

fight now without recourse to the general government, and if he is unsuccessful he will resign. He intends, however, to wage a vigorous war before taking such a step. Vicksburg is the centre of large planting sections, and taking the county in which it is situated, Warren, and the surrounding counties, the blacks fully outnumber the whites three or four to one.

NEW YORK, 8. — Contrary to general expectation a jury was readily obtained for the trial of coroner Croker, under indictment for the murder of James McKenna on election day, and there is a prospect of a prompt trial of this important criminal suit.

One branch of the city council has requested Mayor Vance to tender the hospitalities of the city to King Kalakaua.

The case of Tilton vs. Beecher has been postponed by Judge Wilson till Monday next. Beecher's counsel have obtained an order from Judge McCue, made returnable on Thursday next, that the plaintiff shall show cause why a bill of particulars should not be furnished defendant; the same judge at the same time granted the stay of proceedings.

BOSTON, 8. — In view of the close business connection between New Bedford and the Sandwich Islands, the city council of that city has voted to invite King Kalakaua to visit that city during his travels in this country.

## FOREIGN.

BERLIN, 4. — In the Reichstag today, a letter from Bismarck was read announcing the withdrawal of the appropriation for a formal legation at the Vatican. The deputies from Alsace and Lorraine tendered their resignations as members of the committee on the loan bill for their countries. In the course of the debate Herr Joery, a member of the clerical party, vehemently denounced Bismarck's foreign policy, saying that in consequence of Russia's holding aloof the chancellor had made a fiasco of his attempt at Spanish intervention. Bismarck replied, denying emphatically that the federal representatives did not adequately protect the rights of the various states. He said there had never been any idea of intervention in Spain, and when apprised of the murder of Schmidt he said to himself such a thing would not have happened to a British, French, or American citizen. He remembered the humiliations formerly imposed on the Germans, and considered the time had arrived to avenge such wrongs. The only way of helping Spain was to recognize those elements in the country which were disposed to restore public order. Referring to the assertion that Kullman was a madman, he made a denial, and said he clings to your coat tails. Kullman told him, Bismarck, that he had tried to kill him because of the church laws, and because he insulted his, Kullman's, party, namely the centre or ultramontane. There was great commotion in the chamber. The premier re-asserted—"Kullman belongs to you," when the house cheered continuously. The ultramontanes gave utterance to the contemptuous exclamation, "Pfui." Bismarck said he was not a stranger to such feelings, but he hoped he was too polite to express them.

Herr Windhurst said that Bismarck, in his speech at Kissengen, after Kullman's attack, gave the signal for an attack on the Centre, which was wrong, saying that without that they were drifting toward war. Bismarck repelled the assertion, and accused the ultramontane press of making attacks on him. Lasker declared that Windhurst's remarks were unworthy of the representative. The president called Lasker to order.

PARIS, 5. — The National Assembly has been engaged in an exciting debate the past two days, on a bill supported by clerical deputies, for freeing the universities from the control of the state. The principal speakers were the Bishop Dupanloup, legitimist, and Chamel Lacour, a radical deputy for the Bouches du Rhone. Bishop Dupanloup, in the course of his remarks, to-day, passionately declared the danger to society to be apprehended from the friends of those who favored the shooting of the Archbishop of Paris. The remark occasioned a great tumult in the chamber. Upon the restoration of order, Chamel Lacour retorted upon Bishop Dupanloup in a speech

of great bitterness. He said he left such personalities to the judgment of honest men and those who had some regard left for the dignity of the French episcopate. Upon the conclusion of the discussion the bill passed its second reading by a vote of 553 against 133.

PARIS, 6. — The second balloting for municipal councillors in the districts of Paris which failed of an election last Sunday, and held to-day, resulted in the return of three moderate republicans and two radicals.

A meeting of the members of the Left was held to-day at which the expediency of immediately proposing a dissolution of the assembly was discussed; the views of Jules Favre, however, were adopted as the sense of the meeting, to the effect that it would be best to permit a discussion of the constitutional bills, and await the result, which is sure to be their defeat, then all the factions of the Left will unite in a vote in favor of dissolution.

It is reported here that the supporters of Prince Alphonso have made overtures to Serrano, but unsuccessfully; they continue, however, active and hopeful. A very liberal manifesto has been drawn up and circulated among the members of the royal family to secure their support before publication, which is expected at an early day.

BERLIN, 6. — The federal council has accepted the principle of the imperial bank, and agreed to the conditions submitted by the government for the cession of the bank of Prussia to the empire. In order to put the proposal in a suitable form for legislative consideration the subject has been referred to a committee, and it is expected that final action will be reached next month.

Bismarck, in the course of his reply to Herr Windhurst, said, "I am in possession of conclusive evidence that the Oecumenical Council was cut short on account of the Franco-German war; it would have been very different had the French been victorious. I know from the very best source that Napoleon was dragged into the war, very much against his will, by Jesuitical influence. He strove hard to resist this influence. At the eleventh hour he determined on peace, and kept his resolution until the half hour. Ultimately he was overpowered by persons representing the Vatican."

## Correspondence.

### Conditions and Prospects of the London Conference.

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 11, 1874.

Prest. D. H. Wells:

Dear Bro.—It is with feelings of great pleasure that I attempt to address you at this time. Bp. R. T. Burton, Bro. B. W. Carrington and your humble servant are laboring in this conference. We are all well, enjoying our labors and trusting our work is profitable. Our field is large, the conference comprising the counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Essex, Kent, Sussex, Hants, Berks, Herts, Beds, Oxon, Bucks, and Wilts, together with the Channel Islands. We have at present twenty-three branches and nine organized districts, 1184 members, 200 children under eight years of age, making a total of 1384 against 1418 in last June. Our emigration season is just over, and we hope to add, by baptism, before the next season emigration opens, as many at least as will make up for the number gone home.

During the season from our Nov. conference, 1873, to May conference, 1874, some seventy-five were added by baptism. From May 6th, 1874, to October 14th, inclusive, 170 have emigrated, of which thirty were children under eight years of age, and fourteen were not members of the church, but who, having friends residing in Utah, emigrated thither intending to make that their home. During this same period from May to October sixty have been added by baptism.

Field and prospects are before us of an encouraging nature. We have no "Pentecostal conversions," but chiefly by practical, conversational preaching are the hearts of the people reached, for we find the honest and truly noble hearted have only to become "acquainted" with the Latter-day Saints and the Gospel as believed and taught by them, to love, respect and appreciate them.

Our semi-annual Conference con-

vened on Sunday last, at the Horus Assembly Rooms, Kennington. Prest. Smith, Bishop Hughes, Elders McKenzie, Hanham, Morris, Squires, Greenwood and Halliday were present and addressed the congregations in instruction and testimony. President Smith's testimony to the mission of Jesus was most powerful. The meetings were well attended, and the hearts of the Saints, "friends" and relations, with the strangers, were made glad. Bro. H. C. Fowler was sustained as traveling Elder in this conference in addition to the present corps, making four of us now in this conference of twelve counties and the islands.

We hold a district meeting at Brighton on Sunday next, at which Prest. Smith and other brethren are expected.

The meetings in our city branches are better attended than usual both by Saints and strangers.

M. H. HARDY.

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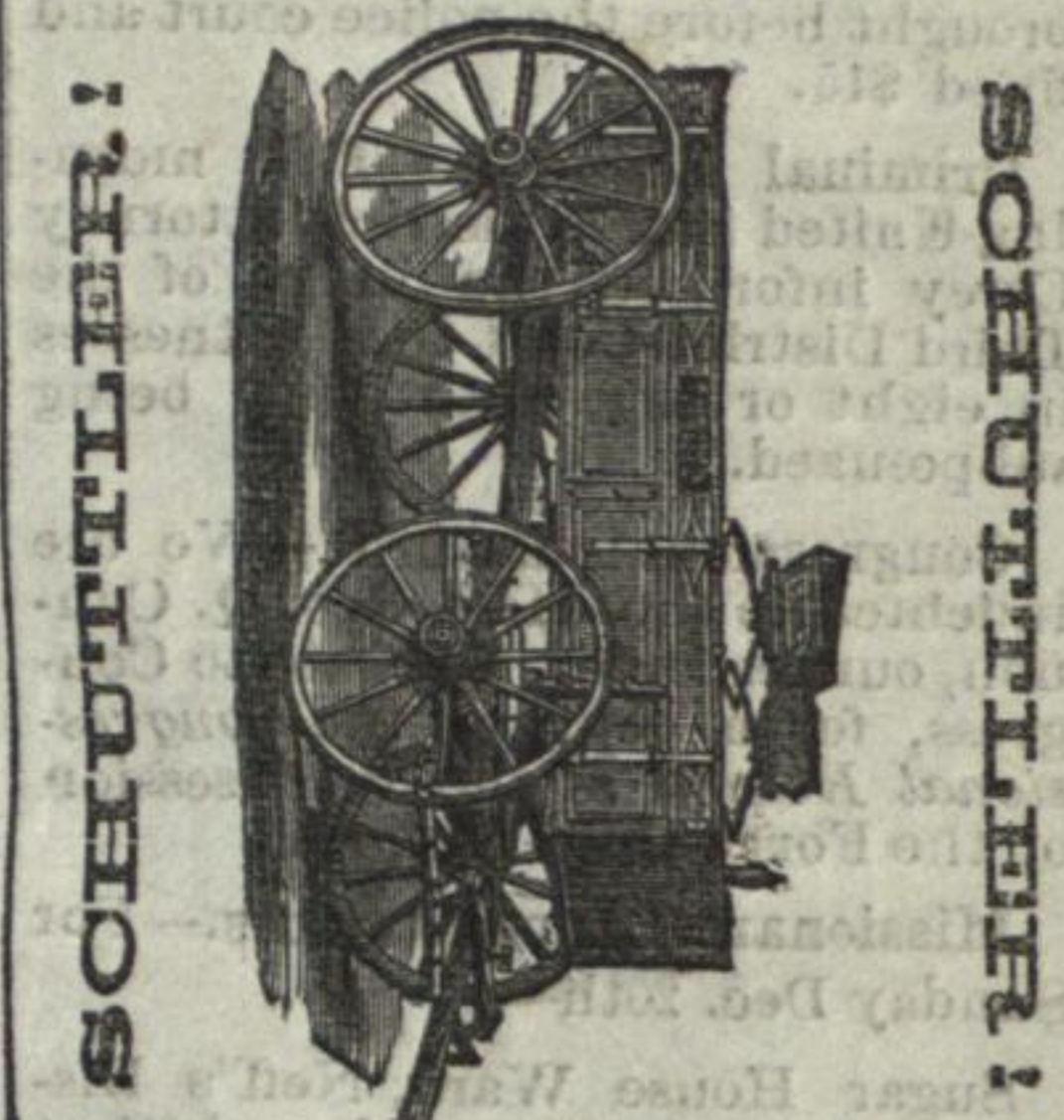
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