

appeared to threaten its existence.

was predicted by speakers that in

the future history would be repeated.

He would preserve his people.

No matter as to the threatening

power of the opposition that might

befall it, deliverance from such

difficultly would be the encouraging

result.

The music was a most agreeable

feature of the exercises of the

conference, the singing on Sunday

being especially grand, while the

organ was played with that skill

and power which is characteristic

of the performers in this city.

It was an interesting gathering,

one that it is hoped will be

remembered on account of its salutary

effects upon the Saints.

RESERVOIR AT GUNNISON.

THE people of the town of

Gunnison, in Sanpete County have

completed the construction of a

reservoir which is a very valuable

improvement, and will prove to be a

source of wealth to the farming in

the vicinity. It is situated at or near

the confluence of Six Mile Creek

and Sanpete river, and about six

miles south of Mahti. It is located

in a great hollow, through which

the river flows, and the water is

retained by means of a dam, about

100 feet high, extending across the

bottom, and about twenty feet high.

The dam is about one hundred feet

thick at the base and from fifteen

to twenty feet thick at the top, and

is built with rock on both sides to

prevent animals from burrowing

through it. Extending through the

dam, and about one level with the

top of the dam, is a two-foot deep

slit, filled with a wall of brick,

by means of which the water in

the reservoir may be drawn off

when necessary.

The body of water varies from

one-fourth to one-half a mile in

width, and from two and a half to

three miles in length, and has an

average depth of about eight feet,

which is about within four feet of

the top of the dam, which may be

done with safety. Between four

and five hundred acres of land is

covered by the water, all of which

was purchased by the Gunnison

Irrigation Company, which built

and owns the reservoir. The cost

of this important improvement was

very small compared to its actual

value. Only a few dollars per acre

was paid for the land covered by it,

while the cost of the dam was only

about \$200, as the dirt for it was

very easily obtained. The reservoir

is constantly fed, and even if

not replenished during the summer

months, its contents would be

sufficient to irrigate thousands of

acres of land.

The people of Gunnison have

an example many other settlements

might follow with great advantage.

The farms below this reservoir have

not been more than half irrigated

for several years past, and with plenty

of water their productivity would

probably be doubled. Hence a water

supply that will admit of this will

practically double the value of these

farms. It is no far-fetched estimate

to suppose that this reservoir has

increased the value of the farms to

be irrigated from it, to an amount

ten times greater than its total cost.

In other words the men who have

built it and who own it will derive

from it a return many times in excess

of the cost of its construction, and

they have expended upon it.

In the same manner many other

settlements may utilize the

natural sources of wealth within

the only method of exploiting the

discovery has been brought

upon it. No religious society in

the world more intensely distrust

offenses as that which was here

charged, than do the Latter-day

Saints, and excommunication is the

most severe punishment which the

church can impose upon a member.

Not the excommunication, however,

according to the statement of

George C. Jones, excommunicated Dr. North

as far as the charge of improper

sexual relations with Mrs. Webb

was concerned. Incidentally it is

noted that she was not likely to

become a mother, and a certificate

of non-procreation was furnished to

us with the statement from which

these facts are gathered.

AN INCOGNITO REPORT.

THE leading anti-Mormon

journal, published in this city, is

industriously circulating a state-

ment to the effect that the Church

is using an influence with the

United Pacific Railway Company to

secure the position of general

freight and passenger agent for

the Utah Division of the system for

Mr. J. H. Russell. We would not

have noticed the statement, which

is published in the usual manner

of a paper, referred to, but it is

repeated and we understand

some people are so prejudiced as to

be inclined to believe it.

We have taken some pains to

investigate the matter, and the result

is we have learned that there is no

truth in the assertion. The chief

authorities of the Church have

made no such suggestion as the one

attributed to them and have used

no influence to procure the appoint-

ment in question for any person

whatsoever. We are authorized by

them to state. So far as they are

concerned, the United Pacific Rail-

way Company is left to select its

own man.

FRANCIS VICTOR NATHANSON

has just come into possession of a

number of interesting relics of the

first Napoleon. They comprise the

red velvet robe which the first Con-

sul wore on great occasions, notably

during the 70th anniversary of the

fall of the Bastille, and the sword

which he wore on the occasion of the

capture of the city of Moscow. The

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