

EDITORIALS.

FAMINE AND PESTILENCE.

WHILE the bulk of the people of the United States have been feasting and rejoicing, famine, pestilence and woe have been holding high carnival in northeastern Brazil. In the province of Ceara, which has a population of about fifty thousand, the people have been perishing by hundreds per day from disease and the lack of food.

Ceara's northern boundary is washed by the shores of the Atlantic, and therefore on its coast has a pretty comfortable climate. But in the mountainous interior, where rains fall heavily in the spring, but drop no moisture during the remainder of the year, the harvest is often very slim. This is where the famine prevails. The people in the rural districts have crowded into the capital, Fortaleza, where small pox has broken out, and what with the pestilence and the famine the deaths are reported as reaching three hundred a day. The most horrible accounts are given of the hunger and sufferings of the poor wretches, and it is stated that even dead bodies have been devoured by the famishing.

It would seem that the Emperor, who has learned much of the world's civilization, would be able to devise means of relief for his perishing subjects, who, though isolated from other portions of the Empire through lack of railroad communication, may be approached from the sea board, Ceara being but a small province, its interior boundary being at farthest only about 200 miles from the coast.

It is awful to think that, amid the festivities of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, so many human beings were dying for want of common sustenance.

THE GOOCH CASE.

THE Gooch case, which has created much excitement in England, particularly in aristocratic circles, has at length been decided.

Lady Annie Louise Gooch, wife of Sir Francis Gooch, Baronet, being childless, laid a plan to secure a young baby and pass it off as her own offspring. She had been a mother, but her child died very young, and the family physician, for reasons to him good and sufficient, declared that she would never bear another.

Sir Francis was fully aware of this, and, when his lady pretended to be in expectation of an increase to the Gooch family, he told her plainly that she was only trying to deceive him. However, she persisted in her scheme and endeavored to induce her "companion," Miss Garrod, to assist her. This person refused to join in the conspiracy, and carried information to Sir Francis as the lady unfolded to her the plans she had devised. Sir Francis summoned the family physician, who on examination, pronounced the affair nothing but a sham. Still Lady Gooch went on with the plot, and going to London, put up at a hotel where a two weeks old baby having been procured, she went to bed and pretended that she had given birth to a son.

The reason for this foolish and badly arranged scheme was, Lady Gooch's fear that her husband, who was in delicate health, and whose estates were entailed, would die and leave her without claim on the property, which would then go to relatives of his whom she detested. Sir Francis, considering it his duty to expose the fraud, made complaint against his own wife and she was arrested and committed for trial on the charge of conspiracy. The case made a tremendous stir, but when it came before the Grand Jury at the Central Criminal Court in London, "no true bill" was returned, on the ground that Lady Gooch's individual act could not be brought under the legal term conspiracy, because she had deceived no one and had no real accomplices. As it takes at the very least, two persons to make a "conspiracy," the would-be mother of a purchased infant escaped the punishment of offended justice. But she has failed to secure the prize

for which she sinned, and, in addition to losing the estates, she has lost the respect and recognition of society, from which she may be now considered a titled outcast.

THE TOWNSEND HOUSE CASE.

MRS. TOWNSEND'S TWO AFFIDAVITS.

On Monday evening we gave place to the complaint of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Townsend, that some "erroneous statements" had been made in our report of the Townsend House case, which conveyed "impressions utterly false in fact." We appended a foot note showing that the News had made no statement in relation to the matter except to give what the defense claimed. If there was anything erroneous in the claim of the defense, viz: that "Mrs. Townsend had sworn to two different statements," the fault was not ours but belonged to the defense.

In order to set this matter exactly right, we now publish such portions of the two affidavits referred to as bear on this matter, leaving the public to judge whether or not the defense affirmed truly that the lady had sworn to two different statements:

"In the District Court for the Third Judicial District of the Territory of Utah.

James Townsend, plaintiff,

vs.

William H. Hooper, William Jennings and Bolivar Roberts, defendants.

Salt Lake County, ss.

Elizabeth M. Townsend being duly sworn says she is the wife of the plaintiff in this action, and has had charge of the Townsend House mentioned and described in the complaint since the same was opened as a hotel, until the 9th day of February last, when the same was leased by said plaintiff to Charles C. Cunningham; that she and her husband have used for their private apartments in the Townsend House a suite of three rooms numbered 45, 53, and 57 respectively, and have so used and occupied said rooms for many years; that they have continued to so use and occupy them since said lease to said Cunningham as aforesaid, that said rooms have been at all times furnished with furniture, beds, bedding and carpeted with the carpets owned by this deponent in her own right and that she has kept therein her personal clothing, ornaments, jewelry, pictures and keepsakes, that on the 18th day of April instant, she was with her said husband so occupying said rooms by continuation of their said previous possession and said rooms are those stated in the complaint as occupied by them, that said room No. 53 is their sleeping apartment."

The foregoing is a quotation from an affidavit of Elizabeth M. Townsend sworn to and filed in the cause in which it is entitled, on the 19th day of April, 1878.

In her complaint in the case of Elizabeth M. Townsend vs. Wm. H. Hooper et al., sworn to on the 28th of April, 1878, the following language is used and is all that is contained therein in reference to her marital relations with James Townsend.

"That in the year 1866 said plaintiff and said defendant, James Townsend, went into the actual possession of the real estate and premises situate in Salt Lake City and county, in the Territory of Utah, described as follows: being a part of lot eight in block 68, as platted in plat 'A,' and bounded as follows, viz: commencing at the northwest corner of said lot eight, thence south 265 feet, thence west 10 rods, thence north 265 feet, thence east 10 rods, to the place of beginning; containing 160 square rods, and 165 square feet, and have continued in the exclusive, actual, peaceable and rightful possession thereof ever since. When the plaintiff and said James Townsend went into possession of said premises as aforesaid, in 1866, the plaintiff, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Murray, was his plural wife, according to the rules and tenets of the Mormon Church, of which they were members, she having been united to him in that relation in 1858, and he having at the same time a former and lawful wife, with

whom he also lived and cohabited; but in 1870 or before then, the plaintiff, from a repugnance to polygamy, ceased to cohabit with said James Townsend as a wife, and she has not done so since that time, they thenceforth jointly occupied and improved said property and managed a hotel thereon, called the Townsend House."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Don't say anything about cold weather at Salt Lake. The thermometer registered 22 deg. below zero in Chicago last night. So we learn by telegraph.

Shere Ali talks about returning to Afghanistan after a congress at St. Petersburg. Who knows anything about such an assembly? Is this one of Russia's spurts of "secret policy?"

News having been received from whaling captains, of a vessel which they supposed to be a Russian man-of-war, reported by Esquimaux as locked in the ice, north of Behring Straits, it is concluded that it is the *Vega*, with the expedition in command of Prof. Nordenskjold, particulars of which were recently given in this paper, and a company is being formed to proceed to his relief.

Captain Boynton, "the man fish," has made an interesting but perilous voyage down the River Tagus, from Toledo, in Spain, to Lisbon, in Portugal. In eighteen days he floated down a distance of 1,000 kilometers, encountering 102 waterfalls and a large number of rapids. Some of the rustics by the way were terribly scared, taking the adventurous swimmer for his Satanic Majesty.

The *Jeannette*, James Gordon Bennett's steam vessel, formerly called the *Pandora*, has reached San Francisco on her way via the Pacific to explore the Arctic and Polar regions. She sailed from Havre last July and doubled Cape Horn in October. Her dimensions are 142 feet in length, 25 feet beam, 12 feet 6 inches hold and 425 tons register. Her engines are 80 horse power. She is constructed entirely of wood, and will proceed about the hull. She will recruit at Mare Island, then proceed to Alaska, and after procuring an outfit of Esquimaux dogs, push on northward to make investigations in the neighborhood of Wrangel's Land, on which no landing has ever been made, although it has been seen at a distance many times. Success to the *Jeannette*.

The Holmeses, the "spiritual mediums" who so imposed on the late Robert Dale Owen in the Katie King business, has disappeared after the exposure which so seriously affected Mr. Owen. But they have recently turned up in the learned city of Boston, where they have been quietly regaling the susceptible with ghostly wonders from the spirit land, at the low charge of one dollar admission to each seance. Some newspaper men, getting wind of this, made a concerted attack upon the "spiritual" humbugs, and being admitted with a company of believers, exposed the fraud by seizing Mrs. Holmes, who was supposed to be in a trance in the cabinet, while personating an etherial being from the land of shades. The exposure was complete, but the "materializing" business will flourish in spite of the repeated proofs of its bald deception.

Uranine is the name of the most recently discovered, and perhaps the most remarkable, of all the coal tar or aniline group of coloring substances, now so extensively used for the adornment of the finest fabrics. Its coloring power is astonishing; a single grain will impart a marked color to nearly five hundred gallons of water. A most interesting experiment, which anybody may try, consists in sprinkling a few atoms of Uranine upon the surface of water in a glass tumbler. Each atom immediately sends down through the water what appears to be a bright green rootlet; and the tumbler soon looks as if it was crowded full of beautiful plants. For day or evening experiment nothing can be prettier than these trials of Uranine, which are especially entertaining to the editors of the *Scientific American*, who are sending out specimens, free of charge, to all subscribers to their most excellent paper.

JURY LIST.

Following is the new Jury list for the Third Judicial District, the odd numbers being selected by the Clerk of the District Court, and the even numbers by the Probate Judge:

In pursuance of section four (4) of an Act of Congress in relation to Courts and Judicial Officers of the Territory of Utah, approved June 23d, 1874, Honorable Elias Smith, Probate Judge of Salt Lake County and C. S. Hill, Clerk of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the Territory of Utah, met at the Office of the Probate Judge at the Court House in Salt Lake County, on this 4th day of January, A. D. 1879, and then and there prepared a jury list from which Grand and Petit Jurors are to be drawn to serve in the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the Territory of Utah, to be held in the counties of Salt Lake and Weber, pursuant to the provisions of said act and the proclamations of his Excellency the Governor, dated August 27th and Dec. 7, 1868, and until a new list shall be made as provided by said act. Names on said list being alternately selected by said clerk and Probate Judge from among the male citizens of the United States who have resided in said district for six months next preceding and who can read and write the English language. The name and residence of each person so selected is hereto appended as follows, to wit:

- 1 L. Goldberg, Salt Lake City
- 2 Alex. Steel, 1 wd, "
- 3 W F James, "
- 4 Geo H Pope, 2 wd, "
- 5 Frank Ciesler, "
- 6 Jacob Weiler, 3 wd, "
- 7 Henry Wagener, "
- 8 Saml J Brown, 5 wd, "
- 9 Alex Rogers, "
- 10 John Hoagland, 5 wd, "
- 11 Joseph Seigel, "
- 12 Fredk Goss, 6 wd, "
- 13 Aaron Keyser, "
- 14 Saml L Evans, 6 wd, "
- 15 H C Goodspeed, "
- 16 James Leatham, 6 wd, "
- 17 Thos Carter, "
- 18 J M Henderson, "
- 19 D DeKenzie, 7 wd, "
- 20 S J Nathan, "
- 21 Royl Dancy, 7 wd, "
- 22 Benj W Morgan, "
- 23 John Cartwright, 8 wd, "
- 24 Edward Wilkes, "
- 25 Fredk Lockley, 9 wd, "
- 26 Boliver Roberts, "
- 27 Wm Griffin, 10 wd, "
- 28 Maurice K Parsons, "
- 29 William F Poll, 10 wd, "
- 30 Ellsworth Daggett, "
- 31 Frank Armstrong, 11 wd, "
- 32 E. L. Butterfield, "
- 33 George Coulam, 11 wd, "
- 34 Howard Seabee, "
- 35 H W Hanibal, 11 wd, "
- 36 T C Armstrong, "
- 37 Adam Hunter, 11 wd, "
- 38 John P Lawson, "
- 39 Robert Morris, 11 wd, "
- 40 A J Johnson, "
- 41 J Midgley, jr, 12 wd, "
- 42 J K Morrell, "
- 43 Heber J Grant, 13 wd, "
- 44 R M Powers, "
- 45 H G Park, 13 wd, "
- 46 T B Mattison, "
- 47 Samuel H Hill, 14 wd, "
- 48 Abram Hoppper, "
- 49 John F Crismon, 14 wd, "
- 50 J M Allen, "
- 51 James M Barlow, 15 wd, "
- 52 Lewis Cohn, "
- 53 Thos C Griggs, 15 wd, "
- 54 Francis D Clift, "
- 55 Andrew S Gray, 15 wd, "
- 56 W. F. Raybould, "
- 57 John Cottam, 15 wd, "
- 58 N. C. Tompkins, "
- 59 John C. Sandberg, 16 wd, "
- 60 C. M. Gilbertson, "
- 61 Edw W. Davis, 17 wd, "
- 62 M. T. Burgess, "
- 63 Richd Matthews, 17 wd, "
- 64 Jos Gorlinski, "
- 65 John Strook, 17 wd, "
- 66 G C Harkins, "
- 67 G B Wallace, 17 wd, "
- 68 Alex Majors, "
- 69 Wm B Barton, 18 wd, "
- 70 Saml Woodward, "
- 71 Robt Patrick, 18 wd, "
- 72 G H Cannon, "
- 73 Wm Asper, 19 wd, "
- 74 W H Yearlan, "
- 75 Wm C Neal, 19 wd, "
- 76 L W Rivers, "
- 77 Wm Ridd, 19 wd, "
- 78 Geo R Ayres, "
- 79 H C Fowler, 20 wd, "
- 80 J F Bradley, "
- 81 Geo Romney, 20 wd, "
- 82 Jos Burkett, "
- 83 L W Richards, 20 wd, "

- 85 Alex. H. Allen, Salt Lake City
- 86 Wm. Salmon, 20th wd, "
- 87 James De Courcy, Stockton, Tooele county
- 88 Thomas W. Lee, Tooele city, Tooele county
- 89 E. C. Chase, Stockton, Tooele county
- 90 John McLaws, Tooele city, Tooele county
- 91 J. G. Brown, Stockton, Tooele county
- 92 Samuel W. Woolley, Grantsville, Tooele county
- 93 Roswell Hutchins, Dry Cañon, Tooele county
- 94 Wm. M. Rydalc, Grantsville, Tooele county
- 95 Leuellin D. Davis, Dry Cañon, Tooele county
- 96 John T. Rich, Grantsville, Tooele county
- 97 J. B. Kirby, Dry Cañon, Tooele county
- 98 Wm. P. Affleck, 21st ward, Salt Lake city
- 99 Geo. Sanford, Ophir, Tooele co. Salt Lake city
- 100 Thomas Higham, 21st ward, Salt Lake city
- 101 R. D. Clark, Bingham, S. L. co.
- 102 Thomas F. Thomas, 21st ward, Salt Lake city
- 103 Patrick Phelan, Bingham, Salt Lake county
- 104 Elnathan Eldredge, Sugar House ward, Salt Lake co.
- 105 Henry M. May, Bingham, Salt Lake county
- 106 Jacob Gibson, Sugar House wd, Salt Lake county
- 107 Geo. E. Chandler, Bingham, Salt Lake county
- 108 John Van Cott, Farmers' precinct, Salt Lake county
- 109 James Scrimenger, Alta, Salt Lake county
- 110 John Wagstaff, Farmers' precinct, Salt Lake county
- 111 James Watson, Alta, S. L. co.
- 112 Asheal L. Fuller, Mill Creek, Salt Lake county
- 113 W. O. Williams, Farmington, Davis co
- 114 O D Hendrickson, Mill Creek, Salt Lake co
- 115 Geo H Steed, Farmington
- 116 Samuel Helm, Mill Creek, Salt Lake co
- 117 Jonathan F Wilcox, Farmington
- 118 Wm Salkield, Mill Creek, Salt Lake co
- 119 Milton Ward, Centerville
- 120 John Osguthorp, East Mill Creek, Salt Lake co
- 121 Thos Harris, Centerville
- 122 Chas Bagley, Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake co
- 123 Adelbert Burnham, Bountiful
- 124 B. B. Bitner, Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake co
- 125 Alondos L Buckland, Bountiful
- 126 Enoch B Tripp, South Cottonwood, Salt Lake co
- 127 James Crosly, Bountiful
- 128 Charles Wilkins, South Cottonwood, Salt Lake co
- 129 A G Fell, Ogden
- 130 Andrew J Allen, Draper, Salt Lake co
- 131 E H Orth, Ogden
- 132 Lauritz Smith, Draper, S L co
- 133 J S Lewis, Ogden
- 134 Henry B. Beckstead, South Jordan, S L co
- 135 G G Griffith, Ogden
- 136 Ralph Jenkins, West Jordan, S L co
- 137 W B Doddridge, Ogden
- 138 Jas Turner, West Jordan, S L co
- 139 John H Vance, Ogden
- 140 Samuel Bringham, jr., North Jordan, S L co
- 141 G J Turner, Ogden
- 142 John R Bennion, North Jordan
- 143 Pierce Quirk, Ogden
- 144 James Quayle, Logan, Cache co
- 145 Joseph Clayton, Ogden
- 146 Aaron Farr, Logan
- 147 S J Lees, Ogden
- 148 Frederick Theurer, Providence
- 149 L Newman, Ogden
- 150 Willard B Richards, Mendon, Cache co
- 151 A Dudden, Ogden
- 152 H A Shaw, Logan, Cache co
- 153 F F Leonard, Ogden
- 154 James Ward, North Ogden
- 155 Wm Chapman, Ogden
- 156 David E Browning, Ogden
- 157 J M Langsdorf, Ogden
- 158 Enoch Farr, "
- 159 R H Pratt, "
- 160 Wm Shaw, "
- 161 W P Hart, "
- 162 Chas C Brown, "
- 163 Joseph Forbes, "
- 164 Robert McFarlane, "
- 165 J F Harder, "
- 166 Thomas Read, Hooper, Weber co
- 167 J F Graham, Ogden, Weber co
- 168 Thompkins Reiter, Riverdale, Weber co
- 169 L B Stevens, Ogden
- 170 Jos Hogan, Bountiful, Davis Co
- 171 Thos Singleton, Plain City