

pled element that causes the ferment on Utah affairs and starts the falsehoods which find acceptance throughout the country.

The report above alluded to is that the "Mormons" have repealed all the laws "punishing adultery, seduction, fornication and lewd and lascivious cohabitation, thereby giving license to illicit relations between the sexes;" and now it is alleged that Governor Emery, in approving of the repealing statute, has "rendered himself unfit to hold his present office."

The facts in the case are these: The members of the Salt Lake bar disapproved of the old penal statutes of this Territory, which, passed at different sessions of the Legislature, were scattered through the books and were inconvenient in form, as well as inadequate to the requirements of the Territory in its advanced condition and its mixed society, consequent upon the influx of a different class of population from its early settlers.

A Penal Code was therefore drawn up, or rather adapted from the California statutes, but few changes being made from the text, and the new Act, receiving the approval of leading lawyers in this city, "Gentile" as well as "Mormon," it was passed by the Legislature and received the approval of the Governor, by the advice of a number of legal gentlemen of well known ability, not "Mormons," whom the Governor had consulted. This Act embodying what criminal law was considered necessary, the former statutes "in relation to crimes and punishments" were of course repealed by a clause in the new code.

The Penal Code thus established defines and provides punishment for various species of crime, and among them are "Crimes against the person and against public decency and good morals." These are grouped in Title IX, and treat of rape, abduction, carnal abuse of children, seduction, abortion, the crime against nature, indecent exposure, obscenity, prostitution, houses of ill-fame, offences against public morals, &c. It is as good a code as that of most of the States. True, it does not define the crime of adultery, neither does the criminal code of New York, and we hear of no great outcry against the latter on that account.

Now it should be understood that no special repeal law was passed, and signed by the Governor, expunging from our statutes all laws against the crimes referred to. But this is the impression which our traducers seek to convey to the public mind. The new Penal Code abrogated the old, and among the repealed provisions was one against "lewd and lascivious cohabitation," which had been used by unscrupulous persons for the purpose of persecution rather than prosecution. It was designed to prevent open lewdness, crimes against public decency. But it was wrested by infamous attorneys and equally infamous judges to apply to polygamy, and one man still liners in prison, serving out a sentence under that law, while his offense was what is defined by the laws of the United States as bigamy; he was convicted of having two wives. The sentence was pronounced by a Judge who knew that the law had no application in the case whatever, that it was passed against a totally different class of offence, and yet he wrested the law to the punishment of the accused for a time, but, as he will find in the sequel, to his own damnation in eternity.

The removal of this opportunity, of which unrighteous men availed themselves, to prevent justice under the name and cover of law, is the act which so exasperates the howling crew who vilify the "Mormons" and hate the Governor for not descending to their level. For all the purposes of preserving public morality and guarding the weaker sex against violence and the untrained passions of brutal men, the Penal Code contains ample provisions. If "Mormon" polygamy is to be legally assailed, there is the Congressional statute of 1862 for that case especially made and provided. But those who are so terribly anxious that the latter law shall be made effective, are not satisfied with its provisions nor application. They want to magnify law by perverting law. They would execute law unlawfully. Persecution, not prosecution is their motive. And seeing the means iniquitously used, of distorting a law out of its meaning and intent effectually removed, they gnash their teeth in anger and lie about the process and those who

were in any way instrumental in its operation.

As to the Governorship, it makes little difference to us who occupies the position. Governor Emery has held himself aloof from the "Mormons," who form over nine-tenths of the people of the Territory, and we have no cause to expect any favors nor even the consideration to which this large majority are entitled, at his hands. But he is not a rabid, unscrupulous, "Mormon-eater," like some of his predecessors, and therefore we would prefer his re-appointment to taking the chances of a political adventurer, of the stripe of some previous appointees, who would drink with the drunken, plot with the low schemers, take the stump and spout libels at our local elections, and make himself an object of disgust to all honorable citizens. Governor Emery is at least a gentleman, and that is more than can be said of any of his traducers.

**TAKE PARTICULAR NOTICE.**

THE election for a Representative to the Legislative Assembly for Salt Lake County, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the venerated Hon. A. P. Rockwood, takes place on SATURDAY, December 27th, at the usual polling places, and must be conducted and returns made in the same way as at any general election. As this is an unusual time for an election, it is necessary that all voters should be informed in relation to it, lest they be "caught napping." "A word to the wise," etc.

**THE GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE.**

ALL travelers who have passed over the line of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company speak in the highest terms of the road and of its management and officers. The sleeping cars are owned by the company and are models of elegance and comfort, and the price for a berth or section is very moderate. All through express trains have a dining and restaurant car, so that passengers can enjoy meals cooked and served up in first class style, at no higher charges than are asked at an ordinary eating house. The road passes over the splendid prairies of Iowa and Illinois, and it has connections with all the principal railways of the country, making transit easy to the chief cities of the land. "The Great Rock Island Route" can be confidently recommended to the traveling public, whether journeying for business or pleasure, and tickets can be had of all ticket agents in the United States or Canada.

**Local and Other Matters**

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 19.

Again Indisposed.—We regret to hear that Hon. L. J. Herrick, of Ogden is again prostrated with sickness. It will be remembered that some weeks ago he was considered in a critical condition. He had partially recovered, but a day or two ago he had a relapse.

In Chambers.—Judge Emerson, in Chambers, heard arguments yesterday in the case of F. W. Billing vs. Flagstaff S. M. Company. A decision will be rendered on Monday in Ogden, at which time also the Scipio water case will be decided.

On the Ocean.—A private letter from New York conveys the information that Elders Jackson, Birmingham and Neilsen, who left this city the 2nd instant on foreign missions, sailed per Inman S. S. City of Brussels for Liverpool on the 11th, all being well. The brethren took passage by this steamer on account of an accident to a Galion vessel, which consequently would not leave for a week.

Weber Ladies' Conference.—A combined conference of the Relief Societies, Young Ladies, and Primary Associations of the Weber Stake convened in the Ogden Tabernacle yesterday, Mrs. Jane S. Richards presiding. Sisters E. R. Snow and E. B. Wells from this city were in attendance, and took part in the proceedings, which were

of an interesting and instructive character.

"Miner" Notes.—The following are from the Silver Reef Miner:

The Frisco smelters will be run during the holidays.

Water is said to be 15c. per gallon in Frisco.

The Christy stamp mill is fixed again for a two year's run.

A few days ago, a man named "Tex" was arrested at Parowan on a charge of cattle stealing. About three weeks ago, several citizens of Parowan trailed cattle belonging to them up to the ranch of one Geo. Warren, in Spring Valley, Lincoln County, Nev., where they watched the thieves for several days. Meanwhile one of the Parowan men went to Pioche, and found hides of cattle belonging to him and his neighbors. He returned to his neighbors and informed them of his discovery. They kept a close watch on the thieves till they were about to descend on their herds again, when the Parowan men returned home and prepared to capture them. Owing to "Tex" and Warren splitting and taking different roads, the Parowan men only succeeded in capturing "Tex," Warren making his escape.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 20.

Police Court.—Yesterday afternoon an assault and battery case and one drunk occupied the attention of the police magistrate. The offenders were fined \$5 each.

Plenty of Laborers.—Applications for work on the Salt Lake City and Jordan Canal are still coming in. One of the committee of construction remarked this morning that the names of men enough to make two such canals, were already on the books as applicants for employment.

The Weber Bridge.—Several members of the City Council held an informal conference with Bishop Sharp this morning regarding the iron railroad bridge, which, it is claimed, crosses the river at a point directly on a line with Fourth Street, and it is just possible that arrangements may be made for planking that bridge so that it may be used as a public thoroughfare, and thus obviate the necessity of building one.—Ogden Dispatch.

Y. M. M. I. A.—The Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association of South Cottonwood met December 8th, and re-elected officers to act for the ensuing year. Following is the result:

James C. Peterson, president; Job Reading and Harvey Pierce counselors; John Henry Howe, secretary; Henry Thayne and Sandra Saunders, assistant secretaries; William Bradford, corresponding secretary; Henry J. Rasmussen, treasurer and librarian. The meetings are held on Monday evenings.

Look Out for Thieves!—With the presence of the winter season comes a large number of that low despicable class of humanity known as sneak thieves. During the past week they have not been idle, and from all quarters of the city come reports of their depredations. A lady in the 13th Ward had the lock stolen from her hen coop a few nights ago, and the next evening the accommodating pilferer relieved her also of her fowls, about 15 fine hens, which were being fattened for the holidays. Another family had the padlock stolen from their coalshed and probably by this time have missed a few pounds of fuel. A clothes line was stripped of its linen in the 15th Ward on Thursday night. A buggy whip and robe were stolen from a carriage left without occupants for a few moments last evening, not a hundred feet from the Eagle Emporium. Eternal vigilance is the price of security from these attacks.

Bear Lake Items.—Mr. Joseph H. Pugmire, writing from Lake Side, Bear Lake County, sends some interesting particulars concerning affairs in that region. He says they are having plenty of winter at present, the snow being from six to eight inches deep around that place. Further north it is deeper, at St. Charles there being one foot, at Bloomington and Paris from one to two feet, and still further north, as Soda Springs, from two to three feet. In the mountains there is from five to seven feet already and a good prospect for more. The farmers through Bear Lake Valley feel elated with the prospect of plenty of water next Spring.

Lake View had been recently visited by presiding Elders of the Stake, accompanied by brethren from Tooele, who were traveling in the northern country. The people were advised to pursue sheep raising, to encourage and establish home industries, to make themselves self-sustaining as much as possible, and to teach their boys trades. The instructions were given in a practical and interesting manner, and were received with gratitude by the listeners. Prest. C. C. Rich was unable to attend the meetings by reason of sickness, but he was recovering rapidly.

"Leader" Locals.—Several snow slides are reported in the cañons of Cache County, but no one has been injured so far.

A man named Jens Nielson worked four weeks after being struck by a falling log, complaining only of "having something the matter with his shoulder." He had Dr. Ormsby examine it when it was found to be seriously dislocated. It was replaced with difficulty.

The remains of Chas. E. Johnson, who was killed at Sand Holes last May, were brought to Logan a few days since, and interred in the cemetery.

All trains on the U. & N. R. R.—both freight and passenger—are now running on time.

On Saturday last James Quayle, Esq., master carpenter of the Logan Temple works, cut his right hand very severely with a chisel. The tool penetrated between the first and second fingers, and passed upwards towards the wrist, a distance of nearly two inches.

The new turn table of the U. & N. R. R. at Logan is a model of neatness and solidity; and the round house now in course of construction, though built of wood, will be a credit to the town and to the road. It will be semicircular form, and will contain six stalls for engines.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 22.

**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.**

A Quarterly Conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, on Saturday and Sunday, January 3rd and 4th, 1880, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. of each day.

A general attendance of the Saints of this Stake is requested. ANGUS M. CANNON, DAVID O. CALDER, JOS. E. TAYLOR, Presidency of the Stake.

**PRIESTHOOD MEETING.**

A general meeting of the Priesthood of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, on Sunday evening, January 4th, 1880, at 7 o'clock.

By request of the Presidency of the Stake. WM. W. TAYLOR, Clerk.

**RELIEF, IMPROVEMENT AND OTHER SOCIETIES.**

The officers, members and others interested in the Relief Societies, Mutual Improvement Associations, Sunday Schools and Primary Associations of this Stake are requested to meet at the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, on Saturday Evening, January 3rd, 1880, at 7 o'clock.

By request of the Presidency of the Stake. WM. W. TAYLOR, Clerk.

More Snow.—Down comes the snow again. The prospects are that this year our Christmas will wear the right kind of a color.

Coming Home.—Hon. George Q. Cannon left Washington last Friday evening, and will arrive here on Wednesday night.

Relief Society Organized.—The Ladies Relief Society of Ferron Creek, Saupete County, was organized on the 5th inst., under the direction of Bishop Taylor and the local authorities. The following named ladies were chosen and set apart as the officers of the Society: president, Mary Ann Taylor; first counselor, Cecelia Larsen; second counselor, M. J. Aldridge; secretary, Hannah G. Talbot; treasurer, Helen Kilpack.

The above was forwarded by J. E. King, secretary of the preliminary meeting.

The Salt Lake Assembly Hall.—The building in course of erection, know heretofore as the New Tabernacle, was re-christened this morn-

ing, and will henceforth bear the name of the Salt Lake Assembly Hall. President John Taylor and Elder Joseph F. Smith, and Elders Angus M. Cannon and David O. Calder, of the presidency of the Stake, met with Elders Geo. Goddard and Henry Grow, of the committee on construction, and decided on the above title. It was also determined, as announced previously, to hold the next Stake conference in the building. This will begin on Saturday, January 3d, 1880, at 10 a. m. The building will not be entirely finished by that time, but the necessary efforts will be made to have it so far completed that it can be used for the purpose desired.

"It is Said."—The following came over the wires, from Washington, this afternoon:

"It is said that the chief Jack, who figured in the recent troubles, is a Mormon priest. He was raised and educated, it is said, by Bishop Heber Kimball, and is a missionary among his people, many of whom belong to the Mormon Church. The proposition to remove the Utes now in Colorado, to the Uintah reservation in Utah, is looked upon in some quarters as an attempt to make Mormons of them, because, it is said, the Uintah Utes are Mormons."

A few more "it is said," scattered through such an article; would have a wonderful effect in confirming its truth. Who ever heard of "Bishop Heber Kimball?" So far as we know, no such bishop ever belonged to the "Mormon" Church. The rest of the tale is about equally consistent.

"Enquirer" Notes.—The Factory is expected to close in a few days, and will remain so for about three months.

A snowslide came off from the mountain a little below the South Fork, Provo Cañon, this week, and has blockaded the road for a considerable distance.

The Tintic mines are said to be looking up a little. Men of capital are investing in them, and everything bids fair for prosperity in the future. Teams are wanted to haul ore and other freight between the mines and the Santaquin depot.

The U. S. R. R. Company is building a large ice-house, 44 x 25, at the depot, in which to store a supply of ice for the season. Heretofore the company has shipped its ice supply in bulk from here to Salt Lake, but will now carry it there as needed.

At the board meeting of Utah County Co-op. Cattle and Sheep Herd, held yesterday, a dividend of 18 per cent. was declared on the business for the year, to be paid after the 1st of January next. Today at the stockholders' meeting, officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

An Important Event.—Last Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, an important event occurred. Important to a couple of true and loving hearts at least, and to a host of friends and well wishers, if not to the community at large and to generations yet to come. At that time, Bishop O. F. Whitney, of the Eighteenth Ward, a member of the editorial department of the DESERET NEWS, a son of Elder Horace K. Whitney, and a promising and talented young man, received one of the most precious boons which can be bestowed upon a Son of God—an affectionate, beautiful and trusting bride. The young lady's name was Miss Zina B. Smoot, she is a daughter of President A. O. Smoot of Utah Stake, and is an accomplished and genuine "Mormon" girl. The ceremony was performed in the Endowment, house by Prest. D. H. Wells. Friday morning the happy pair proceeded to Provo, accompanied by a number of relatives, and a family reception was held in the evening at President Smoot's residence. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney returned to this city on Saturday evening.

We offer our congratulations to our young friends, who are in every way suited to each other, and for whom we anticipate a life of domestic bliss and of honor and of usefulness. May every blessing of the new and everlasting covenant be theirs, in time and in eternity. May their love grow stronger and more intense with the years of their union. May their posterity be known in Zion as the noble progeny of two names historical and venerated in latter-day Israel, and may all the joys and glories which cluster round and grow out of true marriage, crown them with blessing—eternal, celestial and divine.