

who is the author of several patriotic poems. One poem was written for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Emperor William I; another for the twenty-fifth anniversary of Sedan Day, and a third in honor of Prince Bismarck on the attainment of his eightieth year. Brother Kretschmar has also received from Bismarck himself an autograph letter acknowledging thanks for the latter poem.

Mr. Arthur Stebbings, of Lowestoft, for a long time past the editor and proprietor of the Lowestoft Journal has retired from the publishing business, having disposed of his printing and stationery plant to Messrs. Dotesio and Todd. Mr. Stebbings has always been a friend to the Latter-day Saints, has treated them with fairness and courtesy, and even defended them in the paper he published. We shall ever feel grateful for his kindness, and we extend to him our best wishes for his future welfare. He has a number of friends in Utah—persons who have made his acquaintance in this country in times gone by. We have good reason to believe that those who succeed him as publishers of the Journal will also extend our people fair treatment, as they have already manifested that disposition.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

New York, Dec. 8.—The Press this Wednesday morning prints an interview with a Cuban officer, who has received a letter regarding the battle in the Rubi hills, province of Pinar del Rio, which says: Of the Spanish troops 300 were killed and many more than that number wounded. The Cubans captured 200 of the Spanish troops, three pieces of cannon, many small arms and the Spanish standard. The Cuban loss was likewise heavy, but not so great; ninety-two were killed in battle and twelve afterward died from wounds, while almost 300 were wounded slightly.

New York, Dec. 8.—The following telegram has been sent to the attorney general at Washington by Robinson & Leslie, a firm of London accountants, acting for a group of holders of Union Pacific reorganization company's certificates for Union Pacific stockholders:

"We notify the government that the committee's bid involves a departure from the terms of its trust under the trust agreement declared January 26th pursuant to which stockholders paid nearly \$9,000,000. The committee was not permitted to issue more than \$75,000,000 in bonds for the purpose of both the Union and Kansas Pacific. Under the bid for Union Pacific alone the purchasing issue is practically consumed, thus violating the trust to the stockholders. This substantial deviation from the conditions of the purchasing trust invalidates the bid. Therefore the government is notified to hold the moneys received or receivable as trustees under the committee's trust and not as the property of the government."

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The dead body of Loo Fook Guey, known as the king of the highblinders, who, several days ago tried to rob another Chinese, was tonight found in a room in Chinatown. At the time of the attempted robbery both men fired at each other, and a trail of blood left by Loo Fook while making his escape, showed that he had been wounded. The discovery of his body proves that the wound he received was fatal.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 7.—In view of the fact that a bill is pending in the Virginia legislature to prohibit the game of football on Virginia soil, an exhibition contest was arranged at Broad street park between the Cottage

and Richmond college teams, to which invitations were sent to all members of the legislature. The game was hot from start to finish, closing with the score of 6 to 0 in favor of the college team.

State Senator W. P. Barksdale, the author of the anti-football bill, watched the contest with interest and remarked at the close of the game: "My opinion is no way changed. I think the game more brutal than a bull fight."

Carson, Nevada, Dec. 7.—Adam Uber, who killed Hans Anderson at Gardnerville last week, was taken from the Genoa jail at 2 a. m., stripped of his clothing and hanged. His body was riddled with bullets by an angry mob of twenty-five men supposed to be from Gardnerville.

When taken from his cell the victim had nothing on but a shirt. This was torn off by the lynchers and the nude body left dangling in the air for six hours. As the body was being pulled up the mob riddled it with bullets. When satisfied that the man was dead, the vigilantes dispersed and returned to their homes.

At the hour above mentioned the leader of the mob presented himself at the side window of the county jail and calling to Sheriff Brockless, stated that the Gardnerville constable had arrived with a prisoner he wished to have locked up. The sheriff was some time in responding and the mob, impatient at the delay, battered down the door of the recorder's office with sledge-hammers, captured the sheriff and constable and placed them under guard.

The prisoner was then awakened. He fought with a chair but was soon overpowered. He cried for mercy, but was silenced with a gag, and being bound, was dragged through the streets out of the city and to a place half a mile distant, where the crowd halted. The sheriff and constable were forced to accompany the mob and still under strong guard, watched the execution.

The prisoner was in a fair way of receiving trial and punishment for the crime he committed. The preliminary examination was held last week and the grand jury had found the indictment. A number of witnesses would have been brought forward to prove that Uber had been assaulted by Anderson before the shooting. Uber has a millionaire uncle, Henry Robson, in Pittsburg, Pa., and it is thought that the perpetrators of last night's affair may be brought to justice.

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 8.—U. S. Grant, and other gentlemen comprising a committee of the chamber of commerce have applied to the city council for a railway franchise in this city on a parallel with the franchise of the Santa Fe company. The petitioners agree to begin construction work by January 1, 1899, and to operate the road by January 1, 1900.

A. E. Nutt, the secretary of the committee, thus explains the application:

"The committee," said Mr. Nutt, "has received encouragement that a railroad running from here to the Colorado river can be built and these parties who would take hold of the matter first require that a franchise be secured through the city. If the council will grant the franchise under the conditions asked for that will clear any delay on that account and may possibly result in the line being built. On the other hand, should some other bona fide proposition come up whereby a railroad giving us an eastern outlet can be built, then the committee will turn over the franchise granted them through the city."

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 8.—The supreme court has affirmed the judgment of the circuit court of Boone county in the case of John Hunt Sr., convicted of

murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged on January 13, 1898. Hunt shot his daughter on August 29, 1896, because she advised her mother not to permit Hunt to abuse her.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—John Thomas Cheutz, convicted of killing his sweetheart, Miss Annie Raysch, has been sentenced by Judge Zachitz of the criminal court to be hanged on January 12th next.

New York, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says:

The first news received in Madrid concerning President McKinley's message came in a telegram from the state department to Mr. Woodford, who immediately sent to the minister for the colonies Senor Moret.

Minister Moret was at a banquet which his friends had offered him as a compliment for his colonial policy. He translated the telegram aloud and all present expressed much satisfaction at the President's declarations touching Spain and Cuba.

Mr. Woodford was not present, having engaged to dine at the Austrian embassy with other ambassadors.

During the night the press agencies and the principal newspapers slowly received the news.

El Imparcial published a cablegram of 7,000 words, giving the whole text of the message referring to Spain.

The friendliness of the message surpassed the most sanguine expectations of the friends of the government. There is loud praise for President McKinley in official and political circles for having, as they say, thus cleared the way for a fair trial of the new colonial policy in the West Indies, which will naturally require time. Meanwhile the liberal government can, unhesitatingly dissolve the old Cortes, call a general election for the first week in February, and convoke a new parliament on March 8.

The Spanish liberals are particularly pleased with the President's arguments against belligerency of the Cubans and the implicit repudiation of recognition of belligerency annexation of the island or extreme interference with the rights of Spain in Cuba.

They are equally delighted with that part of the message recognizing how quickly and completely they have reversed the Canovas-Weyler policy, and showed the sincerity of their own home rule measures.

Outside of official circles, satisfaction is very visible in financial circles, and also with the general public. Among statesmen, the most pleased is Castello, who compares the conduct of McKinley with that of Grant, and says he believes firmly that all the sane and respectable elements of the commonwealth will follow suit.

The papers representing all parties will open fire on the message. But on the whole the impression of the majority is that the relations between the two countries will be much improved by the message and nowhere is this impression so strong as in diplomatic circles.

United States Minister Woodford, Premier Sagasta and Colonial Minister Moret have been warmly congratulated by the foreign republics here.

Madrid, Dec. 8.—The premier, Senor Sagasta, in an interview referring to President McKinley's message to Congress, is quoted as saying he thinks the message satisfactory "because the threat to intervene in Cuba was made only to give satisfaction to portions of American opinion without the intention of executing it."

Continuing, the premier said that the government would not make a declaration on the subject. He believed that the President's word would have influence with the insurgents and added that the Cortes would not be convened until the government had