

Senator Whyte, of Maryland, announces he will be a candidate for re-election.

Alabama democrats say L. Pope Walker is to succeed the late Senator Houston. Walker is the man who, after Sumter was fired on, declared that within 30 days the Confederate flag would be floating over the dome of the Capitol at Washington.

It is said on good authority that the State Department will make a proper return in due season to the resolution of the House of Representatives, calling for the correspondence with Consul Mosby. The story that the State Department would decline, for reasons of public expediency, to furnish the correspondence referred to, is said to be unfounded.

The acting Commissioner of the General Land Office to-day made a ruling, that in any case where a title to a Mexican land claim has been confirmed by a District Court, and no appeal has been prosecuted within five years prescribed by law, a certificate from the clerk of the court will be accepted by the General Land Office as sufficient evidence of finality of proceedings upon the question of title.

The Treasury Department announces the purchase of 150,000 ounces of silver for the Philadelphia mint.

On the re-assembling of Congress next Tuesday, the first business that will be transacted in the House will be the report of the committee on rules, debate on which promises to be quite extended.

The Italian bark *Giamiconia*, which arrived this morning, brought passengers and crew of the lost steamer *Borussia* who were picked up at sea, 250 miles off the Azores. All reported to the British consul for relief. They are in a very destitute condition. They suffered greatly in an open boat before being rescued.

The party was in metallic life boat No. 3, having got into it on the evening of December 2, well provided with coarse food and water. The sea ran very high during the night and the boat was at the mercy of the waves. The gale continued the next day. A bark was sighted but the crew were unable to attract her attention. That night the sea calmed down. They were steering for Fayal. The weather moderated and the sea remained calm until midnight of the 4th. Sharks followed them day and night until one was pierced with a boat hook and the rest left. On the morning of the 5th, the wind which had been gradually rising, blew very hard, and they changed their course from the east to west, running before the wind. They discovered a sail bearing direct for them. At about 4 p.m. on the 5th by waiving blankets and kerchiefs and pulling direct for the sail, they attracted the attention of those on board and were taken aboard the *Giamiconia* and arrived to-day. The life boat was last adrift. All speak in terms of the warmest praise of Capt. Bonifazio of the *Giamiconia*, who gave them clothing and necessities.

BANGOR, 3.—The following is an official text of the unanimous opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court, finished and signed this afternoon in answer to questions submitted by the Governor.

Question.—When the Governor and Council decided that there is no return from a city on which Representatives can be summoned to attend and take their seats in the Legislature, is it their duty to order a new election, or is it competent for the House of Representatives, if it shall appear there was an election of such Representatives, in fact to admit them to seats, though no return thereof was made and delivered into the office of the Secretary of State?

Answer.—No authority is given to the Governor and Council, when there is no return, to order a new election. When the seat of a Representative has been vacated by death, resignation or otherwise, provision is made by the Revised Statutes for filling the existing va-

cancies by these provisions. Whenever the municipal officers there-mentioned by any means have knowledge of the death of a Representative elect or of a vacancy caused in any other way, it is their duty to order a new election. If it appears to the House of Representatives there was an election of Representatives in fact, they should admit them to their seats, though no returns thereof were made to the Secretary of State. A representative is not to be deprived of his rights because the municipal officers have neglected their duty.

WASHINGTON, 5.—Secretary Schurz received the following dispatch to-day from General Hatch:

Alamosa, Jan. 3.  
The White River Utes who were with Ouray on the 24th are not in his power, neither have they been since the 26th. Some Indians are expected here on the 5th. Ouray was requested to keep the Indians you refer to but had not the power. I am of opinion that the Indians when assured by yourself that there is no other way to avoid destruction will decide to turn over the prisoners. The promises made by them that they will turn over those demanded, should be insisted upon to the last man. As long as these Indians are in our hands the agency at Los Pinos is secure. Ouray came out at his own request and brought his wife with him. I think it advisable to have them all before you at Washington or such a point as you may designate.

(Signed) HATCH, Commissioner.

The Indians referred to in this dispatch whom Ouray could not bring in with him are Chief Douglas, Johnnie, his son, and four others. These Indians were offered for surrender but General Hatch declined to accept them unless the remaining guilty parties were also surrendered at the same time.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says: The President will probably decide early this week whether he will reappoint Governor Emery, of Utah, or send some one else there in his place. The legislature of the Territory meets in its regular biennial session on the 11th of this month, and, if Emery is to be governor of Utah for four years longer, he ought to be back and at his post at that time. Emery's administration was satisfactory to Grant, and has been so to the present administration.

A Panama dispatch says: General Nicolas Depierola was proclaimed dictator of Peru, December 22nd. The army of reserve at Lima and Callao and the navy accept his government. He has promised to effect the salvation of Peru in the present crisis. His cabinet is presided over by the distinguished jurist, Pedro Calderon.

President Prado has fled. He arrived at Panama on the 27th of December.

A Peruvian torpedo boat, which sailed in November from Panama under Hawaiian colors, has been captured by the Chileans.

Much excitement was caused among 2,000 people at a matinee in Aberley's Theatre by the explosion of gas behind the stage. There was a heavy escape and search for the leak with a lighted match caused the explosion, and the cry of fire followed. No one was hurt, the stampede being soon checked.

Memphis, 5.—An alarm of fire in Lebrun's Theatre, last evening, while *Ada Cavendish* was playing, created almost a panic, but the alarm was a false one, and no one was injured.

## Correspondence.

Legislation.

CITY, December 29, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Dear Sirs.—All legislation, proper, is designed for the public good and calculated to benefit mankind in general. Proscriptive and harsh laws, when passed by constitutional authority, have always been detrimental to the best interests of society. Modern legislators, as a rule, are inclined to reject divine inspiration, and to rule out of order, the presence of the Supreme Lawgiver in their legislative councils. This fatal position, however, will surely bring the "hand-writing on the wall" against themselves. For this grave, this presumptuous error, their works will be destroyed and themselves humiliated in the dust of God's

threshing-floor. It is written for man's salvation that we shall "acknowledge the hand of the Lord in all things." His will, His law, is the superior rule of action for the human family, through all ages and for all created intelligent creatures. "The cattle upon a thousand hills are His!" Man is "made a little lower than the angels," ruling intelligencies!

In a recent issue of your valuable paper, you very wisely suggest the wisdom of making our delegates to our forthcoming Legislature acquainted with our home wants and necessities.

Individually, we advocate the doctrine that water ought to be as free as light and air, to the last as well as to the first settler in our "mountain home;" its distribution to be regulated by inexorable law.

Every child born into the world is a ward of the State. Verily so! It must be protected by law, and human benevolence, as the offspring of Deity, and man, a being having a spirit from heaven a body from earth. It must be fed and clothed and educated, in order for it to become a good and useful citizen, a profitable member of cosmopolitan society, and a happy, personal, individual.

Ought we not to have a Territorial Hospital?

Ought we not to have a Territorial insane asylum?

Ought not attention to be drawn to building public reservoirs and sinking artesian wells?

Ought not the very poor to be exempted from paying taxes? "Idiotic" and "infirm" persons may be rich, but the "indigent" are poor.

Ought not the civil magistrate to be lawfully empowered to solemnize marriages, to be properly registered by him, for all persons making application to be married and desirous to have it so recorded?

Ought not there to be some remedy provided against the increasing vice of intemperance? Can city charters be amended so as to aid city fathers in their laudable efforts to suppress this great evil?

Yours very truly,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
Dec. 24th, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

As an offset to the claim of the democrats that they will make a gain of one in the Senate by unseating Kellogg, of Louisiana, comes a story that the English mission is to be offered to Senator David Davis, thus giving place for a republican from Illinois. What the authority for the story is I don't know, but it seems to have gained credence quite generally. Hon. E. B. Washburn is named as Judge Davis' successor. There is one curious fact in connection with the senatorial situation which perhaps people have not noticed.

A few years ago the democrats had control of so many northern legislatures that no change could be made by death or resignation without profiting them, and they gained some three. Now it is exactly the reverse. The republicans control every legislature in the northern States except Indiana, unless the counting out scheme prevails in Maine, and therefore would gain wherever there should be a change in a State now represented by democrats.

The rivals of General Garfield for the senatorship of Ohio are getting mixed. They say he is too valuable a member to send up from the House, and at the same time that he ought not to go to the Senate because he is a free trader, but the fact is, to express an impartial one, General Garfield is not a free trader, having done more to maintain the present revenue system than almost any other man in his party. If General Garfield is so valuable in the House, why would not he be in the Senate? This is a question for men of all parties, if not for the rivals of any particular senatorial candidate.

It is said that prominent members of Congress are organizing a movement to still further reduce the rate of interest to be paid on the national debt to be refunded in the future. Many think it can be refunded at the rate of three percent. The Secretary of the Treasury does not think so, but many of the democrats suspect him of holding that opinion because so low a percentage will not allow margin enough for the syndicates who are expected to help sell the new issue.

The friends of Senator Cameron

say he will make a vigorous leader of the republican forces next year, and I find his selection as Chair of the National Committee is received with great favor. He is a very popular man, and the democrats will have to look sharp for a leader to marshal their forces, with equal spirit and success.

The families of Senators Allison, of Iowa, Blaine, Cameron and Representatives Morton, Chittenden and Robeson, and mentioned as to figure most conspicuously in social events this season.

KNOX.

COVINGTON, Ind.,  
Dec. 20th, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

A company of 110 souls left the Southern States Mission on the 20th of November for the settlements in Colorado, arriving on the 24th at Alamosa, where we found Bishop Berthelsen awaiting our arrival, with wagons to convey the company to Manassa, 20 miles distant. The journey from starting point to destination was made without accident to any one, or loss of baggage. This made the fifth company and last of the season's emigration, which foots up to about 250. Those of the Saints who had preceded this company seemed to feel well satisfied with their new homes, and are constantly urging their brethren left behind to gather with the Saints.

The wise and prudent course of Bishop Berthelsen is having its influence in shaping and directing the affairs of the new colony, and he has the undivided confidence of not only the Saints, but the numerous Spanish element by which they are surrounded, and the scattering whites. The probabilities are that the recent emigration will be able to sustain themselves by cutting ties during the winter for the extension of the D. and R. G. R. R.

The Elders who are traveling and preaching in the various conferences of the south, are meeting with more or less success in all their fields of labor, 25 baptisms are so far reported for the month of November, with one or two favorable districts to hear from, a corresponding number was reported for October, reports for December are equally favorable.

Prospects for emigration the coming season are good, and quite a number of Saints will doubtless be released from the bondage of Babylon ere another twelve months shall have rolled around. The first company for Colorado will leave Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 23rd of March next, and will be followed by others as fast as made up, our arrangements with railroad companies allowing us to take a small number at the same rate as a large company, which enables us to send out even two or three families whenever they are ready to go.

Since writing you last, changes have been made in the mission as follows: Elder Jonas N. Beck released from presiding over the N. C. Conference to return home. Elder Russell Rogers released from presiding over the Mississippi Conference to return home. Elder Jos. Argyle from presiding over the Tennessee Conference, to return home, the vacancies made by the release of Elders Rogers and Beck have not been supplied. Elder Franklin Spencer takes the place made vacant by Elder Argyle's release.

We need the assistance very much of the brethren called at the April and October conferences for this mission, the Elders in the field have all they can do, and we cannot near fill the applications to have us preach and teach. If those who were called and who have not reported for assignment could do so by the first of March, it would lighten the burden on the rest of us materially, and be the means of doing much good; thousands and thousands of people in this mission have never met an Elder and are in absolute ignorance of what we teach.

I had the pleasure of meeting the St. Louis Saints in conference on my return from Colorado, and at our evening meeting a full house listened attentively to a discourse on the first principles of the Gospel, and the press the next morning published a fair and full synopsis of what was said.

Passing through Illinois, I called to see my parents, whom I had not met with for four years; a church house was opened for me and I was invited to preach, which I did to a crowded house, who paid close attention. Coming to this point I

met Elder Geo. Nebeker, from Salt Lake City, on a mission to this and adjoining States. He was in good health and enjoying himself among friends and relatives, as this was his home before he gathered with the Saints.

I visited this locality three and a half years ago in company with Elder Joseph Standing, and I find that in our absence our friends have increased instead of diminished. Three copies of the WEEKLY NEWS and one of the *Exponent* are taken in this immediate section, and are doing much good. Many opportunities have been presented to preach but as my attention is required in the mission South, we have availed ourselves of but one meeting, which had only four hours notice, and the people filled the school house, paying close attention, and prospects are good indeed to build up a fair sized branch of the Church. Elder Nebeker expects to remain in this vicinity during the winter and preach as occasion offers.

I expect to leave for the South, Monday morning, going to Kentucky to attend the Conference for that State, to meet on the 3rd and 4th of January. Elder F. MacDonald, President of the Conference, reports the Elders feeling well and everything moving along harmoniously.

Asking an interest in the faith and prayers of Israel, that our missionary labors may be crowned with success, I remain your brother in the Gospel of Christ,

JOHN MORGAN.

Deseret University—The second semester of the academic year at the Deseret University opens on Monday next, the 12th inst. Those who propose attending the school should commence at that time as new studies are taken up.

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L. W. PORTER,  
District Poundkeeper,  
Porterville, Morgan Co., Jan. 3, 1880.