

.....A boy struck dead by lightning at Le Claire, Ill.

.....Great damage to property by rain storms in the north and west, last night.

.....Fifty-five thousand dollars damage by fire, at Fulton, Ills.

.....The emigration from Ireland to the U. S., this year, will be smaller than in any year since 1871.

.....It is now said that the Danubian principalities will join the insurrectionary movement against Turkey; the Catholics of Herzegovina are also joining the movement.

.....Twenty thousand colliers are on strike in Yorkshire, Eng.

.....A bold attempt was made to rob the express and mail train on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, at Blue Jacket Station; the robbers were arrested.

.....Owing to the doubtful relations between the great powers of Europe a conflict on the Eastern Question is considered probable.

.....Twenty-five thousand dollars damage by fire at Minneapolis, Minn.; seventy thousand dollars damage by fire at St. John's, Canada.

.....It is said that the charge of corruption against Blaine is to be investigated.

.....The Jews are trying to make a bargain with Turkey, to exchange bonds for land in Syria.

.....The plague is increasing at Bagdad.

.....The Constantinople Steamboat believes there is a woman in the business, and gravely talks of "that little affair of Gen. Schenck with the woman Emma Mine."

.....Elizabeth Oakes Smith tells the Home Journal that the immediate cause of Edgar A. Poe's death was a severe beating which he received from the friend of a woman whom he had deceived and betrayed.

.....Dr. E. G. McCallan has been found guilty, at Boston, of procuring abortion on Sarah Oakley, from the effects of which she died.

.....An exchange remarks that Clara Louise Kellogg a few years ago was thin and scrawny, but now she is so fat that she plunges down upon the stage like a five bushel bag of wheat. That must come of song and success.

.....The hitch in the Winslow extradition business is that England has a law that a foreigner shall not be given up on extradition papers unless his Government will promise not to prosecute him on any charge except that mentioned in the extradition papers, which the United States is not willing to do. This law was evidently made to prevent punishment of extradited persons for political offenses.

.....Justice's Justice in this country is sometimes as wonderful as it is in other countries. Justice Hendee, of Hyde Park, Ill., sent a case down for hearing at five o'clock in the morning, so that one side might win through the other falling to appear. That kind of justice, however, did not prove a success in that instance, for he was arrested the same day for malfeasance.

.....A leading Boston clergyman tells his society that he is not a believer in Sunday schools. But who can account for Boston notions?

.....Two Brooklyn jokers, April 1, invited forty clergymen to marry a lady and gentlemen at the Pierpont House, at 3 p. m. of that day. The clerk of that hotel had a fine time answering those reverend gentlemen.

.....THE PRESIDENT IN A PREDICAMENT.

Our dispatches the other day reported that President Grant would veto the bill reducing the presidential salary to the old figure, \$25,000. This salary business places President Grant in a very unpleasant predicament. Of all the eighteen presidents of the United States, to him attaches the unenviable distinction of being the only one who signed a bill to double, or even to increase, his own salary. This is not generally considered very creditable, as witness the bill passed by the present Congress to reduce the salary to the original figure. For an official to wish to have his own salary increased is natural enough, and it is not necessarily censurable for him to sign a bill to have it increased, when it can be legitimately increased in no other way. But for any official to sign a bill to double his own salary, to make the amount paid to himself double that paid to any other incumbent of the same office since the foundation of the Government, is, to say the least, a very suspicious act, an act favoring self-interest, the public weal, and virtually saying that he thinks that his services are worth double those of any of his predecessors in that office.

If President Grant has vetoed the salary reduction bill, or if he shall veto it, he will appear to be antagonistic to the dictates of the spirit of economy and retrenchment to which two or three years of very hard times have compelled the people of the country generally to give heed.

If he shall approve the bill, he will appear, after having received the doubled salary during his own term of office, to have no objections to his successor receiving only the original salary, but half what he has been receiving.

If he has vetoed the bill, or shall do so, and Congress shall fail to pass it over his veto, he will also be in the unpleasant position of placing his successor in a somewhat

similar predicament—that of receiving double the salary which, if Congress shall pass a similar reduction bill during that successor's term, he will be willing should be received by his successor in office.

If President Grant has vetoed the bill, or shall veto it, and Congress shall not pass it over his veto, and during the term of his successor or successors in office, Congress shall pass a similar bill, and that successor or those successors, taking advantage of the precedent President Grant shall have set them, shall veto that bill or those bills, and Congress shall fail to pass the bill, and President Grant will stand forth in history as the one great obstacle in the way of the much desired economic policy, and as the fixer of the doubled presidential salary upon the national expenditure, perhaps for ever.

Thus does the President appear to be in an unpleasant predicament, let him now act as he will in this matter. The great trouble was in the beginning, the first step taken in the business. If the increase of the presidential salary had only been from \$25,000 to \$30,000, or \$35,000, and possibly even to \$40,000, there would not have been so great an outcry against it, nor need the President have had such strong scruples against signing the reduction bill, seeing the long and great hardness of the times and the consequent general enforced retrenchment throughout the country. But the original step was such a large one, the increase, was not ten or twenty, but a hundred per cent, perhaps an unprecedented thing in official life. This makes the act of increase stand out as so disingenuous, so notable, and would cause the approval of the reduction bill to appear so invidiously distinctive in favor of himself and in disfavor of his successor in office. The first evil step is the step that does the mischief.

Of course it is a matter of great regret to us that the Chief Magistrate of the Union should be in such a predicament, and we should be pleased to help him out of it if we could. It would have been much easier at first to help him to keep out of it, if it had been within our province.

By Telegraph.

PER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.

Last Night's Dispatches.

CONGRESSIONAL.

HOUSE.

Utah Reservation to be Sold.

WASHINGTON, 13.—Cronson, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill for the restoration to market of the Utah Indian reservation, in Utah; passed also bill respecting limits of reservation for town sites on public lands.

EASTERN.

Great Damage by Storm.

CHICAGO, 13.—Dispatches report heavy rain storms in the north and west last night. At McHenry, Ill., the cellars and lower stories of houses were inundated, and \$50,000 worth of property was destroyed in less than two hours. The water on Main street was two feet deep, and the sewers were entirely inadequate to carry away the water. At Le Claire, Ia., the residence of Mrs. H. Williams was struck by lightning, and instantly killed her grandson, Joseph Luckner, and severely injuring her son, Jas. Williams. A dispatch says that reports from the surrounding country estimate the damage at \$20,000.

Attacked by Indians.

FORT LARAMIE, WY., 13.—A man by the name of Rowze, who used to belong to the 14th infantry, arrived here yesterday. He reports that he and his party of five men were attacked by Indians just south of the Cheyenne river, on the 7th inst., and were entirely surrounded. One of the party named Norman Storms, from Iowa, was shot through the body and killed. Rowze was shot through the shoulder, not seriously. The Indians were very numerous in that section. A great deal of stock has been run off.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Trying to Make a Bargain With Turkey.

LONDON, 13.—The Jewish Chronicle says that Turkey is considering a proposition of Jewish bondholders, in conjunction with some of the other denominations, to exchange their bonds for land in Syria.

The Stock Market.

4 p. m.—U. S. bond of '95 sold for 103 1/2; Erie 15 1/2; Frankfort U. S. bonds, new, 5 1/2, 101 1/2.

TURKEY.

The Plague Increasing.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 13.—The Levant Herald reports that the plague is increasing at Bagdad; on March 28th, there were thirty new cases and ten deaths.

Correspondence.

Mass Meeting—Water Rights—The League Between Farming and Lumber.

SPRING CITY, Sanpete Co., April 8, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

A mass meeting of the citizens of this place was called to take into consideration the course and necessity of guarding and protecting our farming and agricultural interests, and water rights, that have accrued to the citizens of this place since 1859, as parties have gone above our settlement and have been preparing to go, and divert the water from the channels into which it has been flowing for the last seventy years, to the great detriment of the citizens of this place.

Pres. O. Hyde was elected chairman of the meeting. He stated the object of the meeting and pointed out the best course to pursue. A number of other citizens expressed their views on the subject.

A motion was made to divide the city council to pass an ordinance to control the waters and channels pertaining to this settlement, which was seconded and carried unanimously, all agreeing in case of a law suit to furnish their quota of the expenses incurred.

Of late we have heard a little progressive civilization in our midst, viz., whiskey, law, and other common evils, which very much annoyed the law-abiding citizens.

A petition was got up asking the City Council to prohibit the sale of

spirituous liquors. The ladies of the Female Relief Society stepped boldly forward, one and all, and signed their names to a petition.

Pres. Hyde, at the fast meeting, also spoke of the evils resulting from the use of the same.

The two petitions above named were numerously signed by the citizens by upwards of 200 signatures to each petition. It now remains to be seen what disposition the city council will make of them.

The health of the people is generally good, with the exception of the whooping cough, and a winter cough, amongst the children, which is very common at present.

Farming operations are somewhat tardy, on account of the lateness of the season. Nothing has yet been done on our farms. It is snowing at the time of writing, with a covering of three inches, which fell through the night.

Very respectfully,

J. T. ELLIS.

The Temperature—The Snow.

ST. CHARLES, Oneida Co., Idaho, April 4, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

We have had plenty of snow and wind this winter, yet it has not been very cold. The thermometer has generally ranged from twenty to thirty above zero, and two or three nights it went below. On the 27th of March it went down thirteen below zero. The Bear Lake did not freeze over until March, and it is still frozen.

Last Saturday, the first of April, I thought I would try and try the custom of this country, to sow black dirt on the snow to melt it off. It has a great effect. I went into my garden south of my house and dug holes about twenty feet apart to get dirt to scatter over the snow; they are only two feet and two feet six inches deep. There is no frost in the ground. The snow is not quite so deep all over the country, and it is going very fast now.

Some of the settlements have lost some cattle, but in our settlement there has been none lost for want of feed. I have written about it, and you may think this is a hard country, but I do not. My horses and others have run out all winter, and we have had nothing to hinder us from enjoying ourselves and living our religion but our own dear selves.

Yours truly,

C. MERKLEY.

A Pleasant Way Out.

Mr. Grant (colored). Morning, Judge. I come out a circumstance I want you to decide.

Judge. Well, out with it.

Grant. Well, de whole circumstance ob de blaine case. You see, Judge, in slavery time, I tree wife on tree plantation. Dey got long berry well together, when dey was apart, and I was well satisfied, but since den times dey "deviled statues" fetch up all dese dern nonsense laws about man and wife and I find I aint got no wife left. I've no notion to dat, but I here's whar de shoe pinch; I's here I want your legal precision. De law in Judge, I want to line de church. De boss leader say I can't come it unless I get legally married. Now, kis I, cordin to law, marriid all tree, or mus I marriid but one? For you say but one, and I tempt it, my 'spectable Judge, you better believe dar will be de berry debili in dat 'casion in dat church.

Judge. Mr. Grant, under the circumstances, I seriously advise you to rub out old scores and begin afresh. Marry a new wife.

Grant. De's my heart, I goes in for you, Judge, all de time. I tell you, white folks is smart. Whar dey can't cra write out, culled folks no use try. —*Charleston News and Courier.*

True Love Gone Out of Fashion.

The country never possessed so many beautiful marriageable young women as it does at the present time. And why do we not have more marriages? We answer, because marriage for love is the exception and not the rule. The young people of this age have gone for fashion and money mad. If the dandy bank clerk who pays one-half of his income for board and the other half for clothes can not improve his condition he will not marry. The shop girl who earns good wages and can not be distinguished by her dress from the banker's daughter certainly will not plunge into matrimony unless she can better her condition. If a man is fortunate enough to possess money, it matters not how old or ugly he may be, hundreds of intelligent, handsome young women can be found who will willingly become his wife. Love is an after consideration. The young people of this age have gone for fashion and money mad. 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