

government is trampled under foot for the sole purpose of putting illegitimate power into the hands of a few to lord it over the many. We are of the opinion that Congress will not undertake to deprive the women voters of Utah of vested rights for any such purpose, particularly as the polygamy question is not involved in it at all.

The concluding part of the Commissioners' report is a little sop for the public tooth. "Compel the people of this Territory to obey the laws of the land," is a sentence that will sound well to the popular ear because of the general ignorance of the real condition of affairs in Utah. But the Commissioners know as well as we do that in no part of the United States are the laws of the land as generally honored and observed, as in the Territory where lies the field of their labors for 1883. They have endeavored to discharge the duties which they conceived to belong to their office, they have made a clear and explicit report, and when they return, although many people here do not view certain subjects as they explain them, they will find the same peaceful and quiet spirit among the "turbulent Mormons" as surprised them so much when they first arrived. *Au revoir.*

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 8.

Information Wanted of the whereabouts of Malcolm James Workman, (formerly of London, England), if alive, or of his decease, if dead. Address Geo. Reynolds, box B, Salt Lake City.

Brilliant Meteor.—A very bright meteor was seen last night about half past eight o'clock. It moved from the zenith towards the southern horizon and was observable for quite a number of seconds.

Bound for the Capital.—The Hon. W. D. Johnson is in the city from Kanab, en route for Washington, to join the members of the Utah constitutional delegation now at the Capital. He is accompanied by his father, W. D. Johnson, sen., who goes on a visit to friends in the east; also by his brother Nephi Johnson, who has been summoned to Washington, as a witness in the Star Route trials.

Seriously Ill.—The friends of Patriarch Charles Edwards, who resides in the 11th ward, will be grieved to learn of his severe indisposition. He has suffered from debility for some time, and two weeks ago had a relapse, since which time he has been confined to his room. He is one of the oldest members of the Ward, faithful, earnest and devoted, and we join in sincere desires for his speedy relief.

New Buildings.—We are pleased to notice that the many new residences and dwellings erected in this city during this year, show a decided improvement in the style of architecture hitherto generally followed. A regard for tasteful designs in shape of buildings can be had consistent with the advantage of convenience, without maintaining the frequently unsightly and squat shapes of many dwelling houses. At the same time we deprecate that extravagant style of architecture which results in a building being made up of angles and fantastic shapes.

Runaway.—Last evening, shortly after five o'clock a team drawing a covered conveyance containing three men and a woman was observed tearing down South Temple Street westward. When near the Valley House the vehicle struck the street car track and was capsized, throwing the occupants violently to the ground, and breaking the conveyance, the top of which lay on the ground for some time, while the team and the rest of it went in a hurry toward the depot. The lady seemed to be badly hurt, but her companions were able to procure another vehicle and take her away. We have not learned the name of the parties.

Remarkable Escape.—A gentleman who resides in the southern part of the city, (and who requests that his name be not published), recently came near losing his place by fire. It seems that he was absent from home at the time of the accident, and his wife and two or three small children were the sole occupants of the premises, when the coal oil lamp burst into a flame that

momentarily carried consternation to the heart of the young mother. But her self-possession fortunately did not desert her and mustering up resolution by a powerful effort, she instantly seized the burning mass and rushing to the door hurled it into the street, while her little son followed and carefully extinguished the fragments of flame that dropped here and there upon the carpet. When we consider the disastrous results that follow in most of such cases, and the perfect impunity with which the lady handled the liquid flame, not even scorched her apparel, the escape may almost be considered marvelous.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 9.

Sentenced.—Bryant and Clinton, the two men who robbed W. P. P. St. Clair, at Ogden, were found guilty, and sentenced by Judge Emerson, each to five years' imprisonment yesterday.

Mill Burned.—Yesterday, the Baldie five-stamp mill, at Ophir, was totally destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is not known. The mill was the property of the Cleveland Silver Mining Company.

Who Knows Him.—The address of Thomas Davis, who emigrated to the United States in 1879 and is supposed to be in Utah, is wanted by Thomas Davis, Ednesford, Staffordshire England.

Improving.—Judge Elias Smith, we are pleased to say, is improving in health, although it is but slowly. He has not been able to leave the house since the accident which occurred to him some weeks ago, when he fell down the cellar. A host of friends will be glad to see him convalescent.

Convicted.—Buck and Smith, the defendants in the liquor suit brought by Logan City in the First District Court, were convicted yesterday in that court of assault and battery upon Alderman B. F. Cummings, jr., committed July 22nd because he found them guilty of liquor selling. They gave notice of motion for a new trial. So we learn from the Ogden Herald.

An "Olive" Branch.—The friends and relatives of Mr. Andrew Kimball, and their name is legion, will be gratified to learn that he has gone into a partnership business that promises well for the future. The firm received their first consignment of goods last night. It's a girl.

"First a daughter and then a son,
And then the world is well begun."

Cassia County.—Brother Horton D. Haight, formerly of Farmington, but now of Cassia County, Idaho, is in town looking and feeling well. He informs us that the people in his vicinity are in good spirits, the country is settling up and it will make a fine place for homes for workers. There is an abundance of good land, more indeed, than water can be obtained for, although there is considerable of that necessary element. Prosperity already dawns upon the thrifty settlers.

Arrived.—Apostle John Henry Smith, of Salt Lake City, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve, and the successor to Apostle Albert Carrington in the Presidency of the European Mission, arrived at Liverpool on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19, per S. S. *Abyssinia*. He was accompanied by Elder Wm. Groesbeck and James Urie, also of Salt Lake City. The party took passage from New York on the 7th Nov. and after a rather rough voyage over the Atlantic, reached their destination in excellent health and spirits. We bid them a hearty welcome. *Mill. Star.*

No Discrimination.—Some changes having been made of hands employed by the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company, the rumor has gone abroad that the company intend to discharge all the "Mormons" on the road and make way for others. We are informed that this is entirely incorrect. Capacity and fitness are the qualifications required on that road, and a man's opinions religious or otherwise will not be taken into account at all. If men want to be engaged by any firm or company they must expect to perform the work required efficiently, of course. This is all that the company look for, and this they are entitled to demand of their workmen.

The Reason Why.—Bishop Benning, of North Jordan, considers the quality of Utah mutton this year is equal to the English, although

not so large. He accounts for the improved flavor by the necessity which has caused sheep tenders to remove their flocks to new places where the grass is green and tender, because of the settling up of the country and the failure of some of the old ranges. Many sheep-owners are making arrangements to take care of sheep at home, feeding them on roots and lucern. He thinks the days of beef raised on the ranges are gone by, and that stall-fed and pastured cattle will take their place. The ranges are limited, and the latter plan is a better protection against thieves. And he is about right, too.

Suspicious Conduct.—Yesterday morning, shortly before daylight, a young lady, who resides in the eastern part of the city, was preparing breakfast, when she thought she heard some one at the door. On asking "Who's there?" she was answered: "A gentleman your father asked to call this morning to do some work for him." The young lady, however, with commendable prudence, instead of opening the door herself went and told her father some one at the door wished to see him. When the gentleman opened the door he was confronted by a soldier, who seemed somewhat astonished at seeing a gentleman instead of a lady to receive him. He stammeringly enquired the way to Fort Douglas and on being answered, turned and left the house. Had the young lady recited the answer the soldier gave her, to the gentleman of the house, he would have been required to explain his conduct before leaving.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY DEC. 11.

Burglary.—On Friday night burglars entered the liquor store of Mr. O. F. Coolidge, of Manti, Sanpete County, and carried away five or six watches, two meerschaum pipes, \$10 in cash, and a few bottles of liquor. No clue as yet to the perpetrators.

From the Sandwich Islands.—On Saturday Dr. Alma B. Dunford, the well-known dentist of this city, accompanied by his wife and daughter, returned from a visit to the Sandwich Islands. The object of the trip was rest from business for a season. He can again be found at his dental rooms, 120 Main Street, near Teasdel's.

Sunday School Review.—Last night there was a review of the Fifth Ward Sunday School. The hall was filled to overflowing, there being no standing room remaining. The affair was very creditable, the exercises being rendered efficiently. Superintendent Jehn Cowan and assistants are energetic in the Sabbath School work of the ward.

It was Whiskey.—Young William Jones, of Provo, was drunk on Friday. He insisted upon getting upon a load of lumber being hauled from the Provo depot by Mr. Jesse McCauslin. He tumbled from his perch, as might have been expected, and before the teamster could stop his horses a hind wheel passed partly over his head, crushing in a portion of the skull. The *Enquirer* says the case is a dangerous one. The drink fiend did it.

Stolen Cash.—Last night, a young man retired to his room at Mrs. Barney's boarding house on First East Street, with another young fellow named Stephen Beck as his bed fellow. Notwithstanding that he cautiously fastened the door on the inside, when he arose early this morning, he found his pants outside the room on the landing, and sixty-five dollars and seventy-five cents gone out of the pockets. As Beck had got up in the night, he was the party suspected. The police interviewed him to-day and escorted him to the City Hall.

The Snow Shed System.—The Union Pacific has been troubled in winter especially, by cattle seeking shelter in the snow shed. To prevent killing the cattle and thus entailing damages it has been found necessary to keep men on watch to guard the snow shed. In conversation with Mr. Spaffor, the Union Pacific line man to-day, we learned that he was going to Sherman, near where the company is going to introduce regular wooden cattle-guards at the entrances to the sheds. These guards will be further protected by wire fencing at the side, and the watchers will be discharged. *Laramie Papers.*

Death of an Old Citizen.—On December 3rd, John Langton, of

Rockville, Washington County, died, after an illness of four months, from dropsy. He was born March 8th, 1822, in London, England; was baptized by Jas. Joy in the Loop Fork of the Platte River, while on his way to Utah, in 1854, to investigate the principles of the Gospel. He was in Echo Canyon in 1857, and was called to the Southern Utah mission in 1862; settled at Rockville, where he remained till he died. He leaves a wife, ten children and ten grandchildren to mourn his loss. He held the office of a Seventy and died as he had lived, in full faith of the Gospel.

We are asked to request Pittsburg papers to copy this notice.

Death of Sister E. Bentley.—About 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning, December 6th, Mrs. Elizabeth Bentley, wife of Brother Richard Bentley, of St. George, died at her residence at that place. The husband of the deceased was at Beaver on Tuesday, on business, when he received a telegram informing him that she had been taken dangerously ill. He at once started for home on receiving this sad intelligence, but would probably not arrive soon enough to see Sister Bentley again in life.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Price, was a member of one of the first English families that emigrated to Nauvoo under the auspices of the Gospel. She was a lady of many estimable qualities, and will be sadly missed by her family and intimate friends, by whom she was greatly beloved. Our sympathy is with the bereaved.

Weatherwise.—The storms of the past few days have resulted in a slight coating of snow on the surrounding mountains, while the canons have received a deposit of two or three inches. The temperature last evening has modified very much, and everything indicated this morning, that we might anticipate a general snow storm, which, however, has held off for the time being.

The fur trappers and mountaineers, generally, expect but a very light fall of snow this winter, for the reason that they have noticed that the beavers inhabiting the various mountain streams, have omitted to construct their dams or to lay in winter supplies of food, as is their usual habit, during severe winters, when deep deposits of snow occur. We hope these signs which they consider sure indications, will fail to prove correct, because deposits of snow in the mountains mean plenty of irrigation water to ensure good crops next year.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Of the 325 members in the next national House of Representatives only 149 belong to the present House.

Hawaiian coins to the amount of \$200,000, and corresponding in value and denomination with our silver coinage, are to be struck at the San Francisco mint.

Chicago is to have an elevated railway, with a capital of \$2,000,000 an underground electric company, capital \$250,000, and an oil exchange.

Denmark has been provided with the first of several heavy guns which had been ordered from Herr Krupp, of Essen. The one finished and delivered is 32 feet 9 inches long, 4 feet 5 inches diameter at breach, and weighs 58 tons. The carriage alone is 26 tons.

The sting of a bee, it is said, when compared with the point of a fine needle under a powerful magnifying glass, is scarcely discernible. But the trouble is that when a man gets a bee stinging he forgets to compare it with a needle; hence it is always discernible, and by a large majority.

The New York *Mail-Express* has investigated the school accommodation in that city and finds that in one ward alone there are eleven hundred children who are unable to get into the schools. Hadn't the M. & E. better bother its brains about New York more and Utah less?

Leadville, during the past five years, has produced 28,000,000 ounces of silver, 140,000 tons of lead, and 26,000 ounces of gold, exclusive of 100,000 tons of ore shipped to other towns for treatment. It will pay this year to the railroad companies \$1,000,000 for the transportation of bullion to the Eastern markets.

The Philadelphia school boys who embarked in silk culture two years ago have enlarged their cocoonery in the city to accommodate 80,000 worms, with a branch at Swedesboro, N. J., for the culture of mulberry trees. They have invented a machine for winding the silk from the cocoons, which they have been exhibiting at public fairs.

Two monster rattlesnakes have been sent alive to the National Museum in Washington by its Florida agent. One, which came from the banks of the Suwannee river, measured twelve inches around its middle, weighed twelve pounds, and was nearly seven feet long. The other, from Polk County, was eight feet three inches long, thirteen and a-half inches in circumference, and weighed thirteen and a-half pounds.

The *Lancet* protests energetically against the habit of smoking cigarettes in the belief that these miniature doses of nicotine are innocuous. The effects produced on the nervous system by a free consumption of cigarettes are stated to be more marked and characteristic than those recognizable after recourse to other modes of smoking, and pulse tracings made after cigarette smoking are even flatter and more indicative of depression than those taken after the smoking of cigars.

It is estimated that within a few years the United States will be paying as much for pensions as Germany pays for her standing army of half a million men. For the year ending March 31st, 1881, Germany's military expenses amounted to \$90,000,000. The pension appropriation of the last Congress was \$100,000,000, but of this only about \$55,000,000 is for current pensions and the rest for arrears. With the increase of the number of pensioners, the amount paid on current account will largely increase.

A Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray have been appointed in England to the office of Master and Matron of the Melton Mowbray poor house. The Board decided that they cannot serve because Mrs. Mowbray is the sister of her husband's first wife, and therefore their marriage is illegal. At the same time the Poor Law Commissioners, have on appeal, enforced a charge of £30 for income tax on a person in Wales in respect of the income of his deceased wife's sister, whom the law in this case declares to be his wife. There is nothing like consistency and this is a shining example.

Recent evidence seems to indicate that under certain conditions, vegetable matter may be converted into coal in a much less period than many geologists have believed to be necessary. At least an approach to such conversion has been discovered in some of the pines of the Upper Hartz, in Germany, where some of the timbers originally used as supports have been transformed into what appears to be a genuine lignite, brown coal. The time occupied by the process cannot, it is believed, have extended beyond four centuries—a very brief period compared with that usually assigned to coal formations.

The Century Co. announces for immediate publication in this country, from advance sheets, the new edition of the Imperial Dictionary, a work which has been accepted in Great Britain for more than a quarter of a century as a standard lexicon of the English language. As now issued, it may almost claim to be a new work. It contains about 130,000 words, with 3,000 illustrations. As the real meanings of words and the grammatical constructions into which they enter are generally most clearly shown by means of illustrative quotations, vast numbers of these are given, many thousands of them being inserted in the present edition for the first time.

The New York *Sun* speaks of the long time it has taken to erect the Salt Lake Temple, and adds: "There is difficulty in gathering the taxes levied upon the believers for this purpose, and the Gentiles already count on turning the structure into a State House, when Utah is admitted to the Union." The *Sun* is doubly fooled. Taxes are not levied for building the Temple. Donations are paid for it freely, and tithing, from which it is chiefly supported, increases yearly. When the "Gentiles" turn the structure into a State House or anything else, the *Sun* will have turned into green cheese, and the "Liberals" that started the notion will be turned into truth-tellers; they are events equally probable.