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FAMILY GENEALOGIES.

With a view to arrange for obtaining correct family records for Temple work on the best possible terms—while the present opportunities are so favorable at the General Register Office in Edinburgh, and the parlous of Scotland—it has been proposed to extend a general invitation to as many of the Saints of Scottish birth or descent as may choose to take an interest in this work.

Individual effort in this direction is costly, and a proper combination will secure far more family history and records, and at much less expense, and avoid duplicating work, which to us as a people is a matter of considerable importance.

To accomplish this union of effort, an invitation is now extended to all interested in this movement to meet in their respective wards, and make up a list of those who desire to take part in the same and forward it to David McKenzie, Salt Lake City, or A. F. McDonald, Salt Lake City, or as many as can be present to take part in the arrangements needed to prosecute this desirable work are expected to meet in this city at some convenient time during next October Conference, which will be duly announced.

THE MILES SENTENCE AFFIRMED.

To-day, in the Supreme Court of this Territory, a decision was rendered in the case of John H. Miles, appealed from the Third District Court. As was generally anticipated, the decision of the lower court was affirmed. Judge Boreman gave the opinion. The defendant, by his counsel, excepted and a writ of error was asked; and allowed to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the bonds for stay of execution and sentence pending the appeal were fixed at \$5,000, a very reasonable amount.

We have already given the exceptions of the defendant in this case, and our opinions in regard to the irregularity of many of the proceedings; we need not now repeat them. We hope that this case will be fully argued before the court of last resort, as it involves not only the liberty of the defendant, but perhaps the lives and liberties of a great many others. For if the methods adopted and sustained by the local courts in this case pass into established precedents, men may be convicted of crime on the slightest of circumstantial evidence and presumptive appearances, and special legislation against the "Mormons" will be no longer needed, even by its bitterest and most unprincipled enemies.

CROP PROSPECTS.

The prospects of the grain crop are much brighter than has been anticipated. In consequence of the limited water supply this season, the long interval between rains, and the attacks of the devouring grasshoppers, it was thought that there would be a general failure. But it appears from reports received from different parts of the Territory, that on the average about half a crop will be reaped. In some few places the grain is gone; in others a full harvest will be gathered, and in others still a portion of the crop only will be saved.

In the vicinity of this city the fields make a splendid showing. The grain looks tall and heavy, and promises a rich yield. But in some of the upper valleys, such as Ogden and Weber valleys, grasshoppers and drought combined have made almost a clean sweep. On the sand ridge between Kayville and Ogden, contrary to general anticipation a great deal of wheat will be gathered. The field will be far beyond expectation. Harvesting has already commenced, and fields that were thought to be scarcely worth the reaping will yield about twelve bushels to the acre, while some will give more than double that amount.

The showers that fell after the dry period were providential. They were equivalent to many thousands of bushels of grain. Every drop represented a harvest. The comparatively cool weather too, has been favorable to the wheat, and in all human probability Utah will not suffer this season for want of breadstuffs. This is very encouraging in view of the many forebodings which some people indulged in during the Spring, and gratitude to the Great Giver of the increase should spring up and abide in the hearts of His people.

THE SCRIPTURES "IMPROVED."

Numerous suggestions have been made of "improvements" in the text of that edition of the Holy Scriptures commonly known as King James' translation, and several attempts have been made at correcting and revising the standard version. But the funniest proposition of this kind that we have heard of, was made by Rev. Rodolphus Dickson, a minister of the Episcopal Church in this country, who, profoundly impressed with the importance of what he considered elegant language, and having been trained in that stilted style which abounds in mannerisms and delusions in sonorous words of Latin derivation, made a new translation, destroying the force and simple beauty of the original expression, giving the following reasons for the change:

"The lapse of centuries has produced a revolution in the English language, requiring a corresponding change in the version of the Scriptures; and may I add that the errors in grammar and rhetoric, the harsh and indolent expressions,

dispersed through the generally adopted text, demand amendment. The style of that translation, regarding either its propriety, or purity, is, to a great extent, obsolete. There is much inelegance and inaccuracy in the selection of words, the structure of sentences, and in every compartment of composition. Elementary expressions, individual and complex phrases of various description, pervade it, unknown to the existing advanced state of literature. If they were admissible, at the period of that publication, it is sufficient to say, that they are now exploded."

As samples of Mr. Dickson's "improved" style of Biblical phraseology, we quote the following: "Broods of vipers! who has privately admonished you to fly from the approaching vengeance! Produce, therefore, the appropriate fruit of reformation!"

"When thou art benighted, let not thy left hand be conscious of what thy right hand performs."

"Contemplate the hills of the field how they advance."

"Seek first the empire of God, and the integrity he requires, and these things shall be superadded to you. Be not, therefore, anxious for to-morrow; since that will claim corresponding attention."

"Then his disciples approaching said to him, Art thou conscious that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this observation? But he answering said, Every plantation which my heavenly Father has not cultivated shall be extirpated. And he replied, saying to him, Elucidate this parable."

"His master said unto him, Well done, good and prudent servant! You were faithful in this limited sphere. I will give you a more extensive superintendence; participate in the happiness of your master."

"Salt is salutary; but if the salt has become rancid, how can it be restored?"

"Moreover there was a Pharisee whose name was Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, Teacher, we know that thou art an instructor emanated from God; for no one can achieve these miracles which thou performest unless God be with him. Jesus answered and said to him, Indeed I assure you that except a man be born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Nicodemus says to him, How can a man be produced when he is mature? Can he again pass into a state of embryo and be produced? Jesus replied, Most assuredly declare to you that unless a man be produced of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Be not surprised that I announce to thee, ye must be re-born."

We presume that these extracts will be sufficient. To the student of the Bible who has become familiar with its grand and striking language, sublime in its simple strength, Dickinson's perversion will sound like a baroque of the sacred record. We refer to it merely to show the folly into which so-called educated men will fall when "learning" is not governed by common sense.

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FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 1.—A message was received from the House announcing non-concurrence in the Senate amendments to the House joint resolution relating to committee clerks, pages, etc.

Messrs. Eaton, Beck and Allison were appointed members of the conference committee on the resolution. The president pro tem laid before the Senate a communication from the President of the United States, transmitting in answer to the Senate resolution, a report of the Secretary of State on the subject of correspondence in regard to the proposed Austin and Popo-Valley railroad survey. Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

Amendments from the House announced concurrence in the Senate amendments to the final adjournment resolution.

After an animated debate the Senate passed the House joint resolution providing 30 days extra pay for the House employees. Yeas 30, nays 76.

A message from the House announced a committee has been appointed to wait upon the President of the United States and inquire if he had any suggestions to make to Congress, and asking for a conference committee. The president pro tem appointed Bayard, White and Anthony such committee.

The report of the committee of conference on the joint resolution providing additional pay for congressional clerks, etc., which the Senate receded from certain amendments, was adopted.

Thurman being in his seat upon the floor, Anthony said: I take advantage of the absence of the president from the chair to offer the following resolution: Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to Hon. Allen G. Thurman for the ability, dignity and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of the resolution was unanimously agreed to.

After a short executive session, Kernan introduced the following resolution which was unanimously agreed to: Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be and are hereby tendered to Hon. Wm. A. Wheeler, Vice-President of the United States for the ability, courtesy and impartiality displayed by him whilst he presided over their deliberations during the present session of Congress.

Black introduced a bill to authorize and promote an international inquiry and conference as to the practicability of extending the channels of the Bay of Fundy and of the Mississippi River to and from Hudson's Bay. Referred.

The committee to wait on the President reported he had no further communications to send.

At 5 p. m. the president pro tem said: Senators: Thanking you sincerely for the respect and approbation expressed in your resolution adopted to-day, and for the kindness you all have uniformly given me while temporarily performing the duties of the chair, and wishing you all a safe and pleasant return to your homes, I now give obedience to the concurrent resolution of the two houses, declare the Senate adjourned without day.

HOUSE. WASHINGTON, 1.—When the House was called to order there were but a very few members present, claiming recognition, the remainder patiently awaiting the arrival of the hour for adjournment.

Blackman introduced a conference report on the joint resolution relative to the pay of the committee clerks, etc., agreed to.

Gibbs introduced a bill amending the rules and order of the Mississippi River Commission, so as to provide that the President

shall appoint any of the commissioners to be president of the commission.

On a division the bill was passed 65 to 13, but Mr. Bayne, raised the point of no quorum.

Bayne again raised the point of "no quorum," and the bill was thus defeated.

The House then took a recess for 10 minutes.

Atkins, one of the committee appointed to wait upon the President, announced the President had stated he had no further communication to make.

Five o'clock having arrived the Speaker said: Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: before I separate I desire to return my thanks as presiding officer of this House, to the members of this House, of every political division, and to say to them that I appreciate their uniform conduct and devotion to duty, and now in obedience to the terms of the concurrent resolution of the two houses, fixing the time for the adjournment of the present session of the 46th Congress, I declare this House adjourned without day.

EASTERN.

WASHINGTON, 1.—The first session of the forty-sixth Congress was brought to its close this afternoon amid the usual amount of bustle and confusion attendant upon the efforts of individual members to secure final action on bills in one house which had previously passed in the other, and rushed to the President in time for his signature before the clock should mark the hour for final adjournment.

Two or three of the bills that go upon the statute book with this day's date of approval have not yet been signed by the President, the veteran doorkeeper of the Senate, turned back the hands of the clock and nominally delayed the arrival of the adjournment hour about ten minutes beyond the actual astronomical time. One of these bills was for the relief of settlers within railroad limits in Arkansas and Missouri, others were of no public consequence, but several senators who had procured their passage were determined they should not fall for lack of a few minutes to obtain the official signature. A very remarkable instance of good management has been afforded by the enactment of a bill repealing the duties on quinine, which passed the House yesterday without debate, and which, contrary to general expectation was put through the Senate today.

It was referred to the Senate yesterday afternoon, and if it had been reported back to-day, a single objection would have precluded the possibility of its being considered. The plan adopted therefore to move a reconsideration of the vote by which it was referred to the Senate today, and being thus brought directly before the Senate, its passage was readily obtained for even the strongest opponents of the bill either on principle or in the interests of Pennsylvania manufacturers of quinine, shrank from going upon record in opposition to a measure so manifestly beneficial for the tens of thousands of people of scanty means, who suffer from fever and ague throughout the malarious districts of the south and west. The most noticeable incident connected with this bill occurred, however, in the House of Representatives where Ellis, La., finding that in spite of the overruling majority in favor of the bill (about six to one) the motion to suspend the rules would be defeated, because the aggregate yeas and nays then announced lacked one of a quorum of the full House, and being paired with an absent member opposed to the bill, voting the happy expedient of voting this bill over his head, and against the bill, and thus his negative vote making up the quorum.

Both Democrats and Republicans, on comparing votes since the adjournment of Congress to-day, express themselves, and apparently sincerely, as being perfectly satisfied with the political results of the extra session. Each party claims to have made the most capital, and in this contented state of mind political opponents may go good bye with friendly handshaking and good humor, and proceed to pack their trunks preparatory to going home to continue the appeal to the country.

WESTERN.

SAN FRANCISCO, 2.—The Democrats of the second congressional district, this morning, nominated P. J. Clunie, of Sacramento, for Congress. Clunie, a native of Pennsylvania, is a native of California.

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himself just from Sitting Bull's camp with a manifesto signed by him and other chiefs, addressed to all just and sensible citizens of the United States, reciting very fully the story of their wrongs under the treaty of 1865, furnishing new particulars of the Custer massacre, and closing as follows: "Give us back our hunting grounds or such part thereof as will not interfere with the settlement and pursuits of the whites. Give us that and give us your protection." Among the incidents of the Custer massacre it states that Custer and his flag of truce which precipitated the massacre. The whole story is very improbable. The manifesto is stated to have been written by the Indians but prepared by the whites and half breeds living among the Sioux and evidently in the interest of the Catholics.

Resents Killing Each Other.

CHICAGO, 2.—The Times Washington special says. The interior department has information from the Gros Ventre agency, Montana, under date of June 16th, that the British Indians of the Gros Ventre crossed the border, that they are destroying the buffalo upon which the Gros Ventres depend largely for their subsistence, and that skirmishes have occurred between the Gros Ventres and the foreign Indians, with loss of life on both sides. The British Indians are well armed and are driving the Americans before them, the latter being in a panic and desiring to cross the Missouri River. Fifty lodges of British Indians and 100 lodges of Gros Ventres are reported being near the post. Information has been received at the War and State departments in order that proper action may be taken.

Maine Democrats.

BANGOR, Me., 2.—The platform adopted declares that the partisan control of Congress that withdraws the control of elections from honest electors and places it in the custody of the tools of the executive are not designed to secure an honest but to enable a fraudulent administration to perpetuate its power.

Resolved: That the power to buy up the refuse of every city under the name of deputy marshals without limit as to their number or price, and at the expense of the public treasury, and the power in the single individual mission of the Executive to arrest, with or without a warrant, as many possible electors as he may choose to keep from voting, are powers too dangerous to be trusted to any administration.

Resolved: That we approve of the efforts of the democratic members of Congress to secure the repeal of these outrageous and obnoxious enactments so that all the traditions of the builders of our republic can system, that we do not hesitate to declare that no further appropriation should be made by Congress to carry them into effect, that we condemn the action of the republican leaders in keeping alive sectional animosities and hatreds engendered by the war. That we are all in favor of a currency of gold and silver and paper, the paper to be kept at par with the coin at all times, and are in favor of a free unlimited coinage of silver.

Rapid Riding.

BOSTON, 2.—The single scull race for \$500 a side, between Warren Smith, of Halifax, and Evan Morris, of Pittsburg, a distance of 13 miles and return, took place at Silver Lake yesterday afternoon. Smith won by a half length, in the fastest time on record, 21.05, the next best Philadelphia in 1879, 21.69.

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