

EDITORIAL NOTE.

Japanese professional have invented fireworks for use by day-light. These are sent up to a great height and form on bursting beautiful shapes of trees, birds, and animals.

The bullion shipments from Silver Reef in southern Utah from August 31st, 1877, to January 5th, 1878, amount to \$14,832.50. So we learn by telegraph to-day. This, in the winter season, is a pretty good showing for one mining district of Utah.

The cent is expunged from the currency of these western regions. Not the addition of one cent per bushel in the price of corn makes a difference of \$10,000,000 in one year to the United States.

Apropos of the coming struggle, in which Germany is likely to take sides with Russia, a Berlin journal boasts that the German fleet, though less in number than the French or English navy, is superior in material and artillery, as well as in the skill of its officers and the completeness of its equipment.

Putting up stovepipes is an exasperating task for irritant people generally. It is a common proceeding, but in a recent instance resulted in a tragedy. A man named Cheney, with his father-in-law, Snyder, while fixing some stovepipes in Lancaster, Pa., quarrelled, fought and Cheney was killed. Piping times, the

Ingratitude is a heinous crime. What do you think of the return for kindness made by a girl, Augusta, Ga., a short time after she jumped from a bridge into a river, a man who saw the act, rescued her, and, on her escape, to do it again, restrained her. She turned round and had him arrested for assault.

On the 2nd inst., we received the first number of the Salt Lake Independent, but have seen so more of the new-born infant. Does the child still live? If so, it would better be sending it round for inspection, and let the carrier, small it or bring it inside the city. It is too tender to be thrown on the ground this frosty weather.

Our latest dispatches into the triumph of the war in England. If John Bull is in between the Great Bear of the North and its prey in the sea, there will be a rush of the other animals to either side, and all eyes will be turned to the struggle. The events of the next few years will be momentous. The age is vivid for a general European conflict.

THE "MORMON BIBLE."

AN article has been going the rounds of the papers about "the original Mormon Bible," started in the Detroit Post and Tribune, a reporter of which interviewed Major J. H. Gilbert, of Palmira, who claims to have set up in type nearly all the matter for the first edition of the Book of Mormon, and to have been the author of the book. The article from the press and exhibits them as a great curiosity.

There is a great deal of nonsense talked about this first edition. It is said to be a very rare book, and in many respects essentially different from the subsequent editions. There are quite a number of copies of the first edition of the book in this Territory, and its contents are substantially identical with all other editions of the work. The chief difference is in the printing and binding, which are better in the later editions than in the first.

The article to which we refer states that "nobody but Joseph Smith ever saw the golden tablets." It is evident that the writer of this statement is ignorant of the history of the book and of the facts in the case, and that he has never examined the work about which he talks so positively. The book is prefaced with the testimony of Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris, who state with words of truth and solemnity that an angel of God came down from heaven and showed them the plates and the engravings thereon, while the voice of God declared to them that the record was translated by the gift and power of God, and that the testimony might be relied on, as pertaining to much of the supernatural, the testimony of eight witnesses is appended, who state that Joseph Smith had shown them the plates, which they handled with their hands. These eight persons say the plates were taken, and three others in addition to Joseph Smith testify that they were exhibited to them by the power of God.

THE HOLDS CASE.

YESTERDAY'S "POINTS." WHAT THE COMPANY'S HIGHEST BOOKS ARE.

The combatants in this trial are giving themselves a rest after a day of revelations which have surprised everybody, and both sides are now waiting the Monday's resumption of the fray to learn the tenor of Mr. Holden's reply to the formidable array of accusations brought against him. Yesterday, counsel for plaintiff opened and presented closed their testimony, the chief witnesses being Mr. McCook, the banker, Mr. Dees, railroad agent and agent, and Mr. McConkie, assayer. Mr. McCook, in the hands of a deft examiner, entered into the details of the account of the New York and Old Telegraph mines at his bank as follows:

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