

handed the plates from which it was translated. Three declare that an angel of God came down from heaven and showed them the plates, while the voice of God from on high pronounced the translation correct. The testimony of the eight proves the natural existence of the plates; the testimony of the three proves the supernatural character of the work of their revelation and translation; the witness of the Holy Ghost to scores of thousands, as well as the manifestations of angels, visions, dreams, healings and the gifts of the gospel in confirmation of the book, accord with the statements of Joseph and the eleven persons whose names are signed to their testimony; and the book itself bears to all who accept its message the promise of a divine witness to its truth, which has been amply and surely fulfilled.

None of these signatory witnesses have ever denied their testimony. The fact that the three witnesses were excommunicated is evidence in favor of the book rather than against it. If the work was an imposture, Joseph would not have dared to discard them, no matter what might be their offence. Two of them are dead, but returned to the Church before their demise, and whether in or out of its communion, among friends or foes, always maintained before God, the truth of their testimony. One of them still lives, and, though unconnected with the Church, is as firm and steadfast as ever in his declaration as published to the world.

Those who are anxious to overthrow the claims of the Book of Mormon as a record divinely revealed and translated will have to adopt some other means than the reconstruction of the shattered and baseless Spaulding story, which was utterly refuted as soon as concocted, resort to which is the refuge of our opponents and is one of the strongest proofs of the lamentable weakness of their cause.

The Book of Mormon remains unshaken and unaffected by all that has been said and done against it. Corroborated in its history by the discoveries of modern travelers, established in its doctrines by the Old and New Testaments, and accepted as a Divine record by many thousands of people of various nations who have received numberless proofs of its authenticity from heavenly sources, it stands out before the world as the "stick of Joseph in the hands of Ephraim," side by side with the "stick of Judah," as a witness for the Son of Man in the latter times, and a harbinger of the swiftly approaching day when the Lord will gather in one all the remnants of the chosen race, and make them "one nation upon the mountains of Israel." Let the priestly and editorial enemies of this wonderful record find some more potent weapon to fight it with than the Spaulding fiction, or hide their heads henceforth in shame.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 11.

Changed.—Elder W. A. Turner's mission has been changed by the proper authorities, from the Southern States to Great Britain.

The Reason.—"Who can say that Ogden is not Utah? Yesterday some gentleman received a letter from a prominent firm in Philadelphia, addressed to Utah Territory, Ogden City."—Junction.

The "firm" reads the Junction.

False Omens.—The storm which was "coming over" must have continued on and alighted on the other side. The sky was starry and cloudless last night, and to-day is as bright as a new trade dollar. But like one, it is also subject to change.

Police Court.—James Canfield, a vagrant, was fined \$30.

Thomas Elmore was arrested for stealing a flag, oil cloth, and other articles.

A case of assault and battery was set for 2 p.m.

Newly Painted.—The telegraph poles on South Temple Street, from the depot to Main Street, have received a fresh coat of paint, which not only enhances their appearance but will preserve them from the summer's heat.

For Arizona.—Our enterprising friend, C. R. Savage, Esq., will leave to-morrow for Arizona. His destination is Fort Yuma, and during his absence he will take views

along the extension of the Southern Pacific. Mr. Rescoe Savage, his son, will accompany him, and they will be gone for several weeks. We have no doubt our genial artist will bring back some views worth seeing.

Times of Meeting.—Meetings will be held, until further notice, in the Large Tabernacle, on Sunday afternoons, commencing at 2 o'clock, on Sunday, April 13, and in the various wards of this city, on Sunday evenings, as follows: In the 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 15th, 17th and 19th Wards, at 6 o'clock; in the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 10th, 16th, 18th, 20th and 21st Wards, at half-past 6, and in the 2nd, 8th, 12th, 13th and 14th, at 7 o'clock.

For Sanpete.—This morning, President John Taylor, Elders Erastus Snow, Lorenzo Snow, C. C. Rich, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Albert Carrington, Joseph F. Smith, and Moses Thatcher, of the quorum of the Twelve; Presiding Bishop, Edward Hunter, Counselors L. W. Hardy and R. T. Burton; President Angus M. Cannon and others, left for Sanpete, to be present at the laying of the corner stone of the Manti Temple.

Improvements.—The intersection of the culverts on the Council House corner, has been boarded over.

The fence around the City Hall corner is approaching completion. Trees have been set out, the pipe laid for a fountain, and the work of laying out the walks is progressing finely. A number of changes is noticeable in the neighborhood. A new stable has been built behind the jail, with an entrance on First East Street.

"Junction" Items.—A man was before Justice Middleton yesterday, charged with killing fish with blasting powder. He denied the charge, saying the fish he had for sale were driven ashore by the wind, and he had caught them in pools. It being proved that he had told the truth he was discharged.

Hill, the man who committed the assault on Pearson, with a pistol, the other day, was arraigned and plead guilty. Pearson made no complaint, saying he got just what he deserved. It appears he had threatened Hill's life before the assault. Hill was fined \$25 and costs.

Burglary.—Last Tuesday a burglary was committed in a house in the 19th Ward, while the inmates were at meeting. They were natives of the Sandwich Islands. Kaulainamoku, his wife, and Wm. Kamaoaha, a young man living there, left home in the morning to go to Conference. When they returned in the afternoon, they found the house had been entered by a window, the lock of a door broken off, two or three trunks forced open, sundry articles of clothing thrown about and \$25 in silver and a shirt missing. The tail of a coat had been torn out also, probably to wrap the money in.

Thomas Elmore has been arrested on suspicion, and a flag and a number of stolen articles were found in his possession.

The Sugar Beet.—Mr. Gennert, a scientific agriculturist and chemist from New York, on his way to Alvarado, California, paid a visit to Salt Lake yesterday. He is a friend of Mr. C. R. Savage, of this city, and is much interested in the manufacture of beet sugar, an enterprise to which he has devoted himself for many years. He claims that one half of the sugar used in the United States is from the beet, and in localities favorable to its production, the quality thus produced is unsurpassed. In Portland, Maine, he established a manufactory which in one season turned out 200,000 lbs. of beet sugar. He is on his way to California to establish a similar enterprise. He left at President Taylor's office a beautiful specimen of white granulated sugar made from the beet, and promised to send some seed to be distributed among the farmers of Utah, in order that the adaptability of the soil in various places may be thoroughly tested. He promises, also, to analyze the beets raised here, with a view to ascertaining the amount of saccharine they contain. If there be no sugar in the beet, Mr. Gennert very justly observes, it is useless to attempt to extract it, but if the soil contains it, the plant will receive it, and in that event the manufacture of beet sugar in Utah is a problem easily solved.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 12.

Coming Down.—The building known as Jennings's Old Tannery, in the 15th Ward, which lately served for a rendezvous for vagrants, is being taken down. All old, uninhabited shells of a like character should be treated likewise.

Information.—Mr. H. M. Johnson of Sanders County, Nebraska, would like to obtain information of Frank Wilcox, who came from the same place last fall. Mr. Johnson is at present stopping at the Valley House.

The Stealing.—Thomas Elmore, the man who was arrested for stealing a flag and Wells Fargo's sign, and subsequently for the burglary in the 19th Ward, has been sentenced on the first charge to pay a fine of \$30, or 30 days labor on the streets. Sufficient evidence to convict him on the second charge has not been found as yet, so the case is held over till Monday.

Refutation.—Mr. L. Gee, prosecuting attorney for Tooele County, writes refuting the statement published, to the effect that he had "resigned his office, taken wings and deserted the people's ranks." He further says:

I have always acted with the people, voted with the people, am identified with the people, have been duly elected to the office of prosecuting attorney by the people, and in that capacity shall strictly endeavor to seek out and bring to justice the vile calumniators of the people. All is peaceable in this vicinity since the downfall of the "Republic." Democracy reigns triumphant.

Another Nest of Tramps.—Judge Poyer and his police are making Salt Lake an unhealthy place for tramps. This afternoon a gang of six more were brought up and sentenced to 25 days labor each, on the charge of vagrancy. One of them was a boy not more than 14 years of age. They were found in an empty house belonging to Mr. Pitts, in the 6th Ward, and arrested by night watchman Watson and others. For some days the neighbors had complained of their lurking in the vicinity, and it coming to the ears of authority, the officers proceeded to the spot and apprehended them. No clothes, but a few rushes were used as bedding, and all but two, who were playing cards, were lying down when surprised. When asked in court what they had to say for themselves they said they were not vagrants, but were on their way to the end of the Utah Southern to find work, and not liking to hang around town had sought out and entered the old house as a temporary place of refuge. His honor, Judge Poyer, having good reason to disbelieve this story, treated them as tramps of the first water.

Our Paris Letter.—We have received an interesting communication from Mr. James A. McKnight, a young gentleman native to this community, who for some time past has been traveling in Europe, and is at present sojourning in the great city of Paris, engaged as editor on the American department of an English journal published there. The letter is dated the 22d ult. We make a few extracts:

"Your paper (the DESERET NEWS) is kept on file here, at the office of the New York Herald. You are talked about even in France and have some friends here, too, who do not hesitate to defend your cause. Some few students of domestic philosophy take a deep interest in the progress of your institutions, and have watched your late trials and the threats now pending against you, with earnest concern. Many had thought that when the question was put to the Mormons 'Whether they would abandon polygamy or be debarred from admission into the Union,' that a convenient revelation would be received by Pres. Taylor, directing them to choose the former alternative. But the unmistakable declaration of Mr. Taylor, which was forthcoming, has shown the world that your faith cannot be blown into shapes to fit the ruts of circumstances, (as is the case now-a-days with all sorts of institutions) and you have gained the sympathy and support of many thinking men by this assurance. As to polygamy, your argument in regard to that outside of the reference to revelation and simply as a trial, is accepted by students of material affairs all over the world,

and from that point of view it is the opinion of thousands that you are justified in making the test. It is impossible for any man to prove even the practice of plural marriage illegal according to the Constitution, and if it can correct or put a check upon the evils it aims to reduce, it will accomplish what the philosophy of time has not been able to do. It is, unfortunately for the world, impossible to gain say the truth of President John Taylor's words in his conversation with the New York Tribune's representative, and as impossible to lose sight of the fact that all those evils of which he speaks are on the increase.

It is not improbable that your whole system of ethics is ahead of your time, as has so often occurred with great problems in the world's history.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The monthly meeting of the Deseret Sunday School Union was held on Sunday night at the Theatre, Superintendent George Goddard presiding.

Superintendent Moses Thatcher being called upon gave a statistical report of the Sunday Schools in Cache County, spoke of the cultivation of the art of music, and said he had noticed a marked improvement in that direction in the Sunday Schools since the introduction of the song books issued by the Union. He advised the teachers in giving instructions to our youth when calling attention to the inventions of the age, by men, such as the telegraph, steam, etc., that we should always show them that they are from God, and that he should receive the praise.

Supt. John B. Maiben, spoke of the duties of children toward their parents, and of the training of our children in the pure principles of our religion.

Supt. Ballantyne said more interest was being taken in the Sunday Schools in Weber Stake since they had commenced having reviews and giving prizes.

Supt. S. S. Jones gave a statistical report of Utah Stake Sunday Schools and stated that the children were more than usually interested. He advised all returned missionaries to take hold and assist in the Sunday Schools.

Supt. Goudard said that he with his assistants had visited a number of the schools in the city, where reviews were being held. He spoke of the necessity of correct doctrines being presented to the children, and asked the parents to see that their children were supplied with the books issued by the Union, that in asking this he was not begging, as it was for the benefit of their own children.

General Superintendent George Q. Cannon had learned that the missionaries who were now being called on missions were much better able to fill them than formerly, and taken in connection with the fact mentioned by Bro. Goddard of 22 out of 23 young men recently called, being members of Sunday Schools, he could understand the reason why they were so. He said, teach them the principles of truth and they are fully equipped to fight against the follies of the world, and said as with the mariner and his chart, so it is with the gospel. It is a chart for our youth and points out the way for them to go. It is the bounden duty of parents to talk with their children and explain the principles of the gospel to them and to find out their secret thoughts, and direct them aright, and not leave all to the Sunday School teachers.

Brother Erastus Snow spoke of the fears he had entertained in the past for the future of our youth, but that the anxiety had been lifted from his spirits by seeing the way the young people were associating themselves with our Sunday Schools and Mutual Improvement Associations, and he prayed God to bless them.

The 16th Ward Choir furnished the singing for the occasion. The meeting was then adjourned to the first Monday of next month, in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms.

HONORABLY PAID.

The President and assistant presidents of the P. E. Fund Co., are very much pleased to be able to publish the following named persons as having settled their emigration since October 1, 1878:

Table listing names and amounts, organized into columns A through Z. Includes names like Akerberg Anne, Abraham Mary, Anderson Ingrid, etc., with corresponding amounts.