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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Louisiana has a State debt of a little over \$12,500,000. Just before the war it was officially reported at \$5,700,000. After the close of the war \$7,000,000 was expended for levees, and the balance has accrued through interest on the old bonds. That's the way to progress. How long at this rate will it take a State to become bankrupt?

The *Daily Evening Dispatch* is the latest journalistic venture in Ogden. It is published every evening, is about the same size as the *Salt Lake Times*, contains telegraphic news condensed, local items, editorial notes, short clippings, and a few advertisements. It claims to be independent in politics and religion, is neatly printed and has a new appearance.

In another column will be found an article from the *Cherokee Advocate*, published at Tahlequah, in the Cherokee Nation, partly in the Cherokee language. The massacre of the Cherokees is only one more bloody stain on the skirts of this nation, and one more step nearer to the righteous retribution that will come as a consequence of tankin' justice, vile oppression and gross rapacity on the part of the "superior race."

As evidence that money is plentiful notwithstanding the distress in Europe, English papers state that when an additional issue of stock was made by the Rotterdam Street Railroad Company, 71,000,000 florins, or about \$30,000,000 was offered on the first day the books were opened. Capitalists hoard their money and will only invest in safe and solid enterprises, and thus building and manufacturing interests linger, the laborer is unemployed and destitution prevails.

Sitting Bull's message to the United States Government is mournfully pathetic and peculiarly Indian in its method of expression. He says: "Once I was strong and brave and my people had hearts of iron, but now I am a coward and will fight no more forever. My people are sick and hungry, my women are sick and my children are freezing. I will do as the Great Father wishes. I will give my guns and my ponies into his hands. My arrows are broken and my war paint thrown to the winds."

In the year 1874 the death penalty for murder was abolished in the Canton of Fribourg, Switzerland. It contained 110,000 inhabitants, and in the ten years preceding there were only seven cases of murder. During the three years following the change in the law, fifteen murders were perpetrated and there were five more last year. That is, when capital punishment was the law, the murders numbered less than one a year, now they occur at the rate of five a year. The inference is easily drawn.

The *Popular Science Monthly* for February contains 144 pages of interesting and instructive reading matter, and a fine portrait of Elisha Gray, the inventor of the speaking telephone. In this magazine the student may find traces of the progress of thought in various departments of science and philosophy, and if possessed of sufficient independence of mind to exercise his own reason and judgment, and of a knowledge of fundamental truths that may not be departed from, he can peruse such works with this pleasure and profit, and it always contains some articles devoted to philosophical and fanciful theory which may be relied upon as explanations of demonstrated facts and principles. It can always be had, early of James Dwyer.

## AN OPEN VENIRE.

A PERSISTENT effort has been made for many years by the enemies of the "Mormon" people to obtain the passage of a bill for an open venire for juries in Utah. This is how the system works in California, as reported in a San Francisco paper. A case being on trial requiring a jury, the Judge issues a venire for fifty jurors:

"The officer made his return, and when the time came to impanel the jury those who had been summoned were examined and qualified. Of these twenty-two were excused because they were not citizens. Of the remainder, twenty-one proved to be saloon keepers on the Barbary Coast, and they were all excused because their names were not on the assessment roll. Of the remaining seven, three were excused by the counsel for the prosecution, who had been informed that they were not of immaculate character. The four others were excused by defendant's counsel on general principles. This exhausted the venire, and a new one was issued. Since these jurors were excused, two who had been summoned appeared in the Police Court as defendants in a case of receiving stolen goods."

The object of the agitation for an open venire here is to throw all "Mormons" out of the panel, and open the way to pack juries for the conviction of those against whom charges may be trumped up. As we step towards this, it is now urged that the provisions of the Poland bill, for a list of two hundred jurors chosen in equal numbers by the Probate Judge and Clerk of the District Court, are insufficient for the requirements of the Court, the lists being sometimes exhausted and business consequently delayed. And it is proposed to allow the United States Marshal, under such circumstances, to summon as many as may be required.

If the list of two hundred is too short, it would be very easy to extend it to three hundred or four hundred. But this is not the end

desired. This would remove the alleged objection, but it would not effect the wished for object, which is to get up accusations against "Mormons," and then try them before juries composed of their avowed enemies. We do not think this little scheme will prevail, at any rate during the present session of Congress, and the results of an open venire, it is well known, are not at all unfavourable as had as those exhibited in the California case which we have cited above.

## A SPIRITED REPLY.

Some letters having appeared in the *Washington Star* signed "Miss Brown," reflecting on "Mormonism," and the "Mormon" ladies at Washington, a brief but pointed note appears in reply in a recent number of the *Star*. "Miss Brown" made some remarks about having known Dr. Barnhiser, and having read the Book of Mormon, which she represents as "a sickly burlesque," she did not want to sit in judgment upon any one's faith, but claimed the right to do so upon their actions, gave men and women who want to live in polygamy the "privilege of going to Asia," "leaving Washington to manage its own sins," and tried to be funny over the idea of Adam's having several wives taken from his body to make wives of at his marriage "when the morning stars sang together." Here is Sister Zina's answer, which speaks for itself:

"Editor *Star*:—As the public have had the benefit of 'Miss Brown's' opinions concerning us and ours, I hope the shock of some wholesome advice and a few facts will not be amiss. 'Unloaded pistols' are your safest weapons. Dr. J. M. Barnhiser, ex-member of Congress, is living still, and will bear the same testimony to-day he did 'years ago.' The 'Book of Mormon' is still in existence, and is read by thousands of people who possess intelligence and sense. All the ancient relics found in this continent go to prove its truth, as an historical record of the old inhabitants, which men of science are telling us once dwelt on American soil. No doubt, if search were made, few broken hearts and blasted lives could be found outside of Utah. Don't 'sit in judgment on people's faith,' it isn't a safe place to sit. Men and women of Utah have sought, fought, and made a Mecca of the wilderness; and as our forefathers fought for our country, and helped to gain that freedom, therefore we are the best judges of when we shall again emigrate. We ask for Utah the same freedom 'Miss B.' demands for Washington, and we are willing to take the consequences. Think the 'mornings' had a perfect right to sing on the occasion referred to, but the song would die on their lips and never grow into a 'Eve's' round picking out ribs promiscuously nowadays. As I am on the defensive in this controversy I will close by thank you for space given me. My motto is: 'Do unto others as you would they should do unto you,' and on the common platform of humanity I claim a good man and woman as brethren and sisters."

## BY TELEGRAPH.

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## EASTERN.

The Eastern Federation.

WASHINGTON, 4.—Last night Miss May Marshall completed half of her task of walking 2,700 quarter miles in the same number of quarters.

Analysis of the Vote.

An analysis of the vote and of the pairs on Gen. Merritt's nomination, shows that 27 democrats and 13 republicans favored his confirmation, and 23 republicans and seven democrats opposed it. One independent (Davis, of Ill.) voted against confirmation; four democrats refrained from voting, and one democrat was absent without a leave.

The following telegram was received and is understood to have been brought to the attention of many senators during the executive session yesterday afternoon.

New York, 3.

Hon. Stanley Matthews, U. S. Senator:

The signatures obtained at Albany were asked on the ground that the efficiency of Merritt and Bart and the importance of concord between the President and the Senate. Conkling's wishes on the subject. We had no information as to his wishes. Two state senators assure us that not to exceed three signed their signature, and they under a very strong pressure. The talk that any one was deceived is base.

(Signed) GEO. H. PALMER.

Hayes Congratulated.

President Hayes received many congratulations, to-day, upon the confirmation of the New York customs officers.

Stormy Debate in the House.

Quite a stormy debate was precipitated upon the House by an amendment of Cox, of New York, to the army appropriation bill, reducing the force to \$7,000,000.

Mills charged the democrats with being responsible for Custer's death because of their miserable economy, which appeared to be the only idea of statesmanship the House possessed.

The Chinese Immigration Bill.

Owing to the failure of yesterday's executive session and other causes, only five of the nine members of the Senate committee on foreign relations attended to-day's meeting. The Chinese immigration bill was taken up, but on account of the message attendance and shorthands of the Senate, it was not taken up.

Boston, 4.—The announcement of the failure of S. H. Hayes, of Dayville, and S. L. F. D. Hayes, of Vanalier, Conn., created a sensation among the merchants of this city. These concerns are in reality ones, have been in existence 35 years, and were the largest industrial manufacturers of wooden goods in the country. The mills at Mechanicville were the finest in the State, and run 15 or 16 sets of machinery. The mills at Dayville contained 10 or 12 sets of machinery, and those at Versailles 15 sets, making an aggregate of about 40 sets of machinery, which were employed exclusively in the manufacture of caskets. The product of the three mills amounted to one and a half million dollars in value per annum, and these goods were consigned to the house of Law, Harriman &amp; Co., New York. The capital invested in the property is from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. The entire village of Mechanicville being owned by the firm. The failure falls heavily upon the merchants of this city, who were creditors to the extent of \$350,000 or \$400,000. The suspended firms were the largest purchasers of wool who came into this market, and scarcely a single house has escaped the blow. It is estimated that three-fourths of the loss by this failure will fall upon Boston merchants, although it is impossible to state the extent of the liabilities. The failure is attributed to depreciation in the value of wooden goods, and the inability of the company to obtain assistance from the local banking houses upon which they have formerly relied.

A Remarkable Scene at Yesterday's Senate Executive Session.

New York, 4.—The *Tribune's* Washington special has this on the Senate proceedings: In the midst of Conkling's speech he took from his pocket a large bundle of letters addressed to Arthur, while he was collector by different persons whose relations to the administration are, or were, more or less intimate, asking for the appointment of persons in the New York custom house, for various reasons given. Among the writers of these letters were McCray, Governor McCoskie, when he was Governor of New York, the President's private secretary, and others. The scene in the Senate during the reading of these letters was a most remarkable one. None such has been witnessed there for years. Conkling read one letter asking that Bradley be provided for in the New York custom house because he was a son of Justice Bradley, of the Supreme Court. "Son of whom?" shouted some senator. "Son of Justice Bradley," replied Conkling in a very loud voice. "What Justice Bradley is that?" asked another senator. "Why, Justice Bradley of the Electoral Commission," said Conkling. "And of the Supreme Court of the United States," "Oh, ho!" shouted a third senator, "then they wanted to provide for him, did they?" "Yes," replied Conkling. "Why, then, a similar case occurred when another letter was read asking for the appointment of John O. Howard, of Ohio, 'who had written the life of President Hayes.' 'Who was that?' asked Conkling. 'Why, that is the man who wrote the life of President Hayes,' replied Conkling. 'Why, then, a similar case occurred when another letter was read asking for the appointment of John O. Howard, of Ohio, 'who had written the life of President Hayes.' 'Who was that?' asked Conkling. 'Why, that is the man who wrote the life of President Hayes,' replied Conkling. 'Why, then, a similar case occurred when another letter was read asking for the appointment of John O. Howard, of Ohio, 'who had written the life of President Hayes.' 'Who was that?' asked Conkling. 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