

# DESERET NEWS:

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## HON. THOMAS FITCH.

THE Jamestown (N. Y.) *Journal* speaks thus of Hon. Thomas Fitch and a lecture he recently delivered—

"The Senator is a middle-aged man of noble presence, fine culture and great natural abilities. He gave a glowing description of the 'Coming Empire' on the Pacific, beginning and closing his lecture with an eloquent reference to the dedication, by Vasco Nunez de Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific in 1513, of all that vast and unknown country to Christianity and civilization: The description of this wonderful Empire, its rich mines, its frowning Sierras, its precipitous canyons, its vales of tropical luxuriance, its medical springs, its stores of salt and silver and gold, its magnificent fruits, its pure and life-giving atmosphere far surpassed the wildest visions of the Arabian tales, and yet kept within the sober bounds of truth. For an hour and a half the Senator had his audience spell-bound by his eloquent word-painting, or as he referred to the quaint humor of the Pacific, convulsed with laughter. The wit of the lecture was as keen as a Damascus blade, and salt as the waters of the Sea of Utah. Such a lecture fills one with pride in a country so rich in scenery, so wealthy in all useful productions and capable of such magnificent development, and especially was it calculated to make one proud of the growing State of Nevada, which has sent forth as one of its Senators, a man not a mere politician, but a gentleman of culture and so well worthy of the honors he wears."

A Nevada contemporary thinks the above very good excepting the allusion to Thomas, as a Nevada senator, and the statement that he is "not a mere politician."

## THE WOMEN AND FRELINGHUYSEN'S BILL.

THE following, from the *Woman's Journal*, was a part of the proceedings of the centennial anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, celebrated at Boston, Mass., under the auspices of the New England Women's Suffrage Association, Dec. 15—

### "SPEECH OF HENRY B. BLACKWELL.

"Having had the pleasure of reading Dr. Loring's letter, I take this opportunity, while I am on my feet, of inviting this great audience to unite in a work of practical duty. It is written that 'Faith without works is dead.' You have shown your faith by crowding this hall to-night. I ask you to show your works by passing a resolution which I hold in my hand.

"You are all aware that Woman Suffrage has for several years been an established fact in the Territories of Wyoming and Utah. In Wyoming women have voted and served on juries for four years. We have had from year to year the repeated testimony of Chief Justice Howe, of Judge Kingman, of Gov. John A. Campbell and other eminent citizens, that the effect of Woman Suffrage there has been 'only good and that continually.' Indeed the citizens of Laramie Co. have just signaled their approval by electing two women as members of the Legislature, being one-third of the six representatives to which that county is entitled. That is equitable because women form one-third of the population there. In a message which Gov. Campbell has just submitted to the Legislature of Wyoming, he pronounces Woman Suffrage, after four years' trial, 'an unqualified success.' In Utah no evil results have followed the voting of women, nor would it be repealed by the vote of the people of that territory.

"A year ago the National Republican platform declared that 'the Republican party is mindful of its obligations to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of freedom, their admission to wider spheres of usefulness is viewed with satisfaction; and the

honest demands of any class of citizens for additional rights should receive respectful consideration.' Yet will it be believed that Senator Frelinghuysen, a Republican Senator, has actually introduced a bill which makes it punishable by fine and imprisonment for a woman to vote, forbids her to serve on a jury, and even goes back to the semi-barbarous ages and deprives every married woman in all the Territories of her rights of person, property, children and earnings, and makes her a helpless dependent in the house of her husband? In express terms it subjects the women of the Territories to the provisions of the 'English Common Law as it existed at the time of the Declaration of Independence.' But this is not all. This same bill actually passed the U. S. Senate last year, and would be a law, to-day, if it had not been for the Suffrage Ladies of Massachusetts. They learned the astounding fact, and wrote and telegraphed to reliable Woman Suffrage Representatives, to George F. Hoar and Benjamin F. Butler, to A. A. Sargent of California, to C. W. Willard of Vermont, and half a dozen others, and these gentlemen defeated the bill. Now, at the very commencement of this session Senator Frelinghuysen again brings forward this infamous bill, and in the name of the Administration urges that it may be put upon its speedy passage.

"Is this the reward that Republican Senators propose to confer on the women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of freedom? I can have some charity for men who hesitate about conferring Suffrage upon women. But I can have none for those who seek to take it away where it is in the full tide of successful experiment, by arbitrary Congressional interference with local self-government. I call upon you, therefore, to unite with me in the unanimous passage of the following resolution.

"A verbal amendment was suggested by a gentleman on the floor of the house and one by another in the gallery, both of which were accepted by Mr. Blackwell.

"Lucy Stone reminded the women of New England that here at least they had the power to vote upon a question where the honor and interests of Woman were involved.

"The resolution was then adopted by a ringing vote—only two voices being given against it.

### RESOLUTION.

"Whereas, A bill has just been introduced into the Senate of the United States, by Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey; which proposes to disfranchise the women of Utah and to subject the women of all the Territories to the provisions of the English Common Law, as it existed before the Declaration of Independence, therefore

"Resolved, That this assembly of men and women of New England, convened in Faneuil Hall to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, hereby call upon our Senators and Representatives in Congress to secure the defeat of the bill.

"Col. Higginson congratulated the audience that the vote was practically an unanimous one. The two who voted against it were very young men."

The two very young men will know better when their beards have grown.

As for the women, we take this action of theirs as a graceful recognition of the efforts made in this Territory in behalf of the sex. As Utah has done so much for women, it is perfectly fitting that they should do something for Utah.

## DELEGATES FROM UTAH.

THE Washington correspondent of the *Lynchburgh Virginian* has a pretty correct notion of some things in that city, pertaining to Utah and its delegates to Congress, to witness the following—

"The usual attempts have been made in the House to worry the delegate from Utah. They occur at the commencement of every Congress. Some patriots dispute the validity of his election, while others object to his admission under any circumstances, fearful that their morals may be corrupted by his presence. In the Senate, also, Frelinghuysen introduced his yearly bill to prohibit polygamy in the Territories. Of course, all this in-

dignation is exhibited for effect on pious constituents, and often by men of doubtful private character. Indeed I have often noticed that when a Congressman is engaged in a big steal, or when he supports, in the suburbs of Washington, a private establishment not presided over by his wife, he seeks to withdraw suspicion from himself by furiously pitching into Brigham Young or the delegate from Utah. But this has got to be pretty well played out. Utah has been represented in Congress many years, and the official and personal conduct of her several delegates has been of such a character that not one of them has even been suspected of wrong doing. They have never been charged with dishonesty, intemperance or licentiousness. They have never been connected with any ring or job, nor have they ever endeavored to procure the passage of bills to subserve their personal purposes, but have invariably exhibited a devotion to the interests of their constituents which other representatives might copy to advantage."

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 24.

**Returned.**—Yesterday Hon. W. Jennings and E. L. Sloan, Esq., reached this City from California, to which State each had been on a trip.

**A Merry Christmas.**—To-morrow will be Christmas, and as we shall issue no paper to-morrow, we now take pleasure in wishing our readers and patrons in particular and everybody in general the compliments of the season—may each and all have a merry Christmas.

**Arrivals at Liverpool.**—Elders John F. Oblad, Samuel Johnson and Canute Petersen arrived at Liverpool, per steamship *Adriatic*, from New York, on the evening of Tuesday, November 25th. These brethren were called at the last October Conference, held in Salt Lake City, to go on missions to Scandinavia, and left Salt Lake City on November 10th, making the journey from Salt Lake City to Liverpool in exactly fifteen days. They proceeded on their way to Copenhagen a few hours after their arrival here.—*Millennial Star*.

**Four Bills.**—To-day we present the fourth anti-Mormon bill presented in Congress during this winter's crusade. Hon. Jeremiah M. Wilson, of Indiana, fathers this fourth bill. It is about three-fourths of the length of each of the other three, presented respectively by Frelinghuysen, Logan, and McKee—two in the Senate and two in the House. Wilson's bill will be quite a spicy variation from the time honored good cheer of Christmas. After the holidays there will be quite a chance for a pretty little quadrangular fight among the friends of these four bills in and out of Congress. Any more bills of the same sort coming? Can't the crusaders hatch more than four?

**Attending to Utah.**—The following is among the correspondence of the *New York Herald*, dated Washington, Dec. 17—

"THE JUDICIARY SYSTEM IN UTAH.—The House Committee on Territories to-day considered the bill relative to selecting jurors and otherwise remedying the defects now existing in the judiciary system of Utah, so that the present obstruction to the administration of the laws in Utah may be removed. The subject was postponed till the meeting of the committee after the holidays."

**Well Advertised.**—Utah is about the best advertised place in the world. Forward comes Jeremiah M. Wilson, of the House of Representatives, of Congress, with another bill to "Aid in the execution of the laws in Utah." It is a somewhat smaller child than the other three, but the features are unmistakable, and it has the same proclivities as its three brothers—the placing of the lives and liberties of the whole people in the hands of less than half a dozen men. The "Bill" appears in the *News* to-day. The enemies of the "Mormons" are apparently determined either to "make a spoon or spoil a horn." The destruction of that horn is a sure thing.

**Street Railroad.**—A new switch has just been completed in the Warm Springs division of the street railroad, in the 17th Ward, opposite the old Academy, and the

cars now run to and from the Warm Springs, leaving the East Temple Street Junction and the terminus every twenty-five minutes.

The company are making very commendable improvements, the superintendent, Mr. O. P. Arnold, being very energetic in meeting the wants of the public.

Those who wish it can now go to the Springs, enjoy the luxury of a bath, and return to town again, all within a very short time, which is a great convenience.

**Gardeners' Club.**—According to appointment a number of gardeners, among whom were George B. Wallace, T. H. Woodberry, S. Stanford, J. L. Maxwell, Joseph Hardman, Richard Mathews, Martin Christofferson, and Rudolph Krause, met last night, at the house of Mr. Joseph Hardman, 7th Ward, for the purpose of electing officers of the Gardeners' Club.

T. H. Woodberry was elected temporary chairman, and J. L. Maxwell temporary secretary.

George B. Wallace was elected president, and Stephen Stanford secretary of the club.

The club will have a meeting next Tuesday evening, December 30th, at the same place, commencing at 7 o'clock.

**"The Nymph of the Lurleyberg, or, At the Bottom of Salt Lake."**

A rich treat is in store for the public in witnessing this magnificent burlesque extravaganza, which has been in preparation for several weeks.

This piece has been written up, and interspersed with original local allusions, amusing witticisms and friendly hits, by Messrs. Geo. J. Taylor and Chas. W. Stayner of this city, with valuable additions by Mr. W. C. Crosbie and others of the Salt Lake Theatre. To insure complete success on its presentation the management have engaged Miss Eliza Newton, who, we understand, is considered one of the finest burlesque actresses on the American stage. Mr. Tirrell, the talented scenic artist, has displayed more than ordinary skill on this occasion; a beautiful representation of Black Rock and the surroundings, including the limpid waters of the lake, forms quite an attractive feature of this imposing spectacle; the grand transformation scene, which has been imported at great expense expressly for this piece, is announced as the most magnificent spectacular presentation ever witnessed on this stage, doing great credit to the management who cater so liberally for the public amusement. The splendid Amazonian armor is from the celebrated costumers, Messrs. Butterworth & Co., of Birmingham, England.

The songs and choruses have been arranged by Prof. Thomas, who has also composed new and original marches and incidental music for the occasion.

The entire piece sparkles with witty sayings and local allusions, new and original songs and "business," which, with the excellent dancing of the corps petite, the new scenery and elegant appointments, combined with the skill and efficiency of Mr. J. H. Vinson, under whose immediate direction the performance will be produced, cannot fail to draw large houses throughout the holidays, and be a source of great attraction, especially to the young people in the settlements as well as in this City.

**Utah Posten.**—We understand that the first number of the Danish paper, *Utah Posten*, edited by P. O. Thomassen, will be issued to-morrow, Dec. 25, and will be delivered from his office, next door east of Exchange Buildings, First South Street, after 10 o'clock a. m. The editor kindly requests Bishops, to whom the *Posten* is sent, to distribute the same in their respective settlements.

**"Habeas Corpus."**—Last night Julius Kiesel, recently convicted of rape and sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary, by the Probate Court of Weber County, was taken before Judge McKean, in chambers. The prisoner's counsel, Messrs. Johnson and Strickland, argued that Kiesel should be discharged on the ground that the Probate Court had no criminal jurisdiction, which, by the way, is a question now pending decision by the Supreme Court of the United States. The counsel went a long way out of the line of legitimate argument, and indulged in a "hotch-potch" of vituperative stuff about having the Probate officials arrest-

ed and imprisoned. Judge McKean signified his willingness to do this, if the counsel would suggest a manner in which it could be done.

The Judge said the examining magistrate in the case of Kiesel had no right to bind the latter over to the Probate Court, as he should have been bound to the District Court. He decided that the conviction of the Probate Court be set aside and that Kiesel be bound over to the District Court, in \$1,500 bonds.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 26.

**Woman's Exponent** for December 15 contains a deal of interesting matter.

**An Attractive Show.**—Mr. H. Wallace, confectioner, has the finest Christmas show, both as to extent and variety, of the kind, that we have seen this season.

**Utah Northern.**—The Utah Northern Railroad is open, and the trains are running on time; with a fair prospect ahead of continuing in that condition for the Winter.

**Supreme Court Decision.**—The text of the late decision of the Supreme Court of the United States concerning the prosecuting attorney question in the courts in Territorial cases will be found in to-day's *NEWS*.

**National Colors.**—At one o'clock to-day the national colors were to be raised upon the new flag-staff, at Camp Douglas.

The members of the City Council were invited and went to Camp to-day for the purpose of being present at the ceremonies.

**Christmas.**—Christmas passed off quietly, most people preferring to spend a comfortable day at home with their families, which is a very sensible as well as pleasant way in which to spend a few hours. The principal stores and business places were closed for the day.

**In Scotland.**—We have been favored with the perusal of a letter written by Elder Wm. N. Fife, of Ogden, to a gentleman of that city, and dated Edinburgh, Nov. 26th, from which we learn that Elder Fife was well and was busy visiting his relatives, who were glad to see him.

**Mr. J. Lawrence.**—We learn that Mr. Joab Lawrence, recently arrested at the Hoffman House, New York, by virtue of extradition papers from Michigan, at last advices, had not been in jail nor in irons, as reported, but was living at the Hoffman House, as before his arrest.

**Bolted.**—Fred. Stockfield, one of Warden Rockwood's penitentiary convicts, has escaped. Stockfield was the obnoxious cook about whom the other convicts created such a fuss a short time back. He has been well and kindly treated by the Warden, and to show his gratitude he has taken "French leave."

We learn from Mr. Rockwood that John Beegan is one of the best behaved among the prisoners under his charge.

**Police Business.**—Justice Clinton has had a lively time yesterday and to-day. Besides a few other cases twelve individuals have been before him since yesterday morning, all of whom were charged with being intoxicated, and a number of them with an additional charge of disturbing the peace on general principles or engaging in a fight. Some people have peculiar ideas as to what constitutes enjoyment and as to the most fitting and appropriate manner of keeping Christmas.

**Fatal Accident.**—Jacob M. Truman sends us an account, though at this rather late date, of an accident that occurred to his son, Jacob B. Truman, between Long Valley and Parowan, Nov. 14th, from the effects of which he died November 29th. A man with whom he was traveling handed the unfortunate youth a shot gun, which was accidentally discharged, the contents entering at the wrist and coming out at the elbow. They drove to Parowan, twenty-five miles, as quickly as possible, where they telegraphed to the young man's father at Hamblin. Not being able to find a surgeon at Parowan, he was taken to Beaver, where he was attended by Dr. Elbry, the post physician. The young man was 18 years, 4 months and 5 days old when he died.