

to entertain all or any of them upon the ground that, in his opinion, it is made for the purpose of delay; and there is no appeal to the House from his decision unless he may see proper to permit it, because he can hold that the appeal itself is a dilatory proceeding. One of the rules which has existed ever since Congress was organized, it is understood, provides that the Speaker shall "decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any member," but that officer is now clothed with power to deny this ancient right of appeal, and make his own will the law of the House. No such power was ever before conferred upon a presiding officer in a deliberative body, and it is safe to say that the House of Representatives of the United States is the only legislative assembly in the civilized world that would consent to part, even temporarily, with the right to construe its own rules of proceeding and protect itself against improper decisions affecting the rights of its members. —*Ex Speaker Carlisle in North American Review.*

## CURRENT EVENTS.

### Released From Prison.

March 17 Brother Olaf A. Andelin, of Dover, Sanpete County, was released from the penitentiary, where he has served a sentence for unlawful cohabitation. He was ordered imprisoned for four months, and in addition had to serve thirty days for the fine of \$300 and costs.

### Again Rented.

March 12 the bids for the Tithing Office Grounds and Historian Office were opened, and the highest bid, \$500 for the two places, being made by Col. J. R. Winder, that bid was accepted.

### Continued for the Term.

The conspiracy, misappropriating public funds, etc., cases wrought up for political effect against Messrs. Francis Armstrong, Alfred Solomon, E. A. Smith and others, were continued for the term, in the Third District Court. The motion for continuance was made by Mr. Varian.

### An Unfounded Report.

Following is an extract from a letter from President W. Spry of the 9th instant:

"I have lately returned from a trip into Alabama, where I went to satisfy myself as to the truth of the report concerning the tarring and burning of the brethren in Marion County. Our having heard nothing from them since the occurrence was reported to have taken place was the cause of my going. However, I found all well and that there was no foundation whatever for the report. High water was the cause of this silence, the mails having stopped running."

### The Best.

Mr. J. W. Clawson has finished a

life-size bust portrait in oil of Brigham Young. The artist has aimed at effect rather than minute details. The result is almost magical in the preservation of the chief characteristic of the subject—strength. In all other portraits of President Young this leading element has been subdued. In the production under consideration it is thrown conspicuously forward. The wonderful expression of the mouth is delineated with a master hand, while other peculiarities are also clearly placed upon the canvass. Of all the paintings of this great man, we pronounce the one fresh from the brush of Mr. Clawson to be, in our judgment, the best. It is to be hung in the Logan Temple, and is well worthy a place in that noble building.

### Death of a Veteran.

The death occurred on January 27th, at the residence of his son in West Weber, Weber County, of William McFarland, Sr. He was in his ninety-fifth year.

He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on June 4th, 1842, in Fifeshire, Scotland. The same year he was ordained an Elder, and contended earnestly for the faith. The deceased received the testimony of the Spirit, the gift of tongues, and other testimonies, some of which are recorded in the writings of the late Apostle Orson Pratt. He was diligent in spreading a knowledge of the truth in the surrounding region, and many who are now gathered here from other parts acknowledge him as the instrument in God's hand of leading them into the fold of Christ. He left Scotland in November, 1854, arriving in Utah in September of the following year. He located and remained in American Fork until 1859, when he removed with his family to this place of which he was a pioneer and the first justice of the precinct. He was ordained a Patriarch in 1876.

The late Brother McFarland leaves behind a posterity of five children, sixty-three grandchildren and twenty eight great-grandchildren, all of whom are members of the Church.

[The foregoing notice of Brother McFarland's death would have appeared earlier had not the copy been inadvertently mislaid.—ED.]

### Artist and Poet.

We have been glancing over "Pine Branches and Sea Weeds," by Alfred Lambourne, of this city. It is a neat little volume of 176 pages, and mostly consists of scenic descriptions compiled by the author from productions of his pen that have appeared in various periodicals. The themes are grand, and are treated accordingly. The picture of Yosemite Valley is particularly attractive, and in spots is almost thrilling, while the book as a whole is well worth reading. It is one of those works that appeals to and stimulates the imagination, compelling the reader to form vivid conceptions in relation to the appearance of the objects

depicted by the writer. The closing article of the series has for its caption "Artist vs. Poet," in which the author discloses his predilection in favor of the former. Perhaps Fred is unconscious of the fact, but it is nevertheless a truth, that although an artist by profession there runs through his writings a strong poetic vein. Indeed, it would necessitate more hesitation to decide which class of his pictures are the better—those painted in pigment or those colored in words.

### The Gas Company.

Wednesday, March 12th were concluded the negotiations for the sale of stock in the gas company, and caused a change in the board of directors, Messrs. James Jack, Henry Dinwoodey and Thomas Ellerbeck going out of the board, and Messrs. Thomas Marshall, P. L. Williams and Frank H. Dyer taking hold. Mr. Dyer was appointed manager of the company. He was also elected treasurer, while Arthur Pratt was made secretary.

The amount of stock purchased by Messrs. Marshall, Williams, Dyer and Pratt aggregates 913 shares. The city holds 787 shares, and Mr. Dyer, as receiver in the suit of the government against the Church, holds 800 shares—making up the total of 2500 shares. The regular stockholders' meeting will be held in April, when it is understood that P. L. Williams will be elected president.

As the gas company holds seventenths of the electric light company's stock, the control of the corporation also changes hands.

The gas company proposes to make extensive and immediate changes, by enlarging its capacity and extending the mains. For this purpose an assessment will be made on the stock and \$150,000 raised to make the projected improvements. A reduction in the price is also being considered.

The *Statesman* for March opens with a discussion of the tariff question by Walter Thomas Mills. President David Beaton, of Redfield College, writes on "The Coming Politics," in which he insists that the emancipation of labor is the coming question, as, he argues, it has been in all the great contests of recent politics. John Scales advances a project for closing the main stem of the Chicago river and connecting both branches with Lake Michigan, thereby solving the drainage problem while securing several acres of land in the very centre of the city and securing for Chicago the best wharfage facilities for manufacturing as well as commercial purposes of any American city. Col. Augustus Jacobs opens a series of articles on "Manual Training." Prof. Craig continues his discussion of "Federal Government," and David D. Thompson opens a series of articles on "The History of Labor," which will continued throughout the year. This month he presents the "Ancient Workingman." The Thorne publishing Co., Chicago.