

munity. Finally General P. E. Connor conducted a number of them, under a military escort, to Soda Springs, where some of them remained and others scattered abroad.

Gen. Burton was complimented by Acting-Governor Fuller and by Judge Kinney, for the able, sagacious and successful manner in which he had discharged his duty with so little loss of life. The verdicts in the Morrisite cases were fully approved and endorsed by the Judge before whom they were tried, as appears of record in the Third District Court. And the Grand Jury at the April term of the court unanimously denounced the action of the Governor in the pardon of the Morrisite criminals, the Judge fully endorsing the report of the Grand Jury.

After seventeen years, the officer of this same court, who, at the risk of his life, enforced its commands, was placed at its bar, charged with murder while in the discharge of a duty for which he had received the thanks and compliments of the Court. He was accused of killing Mrs. Bowman, wilfully and maliciously. Those who have read the testimony can perceive upon what a shallow foundation the theory of the prosecution was based, and recognize the fallacy of the contradictory reminiscences of those deluded persons who, some of them being in their childhood when the affair occurred, associated the name of Burton with all their troubles because he was the leader of the posse. In their minds Burton did all the killing, Burton was on foot and on horseback at the same time, Burton separated the men and women, Burton did everything. They have talked the matter over for years, and all that was said in the excitement of the shooting has been attributed by them to Burton. We cannot blame them much for these mistakes. Let the odium of this needless and foolish prosecution rest upon those who have worked it up and caused those poor benighted beings to state, on oath, things that existed only in their fevered imaginations.

We do not believe that any one who knows anything of Gen. Burton believes for a moment that he wilfully and maliciously killed Bella Bowman. It would be an act contrary to the spirit of the man and in opposition to the tenor of his whole life. People of every shade of opinion are glad of the verdict and openly offer him, today, their congratulations at his deliverance from the threatening clouds which have hung over him for years. We join in the general good feeling, for the vindicated man is an honorable gentleman whom we are proud to own as a friend and brother.

Robert T. Burton has had a free and fair trial, and has been most ably defended. The Prosecuting Attorney and his assistant, did their level best to convict him, but have failed. Judge Michael Shaffer presided with calm and impartial wisdom, and his charge was entirely free from bias. The jury took plenty of time to deliberate, and, according to the best information, were agreed at an early hour with three exceptions which were gradually reduced to one, and after forty-six hours patient consideration of the case, they united cordially in their verdict exonerating and acquitting the defendant.

Thus another accusation which has been unfairly made against the "Mormon" people has been examined and refuted. In a short time the capital stock of our calumniators will have become entirely exhausted, and adventurers will find no old "Mormon outrages" left from which to manufacture political capital or work up cases that will yield fees or fame.

THE BARRIERS IN THE WAY.

A MEETING of the prominent business men of this city was held on Saturday evening, for the purpose of discussing the best means of promoting harmony here, and representing abroad the great advantages offered in this Territory for the investment of capital and to working people for the making of homes. The mineral resources, agricultural possibilities, railroad facilities and general business prospects, and notably the magnificent and healthful climate of Utah,

were duly set forth and eulogized, and a committee was appointed to gather up data and advertise the facts, with the view of inviting an influx of wealthy and laboring people.

The great obstacle to the accomplishment of the wishes of these gentlemen was briefly alluded to by one or two of the speakers. It requires more than brief mention or passing notice. All their efforts will be vain while this barrier stands in the way. Unless that is removed, they may as well abandon their undertaking. We refer to the persistent and malevolent misrepresentation of the bulk of the people, which has been supported if not participated in, by some of those who figure in this new movement.

While the majority of the citizens of Utah, in whose hands is vested the balance of local power, are represented to the world as a set of lawless marauders, whose religion embraces the crime of murder, with whom an oath has no sanctity, and who live to prey upon all who do not endorse their creed, it is not to be reasonably expected that much capital will be drawn into the Territory nor any great general immigration. If these business men are in earnest, and desire to promote harmony and the development and settlement of this Territory, they must begin by putting their feet upon the shameless abuse of our best citizens which has been permitted, nay, fostered, for several years past. Statements without the shadow of foundation in truth in regard to the personal character of influential men, and the condition and objects of the masses, have been spread abroad to such an extent that millions of people who have not visited our Territory are under the impression that Utah is a very hotbed of sedition, lawlessness, violence and crime, and that it is not safe for a stranger to penetrate into our country, particularly if unarmed.

All this nonsense, falsehood and diabolism must be stopped, if these gentlemen intend to succeed. The way to suppress it can easily be discovered if they really mean business. Legislation for special Congressional laws and Executive action inimical to the great body of the citizens of the Territory, must also be discouraged and put down, or the intended efforts will come to naught. While our affairs are kept in a perpetual ferment, capital, the timidity of which is proverbial, will be frightened from our borders and working immigrants will be few and far between.

This unceasing slander, and these repeated raids upon Congress, are impenetrable barriers in the way of the aims of the committee and those whom they represent, and unless those obstacles are moved out of the path, talk, circulars, advertisements, facts and figures will be of small avail.

The business men of this city, who have aided in the misrepresentation and efforts to procure special legislation against the "Mormons," have followed a suicidal policy. They have not materially injured us, but have sowed thorns for their own feet. They have not hindered "Mormon" immigration nor the natural increase of the "Mormon" population. But they have scared capital and non-"Mormon" labor; they have made business dull; they have kept money out of their own pockets; they have sustained corrupt and untruthful adventurers, to the exclusion of sound and solid men; and they have helped to keep back for years the development of the vast resources of the richest Territory of the United States.

We invite their candid attention to these facts, with the hope that as intelligent and enterprising men they will see the error of the policy of abuse and antagonism, and adopt a policy of reform; then there may be some hope of success in their efforts for harmony, progress and the building up of this mountain country, until, in the valleys of the Wasatch arises the brightest star in the galaxy of States, the glory of the Great West, and the pride of the Federal Union.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 7.

Information Wanted.—Of Jeholia Gardiner who emigrated to Utah

from England in 1860 or 1861. When last heard from he was in Payson, Utah County. Any information concerning him will be thankfully received by George or Mary Gardiner, his parents, at Shortwood, near Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, England.

From St. George.—A letter from a St. George correspondent "Amaranth" states that in that section, times are only medium; that the farmers have commenced work in good earnest and that the apricot and other trees are in full bloom. There is very little snow in the mountains, which, by the way, seems a common remark in all parts of the Territory, and the prospects are that water for irrigation will be scarce.

Water for Brighton.—We are informed that the directors of the Brighton Irrigation District have called on all the parties interested in the canals and land of said district to meet at the Brighton School-house, on Wednesday, March 12th, 1879, at 11 a.m., to learn what the people are willing to do towards building a dam in the Jordan River. They wish parties living in the city and interested in said district particularly to attend.

Weather Report.—By courtesy of the Deseret Telegraph Company we are enabled to publish the following weather report:

Silver Reef—Windy and warm. St. George—Cloudy, windy and warm.

Beaver—Clear, windy and warm. Fillmore—Windy.

Nephi—Windy, dusty and warm. Paris, Id.—Cloudy, looks like snow.

Franklin, Id.—Cloudy, looks like snow.

Richfield—Very windy. Glenwood—Very windy and warm.

Manti—A little cloudy but warm. Gunnison—Windy, cloudy and dry.

Mt. Pleasant—Very windy but clear, roads very dry.

Alta—Cloudy, but sun shining.

Silk Culture.—Bro. D. Graves of Provo, is in the city, and intends visiting the various wards in the interest of sericulture. We have

pleased to note every practical effort tending in that direction.

The following letter from the United States Commissioner of Agriculture explains itself:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, February 25, 1879.

Dr. Graves, Provo City, Utah:

Dear Sir—I have read your interesting letter of the 14th inst., and wish you every success in your attempt to introduce sericulture into Utah. I have no doubt that the methodical and persistent way in which you have solved the various problems of Agriculture will insure your success in this undertaking; you may count upon all the aid I am able to give you through this Department.

I am sorry that the Osage Orange does not flourish with you as it is a most valuable plant for feeding silk worms.

Respectfully yours, WM. LEDUC, Commissioner.

The Verdict.—It was the general impression on the street this morning that the jury in the Burton case were agreed upon a verdict, so at the opening of the court the room was filled with spectators. At five minutes past 10, the jury, having been out 46 hours, came into court, and after taking their seats, the names were called, all answering "here."

Judge Schaeffer said: "Gentlemen, have you agreed upon your verdict?"

Mr. Gorlinski, the foreman, answered, "We have, your honor," and handed an envelope to the clerk, who opened it and read the following VERDICT.

JURY ROOM, March 7, 1879, 9.33 a.m.

The People of the United States in the Territory of Utah vs Robert T. Burton.

We the jury in the above case find a verdict for the defendant not guilty.

(Signed) Ellsworth Daggett, Samuel H. Hill, Henry Wagener, James Crossley, Patrick Phelan, J. R. Bannion, John Cartwright, David Rees, Ralph Jenkins, Perley Cutler, Ed. L. Butterfield.

JOSEPH GORLINSKI, Foreman.

The reading was concluded amid great applause, and as may be expected, General Burton was warmly congratulated by his many friends present. We also extend congratulations to the gentleman, and are pleased to record so acceptable a termination to a trial which has been the most interesting ever held in Utah.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 8.

Information Wanted.—Of Moses Dering, about 75 years of age, who once resided in or near this city. Address Geo. K. Krigger, office Commercial Advertiser, 164 Randolph St., Chicago.

Zion's Camp.—Nelson Higgins sends us the following:

"In noticing the names of Zion's Camp, as published in the NEWS, I see my name is left out. I am still alive, and live in Elshorn, Sevier County."

Accident.—A man is in the hospital in this city being treated for a wound which he accidentally received a day or two ago, in Cottonwood Cañon. He was handling a pistol, when, through some carelessness, the weapon was discharged and the bullet went through his hand, inflicting a painful but not serious wound.

Fire in Ogden.—This morning's Junction contains particulars of a fire which occurred in Ogden yesterday, the loss amounting to about \$400. The principal part of the furniture in the building was saved, but the house itself, owing partly to the lack of water was burned to the ground. Joseph Wheelwright was the sufferer.

Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations.—The secretaries of the different branches of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations in this Stake of Zion are respectfully requested to forward their quarterly reports at once, so as to be ready for the quarterly conference, to be held in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms, March 21st.

Address—Mary P. Freeze, President, P. O. Box 1183.

AUGUSTA J. CROCHERON, Secretary.

ry Seaman, of Rockport, Summit County, sends an answer to our inquiry in regard to the extermination of gophers. He says:

"By reference to the American Agriculturist, Vol. 32, we find a receipt which I have tried with success. This is the remedy: Open a new run, and, setting a mink trap therein, cover the hole quite closely with a piece of board; then make an opening two feet from the trap to let in the light. The gopher comes up soon to close the hole, when, if the trap is set lightly, he is certain to be caught. After a few have been captured, the rest abandon the location."

Good Reports From Sanpete.—Elder George Farnsworth, a former employe of this office, is in this city on a visit, and from him we hear some good news from Sanpete County. Bro. Farnsworth travels through the county considerably, and is consequently well prepared to speak of the doings and feelings of the people. He says there is an excellent feeling among the whole community, and that with the confidence felt in their leaders, their hearts and interests are becoming united in things temporal as well as spiritual. The work on the temple is progressing nicely, and in every respect we are gratified to report the extension and increase of brotherly feeling and union among our brethren.

Beekkeepers, Attention.—The beekkeepers of Utah are hereby notified that during the next April Conference there will be a Bee meeting in this city for the purpose of promoting the honey making interest of our growing territory; and if possible steps will be taken to check the ravages of foul brood, which has destroyed so many bees in this and other counties during the past winter. The necessity for a protective law is becoming all the time more urgent, and it is to be hoped that the coming Legislative Assembly will treat the needs of beekkeepers in this regard with some respect. At our next meeting we will be glad to obtain all the information we can about the condition of the bees in the different stakes. Will the agents appointed at our last meeting please send us this data before April next?

We would like as full a representation from the various parts as possible. All are invited to attend. Utah papers please copy.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 10.

Notice.—The person from Springville, who lost a wagon order, can get the same by calling at this Office.

Y. M. M. I. A.—The meeting of the representatives of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations of the Stake will be held next Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in the Council House. Elders Joseph F. Smith and Angus M. Cannon are expected to be present. A full attendance is desired.

Dismissed.—On Saturday, Judge Van Zile, United States Prosecuting Attorney, moved that the other two cases against Gen. R. T. Burton, for murder, be dismissed, and on his motion the Court so ordered. It was generally considered that the termination of the late trial would make such a step probable.

Sad News.—By a private dispatch from Ogden yesterday, we learn that our late associate, F. J. Cannon, has met with a sad loss in the death of his little daughter, aged about two weeks. We sincerely sympathize with the bereaved young parents, whose little darling is so soon separated from them; may they, however, in this affliction realize and recognize the power and wisdom of Him who reigns above.

Burglary.—Between half-past 7 o'clock on Saturday night and 20 minutes to 10 yesterday morning, the store of Mr. John C. Cutler (Old Constitution Building) was entered by burglars and robbed of a considerable sum. An examination of the premises shows that the thieves entered the warehouse of Heesch & Ellerbeck, the locking of which has not been strictly attended to. A door, now boarded up, has been used in former days to connect the two stores. Through this partition the burglars soon effected an entrance, and their manner of doing the work would indicate that they were used to opening, in doing which more or less noise would have been created; they used a small auger, and bored holes entirely across a board, and thus, silently, entered the store. They immediately proceeded to the safe, in the door of which they drove a bar and wrenched it open, and made their escape with the valuable part of its contents. There were a number of papers stolen, by the possession of which the burglars might have been identified; but these were afterward found, wrapped up in a handkerchief, on the vacant corner one block west of the Clift House. The missing property consists of about \$300 in money (there were two \$100 bills), and about \$5 worth of postage stamps.

Warrants for the arrest and search of a suspected person were issued this morning. He was arrested, and will have an examination this afternoon. A thorough search of his premises, however, did not reveal any suspicious facts, and therefore, we withhold his name for the present.

It is to be hoped that the guilty party or parties will be captured and severely punished. For while such characters, possessing the apparent skill and experience of these offenders, are allowed to be at large, no man's premises are secure.

The Value of Time.

As in a fire the loss greatly depends upon the time required for efficient aid to arrive, so the result of catarrh greatly depends upon the speedy use of efficient remedies. For over a quarter of a century, Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy has been the standard remedy. The positive cures it has effected are numbered by thousands. Each year has witnessed an increased sale. Its reputation is the result of superior merit. If the disease has extended to the throat or lungs, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery should be used with the Catarrh Remedy. These two medicines will speedily cure the most stubborn case of catarrh. See the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, a work of over 900 pages. Price \$1.50. Address the author, R. V. Pierce, M.D., Buffalo, N. Y.