

We have merely stated the fact that in the late general election, the "Liberals" of Summit County claimed to have carried the day. In the event of a square defeat on fair principles there is no good ground for complaint, and when such is the case the situation should be accepted with the best possible grace. Although we had grave doubts that the result claimed was attained by honorable means, we have preferred to await developments, that there might be no mistake in reference to the position the News assumes.

Charges of flagrant irregularities and corruption by the "Liberals" of Park City are made, and doubtless they are well grounded. A communication containing pointed allegations to that effect has been forwarded to the Utah Commission by representatives of the People's Party, and a investigation demanded. The communication has been in the hands of the Commission for some time, but it has never been heard by that body to any effect. The matter is now in the hands of the commission, and we are sure that they will not fail in extracting any light upon the subject.

It is claimed by those who prefer the charges of corruption that, among other things, the deputy registrar of precincts visited a transient camp of Union Pacific Railroad employees, who were temporarily engaged in repairing the road, and invited them to register. He was informed that they were not residents and that some of them had registered elsewhere, and was not a master of great subtlety. It is claimed that the names of these transients were placed on the list, and voted for, after the ordinary approved method of political corruption.

Another allegation is to the effect that four polling places were established in Park City precinct, at each of which full and complete registration was kept, affording ample facilities for registering, which, it is claimed, was taken full advantage of.

As the allegations in regard to the voting of those whose names were placed on the list, and who were not residents, it is stated, in the registration to the Commission, so the People's Party, whose names appeared on the registration lists for two years previous, found, on application at the polls to vote, that they had been eliminated. Application was made to have justice done to them, but no action was taken, and the matter was left to the commission to decide. On the other hand, members of the Liberal Party discovered, on visiting the polls, that their names also had been eliminated, but were there then promptly placed on the list by the judges, or the majority of them.

It is to be presumed that it is within the reach of the Commission to ascertain the truth of these allegations. The next way of making the matter clear is to give the investigation a distinct, which is wrong, none, but ought to be the means of rectifying whatever is crooked in the conduct of the Summit County election. Justice is wanted, and that should be unreservedly given. We believe.

Should the Summit County people be prepared to sustain the allegations preferred with competent proof, another step should be taken, by the registration, and leaving upon an investigation of the election. If, as stated, elections have been denied their right of franchise by the illegal action of the deputy registrar, or any other official, proceedings should be instituted to redress. The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in cases already carried there is good ground for expecting that it could be obtained. Such a step would also be in its progress, help develop the fact of the perpetration of fraud at the late election in that locality. The position of the People's Party is that every right should be contended for inch by inch. Every step receded from a position that is proper is so much ground gained by the opponents of human freedom and self-determination.

REVIVAL OF FANATICAL INTOLERANCE.

An eastern journal contains a brief account of proceedings, at the annual meeting of the descendants of Rebecca Nurse. It was held on Thursday, July 30th, the 103rd anniversary of the hanging of that historic lady, a witch, who, after having taken place at Danvers, Mass., and at noon, in the presence of a large assemblage, the monument which marks her grave was dedicated. The Rev. R. Israel and C. B. Rice delivered addresses on the general subject of witchcraft and the character of the "witch" services followed, occurring at the Nurse homestead, of which the weather-beaten walls are still firm and the interior well-preserved. The monument occupies a central position in the Nurse place, and is believed to be within a foot or two of the actual grave of Rebecca Nurse. It consists of a base and polished shaft surmounted by a cap, the shaft being of Quincy granite and the rest of the monument of local stone. It has the following inscription:

REBECCA NURSE, born 1682, died 1706.

O, Christian martyr, who for truth could die.

When all about thee owned the hideous sin.

The world redeemed from superstition's sway.

Is breathing free for thy sake to-day.

The lines were written expressly for the monument by Wither.

It is impossible that the nineteenth century should witness a return to the spirit of intolerance and bigotry of which Rebecca Nurse was the hapless victim nearly two centuries since. "Witchcraft" is not yet deprived of life for spiritual's sake, but they are robbed of everything which renders it of any value to every independent high-spirited man. And for what reason? Because they are the slaves of a false religion. Because they claim that the Almighty had again spoken from heaven and established a religion acceptable to Him. Those who are seeking with corruption accuse them of being guilty of a crime against social order and morality. They claim, on the other hand, that the system which which they are connected necessarily conduces to the highest form of social order and to the establishment of sound moral principles. They are ensnared in this position by the gods of superstition.

When we stated that "Mormons" are not yet deprived of life for spiritual's sake, we were not referring to the

sake, the present crusade was referred to. They have at various times, however, been benefitted of life for that cause, and some of their enemies now exhibit the fact that the spirit of murder is in their hearts.

In the future the history of these times will be referred to with interest, and it is not far-fetched to anticipate that some poet yet to come will, perhaps pen a paenegyric for the tomb of some of the present victims of unreasoning fanaticism, perhaps like this:

O, Christian martyr, who for truth could die.

To pine in prison with the vile and low.

And when, if need be, for the right to die.

When all about thee owned the hideous sin.

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THE EDUCATION OF DEAF MUTES.

There are in this Territory about 115 deaf mutes—a class of unfortunate whose condition calls for something more than mere commiseration on the part of the public.

It is a fact, however, that the means of gaining an education, that they may be enabled to use to the best possible advantage the facilities which they still possess, and that their lives may not be entirely cheerless.

In the last Legislature, manifested their disposition to do this, by making an appropriation from the public funds for the support of a department for deaf mutes in the Deseret University. This was really the first general and practical move made by the people of this Territory in this direction. Whatever had been done previously towards the education of this class had been done privately.

The result was, a very able teacher of deaf mutes—Professor Willis—was employed, and a class of some fifteen of these unfortunate taught during the last academic year at the University, with most gratifying results. It is to be hoped that during the next academic year, which commences on Monday next, a much larger number will be in attendance, and that those who attended last year will by all means endeavor to renew their studies, and build upon the foundation already laid the superstructure of a good, practical education.

The branches taught in this department, in addition to the best accessible method of communication, include reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography and history, and such other branches as may be added should they be required.

In addition to the number mentioned, who are both deaf and dumb, there are quite a number of deaf mutes in the Territory, that is, persons who, through sickness or other cause, have lost their hearing, but still retain their powers of speech in some degree. They also should attend this class, as the benefits to be derived by them are nearly as great as in the case of the others mentioned.

A little public-spirited action is just now required throughout the community to benefit the unfortunate here alluded to, that as many as possible of them may have the means placed within their reach for becoming self-supporting, useful and happy members of society, and we trust there will be a hearty and prompt response to the requirement.

The insect known as the cotton cushion scale, which we have before alluded to as fast becoming general in California, and causing a great deal of alarm there among fruit growers, is here reported to be true, and is now making its way to this Territory, unless the utmost care be taken in the matter of importation of fruit and especially trees from that State. Here is what a Sacramento paper says about its introduction into that city, where it was not known until this year, and the facility with which it spreads: "The white cotton cushion scale insect has at last been firmly established, and is now naturalized in Sacramento, and is doing much mischief. It is reported by the City Trustees by ordinance and inspection immediately to exterminate this enemy of fruit, we will not long have surplus fruit to dispose of. These insects will be all over town. They prefer orange, but will eat anything vegetable and increase rapidly, and as they emerge from their parent shell hundreds must fall to the ground and make a new colony in the next tree they come to." Its translation is very easily explained. Anyone coming in contact with him scores unknown to himself, as they are in infancy imperceptible to the naked eye. The leaves infested by them can be carried by winds, animals passing by the trees will spread them everywhere, and if there are no more energetic in this matter than our southern neighbors the beauty of Sacramento will soon be a matter of past history."

A remarkable effect of low temperature has been pointed out to the Glasgow Philosophical Society. At about 122 degrees below zero Fahrenheit the flesh of animals, such as mutton, becomes so exceedingly hard as to ring like porcelain when struck, and it may be readily reduced to a fine powder, when struck with a hammer. It is in the flesh before freezing, have been seen alive after thawing, even after an exposure of 100 hours to the intense cold.

THE BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY.

NEW TERM COMMENCED—FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION.

The B. Y. Academy opened last Monday, with very encouraging prospects. About 80 pupils have been accepted, and quite a number more are expected.

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THE BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY BOARDING HOUSE.

Table—Housing During 1st and 2nd terms, at 10 cents per day, and 3rd term, at 15 cents per day.

Second Bell—Roll call, prayer and breakfast. During 1st and 2nd terms, at 7 a. m.; during 3rd and 4th terms, at 7:30 a. m.

Third Bell—Only, Saturday and Sunday, for lunch at 1 p. m.

Fourth Bell—Supper at 5:30 p. m.

Fifth Bell—Study. During 1st and 2nd terms at 7:30 p. m.; during 3rd and 4th terms at 7 p. m.; study to close at 9 p. m., with evening prayer.

Sixth Bell—Roll call, and retiring at 10 p. m.

CENTRAL REGULATIONS.

1. Every boarder shall, before receiving his admission to the boarding house, give his word of honor to the Principal for the faithful observance of these regulations.

2. Every boarder shall at all times cultivate a gentlemanly and indolent behavior.

3. Every boarder is subject to the supervision and direction of the Principal.

4. Every boarder shall perform according to regular appointment, his share of domestic duties necessary for the comfort of his fellow-students.

5. The food of the boarders is regulated according to the spirit of the word of Wisdom.

6. Visitors cannot partake of any hospitality of the establishment, without arrangement with the Principal.

7. The board bill has to be regulated with the Principal.

8. Every boarder shall appear at morning roll-call, orderly and cleanly dressed, after having put his room in order.

9. The boarders shall provide their own toilet utensils, blankets, quilts and bedding.

10. Cases of sickness shall be reported at once to the Principal.

11. Any damage to property in the establishment shall be reported to the Principal for adjustment.

12. Any complaints on the part of, or against boarders, shall be made to the Principal only.

13. The boarders shall proceed to their meals in prescribed order.

14. No boarder shall enter the dining room or kitchen, outside of meal-times, except by appointment.

15. No boarder shall enter any other private room without special permission of the regular occupant; but not at all between study bell 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., without permission of the presiding tutor.

16. Boarders of opposite sexes shall never enter one another's private room.

17. Room inspection by the presiding tutor and the Matron respectively every morning after breakfast.

18. Boarders shall not throw anything out of the window.

19. The Principal.

Jos. B. Keeler, Steward.

WILLARD DOWE, Presiding Tutor.

Mrs. J. M. LANSBURY, Matron.

The house is large, airy and scrupulously clean. The matron has had quite an experience in the art—yes, art, of keeping boarders comfortable; and the steward is well adapted to his responsible position, and the whole is under the direct and close eye of the Principal. Those who can send their children here need have no concern for their dear ones' behavior or welfare. They are as safe as mortality can be, and are treated with the strictest and kindest of care. Both matron and steward were selected because of their firm but kindly dispositions. And when one knows the weekly sum of boarding is only \$2.50 per week, and part of it is taken in produce, the place is a miracle. However, I am told by those who have eaten there, that the meals are quite as good and substantial as we have at home. Of course, pastries and sweetmeats are very scarce; but so much the better for the students. When looking through the list of students who have applied for admission, I find names from every county almost in the Territory. Rich and poor, high and low, the native born and the emigrant from the mother country. Many of our faithful parents, who live in the city, and cannot find the school in the city, come to this great school.

All that is noble and good, pure and sweet, is brought out and developed here. The vices, the faults are re-buked, and the youth has the armor of non-resistance, and the armor of faith bound about him, while above him shines continually the pure light of righteous chastity.

No class distinctions are for a moment allowed. The poorer, the more humble the student, the more loved by his right-minded instructors. The high, the haughty and the wealthy are lowly and lowly, and the lowly and the poor, high and low, the native born and the emigrant from the mother country. Many of our faithful parents, who live in the city, and cannot find the school in the city, come to this great school.

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