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NEWS OF THE DAY.

A man and two boys drowned yesterday, in the Oswego river, N. Y.

Mr. Orville Grant denies ever having anything to do with the selling of autographs, and says he is willing to be investigated by a picked committee of democratic congressmen.

The Harpers have just issued Mr. S. S. Cox's book, "Why we Laugh."

Charles Brent was arrested on arriving at Queensbury, yesterday, charged with forging bills for \$15,000 on a bank at Louisville, Ky.

More details of the fire at the Home for the Indigent, Brooklyn, in today's telegraphic columns.

A congressional committee is at Philadelphia, to investigate affairs at the navy yard.

More failures announced today.

Twenty-five thousand dollars damage by fire, at Chicago.

It is said that Washington lawyers, who have studied the case, are of the opinion that Belknap cannot be convicted, since March, the principal witness against him, has left the country.

Ex-Chief Justice McKean, of Utah, has seen the non-Mormon member elected, an arbitrary, with-out-law-of-justice, reason or sense, disfranchising a thousand or so of American citizens. It is the only time in secret convulsion, refusing access to his duties to the opposition press, and keeping its own press mum with regard to the same.

Now, suppose that the Governor of Utah had not the absolute veto power, or suppose that a Jack-Mormon Governor had been in office, and certainly the Church has spent no effort to secure one of both of these contingencies, what show would the public have had? What has the Church left undone to secure a secret session of its Legislature? Can a state of things which renders such an occurrence possible be expected to exist much longer within the United States.

It is true that the Territorial Legislature has held a secret session, and the only assurance the Territory has not its secular interests have not been subordinated to the supposed interests of the most bigoted, intolerant, bloody and beastly Church known to modern history, is its belief in the ability of Governor Emery to rightly apprehend, and in his disposition to faithfully guard, those interests.

But is this all together safe dependence in a popular government? Suppose it had been Governor Axtell instead of Governor Emery? No more striking justification of the Utah opposition has ever been afforded than the action of the Mormon Church, touching the late session of the Territorial Legislature.

GO. J. HOLMES, JR.,
SALT LAKE, March 6, 1876.

We here take up some of the misrepresentations and falsehoods contained in the above venomous utterance.

1. It is not true that nobody knows what the Legislature has done. The News and various other papers in the city and Territory published the legislative proceedings daily as they took place, also at the close of the session the News and other local papers published a list of the bills presented in both houses, with the ultimate fate of those bills, so that the public knows what bills have become law.

2. Technically it may be true that no paper published synopses or abstracts of bills before the Legislature. But on Saturday last, March 4, one of the most important of the laws passed, the School law, was published entire in the daily News, and subsequently in the semi-weekly and weekly News, and the News is more extensively read than any other paper in the Territory. During the course of the session the various local papers published what they pleased of the doings of the Legislature, the bills presented, the discussions thereon, etc.

If Congress had provided the wherewithal to pay for the immediate publication of the laws passed during the session, they might have been promptly published for the benefit of the public. As it is, the Secretary of the Territory may publish them at his own option. But Congress allowed the members of the Legislature to sit at their own individual expense, without any remuneration, or provision for publication of the doings of the Legislature. Congress not only refused to pay the members of the Legislature, but also forbade the Territory to pay them. As Congress set an example of such stingy economy, the local Legislature could hardly be expected to violate this economical precedent so glaringly as to pay the people's money with anything like extravagance, or profuse liberality. After the Legislature did do better than Congress—the Legislature did provide for the publication of its journals, etc., also of their own Territorial laws in force, codified.

3. The Legislature prevented a person, who was not legally elected, from having a seat to which he was not entitled, and allowed it to a person who was legally elected from the same county. What less could the Legislature have done in this matter? In so doing, not one legal voter was disfranchised, but the rights of legal voters were protected.

4. It is not true that the Legislature held secret session or secret convulsion. The Legislature did nothing tending that way. The federal officers, and other gentlemen were accorded the freedom of the two houses, and the houses were open to the public generally, in the manner, usual with Legislatures elsewhere. Collector Hollister himself was tendered the freedom of the Council, and if the same courtesy was not extended to him by the House, it was a mere matter of oversight. The representatives of the press were there, and they reported, and had published, all that transpired in the Legislature. Hollister's secret session, then Collector Hollister was in the position of party to that secrecy.

5. The talk that the gubernatorial

absolute veto is the only thing which leaves secular interest in rubbish, as everybody knows. The legal voters of a hundred thousand people elect the members of the Legislature, and it is not only absolutely unrepresentative, but simply preposterous, to claim that a federal appointee to the governorship is endowed with superior wisdom to all these people and their elected representatives, and that it is a special blessing of an over-riding providence that this Governor exercises an absolute veto on what these 100,000 people and their chosen representatives do, lest they do themselves serious injury in matters pertaining almost solely to themselves. What wonderful republicanism this is, that the wisdom of this one man, in his gubernatorial capacity, is necessary to prevent the people and their representatives from doing themselves wilful and serious injury, enacting the part of a *felo-de-se*, or doing some other dreadful thing, and that this Governor's veto is the only preventive! Would it indeed! There is a providence, etc.

Our space diminishes, and we must close with remarking that this miserable attempt of the Collector to carry favor with the ring organ, recover party popularity, and help to heal party sores by foully attacking and vilifying slandering the "Mormons" without the slightest reasonable occasion even for severe animadversion, will not make him much political capital. It is a poor kick for popularity. It is a pitiable thing to see a man, who is a federal officer, and who claims to be a gentleman, sacrifice his manhood in the prosecution of such a paltry purpose.

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Wanted in Washington.
BALTIMORE, 7.—Captain Geo. T. Robinson has a communication from H. B. Banning, chairman of the House committee on military affairs, requesting him to appear before the committee to make a complete statement of matters within his knowledge bearing on the pending investigation, Captain Robinson states that he is very anxious to appear before the committee, and he will do so immediately, should his counsel consent, which he says is most probable, as it will give him an opportunity to show that the charges made against him are false.

Navy Yard Affairs to be Investigated.
PHILADELPHIA, 7.—A sub-committee of the House committee on naval affairs, arrived in this city this morning, from Washington, for the purpose of investigating the alleged irregularities in the affairs of the navy yard here; the investigation will commence at once.

The Brooklyn Fire.
NEW YORK, 7.—In a room on the third story in the second tier of the Home of the Indigent, destroyed by fire this morning, a horrible sight presented itself to the gaze of the firemen who were first able to make their way through the smoke and flames into it. There, stretched upon a mattress, quite dead, and even the pillows of which had been singed by the fire and partially covered with the water that had been poured upon it, lay a man, who was a member of the corps of nine unfortunate creatures, some of whom were paralytic, and all of whom were not able to leave their beds. A few of them were burned, and the hair upon their heads was singed, but all died of suffocation from smoke caused by the fire. On the second floor, likewise, one old man was found dead seated in his chair; he also died of suffocation, and he is believed to have been unable to leave his seat. As soon as the flames were subdued, a trying duty awaited the firemen, as the ruins of the building were so close together that it was certain there were the bodies of many who had perished in the most terrible manner, but what monument was impossible to determine, for the men, as fast as they could escape, were either housed in residences in the neighborhood or were waiting about in a hall, and in some instances, a half-clad condition. The firemen, however, continued pouring water on the embers, and when these cooled they were taken to the hall, and their bodies, brought from the debris, were placed in a hall, and in some instances, a half-clad condition. The firemen, however, continued pouring water on the embers, and when these cooled they were taken to the hall, and their bodies, brought from the debris, were placed in a hall, and in some instances, a half-clad condition.

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WASHINGTON, 7.—The grand jury, today, examined Col. Belknap, in the Belknap case, and to-morrow, Wm. Tomlinson will appear before the grand jury, and to-morrow, Wm. Tomlinson will appear before the grand jury.

By Telegraph.
FOREIGN.
RUSSIA.
Captured.
ST. PETERSBURG, 7.—Late Khokan advises state that the would-be Khan, Fint Beg, having fled to the Altai mountains to incite the mountain tribes to rise against Russian rule, has been captured and handed over to the authorities.

By Telegraph.
WESTERN.
The Spaulding Court-Martial, etc.
SAN FRANCISCO, 7.—In the Spaulding court-martial, John Brown, cashier of the Vallejo Bank, testified that the bank held a certificate of indebtedness issued to J.