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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The snow blockade on the P. R. is raised and the track is from Ogden to Omaha. Now on the mails.

Oregon papers say there is more snow in the mountains of that state than has been piling up for several years. High waters are anticipated about June.

The new silver dollar is out. The Philadelphia mint put thirty thousand of them out to day. DESERT EVENING NEWS will take ten of them for a year's subscription, at any time.

The world need not take to the about getting out of coal. The geologist of Japanese government reports that on the Island of Nippon there are, at a rough guess, 150,000,000 tons of the black diamond.

A new way to collect old debts has been invented. A merchant sends a number of receipts bills to a friend in New York, who sends them in neat boxes and sends them to the debtors by express, marked "Valuable, C. O. D." The amount due is charged with the expressage. When the debtor pays and signs the box, "phancy his pheling."

## AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD.

You who buy milk and want to know whether it is genuine cow juice or a watered article, try the German test. Here it is: A small polished knitting-needle is dipped into a clean vessel of milk and immediately withdrawn in an upright position. If the sample is good, some of the fluid will hang to the needle; but if water has been added to the milk, even in small proportions, the fluid will not adhere to the needle.

Those who love to exhibit self-righteousness and to expose the failings of others, might profit by the following: "Having in my heart seven noes of piety," says a Persian writer, "I used to lie in the night watches to meditate, pray and read the Koran. One night, fully occupied with these practices, my father, a man of rigid piety, 'Rehah,' said to me, 'thy other children are lost in religious slumber while I am awake to praise God.' 'Son of thy soul,' answered he, 'it is better to sleep, than wake to remarry the faults of thy brethren.'

## THE LATEST "LIBERAL" PAPER.

LAST evening we touched briefly on the attempt to procure the removal of Governor Emery from office of Governor. We have little more to say on this subject. It is not a matter of very great moment to the "Mormons" who is or may be appointed to the position of Chief Executive of the Territory, while the policy of the Government is to admit strangers here and persons who are not in accord with the great majority of the people. If we had any voice in the appointment, directly or indirectly, or if there was any probability of the advent of a gentleman who would be satisfied in taking a safe and impartial stand, without reference to the religious position of any section of the community, it would be a different thing, and we might cease to be indifferent about it. But now, it makes small difference to us who is appointed or who is removed.

But it is a matter of great regret that the national "powers that be" are so easily influenced by unprincipled schemers, and will give heed to the fabrications of honest and malignant slanders. The "Mormons" were to be continually agitating for the removal of officials who do not harmonize with their views of what is quiet and proper, the cry of "loyalty," "treason" or "rebellion" would ring through the land. It is the persistent plotting of a clique of adventurers, most of whom without character or reputation, the injury of decent men, simply because they will not fully harmonize with them, seems to be considered all right and natural and meet with favor rather than repulsion and scorn.

Governor Thayer, of Wyoming, and Governor Brigham, of Idaho, are each the object of the wrath of such persons, just as Governor Atwell and Emery of Utah have been. A new appointment has been made for the Governorship of Wyoming, which, however, has not been confirmed by the Senate; efforts will be made to oust Governor Brigham and Governor Emery is likely to be officially dechristianized, unless farce promptly presented in sufficient force to stamp out the falsehoods that have been pushed forward with the boldness of habitual mendacity.

It is claimed that the Governor is "the object of suspicion and dislike of every non-Mormon in the Territory." We are of the opinion that this is utterly untrue of at least seven-tenths of the non-Mormon population. The Governor was blamed for signing two bills—the revenue bill and the elective bill. It was represented that the former taxed slaves and their products so heavily that the mining interests of Utah were paralyzed, and that the latter disfranchised nearly every Gentleman in the Territory. But examination of those laws proved that these statements were impudent falsehoods, designed to injure the Governor and aid the raccoons who were working for his removal. The very reverse was found to be the truth in both instances. The revenue law turned out to be more favorable to the mining interest than any other (and only disqualification, as far as the 10), and the election law was proven to be a fair and impartial measure, who maligned him and them alike, it

designed to secure a secret ballot, justice to all classes of citizens, and full protection to the ballot box. And those who started the outcry have been compelled to acknowledge their misrepresentation of the revenue law, while they fail to bring forth a solitary argument to sustain their clamor against the election law.

Now it appears to us that the non-Mormons of Utah should represent themselves in this matter. If they are willing to permit the falsehood to live, to the injury of the Governor and the triumph of those does not affect us at all; this is not our fight nor our funeral. But if the "non-Mormons" who have supported the Governor and endorsed his action on these bills allow the few scalawags to triumph, run out officials who will not crouch beneath the "elder's" lash, and trip up those who do not join in the chorus to their obscene refrain, we shall think those pretended friends of conservatism and the Executive a set of milksop, without backbone or vitality, who can do nothing but talk.

Whether Governor Emery goes or stays it matters not to us; we can move steadily along, all the same, towards the high destiny that awaits a people who live for principle. But we are always sorry to see falsehood prevail, and therefore would rejoice in the failure of those who are trying to steal the official shoes of a fair man, for the feet of some fellow of their own kidney.

## AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD.

UNDERS the English law the marriage of a man with his deceased wife's sister is void. For many years attempts have been made to legitimate such unions but in vain. However the thin end of the wedge of common sense has been inserted into the statutes, and it is possible that in a few years the stupid old restriction will be split wide open. The colonial marriage bill has been passed, by the provisions of which the offspring of such marriages, under colonial laws, are enabled to inherit property in the United Kingdom.

No one is able to offer any valid argument in favor of the absurd law which has been in force for centuries. The old provision of the Mosaic code, that a man should not take "a wife to her sister to vex her, during her lifetime," has been quoted in favor of the English statute. This is the famous text which, in the original, Parsons Newman expected to use as a Hebrew root, or club, with which to demolish polygamy, when he came here to "behold the lion in his den," but went off badly dismally and covered all over with Elder Olsen Pratt's Biblical quotations. It has no application in either case. It cannot certainly have any bearing upon a widower, for the restriction is during his wife's lifetime. And it is also evident that the law merely forbids the marriage of a man with his living wife's sister to "vex her," or in other words against her consent. But whatever disputes might arise in regard to this view of the text, it is clearly without reference to marriage with a deceased wife's sister, except sanctioning it by implication. For if he is forbidden to marry her during his wife's lifetime, permission is implied to marry her afterwards.

There is no natural heirship between a widower and the sister of his departed spouse. His former marriage only rendered them relatives in law. Blood relationship was not thereby established, and the principle of consanguinity could not thereby be affected in the least degree. The love that may, and often does, spring up in a man's heart for the sister of a wife to whom he was devoted in life, and whom he mourns in death, cannot be consistently considered natural. On the contrary it is natural in the extreme. The sister may remind him in a thousand ways of those traits in his departed wife's character which were particularly attractive to him, and he may be drawn to her by many sympathies akin to those which charmed him in the other.

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