

The choice troops of the army are called the Imperial Guard, numbering 18,000. Of these the infantry, 8,000 men, are provided with muzzle loaders, presented by the Czar of Russia; the rest are armed with flint guns, lances and shields. Half of the cavalry, about 2,000 men, are armed with Chassepot rifles. The artillery has thirty-two bronze guns, bought in Russia, and a few mortars. There are 1,750 educated artillerymen.

In the Peking province there is a body of troops 80,000 strong, under the Governor of Chifly, who are instructed by English and French officers. This army has breech-loading rifles and Krupp steel cannons. According to German writers up to 1879 Krupp had sent to China 150 heavy guns and 275 field guns. The army of the Governor of Khan Zu and Shan-Zee, 40,000 strong, is said to be supplied with all the modern arms, and to be drilled according to the principles of Moltke and Mantenfel. This army fought successfully against Yakob Beg, and, indeed, proved itself the best disciplined army in China.

With ammunition the Chinese are well supplied, making their own gunpowder. They have eight large arsenals under the management of Englishmen, one of which, at Jian-Zin, turns out 3,600 pounds a day. At the arsenals of Nankin and Shanghai the American guns of Remington and Spencer are manufactured. At the Fu-tcheu-fu Arsenal submarine mines are prepared. At the Lan-tcheu-en Arsenal cartridges and arms are manufactured.

Pekin is the most strongly fortified city, being the capital, and defended by a fort well supplied with Krupp cannons, which also are mounted at each of the nine gates leading into the city through stone walls forty feet high and from forty to twenty feet thick. Canton, Fuchow and Shanghai are also strongly fortified, as are all the large interior cities.

China has three separate fleets, the Canton, the Fu-kiang and the Shanghai fleets. Together they have twenty-seven gunboats, a few frigates and a number of transport vessels. Nine of the gunboats were made by English workmen, six by Frenchmen and the rest by natives. Eight ironclads, armed with guns of the largest calibre, have lately been obtained from England. The fleets are in good order and efficiently manned by Chinese. The strongest part of the fleet is made up of 13 small gunboats built of steel, propelled by twin screws, each carrying two 26 ton 10 inch breech-loading guns, mounted upon centre pivots, the charge 13 pounds of powder, and the projectile weighing 400 pounds. They carry besides in each four, 40-pounder breech-loading guns, two 9-pounder breech-loading guns, two Nordenfeldts and four Gatlings, and furthermore, two steam cutters fitted with spar torpedoes. The vessels are also armed with a formidable steel knife-edge spur or ram.

Thus the Chinese army, it appears, is not at present a very formidable affair, as the thoroughly drilled and efficiently armed men do not number over 120,000, the rest being undisciplined. The navy seems to be in much better condition than the army. But in the event of an extensive war it would be found that these provincial troops would be soon trained and made efficient, while any number of men could be pressed into the service, and either of the great Powers of Europe would find a brush with China a very different task from the easy victories of the British a few years ago.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 23.

Earthquake Shock.—The following was received to-day from Silver City, Utah:

"A slight shock of earthquake was felt here at about four o'clock this morning. The crockery and glassware in the houses and saloons jingled, but no damage was done."

Slowly Sinking.—We learn from reliable authority that General C. C. Rich is gradually and surely failing, and that his dissolution is considered as merely a question of a brief time. Notwithstanding the evidences that he is sinking slowly, however, his appetite is still good and he sleeps peacefully. Had it not been for the great vitality of the respected veteran he would doubtless have departed before now.

Mrs. Lowe Wanted.—This morn-

ing a gentleman named Moroni Johnson, from Little Sioux, Iowa, called and desired information concerning his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe, formerly of Manchester, England, who is supposed to be living in this city, or at least somewhere in the Territory. At last accounts her address was care of Mr. Starley. Mr. Johnson will be at the White House until Monday evening, and would like to hear from his aunt there. After that time a note addressed to him at Bridge P. O., Cassia Co., Idaho, will find him. Any person acquainted with the lady, who is quite aged, will confer a favor by drawing her attention to this paragraph. Mr. Johnson is very anxious to see her.

A WORD FROM THE SOUTH.

REDEEMING EFFECTS OF THE RECENT KANAB FLOOD.

Hon. L. John Nuttall returned yesterday from a tour through a number of the counties of Southern Utah, among which were Juab, Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Washington and Iron. He transacted some business connected with his office as Territorial Superintendent of District Schools. He visited a number of the schools and met and conferred with some of the county school officials.

The people of Kanab are in rather a trying plight, but they will weather the worst. Five-sixths of their grain was destroyed by the flood that occurred some time ago, and it will take them at least two years to recover from this sweeping loss. It is seldom, however, that there is an evil without some ingredient of good. So it proves in this instance. The immense washout made in the bed of the creek, being in one place as deep as forty-six feet, has largely increased the water supply—probably more than doubled it. This is caused by contiguous springs seeping into the cut and swelling the main stream.

It is a matter worthy of remark, that at the time the place was in the first stages of settlement, there was considerable doubt as to the water supply being sufficient. President Young, in addressing them, alluded to the subject, and told them that the body of water would, in course of time increase. "Some day," said he, "there will be a flood which will cut out a deep bed for the creek, and the water from the surrounding land will drain into it," a prediction that has received an exact verification.

A MYSTERIOUS CRIME.

THE BODY OF AN UNDEVELOPED INFANT FOUND ON WASHINGTON SQUARE.

Last night Mr. James Sheldermine, city stray pound keeper, went down to the city weigh-scales, on Washington Square, as is his wont, to see that all was right. On reaching the neighborhood of his office he saw what appeared to be a cloth saturated with blood lying on the ground.

Upon closer examination he found it to be a sack, enclosed in which was an ordinary cigar box. In the latter was the body of a child in the first stages of development, being about eight inches in length, and covered with a membrane. There was every appearance of an abortion having been produced, and there was unmistakable evidence of its having occurred inside of an hour, indicated by the condition in which the bundle was found. Besides the blood upon the cloth in which the box was wrapped there was considerable upon the ground in the vicinity where it lay.

Mr. Sheldermine left the parcel where he discovered it, in the hope that some person connected with its being put there in the first place would appear for the purpose of disposing of it, but this did not occur. He also made some inquiries in the neighborhood with a view to discovering who the perpetrators of the crime that had apparently been committed, were. This morning Marshal Phillips and another officer proceeded to the spot, investigated the matter as far as practicable, and directed the burial of the parcel. An officer has been engaged to-day hunting for clues with a view of unraveling what at present remains shrouded in mystery.

Why be weak? Why not be healthy, robust, and strong, by using Brown's Iron Bitters?

MORE COMMISSIONS.

A day or two ago we published a list of persons elected to various offices at the last general election to whom Acting Governor A. L. Thomas had issued commissions. We are enabled to present the following to whom he has since given the official documents:

WASATCH COUNTY.

Probate Judge—Thomas H. Giles.
Sheriff—John Clyde.
County Clerk—James A. Shelton.
Coroner—John McDonald.
Justice of the Peace, Heber Precinct—Thos. S. Watson.

RICH COUNTY.

Probate Judge—Wesley K. Walton.
Sheriff—Anson C. Call.

SUMMIT COUNTY.

Justices of the Peace, Park City—Joseph M. Cohen and William Mahoney.

TOOELE COUNTY.

Justice of the Peace, Tooele Precinct—Alex. Herron.

WEBER COUNTY.

Prosecuting Attorney—Franklin S. Richards.
Superintendent of Dist. Schools—Edward H. Anderson.
Sheriff—Thos. Stevens.
Selectmen—B. H. Bingham, Nathaniel Montgomery, Robert McQuarrie.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Ogden Precinct, Thomas D. Dees; Slatterville Precinct, James Hutchins; Hooper Precinct, James Johnson; Wilson Precinct, Samuel Purdy; Harrisville Precinct, Noah L. Shurtliff; Lynne Precinct, Fred. A. Miller; North Ogden Precinct, Nathaniel Montgomery.

CONSTABLES.

Harrisville Precinct, Alfred K. Dabell. Lynne Precinct, James Harrop; Slatterville Precinct, Alexander Hunter; North Ogden Precinct, John Godfrey; Hooper Precinct, Wm. J. Belsnap; Ogden Precinct, Moroni F. Brown.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY SEPT. 29.

Information Wanted.—Mrs. R. Twiddy, 9 South Street, Spennymoor, Durham, England, desires to learn the address of, or obtain information concerning her grandfather, James Steele, who emigrated to Utah from Glasgow about 30 years ago. He was a beekle-maker by trade, and formerly had a shop in Thomson's Lane, Glasgow.—*Millennial Star.*

Fatal Accident.—The following special was received to-day from Paris, Bear Lake County, Idaho:

"A young man named David Morgan, while coupling cars at the Montpelier station yesterday morning, had three of his fingers badly bruised. While Dr. Hoover was amputating them Morgan suddenly died. It is supposed he was hurt internally."

Nearly a Century Old.—Father John Wilding, of the 17th Ward will, if he lives till that time, be a century old on the 11th of next November. He attended Stephens' matinee two weeks ago, that being the first time he was ever inside of a theatre. He thought the performance was wonderful and was glad he attended. He thought the interior of the building simply grand, and says he had to re-enter it after leaving, to take another look at it. He is comparatively hale and hearty, age considered, and is much respected by his acquaintances.

Change of Time.—A new time card has been issued by the Utah Central Railway, to take effect Monday, October 1st. The following changes occur in the departure of trains for the north: Pacific express leaves at 6.10 a. m., instead of 5.40 a. m.; Atlantic express at 7 a. m., instead of 7.15 a. m.; special express at 7 p. m., instead of 6.25 p. m.

No. 1. train leaves for Juab and intermediate stations at 7 a. m., instead of 8 a. m., and connects with Salt Lake and Western, and Sanpete Valley Railways.

The trains arrive from the north at 8.30 a. m., 9.50 a. m., 12 noon and 7.40 p. m.; from the south at 9.30 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Fatal Effect of Smoking.—A young lad, fifteen years of age, died the other day from the effect of excessive use of tobacco, in the shape of cigarettes. He concealed his

habit from his parents until taken sick and then it was too late. The heart ceased its functions from sheer weakness. This should be a warning, but it will not be heeded. Every cigarette smoker like every toper, will conclude that it is none of his funeral, and will persist in destroying the nervous system. When repeated warnings will not cure the folly of pointing supposed unloaded pistols at people "just for fun," what can be expected as the result of the death of one lad from the vile cigarette habit?—*Oxford Enterprise.*

THE MOUNT PLEASANT MURDER.

FULLER PARTICULARS OF THE TRAGEDY.

A correspondent sends us the following:

On the night of the 25th, between the hours of 9 p. m. and 4 a. m. of the 26th, Levi F. Pritchett was shot in his house, where he was found dead this morning. Two wounds were visible on his body; one ball had entered on the top of the left shoulder, close to his head, a little backward, and from onward appearance had gone down into his body; another ball had entered on the right side of his head, an inch above the right ear, going through the back part of his brain and coming out at the left side of his head, two inches back and a little up from the left ear. There was also a mark of a blow on his forehead.

No track of the murderer has yet been found.

Mr. Pritchett has been given to intemperance to great excess of late years. He kept a saloon and had been the cause of a great deal of trouble and mischief in Mount Pleasant on account of having a disorderly house.

The person who killed Mr. Pritchett evidently did not do it for the sake of his money, as it was found all right in the bureau in the house. I believe it was done for revenge, by one who held a grudge against him.

Verdict of the coroner's jury:

TERRITORY OF UTAH,
County of Sanpete,
Mt. Pleasant Precinct. } s. s.

An inquisition holden at the former residence of Levi F. Pritchett, in Mount Pleasant Precinct, Sanpete County, on the 23th day of September, A. D., 1883, before Lauritz Larson, justice of the peace in and for the precinct aforesaid, upon the body of Levi F. Pritchett, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed; the said jurors upon their oaths do say that Levi F. Pritchett came to his death by gun or pistol shots fired from the hands of some unknown person.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

AUGUST NYBERG,
NIELS JACOBSEN,
S. E. JENSEN.

Jurors.

Attest my hand this 26th day of September, A. D., 1883.

LAURITZ LARSON,
Justice of the Peace, for said Precinct.

THE TABERNACLE.

IMPROVEMENTS GOING ON IN ITS INTERIOR.

Superintendent Henry Grow is engaged with a force of workmen making important alterations in the interior of the Tabernacle, which he designs having so far completed by Conference that they will be in a condition to be utilized on that occasion. The several stands will be lowered and advanced some distance forward, so as to give greater space from east to west for the choir, the conductor having heretofore to occupy such a position that a number of his singers were not in the full scope of his view. The choir will also be extended on each side, north and south, and be connected with the gallery by means of an arch. These extensions of the choir will give room for at least 125 more choristers, and as it is intended to have over 200 singers at the approaching Conference, the alterations were quite necessary.

Besides the removing forward, from the organ, of the stands, other improvements will be made in them. There will be a considerable lowering of the breastwork of each, so that the heads of persons sitting in the forward ones will come above it, thus

increasing their facilities for hearing the speaker.

The considerable space intervening between the front woodwork of the stand and the seats in the body of the hall will be utilized by placing rows of benches on each side of the Bishop's table, for the purpose of accommodating the brethren upon whom the duty devolves to carry around the sacred emblems.

Two large windows are being made in the west end of the building, one on each side of the Grand Organ, giving more light, especially to the choristers.

COMMISSIONED.

Acting-Governor A. L. Thomas has issued commissions to the following name persons elected at the August general election:

CACHE COUNTY.

County Recorder—John A. McAllister.

TOOELE COUNTY.

Alderman, Tooele City—Samuel F. Lee.
Constable—Peter Clegg, Tooele Precinct.

SUMMIT COUNTY.

Probate Judge—Alma Eldredge.

DAVIS COUNTY.

Justice of the Peace—T. J. Steed, Farmington.

JUAB COUNTY.

County Clerk—W. A. C. Bryan.
Assessor and Collector—W. A. C. Bryan.
Constable—John Sidwell, Nephi Precinct.

BOX ELDER COUNTY.

Surveyor—N. P. Anderson.
Treasurer—Wm. Horsely.
Selectman—Wm. Laws.
Assessor and Collector—O. G. Snow.

Selectman—Carl Jensen.
Coroner—M. L. Eusign.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Malad Precinct, W. A. Thompson; Willard Precinct, Thomas W. Brewerton; Bear River Precinct, N. C. Mortensen; Box Elder Precinct, J. B. McMaster.

CONSTABLES.

Mantua Precinct, M. O. Jensen; Malad Precinct, H. H. Smith.

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