

a full code of laws, defining the forms and regulating the methods of procedure in civil actions.

The statutes now in force relative to such actions are not sufficiently full, and are also in some particulars open to grave objections. As an instance of the latter class I might refer to the law on the subject of divorce. By the present statute, a divorce may be obtained and one of the most vital relations of life terminated by a proceeding purely *ex-parte*; no notice whatever being given to the defendant.

MEMORIALS TO CONGRESS.

I would suggest that Congress be again memorialized for the establishment of a Land Office in this Territory, that settlers may speedily secure valid titles to their property and avail themselves of the beneficent provisions of the Homestead Law. This act of simple justice to the hardy pioneers, who by their development of the resources of this mountain region, have added so greatly to the wealth of the nation, should not longer be delayed. Congress should also be again memorialized for the repeal of that most oppressive law compelling the people of this and adjoining Territories to pay letter postage upon all books and transient newspapers forwarded by mail.

The near approach of the Pacific Railroad would seem to have already removed all apparent reasons which ever existed for this discrimination against settlers upon the frontier. It would surely seem that Congress, instead of restricting the privileges of these settlers upon the Pacific Slope, who by their toils and sacrifices have founded a magnificent empire, should make them even greater than those enjoyed by citizens of the Eastern States, as a partial recompense for their life long battles with the regions, to some extent, of an inhospitable climate and desert soil.

CHARLES DURKEE.

LOCAL ITEMS.

ANGUS M. CANNON is the General Business Agent of this Office, and is authorized to make all collections and settlements connected therewith.

THEATRICAL.—This evening Mr. Stark will appear as Sir John Falstaff, in the "Merry Wives of Windsor"; not the cowardly, fat, old fellow who moralizes so sagely on honor, and satisfies himself that "discretion is the better part of valor," when danger threatens on the "tented field," but the equally corpulent Knight playing a vocation, in the midst of love intrigues, which in these days and in this country would gain him the title of a capital "bummer." The character is unobscured; and as for the comedy, who has no other of the "Merry Wives of Windsor"? This is its first presentation here. There should be a good house on the occasion.

FROM THE SOUTH.—Elder W. H. Streeper, one of the missionaries selected to go south at the last General Conference, writes us from St. Joseph, on the Muddy, under date December 29th. He says:—

We are all well. A great many of the boys are satisfied, and others are trying to be. A number are farming on shares, and some are tilling their own land.

We have organized a military company here, with Bro. O. P. Miles as Captain, and Bro. Nelson Empey as First Lieutenant. We have three platoons of cavalry; and a company of infantry will be organized to-morrow.

On Christmas day we had a very large flood, which caused some to think ill of the Muddy, but I think it came in the right time to show where the high-water mark is.

LEGISLATIVE.

Council.—At 1 p.m. the Council met, and the roll being called a quorum was found present.

Councillor Callister was sworn and took his seat.

Councillor Smoot, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Council to wait upon the Governor, reported that his Excellency would submit his Annual Message to the Assembly at 2 o'clock.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:—

On Judiciary.—Albert Carrington, L. E. Harrington and A. O. Smoot.

On Claims and Appropriations.—Erastus Snow, W. Woodruff and Thos. Callister.

On Petitions and Memorials.—Lorenzo Snow, E. T. Benson and Orson Hyde.

On Revenue.—Orson Hyde, A. O. Smoot, Joseph A. Young and Aaron Johnson.

On Elections.—Joseph A. Young, A. O. Smoot and Thomas Callister.

On Counties.—E. T. Benson, H. C. Haight and Orson Hyde.

On Engrossing.—Jos. A. Young, Lorenzo Snow and Albert Carrington.

On Education.—Albert Carrington, A. O. Smoot and Orson Hyde.

On Printing.—L. E. Harrington and E. Snow.

On Agriculture, Trade and Manufactures.—W. Woodruff, E. Snow and A. O. Smoot.

On Militia.—Aaron Johnson, Joseph A. Young, Erastus Snow and Thos. Callister.

On Municipal Corporations.—A. O. Smoot, Joseph A. Young, H. C. Haight.

On Private Incorporations and Telegraph Companies.—Joseph A. Young, E. T. Benson, Erastus Snow.

On Public Domain and School Lands.—Thomas Callister, Aaron Johnson and H. C. Haight.

On Penitentiary.—H. C. Haight, Aaron Johnson, and A. O. Smoot.

On Indian Affairs.—Erastus Snow, Thomas Callister, and A. O. Smoot.

On Irrigation and Canals.—Joseph A. Young, W. Woodruff, and E. Snow.

On Postal Affairs.—E. Snow, H. C. Haight, and E. T. Benson.

On Revision.—L. E. Harrington, H. C. Haight, and A. O. Smoot.

On Unfinished Business.—Joseph A. Young, Aaron Johnson, and Thomas Callister.

On Mineral Resources.—Orson Hyde, Aaron Johnson, and Albert Carrington.

At 2 p.m. the Assembly met in Joint Session, to receive any communications the Governor might have to make, when his Annual Message was read by P. Lynch, Esq., Secretary of the Council, the health of his Excellency precluding his attending in person.

An affected singer at a theatre was told by a wag "to come out from behind his nose, and sing his song like other people."

Died:

In Meadow Valley, Panaca, Washington County, after a lingering and painful sickness, MYRA ISABELLA, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Isabella Henrie aged 1 year 3 months and 23 days.

In Panaca, Meadow Valley, Washington County, WILLARD SNOW, son of James and Rhoda Henrie, aged 1 year, 1 month and 15 days.

In this city, on Saturday, the 11th, MARTIN E., son of Joseph and Tabitha Hyde, aged 5 months and 9 days.

Special Notices.

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Just Published, No. 1 of the Utah Magazine, E. L. T. Harrison, Editor and Publisher—Contents:—The Keys of St. Peter, a Tale of the Papacy; Not Good Enough for her; Mr. Pickwick's Oration; "Our Hired Man" on Cragin's Utah Jury Bill, &c.; How I fell into the Clutches of King Theodore; Doctor Doddridge's Dream; Instructions to Mechanics on Roofing; Editorial; Answers to Correspondents; Portrait Gallery; Gossip of the Day; Humorous Readings; Adventures; Poetry; &c.—Published Every Saturday, price \$7.00 per year; Office, Godbe's Exchange Buildings, Salt Lake City. Specimen copies can be seen on application, or mailed to any address on receipt of 25 cents.

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