

the poor man have something that he can use, so he can build him a good, comfortable house to live in, and something good to eat and wear. The trouble is, some people start into business with the poor man's labor as their capital, and should they meet with any misfortune, or have any mismanagement, which sometimes occurs, then the laboring man has to be the loser, from the fact that his employers have nothing to lose. It is high time we had reform in this matter. Coalville is swindled out of thousands of dollars' worth of labor in this wise. We need and must have reform in this matter before Coalville can thrive as she should. Business is slow and embarrassing here on this account.

We have had four months winter already, and it bids fair for two months more. It is very discouraging as regards our stock, when we look at the size of our hay stacks and the amount of snow on the ground.

LEAP YEAR.

Schools — Broom-Making — Fruit Raising and Canning.

SPRING LAKE VILLA,
March 4, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

Although but few in number and through the past season we have lost by fire the most valuable lumber mills in Utah Co., besides a large amount of other valuable property, we have yet been able to construct a school-house of comfort and creditability, which is now occupied by a week day school, taught by Bro. A. W. Babbitt, and our Sabbath meetings are well attended. Every one here seems manifesting a feeling to wake up to the renewal of their covenants and to a more perfect conformity to the pattern in the gospel. Our young people are so far alive to a desire for self improvement, that each night in the week our school-house is occupied by their classes, lectures, or by public meetings, and our Sabbath school would prove at least that here "the first great command" is not ignored or forgotten. Our singing class, taught by Bro. Thomas Broadbent, appear to be doing credit both to their teacher and to themselves.

Although we are but a small settlement, our gardens and orchards are the largest and our class of fruits perhaps the best of any in the Territory. Johnson & Sons have engaged in the canning of fruit, which they have so far made a success, and they have also resumed their old business in the manufacturing of brooms, which they had discontinued since the burning of their broom factory in 1872. They are also doing something at the silk, and have the largest amount of mulberry in Utah Co. Their families have raised bushels of cocoons and they did the past season advertise a gratuitous distribution of the silkworm eggs for the encouragement of others.

They are now arranging to enlarge their gardens, and as early as possible to greatly extend their orchard, with a view to a commercial business in fruit. Their canned fruit sent east last fall, as well as their dried fruits, gave the highest satisfaction, and they think that if the citizens of Utah would devote themselves to the cultivation of the best class of stoned fruits, the price and demand for Utah fruits would be greatly increased, and to this object they are turning their more full attention. I would say to any others who would like to engage in the fruit business, that there are facilities here for opening up in that business perhaps unsurpassed in Utah, and we should be glad to see here twenty-five or more families to increase our present numbers, and their energy, thrift, and good works generally to compel your notice at least of the town in which we live.

Bro. George Halliday is our Bishop, and he too is a live man, and through his energy we hope ere long to have an increased good report from Santaquin, our neighbor town, but three miles distant.

Fraternal yours,
B. F. JOHNSON.

Political Parties and Partisans.

SALT LAKE CITY,
February 29th, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

I am growing fat, very fat, reading of and listening to the various political parties that are being or-

ganized in Salt Lake City. First came a call for a republican meeting, or convention. A prompt response was made by two distinct parties. Two chairmen were elected, two persons tried to speak, one at last got a hearing. He gave his whole history in precisely one and a half minutes, and then fell to abusing the "Mormons"—of course he could not be loyal to his country without this. The party did split, they have stayed split since, and they are daily splitting one another.

Several days later a few of the old, broken, "Liberal" ring, with a sprinkling of gentlemen whose names were obtained by making them believe that it was going to be a democratic meeting, made a call and met at the Court House the same evening to organize a "democratic" party of their own. It was freely circulated around the streets during the day that old democrats or "Mormons" were not wanted. At the meeting speeches were in order. Rebels felt an undying love for the Union, Union men were down on Grant, a butcher killed the old democratic party. One nice old gentleman could not join unless he knew that all "Mormons" were excluded. Being assured of this, he shouted for joy.

All these malcontents, defunct politicians, soreheads, with the bread and butter brigade, want to serve their country by abusing good, law abiding citizens, provided that they will not give them office. Now, gentlemen, as most of you are old, and all are middle aged, if you are of so much value to the country, why did you not stay at home, where you could be appreciated? Or is this what's the matter—that the "Mormons" can and, more, will do without you, your undying love to serve them notwithstanding? To one who knows you all, it looks as if you were praying thus—"Congress, do come to our rescue. Make some law disfranchising these 'Mormons.' Put us in office, and put them out, so that we can best serve our country (rebels and all), or we will have to go to the Black Hills, or come down to carrots, and some of us will have to pay these horrid 'Mormons' the rent and board we owe them."

In this communication I wish it distinctly understood that I do not cast any reflections upon those gentlemen who were drawn into those meetings by deception. As to the rest, I still laugh and grow fat.

ALL O. K.

By Telegraph.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 4.—The Turkish reforms commissioner started for Herzegovina to-day.

The Porte, following the amicable advice given by the powers, has granted the insurgents complete amnesty. Every preparation is being made by Austria and Hungary to accelerate the return of the refugees to their homes. The Porte has promised the refugees that on their return they will be protected against molestation, they will be supplied gratuitously with material for the reconstruction of their houses, and with grain for sowing; all tithes will be remitted for one year, and other taxes for two years.

ST. PETERSBURG, 4.—The annexation of Khokhand to Russia has been formally proclaimed.

ROME, 4.—When Cardinal Ledochowski visited the Pope, his holiness exclaimed—"We rejoice with thee, intrepid defender of the faith; may God crown thy noble aspirations."

BOMBAY, 5.—Intelligence has been received here that the plague has appeared on the banks of the Euphrates.

RAGUSA, 5.—According to advices from Slavonic sources, M. Rodich gave a hearing on Saturday to the insurgent leaders who have taken refuge in Cetinje; twenty of these men were present, among them Luca Wekovitch and other important leaders. They unanimously rejected the proposed reforms. M. Rodich threatened a strict surveillance and the withdrawal of the relief which Austria has hitherto granted the refugees, but the chiefs remained obdurate. M. Rodich appointed another interview for to-day to hear their final decision.

—Clara Morris, the actress, is suffering from diphtheria and spinal disease, and has had to cancel her present engagements.

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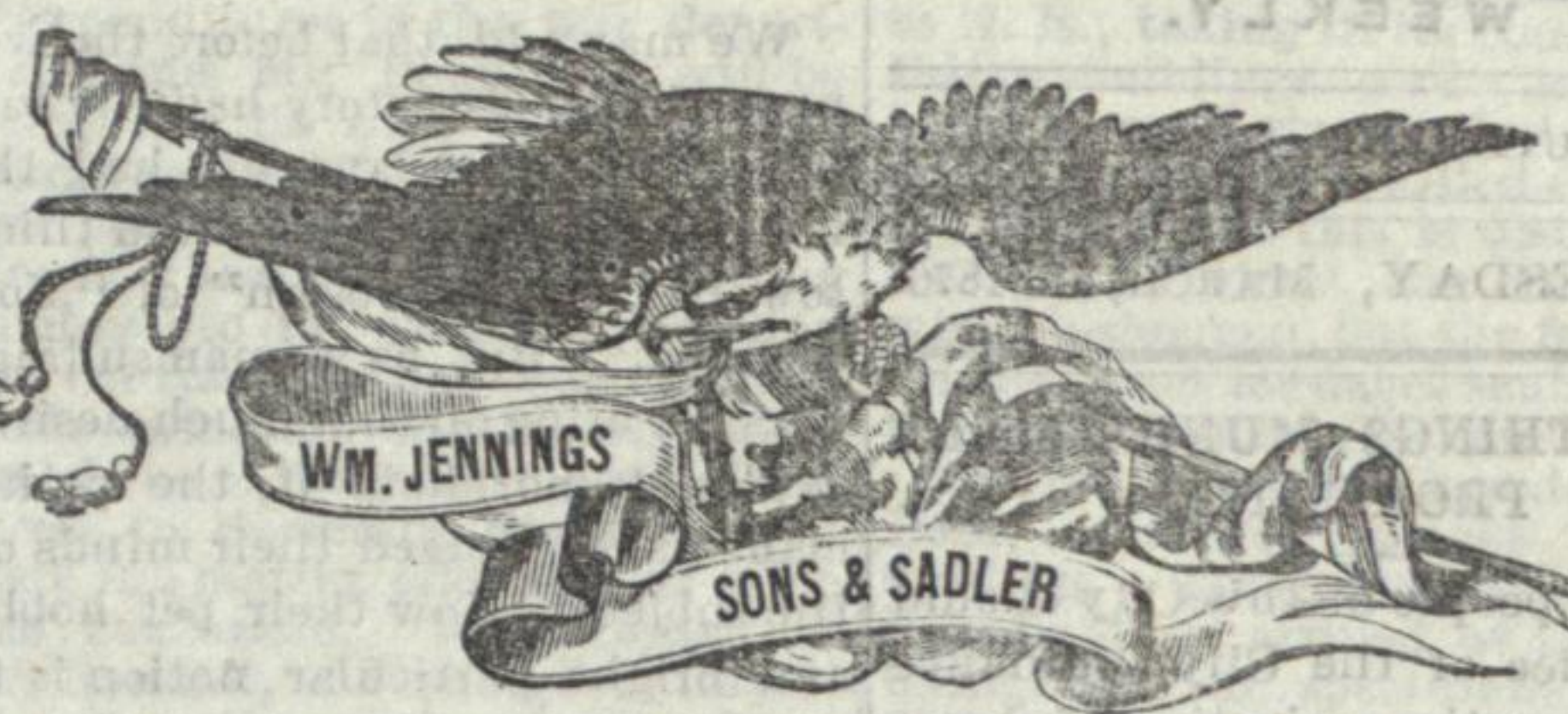
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