoping that some more able writer will take up the subject and give it the necessary ventilation, so the merchants will take hold and organize at once is my earnest desire. It need not be confined to merchants of this county. Millers, mechanics and owners of residences and other property may avail themselves of the opportunity. Respectfully, MERCHANT.
Pleasant Grove, Feb. 19, 1884.

SCIENTIFIC AND USEFUL.

A spider *Dolomedes* recently observed in the Isle of Wight dragged two or three leaves to the shore, fastened them together with its web, launched the craft and sailed away over the pond, leaving it to dart and dive after flies and other game, returning with them to the raft to be devoured.

The rare sea elephants that a few months ago were purchased by the Philadelphia Zoological Garden have all died. These animals, that are found on the Islands bordering on the Antarctic circle, are likely to soon become extinct. At Heard Island there is a regular fishery, carried on principally by the English.

A sailor fish captured in the Indian Ocean was 30 feet in length, with a dorsal fin 10 feet high, and previous to its capture the fin rushing along at the surface was taken for the sail of a boat. The force of the blow that could be given by this monster was estimated to be equal to the discharge of a 24 pound howitzer.

Milking in the barnyard, says an exchange, is an old fashion that should be abandoned. It is inconvenient and unclean. It should go with the wooden pail and the hairy butter, and never be heard of any more; gone and forgotten, too. It is a wonder that any farmer would permit it, and still more a wonder that any farmers' wives or daughters would consent to it.

The largest man-eater shark was caught in Australian waters—the *Carcharodon*. It was 36½ feet in length; its jaw now graces the cabinet of the British Museum. The largest shark ever captured on this coast was killed off Block Island. It was a pelagic form—a bone shark, and when hauled along-side a 60-ton schooner, reached beyond the bow and stern, being over 70 feet in length.

The United States boasts the only poisonous lizard, the *Heloderma*, a specimen of which was recently exhibited at the Central Park Zoo. Experiments were tried with it at the Smithsonian and the scientist who was bitten was dangerously affected, but was relieved by immediate attention. The saliva is found to be alkaline and when injected into a pigeon caused death in nine minutes. The are frequently found in Montana fighting with snakes, always coming out victors.

The forthcoming report of the *Challenger* on deep-sea fishes will contain some remarkable forms new to science. Many are luminous, showing firey spots upon the head, like the headlight on a locomotive, or along the fins. It is supposed that these are their means of communication. Some of the localities from which they were taken were two or three miles from the surface, where, if a man stood, the pressure would be equal to that of two obelisks like the one in Central Park piled upon his back. The temperature of the water is just below freezing.

The Smithsonian Institute has succeeded in obtaining a fine skeleton of the gigantic sea-cow—*Rhytina stelleri*, which will be the only specimen in the United States. The history of the animal is extremely remarkable. About one hundred years ago these animal

lived in incredible numbers in the North, but Steller and later explorers waged such a war against them that in thirty years after their discovery they became extinct. The animal was a marine manatee, of enormous size, attaining a length of thirty-five feet and a weight of several tons.

A new science has recently been discovered, that of Telpherage, by which is meant the transmission of vehicles by electricity to a distance independent of any control exercised from the vehicle. An experimental Telpher line, which has been constructed at Edinburgh consists of a series of poles with cross heads and strung wire ropes stretching along each side, one to form the up and the other the down line. on the wires runs a motor engine which completes the circuit from a stationary electric engine. Following the engine are a series of wheels from which are suspended, clear of poles, buckets, each capable of carrying a nett quantity of about two and a half cwt., of goods. Train can succeed train, and the buckets can be taken off or put on the line without interfering with the others. As the line does not require bridges or viaducts, and can be constructed over a rough country at small cost, it will be useful for the conveyance of minerals, wool, grain or other articles that can be divided into quantities such as the buckets can carry.

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