

Valparaiso to Callao is about complete, and a land line is to be extended from Valparaiso on the Pacific, across the Argentine Republic, to Buenos Ayres on the Atlantic.

A cable is being laid connecting the United States with Guatemala, and the lines we have mentioned will be brought into connection with this cable. Other lines will be extended, and thus telegraphic communication will before long be had between the United States and the chief points in South America, and they with all the European countries, and so on to Asia and Africa.

This is all in the programme for that complete system of inter-communication which is to aid largely in bringing about the spread of intelligence, the fraternization of nations, the dispelling of error, the banishment of strife and the inauguration of universal peace.

Of course there is to be a dreadful season of commotion and war and trouble before that time of brotherhood and joy. But when the clouds have cleared and the woes of the world have passed, as in this case of Chili and Peru, the nations will join in plaus for the good of all, they will not learn war any more, and human force and intelligence will be employed to develop all the good there is in this globe and make it a fit abode for redeemed humanity and for the presence and glory of its Maker.

### GOOD TASTE IN CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

THE following pertinent remarks on this timely subject are from the columns of the *Ladies' Home Journal*:

"Good taste discriminates between the needs of country and town, and does not send an opera glass or party-bag to the farm-house; neither does it give the boy a book which he ought to like, but tries to select one to complete his favorite series. Children's stockings are sometimes filled from the standpoint of maturity. Utility and not suitability governs the choice of their contents. There has been many a disappointed, sorrowful heart on Christmas morning because the powers that be, forgetting their own childhood, had catered to the tastes of forty instead of to those of four.

"So youth sometimes confoundage. The young girl who 'adores olives' perplexes her plain old auntie by the presentation of a queer little dish for which her domestic economy finds no use. It is wise not to consult our own preferences, but to discover and gratify the individual fads and fancies of others.

"On the principle of like attracting like, the most valuable gift often finds its way to the one who needs it least. In some cases good judgment dictates the giving of money as the kindest

thing to be done. How often some poverty-straitened one has sighed over the expensive gift, 'If I only had the money this cost.' No field affords a wider opportunity for the exercise of common sense than Christmas giving. Women, by exercising judgment, not only benefit themselves but are a positive blessing in their example to the entire sex, and the Yule-tide of 1890 will be a happy one indeed if common sense is more employed in Christmas gifts.

### THAT INTERVIEW.

THE following is clipped from the Salt Lake *Times* of yesterday, December 13th. We know nothing of the merits of the case:

"No rascal ever saw the halter draw, with good opinion of the law.' The ring organ (*Tribune*) cannot be expected to have a good opinion of the instrument of its torture, the *Times*. For years past Pat Lannan's Own conducted itself in a manner as if it owed the Liberal party of Utah. Those of the party who demurred to this assumption were promptly squelched. There was no redress, no appeal from the dictum of the stern Patrick. Mortgaged his sheet may be, but no man could aspire to prominence in the party council unless he first mortgaged his soul to the self-constituted boss. Some day the *Times* may deal at greater length with the arrogant autocrat of the ring organ. Opposition naturally arose to his rule, and self-respecting men rebelled against the authority of an upstart who was not restricted even by the finer sensibilities pertaining to a gentleman to treat them civilly. Still, no organized effort to dethrone him could succeed since his reign of terror backed by Mackey's duets overawed all attempts in that direction.

"It is different now, however. The influence of Lannan's Own is waning before the towering competition of *The Times*. The ring organ is not paying any dividends. Its tone of insolence is sometimes tempered with the voice of cajolement. Mormon halting is getting stale, flat and unprofitable. Othello's occupation is gone. The Liberal party has an organ in *The Times* that is fair, candid and fearless at the same time, and Editor-in-Chief Pat Lannan is accordingly sad at heart, and depressed in spirit. He is also lying sometimes in his heart and in his soul.

"Yesterday an interview appeared in the *Times* with M. O. Phillips, showing the true animus of Lannan's Own in persecuting Recorder Hyams. The ring sheet rose in virtuous wrath to smite him hip and thigh—if he didn't acknowledge the boss and forswear the *Times*. If he did, he might return and all would be forgiven. Even defalcation, if it had occurred, would not stand in the way of absolution and silence, so long as the greater sin of defiance to the boss was appeased. No influence whatever, save that of justice, meantime swayeth the *Times*.

In Lannan's Own this morning appears the following:

"An evening paper last night contained a purported interview with Father-in-law Phillips in regard to the action of the *Tribune* in the Hyams matter. Either Mr. Phillips was willfully misrepresented or states what is untrue as regards the general conclusion, with the chances in favor of the former state of affairs. Mr. Phillips knows the conversation too well to make any such statement, which is a falsehood on the face of it. This denial is made, not because of the paper in which the absurdity absurdly appears, but because the name of an old-timer, who, in times past, has been entitled to respect, is made responsible for it.

"The interview referred to was genuine, authentic, true. Lannan's Own knows it, and shirks the consequences in its usually dastardly and cowardly way by relegating the denial to a local scribe. It will never do, however. The business end of the paper appreciates that already, and it is thus that Patrick's tough conscience can be touched to the quick."

### A LETTER FROM "PHOENIX."

Eighteen miles from Parowan is found the flourishing city of Cedar, famous for its sheep industries and the valuable mineral and coal deposits in the vicinity. About fifteen thousand dollars' worth of wool has been shipped north this fall, and the city contains evidences of the thrift and industry of its people.

Cedar City cemetery is close to the road, but well protected by a good rock wall, which has been built by skilled masons. Work has been resumed on the Tabernacle, which is one of the best and most commodious buildings in Southern Utah.

The storekeepers are kept quite busy by their numerous customers and there are sufficient mercantile establishments to satisfy the wants of all and to suit the most fastidious.

The Stake Academy is located here, well attended, and ably conducted by Principal M. H. Dalley.

Piuto is a little settlement nearly thirty miles from Cedar and contains about twelve families.

The irregularity of the streets and dwellings confirms the statement once made by Brother Musser, that it had "the appearance of having been shot out of a cannon." However, the people have erected good, substantial dwellings and appear to be well-to-do. The Co-op. store has laid in a good supply of merchandise for the winter, and school is now in session in the comfortable little meeting house.

Six miles distant is the town of Hamblin, but only a few families reside there, the floods having caused many deep washes through their farming lands.

Hebron is in the extreme Northwest of Washington County, Utah. Almost all the buildings are built substantially of brick. An excellent school is conducted by Brother Bowler, and the people are doing moderately well. Prospectors say that the surrounding hills are very rich with minerals and marble, and