

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Kerosene lamps should never stand near hot stoves, or where the heat is so great as to convert the oil into gas. The practice of putting them in such dangerous positions is one cause of explosions.

Which is the owner? The late George Peabody said that he owned his money and would not allow it to own him. In this distinction lies the difference between freedom and slavery. Where money is master man is the servant.

Judge Hahn, of New Orleans, fell about a month since and broke his right leg. A few days since he got well enough to go out of doors, when he fell and broke the other leg. He will studiously avoid the open air for some time to come.

From official statistics just published it appears that the number of suicides in Prussia since 1874 has gone on increasing to an alarming extent. Whereas in that year 2,323 of such cases occurred, the list in 1877 showed a total of 4,330, divided between 3,539 males and 771 females.

Los Angeles County, California, has started an enterprise similar to that in Sanpete County, Utah, for the manufacture of sugar from sorghum. A stock company has been formed, and nearly all the stock subscribed. Machinery will be purchased and a fair test be made during the coming season.

Small-pox has broken out among the horses in and near Montreal, Canada. A local veterinary surgeon has treated over 100 cases within the past three weeks, and has between 20 and 30 animals under treatment at present. A number of grooms have been inoculated with the disease from working with the animals.

Prof. Venable, of Montreal, predicts that the northern portions of the United States and Canada will receive the heaviest snow-falls of the season during the month of March. The Professor is a very successful weather prophet, but we hope he will fall this time. However, March "came in like a lamb," and according to the old adage it should "go out like a lion."

A caution to pipe-smokers is contained in the experience of a French porter, who recently cut the forefinger of his right hand with a knife with which he had been cleaning out his pipe. The next day the finger swelled and the arm became inflamed, while tumors appeared under the arm-pits. The medical man called in recognized poisoning by nicotine, and seeing that amputation was necessary, sent the patient at once to the hospital, where at last, as it happened, he was lying in a very precarious condition.

Section 15 of Article XX of the New Constitution of the State of California provides that "No person shall, on account of sex, be disqualified from entering upon or pursuing any lawful business, vocation or profession." Women are voting at elections for educational officers in Kansas, Michigan, Colorado, Minnesota, Oregon, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York, and they are eligible to the offices for which they can vote. In Louisiana, Iowa, Illinois, California and some other States women are entitled to hold judicial offices but not to vote. In Wyoming women can vote and hold office in all respects with men.

THE NEW GOVERNOR.

This question, "Who is Governor of Utah?" is now settled, at least for a season. General Eli H. Murray has taken up his abode in this Territory, and has qualified by taking the oath of office before Chief Justice Hunter. It is scarcely too much to say that any brother official or other needy person to plot for his removal in abode of stepping into his shoes, and as it is not probable that the new Executive will have occasion for awhile to do anything either to evoke praise or excite anger, he will doubtless occupy his position in peace and have leisure to study the situation.

Usually the appointees of the Government come here strongly prejudiced against the great majority of the people for whose benefit they are clothed with official power. It would be strange if it were otherwise. So much has been said and done to misrepresent us, our views, our aims and our desires, that it would be marvelous if persons unacquainted with us were free from unfavorable bias. Most Utah officials commence their career under impressions derived from common rumor and strengthened by their first associations on arrival. Individuals who take delight in repeating old and oft-refuted stories of "Mormon" horrors and lawlessness, and fresh tales of their abominable and such tales, corroborating popular reports, are generally devoided without a grain of the wit of common sense, and unseasoned by the condiment of ordinary judgment. Time, however, in many instances, removes the effect thus produced, and if the new-comer has not committed himself rashly to a radical and hostile policy and an alliance with "strike-promoters" in the start, he learns by experience that there is wisdom often in waiting, and prudence in studying both sides of a subject before hurrying to a conclusion.

One great mistake frequently made by men who come here as representatives of the Government is that they are required to specially favor a small minority, and either ignore or attack the great majority of the citizens. There should be no partisanship in their course. There ought to be no question of "Mormon" or "Gentile" in their official minds. A Judge should decide according to the law, without regard to such considerations. A Governor, so far as he holds legitimate authority, should execute the law in the same spirit of impartiality. We have had Judges here who turned their courts into camps for the promotion of sectarian attacks against what they imagined was "Mormon" theology, and Governors who have taken the stump to humiliate the multitude against whom they pleased to call "Mormon" politics. Both were entirely out of place, and while they disgusted all sensible beholders of every creed and party, they accomplished nothing against the objects of their folly and spleen.

We can say this for the great body of the people who have settled and built up this Territory. Every man who attends honestly to the duties of his calling, no matter what may be his religion or his politics, is and will be respected and sustained by them, even if those duties sometimes require him to take a course contrary to their wishes. They have no quarrel with any impartial officer, no resistance against his legitimate exercise of rightful authority. It is only when official power is used outside of its prescribed limits, and laws are wrested out of their plain intent for the special injury of the great bulk of the people interested, that they ever complain or stand up in defense of their position and their rights.

From what we read and hear of the new Executive, we judge that he is not a man likely to be captured by a clique or whipped into line by the lash of any party like some of his predecessors. He bears a high reputation in his own State, and on leaving for the West received quite an ovation from leading citizens of various shades of political opinion. We join the people of Utah in extending to him a cordial welcome, and hope that his new home in the valleys of the Wasatch will become as pleasant and agreeable as it could possibly be in old Kentucky, and that as Governor of Utah he will succeed in gaining like the confidence of the great bulk of the people, and the approbation of the authorities at the seat of government.

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SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

WASHINGTON, 2.—Examination shows that the Agricultural Department cost \$541,000 to the government.

The Supreme Court, to-day decided the case of two negroes named Reynolds, who were charged with murder in Virginia, were taken by the United States court of Judge Rivers from the State court on the ground that they were receiving a fair impartial trial under the State laws, on account of their color. The State court appealed for a mandamus to have them restored to its jurisdiction. Judge Strong, in his opinion, held, first, that the object of the statutes under which the men were removed to the Federal jurisdiction was to give negroes equal civil rights with the whites. Second, that the prohibitions of the Fourteenth Amendment refer to State action exclusively, not to State action in individuals. Third, the prohibitions of the Fourteenth Amendment apply equally to all functions of the State government, executive, legislative or judicial, and Congress may enforce the prohibitions when disregarded by any department of State, and remove the case to a Federal court. Fourth, that the Fourteenth Amendment is broader than State 641, which authorizes the removal. The removal may be made before trial or final decision of the case. Fifth, the prohibitions of the Amendment do not apply to judicial infractions after trial, which infractions are left to the revisory power of this court. Sixth, the statute refers to a legislative denial or liability resulting from it. Seventh, the Constitution and laws of Virginia do not exclude colored citizens from juries. The petition for removal did therefore present a case for removal under section 641. Seventh, the defendant in this case moved to have one-third or some portion of the jury of his own race. The denial of this motion was not a denial of equal rights of citizens or by the 10th amendment. A mixed jury in a particular case is not essential to the equal protection of the laws. The colored man has a right to the selection of jurors to pass upon life, property, or liberty, and should not be excluded because of color, but that is different from what was claimed, namely, to have the jury composed partly of colored men and partly of whites. The Federal court has no rightful jurisdiction of the case and the writ of mandamus for the restoration of the prisoners to the State authorities must be granted.

No. 4. Original *ex parte*, to bring before the Supreme Court the case of Judge Coles, of Virginia, charged with excluding negroes from the jury on account of race and color. The Court decides the act of March 4th, 1875 is fully authorized by the Constitution. Although the defendant was a judicial officer of the State, yet in his ministerial duty of selecting jurors he was bound to discharge his functions in pursuance of the Federal Constitution. Judge Coles' application for a writ of *habeas corpus* and relief by the Court is denied. Judge Strong delivered the opinion; Clifford and Field dissented.

In a Tennessee case, where an internal revenue officer was indicted for murder, he having in self-defense killed a moonshiner, and having asked to have his case transferred to the Federal courts, the court lays down some very strong doctrines in favor of national supremacy and showing how State sovereignty might easily nullify the Constitution if carried to its limits. Justices Clifford and Field dissented.

Not Ending to a Cheeked Life. St. Louis, 2.—Last night a transient guest at the Euclid Hotel, was discovered dead in his room. Investigation showed the cause to be suicide. Morphine did the work. He registered simply "Stockton" but left a note saying, "as because I have got no home to go to." Today the body was recognized as E. C. Stockton, a nephew of Commodore Stockton, cousin of Senator Stockton. The dead man has occupied many offices of distinction. He was a South Carolina by birth, and graduated at the naval academy. He was with Perry in the Japan Expedition, and at the outbreak of the civil war he received the position of commander in the United States navy to join the Confederate navy, in which he was a captain afterwards becoming a colonel of land forces. After the war Stockton identified himself with the rebel interest in the south.

and was treasurer of a Texas enterprise. Two years ago he was the heaviest real estate dealer in Galveston, but made a wreck of his fortune in wild land speculations. He came to St. Louis as western manager for the *United States Trade Journal* of Boston. He attempted to reform and figured here somewhat as a temperance speaker. More recently his finances were very straitened and he took to drink again. His suicide was the final act in a long spree. Before the war Stockton had a very large plantation in South Carolina and a summer residence at Newport. He leaves a widow and three children comfortably provided for by life insurance. Mrs. Stockton is a cousin of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, and was once a southern woman of high social position. She and her husband had letters to some of the wealthiest people in St. Louis, but never sent them. The Knights of Honor took charge of the remains.

Thanks He was Sentenced. ALBANY, N. Y., 2.—The papers and affidavits signed by Charles Smith, recent editor of the *Albany Evening Journal* will be presented to Justice Westbrook in the Supreme Court to-morrow, asking for the appointment of a receiver for the *Journal* company. The affidavits recite that Smith purchased one-eighth interest in the *Journal*, in 1874, for \$15,500 on representations that the company owned \$125,000. Since purchasing he learns that the company owns large sums of money and the petitioner prays for a receiver and accountants.

The Telegraph War. New York, 2.—The officers of the American Union Telegraph Company received the following from New Orleans: The American Union Telegraph Company having arranged for building a line of telegraph on the right of way of the New Orleans and Mobile Railroad, and it being understood that the Western Union Co. will interfere and prevent the erection of the American Union line, because of its holding a contract in exclusive terms, with the same road, the American Union telegraph company to the courts and to-day obtained an injunction against the Western Union Co. restraining the latter from interference on the ground that it excluded rights of telegraph.

Sharp Parallel Between Parnell and Kearney. The *Herald* has an editorial comparing Parnell with Kearney, in which the following remarks are made: These worthy yokfellows in the trade of agitation have their points of resemblance, and their points of difference, but so far as they differ, we cannot see that Parnell has any advantage over the Sand Lots orator. Parnell having American ancestry on one side, is only an Irishman 14 carats fine, whereas Kearney is of unalloyed metal. Kearney is, on the whole, the more respectable character. Parnell has had a greater advantage of education, but Kearney has more vigorous natural talents. He is altogether more apt, spiky and ingenious in his public addresses. In point of courage we incline to think the Irishman is superior, in spite of his partial change of position, since the vigilance committee is threatened in San Francisco and his recent posing in the attitude of a martyr.

Persecuting the Car to Abolition. The *Star* has a dispatch from St. Petersburg which says: The Duke of Edinburgh, who kept to attend the ceremonies on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Czar's accession to the throne, is endeavoring to induce the Czar to abdicate.

An Overdose of Mail Matter. The greatest number of letters ever received in the New York Post office in one day came on Sunday. This was due to the arrival of six overdue mail steamers that day. Distribution clerks were kept busy employed from six o'clock Sunday night till 7 a. m. yesterday. The mail carriers on their first delivery took over 200,000 letters besides 40,000 circulars and 200 bags of newspapers. Postmaster James said yesterday that if the steamers had arrived on any other day than Sunday, the office would have been overwhelmed.

Guarding Telegraph Lines. An Omaha special says: The Union Pacific had a force of a hundred men out last night watching the A and P lines, of which they took possession on Friday.

The Situation in the West. The *Times* concludes a review of the situation in San Francisco as follows: The general impression which the disinterested reader gets from the newspaper reports is that the statements concerning the Chinese in San Francisco are very much exaggerated; that the men who demand the expulsion of the Chinese are mainly incompetent to replace the men whom they desire to drive out, and that the rate of wages demanded by the agitators is much too high for any normal condition of commercial industry.

The New Minister to Mexico. The *Herald's* Washington special says of the new Minister to Mexico, Judge Morgan: is an accomplished Spanish scholar and linguist, also with the law and institutions of Mexico. He was selected for the place by Ex-President Hayes, not only because he has long shown an intelligent appreciation of the value of closer commercial relations between the United States and Mexico and of the continuance of friendship between the two countries.

An Actress Dead. A San Francisco dispatch says: Mrs. Mary Chapman, the formerly well known actress, died yesterday, aged 67.

Death of Surgeon General Wood. BALTIMORE, 2.—Surgeon General Wm. Alexander Wood, United States Navy, died yesterday at his residence, Owling's Mills, Baltimore County, aged 72.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Czar's Accession. Dispatches from St. Petersburg say the city is gaily decorated and the day is being observed as a general holiday in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Czar's accession. At 10 this morning the dignitaries assembled before the Winter Palace, the troops were massed in the central quarter of the Palace, and immediately the Czar appeared on the balcony of the Palace, for 20 minutes saluting the multitude of people. Great enthusiasm prevailed. The members of the Council of the Empire, including the Chancellor, Prince Gortchakoff, at half-past 11 went to the Central Palace, and presented a congratulatory address. Decees have been published granting pardons to prisoners, remitting arrears of taxes owing by the rural population, and awarding orders of distinction.

taken to-day from the Tombs to the penitentiary. The Rev. Edward Convent, was at one time pastor of that institution.

UTAH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Stake was held at Provo City, commencing at 10:30 a. m., Saturday, February 28, 1886. President D. H. Wells and Elder Charles W. Penrose, of Salt Lake City, the Presidency and many of the Elders and prominent men of the Stake, being present.

Saturday, 10 a. m. Elder C. W. Penrose addressed the Saints in a very instructive discourse, touching upon the principle of true liberty; showing that a fullness of liberty was only obtained by obedience to correct laws and true principles governing the different conditions of life. The speaker plainly substantiated the necessity of intelligent obedience to true law and order, by referring to the grandeur and vastness of the laws governing the planetary worlds. Brother Penrose continued, occupying the time of the forenoon meeting in an instructive and interesting manner. At the afternoon meeting, reports of the statistical and financial reports of the Stake were read. President D. H. Wells spoke, alluding to the general opposition to the faith of the Latter-day Saints by the sects and religious parties of the day; contrasting the religious teachings and practices of the world with the teachings advanced by the Lord Jesus Christ. To all reflecting minds it was apparent that the religions of men did not meet the exigencies of the age; exhorted all to be faithful, making a strong appeal to the faith not to allow themselves to be led astray from the faith of their fathers, assuring them of the existence of a God, and denouncing the infidel spirit of the ages in direct opposition to the impulses and wants of man's nature.

At the conclusion of President Wells' remarks the general and local authorities were presented and sustained by the vote of the conference.

Sunday, 10 a. m. President Wells again addressed the Conference, speaking of the Latter-day Saints, which not only embraces all the morality and virtues inculcated by the religious faiths of the day, but reaches out far beyond with principles of salvation for the living and the dead. He dwelt upon the doctrine of baptism for the dead, which, though not comprehended by the religions of today, was well understood by the former-day Saints, quoting from the New Testament in support thereof.

In alluding to the persecutions suffered by the Saints in the early days of the Church, showed the great infringement upon the Constitution of the United States resulting therefrom, notwithstanding this, the Constitution of our country embraced the greatest religious freedom, and we will pay for a better administration of its inspired doctrines, and will ourselves support it, exhorting the Saints to cheerful attention to their duties, thus begotting confidence in themselves and one another.

President A. O. Sargent followed, commenting upon the new method inaugurated for the action of the bishops in their judgment upon the tithing payment of the members of their wards, which made very apparent who were practically supporting the government of the kingdom had been long since the attention by some to the requirements of the law of tithing, as sometimes in issuing recommendations he found himself constrained to use the word "fellowship." Advised the youth of Zion to observe the true order of the marriage covenant as established for their guidance, that the Nephties and God's priesthood might accompany them in their unions; exhorted the conference to the performance of every commandment of the Lord, and that they might in their joy might be full in the Lord.

Sunday, 2 p. m. Elder Chas. W. Penrose delivered a discourse showing that the laws and commandments of God were given according to the capacities of the people and the different circumstances surrounding them at different times. Quoted from the Bible in illustration of this, and also from the Book of Mormon, particularly in reference to the marriage covenant—the law revealed unto the Nephties on this subject and the revelation in these days on celestial marriage—establishing the point that while truth is the law revealed unto the Nephties and God, changes and commandments given in one age are not always adapted to another, and that without violating any established principle, the law may be changed to the times and circumstances of the periods when they were made known.

Bishop Wm. Paxman followed, tracing up the practical duties of the Saints, and said to discharge the duty of his office in reminding his brethren of the necessity for a practical support of the Church; the blessings of God followed the observer of the law of tithing, as was witnessed in the experience of all Latter-day Saints.

Conference was then adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Daniel H. Wells.

The choir, under the leadership of Pres. Daniel H. Wells, the assistance of Prof. Buckley, contributed to the general good spirit that pervaded our conference; the rendition of Joseph the seer was particularly effective, and appeared to the spirits of the Saints in memory of the martyred Prophet.

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