

wished us to wait till next morning to bear him company.

I was so ill from exhaustion that I scarcely left the house in my stay there, and was barely able to sit in the buggy, when the Gens. Smith were ready, whose company we kept until arriving near Carthage, when an officer sent by Governor Ford met us with a demand for the State arms. After a short consultation Gen. Smith thought it best for himself to go back and in person attend to the delivery; so all the party, except Bro. Babbitt and myself, returned. Adieus were hastily said. We parted there, the last parting with these good and great-hearted men, who gave their lives to save their friends.

At the time of his last stay in this city, the lamented and loved President, Geo. A. Smith, asked me to write the foregoing incidents and send to the Historian's Office, which I promised to do. The promise, as well as the incidents, came vividly to my mind on reading the article first alluded to. Should you publish this the historian will easily obtain a copy. If you do not, please send him this manuscript.

Very respectfully yours,

J. E. JOHNSON.
St. GEORGE, Dec. 6, 1875.

The Increase of Crime.

A few days ago the *Chronicle* commented upon the last biennial report of the board of Directors of the State Prison, reproducing some of the more significant facts and figures contained in that document. The showing made by the report is one disgraceful to our civilization. It appeared that the sleeping rooms of the convicts are fearfully overcrowded, large numbers of them being packed into ill-ventilated quarters, poisonous with foul air and loathsome effluvia. Revelations published a short time since in the New York papers show that the three State Prisons of that State—Sing Sing, Auburn and Clinton—are suffering from over-crowding in a different way from that which prevails at San Quentin. In the latter institution large numbers are herded like cattle in the same apartment. There are four rooms with forty-five men huddled into each. Such an abomination as this is in New York prevented by a law which restricts the occupancy of a cell to a single prisoner. At Sing Sing, however, this restriction has been disregarded as a matter of absolute necessity, and some four hundred cells now have two convicts in each. The alarming feature disclosed by the condition of nearly all the penitentiaries in the country, whether east or west, is that the increase of the criminal classes outstrips in its ratio the increase of population. Everywhere the necessity for an increase of prison accommodation is urged. From every quarter comes the same complaint of over-crowding, accompanied by declarations of the demoralizing effects that result from the evil. It appears also that in most of the prisons at least one-half of the inmates are entirely idle, doing no useful work, and subsisting wholly at the public expense.—*S.F. Chronicle*.

CRACKED WHEAT FOR EVERYBODY.—Most of your readers have a coffee-mill in the house. Most of them can get a little bag of wheat. Any sort of good wheat will serve them. The most of people can grind coffee at home. Anybody who can grind coffee can grind wheat in the same mill, and then the rest of the way to make a breakfast fit for an Emperor is very simple. When the wheat is run through the coffee-mill, steep it in water; set it on the stove and let it burst its already broken sides, all the afternoon, at convenience. The next morning cook it about half an hour, like any other mush, with plenty of salt. Set it on the table hot; serve with it a bowl of milk, or still better, milk and cream; and there is the richest and most wholesome meal that can be produced. No tampering with sugar, nor anything else. After that there is no need of any beefsteaks for half a day or longer. It is called cracked wheat. It is the perfection of nourishment for work.—*Cor. Cincinnati Times*.

The trustees of the Wesleyan University have held a meeting and resolved to signalize the centennial year by an addition of \$500,000 to the endowment of the college.

AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING FIRE LIMITS, AND FOR THE PREVENTION OF FIRES.

SEC. 1.—Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City: That the following be and are hereby established as the fire limits of said City, viz:—All of blocks 76, 69, 58, 57, 70 and 75, Plat A, Salt Lake City Survey; and within said limits it shall be unlawful to erect any building, the outer walls of which are in whole, or in part, constructed of wood, except so much as may be necessary for door and window frames, cornice, doors, sash and shutters; and the roofs of all buildings hereafter erected, or newly roofed, within said limits shall be covered with metal or other incombustible material; and each building shall be separated from all others by a party wall of brick, adobe, or rock, not less than nine inches thick from the foundation to the roof, from front to rear, and to extend through and above the roof not less than two feet, so as to entirely separate any communication of wood between such building and any other; and in all buildings where fire is kept there shall be flues or chimneys built of brick or adobe, and all stove pipes shall be conducted into flues or chimneys, and if they pass through wooden partitions they must be protected from the same by metal ventilated thimbles, and in no case shall a stove pipe be allowed to pass through the roof, or out of the side of any building.

SEC. 2.—The erection of such buildings as are mentioned in Section one upon any block not included within the aforesaid limits, may be prohibited upon application to the City Council in writing, signed by the owners of the greater part of the real property in said block. Such application shall be accompanied by a plot of the block, designating the property of each owner by his name, written on the plot representing his property; and the City Council being satisfied that the applicants are the owners of the greater part of said property, may extend the fire limits over said block.

SEC. 3.—No person shall, within said fire limits, keep hay or straw, in stack or pile, without having the same enclosed so as to protect it from flying sparks of fire; and no owner or occupant of a livery or other stable, or any other person, shall use therein, or in any other place containing hay, straw or other combustible matters, any lighted candle, or other light, except the same be kept safely enclosed in a lantern or other suitable covering to protect the same.

SEC. 4.—It shall be unlawful within said fire limits to smoke meat or boil pitch, tar, rosin, turpentine or varnish in any room or place, except the same be fire-proof.

SEC. 5.—Whoever shall, in person or by another, erect any building within said fire limits in violation of this ordinance, shall be liable to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, and the further sum of twenty-five dollars for every day after twenty days' notice that the building is permitted to stand; and any person who shall become the owner thereof after the same shall have been so built, and who shall omit, neglect or refuse to remove the same within twenty days after notice, shall be liable to pay the same penalties; and for the violation of any other provision of this Ordinance not herein provided for shall be liable to a fine in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

SEC. 6.—Any person, within the limits of this city, laying timbers, wood, or lumber into any flue, or chimney where fire passes, or laying joist, timbers, or lumber into any fireplace or under the hearthstone, shall be liable to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, and a further sum of five dollars for every day that such joist, timbers, wood, or lumber are permitted to remain after having been notified to remove the same.

SEC. 7.—It shall not be lawful, within the limits of said city, for the owner, occupant or other person having the control of any steam saw, or planing mill, or factory of any kind, or foundry, machine shop, or other establishment, to erect any smoke-stack or chimney in connection therewith of less height than ten feet above the highest building on the block, and shall securely brace or stay the same, and shall have on said stack or chimney a bonnet or spark-arrester, all to be done to the accept-

ance of the inspector of buildings.

SEC. 8.—The owners of all buildings within the limits of this city wherein fire is kept are hereby required to build flues or chimneys of brick or adobe in said buildings; and from and after the passage of this Ordinance it shall be unlawful to project any stovepipe through the roof or out of the side of any building; and on or before the First day of March, A.D. 1876, all stovepipes now in use projecting through the roof or out of the side of any building shall be removed by the owner thereof.

SEC. 9.—It shall not be lawful for any person within the limits of this city to use coal oil or other combustible fluid for the purpose of kindling fires, or to handle the same by pouring from one vessel to another at any other time than by daylight.

SEC. 10.—Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of the last three sections of this Ordinance shall be liable to a fine not to exceed fifty dollars, and a further sum of five dollars for every day that any stovepipe is permitted to remain through the roof or out of the side of any building, after the first day of March, A.D. 1876.

Passed November 30th, 1875.

DANIEL H. WELLS,

ROBERT CAMPBELL, Mayor.
City Recorder.

Territory of Utah, } ss.
Salt Lake City, }

This certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance, entitled, "An Ordinance establishing fire limits and for the prevention of fires," passed by the City Council, November 30th, 1875.

Given under my hand and the Corporate seal of Salt Lake City, this 7th day of December, A.D., 1875.

ROBERT CAMPBELL,
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