

bay, heard a heavy report. Looking in the direction of the sound, they saw an immense volume of smoke and flame suddenly burst forth from the summit of Mt. Augustine. The sky became obscured, and a few hours after great quantities of pumice dust began to fall, some fine and smooth and some gritty. At 3:30 on the same day an earthquake wave, 30 feet high, came rushing in over the hamlet, sweeping away all the boats and deluging the houses; the tide at the time being low saved the settlement from utter destruction. This was followed by two other waves 18 feet high, and these were succeeded at intervals by others. Pumice ashes fell 5 inches deep, making the day to dark that lamps had to be lighted. At night the surrounding country was illuminated by the flames from the crater. Ordinarily Mount Augustine is covered with snow; this year it has been completely bare. Examination after the disturbance subsided found the mountain split in two from base to summit. The northern slope had fallen to a level with the surrounding cliffs. Simultaneously with the eruption was the formation of a new island in the passage between Chornaboura Island and the mainland, 75 feet high, a mile and a half long. The violence of the volcanic action was so great that two extinct volcanoes on the peninsula of Alaska, lying to the west of the volcano of Iliamna, 12,000 feet high, burst into activity, emitting immense volumes of smoke, dust and flames, that were visible at night. It is stated that the wives of a party of Aleut Indians engaged in that locality in other hunting became afraid of the subterranean noise, refused to stay and returned home. None of those who remained can be found.

PITTSBURG, 29.—In accordance with resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the Western Nail Association all factories of the west will be closed down to-night for a period of six weeks. Manufacturers hope to improve trade by restricting production. This suspension throws over 5,000 men out of employment.

NEW YORK, 29.—There is a marked improvement in General Grant's condition to-day. The pain is not so severe and he rested comfortably during the night. The physicians say he will be out in three or four days.

CHICAGO, 29.—A Washington special says of Judge Payson, who was in the West this summer investigating the Pacific roads, that he is the most modest unassuming man in the House, but he is doing the most effective work of any of the Western members. He has completely mastered the whole subject of railroad grants, and you will find before his term of Congress is over that through his work some of those many millions of acres now held by speculators will be thrown open for stable settlement by bona fide settlers.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., 28.—For a long time past the southwestern part of this State and the northern part of Missouri have been infested with horse thieves, whose headquarters it is believed have been Cape Girardeau. A farmer named Kimball, living in Northern Missouri, had three horses stolen, and organizing a posse of seven started in pursuit of the thieves who numbered three, and who were overtaken near Forsyth, Mo. The thieves turned on their pursuers and a sharp fight ensued. Two of the pursuers were seriously injured and two of the thieves, James and Andrew Davies, formerly residents of Cape Girardeau, were shot dead and the third one fatally wounded.

NEW YORK, 29.—Rose Horan, formerly ladies maid to Lady Mandeville, has begun a suit to recover \$20,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment at the instance of Mandeville, who charged the maid with larceny.

## FOREIGN.

LONDON, 27.—There is a revival of the attempts to destroy lives and property by explosives.

Besides the explosion at Birkenhead on the night of the 25th, a dynamite cartridge exploded in Barrack Street, Strapane, County Tyrone, Ireland, yesterday, destroying the roofs of houses.

A box of explosives with fuse attached, was found on the track of the Great Western Railway, near Axminster.

Liverpool, 27.—Anxiety is felt regarding the safety of the steamer Celtic, which is over due. The Celtic sailed from New York, Dec. 15, for Liverpool.

Paris, 27.—The Chamber of Deputies discussed the bill granting a credit of 2,000,000 francs for the proposed colonization of Algeria.

National and Temps newspapers, both state France will exact some security for the due discharge of the pecuniary responsibility incurred by China's aggressive attitude in connection with the Tonquin question.

It is said that during the visit of the Crown Prince to the Pope, the latter repeatedly referred to questions concerning the Church, but the Prince declined to commit himself on that subject.

Zapoc, Bohemia, 27.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt here, causing the inhabitants to flee to the neighboring fields.

St. Petersburg, 27.—The health of the Czar is improving, and the pains and inflammation caused by the recent accident are subsiding.

Antwerp, 27.—Ghislain Cahn Painvin & Orion, bankers, have suspended payment; liabilities \$400,000.

Madrid, 27.—At a Cabinet Council, the Ministers explained the political situation to King Alfonso, and expressed their fears that an agreement between the Ministerialists and supporters of Sagasta is impossible.

Cairo, 27.—Thirteen hundred Egyptian troops arrived at Khartoum from Fashoda; they met no resistance on the way. The garrison at Khartoum now numbers 4,000.

A female slave captured by El Mahdi after slaying a Kababist chief, her master, recently escaped from El Obied, reports El Mahdi in great fear, and that he had sent his family to a place of safety. Neighboring tribes refused to help him.

An emissary of El Mahdi arrived at Munich, 40 miles above Cairo; he declared it was his intention to proceed to Cairo and Mecca.

Suakim, 27.—A dispatch states the rebels are menacing Rimayeh. An Egyptian gunboat embarks the garrison and inhabitants.

Paris, 28.—It is rumored on the Bourse that the French forces have landed upon the island of Hainan, opposite the mouths of the delta of Red River and command the Straits of Hainan through which all commerce via the Gulf of Tonquin passes to Hong Kong. The rumor lacks confirmation.

LONDON, 28.—The Times Cairo correspondent says the administration Egypt during the past year is a failure. The sole remedy is either abandonment of English interference in the Khedive's government, or acceptance of some responsibility for its operation.

The correspondent adds there is reason to believe this conviction has already forced itself upon the English government.

Dublin, 28.—Arrangements are made for special trains to carry 20,000 Orangemen to oppose the nationalist meetings at Dromore, County Down, and Coatsville, County Cavan.

Placards signed by Lord Rosemore are posted in Monaghan, summoning Orangemen to oppose the nationalist meeting at Coatsville.

LONDON, 28.—Late information from Hanover gives details of the Rathbone tragedy. Colonel Henry A. Rathbone, of Albany, N. Y., son of a merchant of that city, with his wife and children, was sojourning in Hanover. The tragedy took place on Monday last. At that time, Col. Rathbone, while laboring under a fit of melancholia, entered the bed chamber of his wife and shot her dead, the ball entering the heart. He then stabbed himself three times. Rathbone has been showing signs of melancholia for two months. He may recover.

Paris, 28.—A Canton dispatch says the Viceroy is ordered to send troops to the Tonquin frontier.

It is rumored the French have besieged Bac Ninh, the occupation of which is imminent.

Five hundred students met in the Quartier Latin and resolved, in view of the refusal of the Ori du Feupel to apologize for obnoxious articles, that they should visit the editors and demand satisfaction by resort to arms.

Marseilles, 28.—Dispatching of reinforcements to Tonquin will be hastened. The government has asked the French steamship companies for transports to send 2,000 troops immediately.

St. Petersburg, 28.—The commission which have been in session here several months preparing for a reform in local administration have completed their task. Count Tolstol of the Imperial Council, however, opposes their conclusions so

strongly that conflict has arisen and the Emperor has been appealed to.

Warsaw, 28.—The police seized the printing office of a socialist paper, the Proletariat.

Cairo, 28.—A Khartoum telegram reports El Mahdi's troops advancing on Dongola and Sennar in two bodies.

Calcutta, 28.—The majority of the natives disapprove the concordat arranged between the Indian government and the Anglo-Indian Association, under the provisions of which no native except a district judge is allowed to exercise criminal jurisdiction over a European British subject. The ground of objection is, it will cause a constant failure of justice, and create rights in this territory which British subjects never possessed or claimed, while at the same time similar rights are denied natives.

Cape Coast Castle, 28.—Affairs of Ashante are quiet. The people are overawed by the recent slaughter of King Koffee's family, and the daily massacre of his adherents, hundreds of women have been executed; 68 of Koffee's children have been killed. One of Koffee's adherents, hearing he ex King's life was endangered, sent 90 men for a body guard. These remained with Koffee several days with the consent of the present King, were then suddenly attacked and killed.

Trieste, 28.—Seampler, editor of Irivolent Independente, is arrested on a charge of high treason.

DUBLIN, 29.—A city circular has been issued by the Orange Grand Masters of Ireland, which advises the enrollment of an Orange volunteer force or militia, if possible old soldiers, to strengthen the Orange society in fighting for it. Government will be petitioned to allow these volunteers to be armed with rifles, which will be kept in the nearest Orange halls or barracks.

Paris, 29.—The decree prohibiting the importation of salted meats into French ports is published. It admits until January 20th, '84, only fully cured, wholesome, perfectly preserved and completely salted meats, and they must be so pronounced by experts.

Rome, 29.—The Pope holds a consistory in April, when several Cardinals will be created and the vacant sees of America filled. It is rumored that another American Cardinal will be appointed at the close of the forthcoming council for the United States, probably Archbishop Gibbons of Baltimore.

Bombay, 29.—The revolt of Thek Vora against the Maharajah of Bikaner has been suppressed.

Hawarden, 29.—Congratulations are pouring in upon Gladstone from all parts of Great Britain upon this his birthday anniversary.

Hong Kong, 29.—The position of the French troops at Tonquin is unchanged since the fall of Sontay. Linn Fong commander of the Black Flag was severely wounded and a lieutenant killed in the defense of Sontay. It is understood that the French will not attack Bac Ninh before the arrival of reinforcements.

Paris, 29.—It is reported that the French loss in killed and wounded at the capture of Sontay was 86 officers and nearly 1,000 men. The loss of the Black Flags in the same battle was 6,000, and the Black Flag army, after the defeat of Sontay retreated to Hong Hoa and Namdinh. The French found \$2,000,000 in Sontay. It is reported also that China is acting under advice of European powers and has withdrawn her troops from Bac Ninh.

Paris, 29.—The Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 249 to 211, rejected the government credit bill for fifty million francs to colonize Algeria.

Marseilles, 29.—Five thousand stokers and sailors are out on strike.

## Correspondence.

AN ABLE DEFINITION OF THE POSITION OF THE RE-ORGANIZED CHURCH.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., December 23d, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

In justice to Joseph the Martyr, and to the prophets and patriarchs Abraham and Jacob, who are being charged with transgression and shame by the leader of the Reorganized Church, I ask you to publish these few lines, that, if possible, error may be exposed and cease to prosper under an assumed name.

The prophecies concerning the termination of all things is evidently fast approaching fulfillment. We hear of wars and rumors of wars in

foreign lands, and all things are in commotion, and the spirit of God is ceasing to strive with man, the devil has gained the hearts of the high and low, rich and poor, statesmen and clergymen alike. False prophets have arisen and have deceived many, and will doubtless deceive many more before they are consumed by the "brightness of His coming."

The signs of war and desolation are now visible in this nation, and doubtless the time is very near when every man's work will be tried and his faith tested to the uttermost and it seems as if Utah and her people would not escape the trying process. Utah polygamy will doubtless be tested of what sort it is, and if the polygamy of Utah is the same that was practiced by King Noah and his priests, of whom the Book of Mormon gives an account, then will wicked men have power to reveal it by their wickedness in a manner that shall speak in their ears with a voice louder than that which shall shake the earth. But if the Utah Church are practicing the system of marriage in the same manner that justified Abraham and Jacob, which, they profess, they need not fear, for "God will fight their battles," as He has said.

Joseph Smith the Reorganizer has wilfully charged the Seer and Martyr, his father, with transgression in various instances. I will here quote a portion of a tract called "The Successor," in which he quotes part of the revelation concerning the one "mighty and strong" having reference to himself, while his father he quotes the following: "While that man who was called of God and appointed that putteth forth his hand to steady the ark of God shall fall by the shaft of death, like as a tree that is smitten of lightning. \* \* \* Such was the manner of Joseph's death, when he fell pierced by the gunshots of assassins." (The Successor, p. 2.)

What inference can be drawn from this quotation except that he tries to prove, that for some wrong act, for some transgression or other, his father was punished with instant death? Hence he has endeavored to prove his father a transgressor and himself a transgressor's successor, or, in other words, one "mighty and strong." Under these circumstances, from whence or whom does he claim Priesthood, either lineal or otherwise? God says to the Seer in Liberty fall as follows:

And they who charge thee with transgression their hope shall be blasted and their prospects shall melt away as the hoar frosts melteth before the burning rays of the rising sun \* \* \* they shall not have a right to the Priesthood nor their posterity after them, from generation to generation." This same great reorganizer has this to say of Abraham in substance: "Abraham hid his evil example from his son Isaac, by sending his children to the east country, whom he had by his concubines." Of Jacob he says: "Rachel, not Leah, was Jacob's real wife," as much as to say that the other three were not his wives, (while the Bible calls them wives in plain terms,) hence accusing him of a crime greater in the eyes of God, more hostile to his laws than polygamy is made to appear by Joseph Smith, of Lamoni. From four women sprang the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Had they not been acknowledged legitimate by God why did not Jacob do as Abraham did send all but Joseph and Benjamin, to some other country? From what is called the "inspired translation of the Bible," published by the Reorganized Church we read the following words said by God concerning Abraham: "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because that Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes and my laws." Genesis 26 chap. 5 ver.

Whatever the practices of the Mormons of Utah may be as regards chastity in the marriage relation I cannot say. But let not man condemn the works of Abraham and Jacob and other prophets whom God in His word has justified and exalted, in order to convict Utah of crime. Such is the position of the Reorganized church to-day, with a man who is "mighty and strong" at its head. Thus the sons of the martyr have justified themselves and exalteth themselves above their father and the prophets and also above God, for they, contrary to His words, have judged the things of God to be of the devil and the things of the devil to be of God.

The Elders of the Reorganized Church distribute these tracts all over the country. Still they are obliged to acknowledge from their own Scriptures that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are saved and exalted in the kingdom of God, while they at the same time through these tracts set them forth indirectly as transgressors and adulterers. Thus they have either made a grand mistake or are introducing a plan of salvation whereby the most licentious can sit down in the kingdom of Heaven with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the holy Prophets. It is plain to be seen that the coming of Christ is at hand, according to the prophecy of Paul, "For that man of sin who exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped has already made his appearance, for it is self evident that all they who find fault with Abraham's faith and works are corrupt themselves and have no confidence in the words of God.

The Book of Mormon says, "Blessed are the Gentiles of whom the Prophet has written, for behold if it so be that they shall repent and fight not against Zion, and the covenant people of the Lord, and do not unite themselves to that great and abominable Church they shall be saved." According to the above the reorganization have raised their chances for salvation, for it is plainly seen that they have united themselves and are striving to be united with the orthodox Christendom, inasmuch that they not only love its praise but its ways, and the pulsations of the heart of the Mother of Abominations finds a hearty response in its weaker member, plainly indicating that the Union that has been effected is perfect. The very sentiments advocated by the mother of harlots are fully endorsed and supported by its adopted members.

The last letter written by Joseph Smith to Mr. Littlefield of Logan, but refused publication in the Utah Journal is now out in a tract form and a great many of the Reorganized Church are jubilant over their supposed victory and Littlefield's defeat which is claimed because of the failure of Utah papers to answer his last letter, but the last letter is as absurd as the first and needs no further answer.

Very respectfully,  
E. PETERSON.

## SPICKS OF SPICE.

Thanks, we wish you the same.

Little Reesy: "Oh, mama, I've got such a headache in my stomach."

Why is a mad bull an animal of convivial disposition?—Because he offers a horn to every one he meets.

Some men keep savage dogs around their houses, so that the hungry poor who stop to "get a bite," may get it outside the door.

The Washington milkmen are not allowed to ring bells, as they disturb the slumbers of the policemen. They might be allowed to use dumb-bells.

Josh Billings inclines to the belief that if a man is on his way to the woods to commit suicide, and a bull suddenly gives chase, the chances are that he will run for his life.

"So you wouldn't take me to be twenty!" said a rich heiress to an Irish gentleman, while dancing the polka. "What would you take me for, then?" "For better or worse."

There is among men such intense affection that they often boast of defects which they have not, more willingly than of qualities which they have.—George Sand.

A Galveston man, who has a mule for sale, hearing that a friend in Houston wanted to buy a mule, telegraphed him: "Dear friend, if you are looking for a No. 1 mule, don't forget me."

Hostess (whispering to distinguished amateur): "I want you to sing next." Distinguished Amateur (whose voice is not quite what it used to be): "I thought I wasn't to sing till quite at the end." Hostess: Yes; but there are not less enough, and I want some of the people to go."

"Is your wife a democrat or a republican?" asked one Rockland citizen of another in a store this morning. "She's neither," was the prompt response, and then glancing cautiously around and sinking his voice to a hoarse whisper he explained: "She's a Home Ruler."—Rockland Courier.