

# THE EVENING NEWS

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A QUARTETTE COMMITTEE  
REUNION.

Upon the provisions of the Tolson  
bill, grand juries in Utah are em-  
powered to inspect prisons and  
public records. This is a provision  
against which we have heard no  
objection from any quarter. But  
latterly a custom has been estab-  
lished of appointing committees to  
do the work which the law requires  
of the body. It is a question, as  
yet authoritatively decided, whether  
a grand jury required by law  
to perform certain duties can do  
an indictment. We do not know  
exactly in that light, because the  
law expressly states how many  
grand juries must be convened  
to frame an indictment. So there  
are reasons on the side of those  
who maintain that the grand  
jury should be present during  
the inspections required by law.

But whatever opinions may  
entertain on that point, there  
can be no question in our thoughts  
that if a committee legally makes the inspection, the  
grand jury, or at least a majority  
of its members, must accept and  
enforce the report of such com-  
mittee in order to make it valid and  
official. A report of a committee  
formulating only a minority of a  
jury is not a report of that body.  
It can, properly, therefore, have no  
standing in court. The committee  
should report to the grand jury  
that body, through its foreman,  
should report to the Court.

However we have a singular  
genius on the bench of the Third  
Judicial District. At the present  
time, and indeed, last summer,  
he gravely accepted a report from  
a committee of the grand jury which  
had just closed its session, and  
placed it on file as an official docu-  
ment. This is another piece of  
stupidity added to the already  
enormous list of Schellie's admira-  
tion.

The committee referred to con-  
sisted of four persons. Their report  
is no more than the report of the  
grand jury. A majority of the  
members dissent from the doc-  
ument altogether. Firstly, because it  
is principally a misstatement of  
facts, secondly, because it is mainly  
a repetition of gossip without real  
evidence to sustain it, and thirdly,  
because it contains suggestions, re-  
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tremely out of the province of a grand  
jury to make, much less of a com-  
mittee of their number. It has  
never been accepted by the grand  
jury and is therefore unconstitutional,  
in addition to being in many respects  
untrue.

This document is now being fo-  
cused upon the public as the "Report  
of the Grand Jury of the Third  
District Court for the February Term  
and is to be published as such in  
sections. This is a manifest  
attempt to mislead the public.  
The paper, in nothing more than a  
use of gossip of a slanderous  
nature, cooked up by four persons  
who have shown themselves to be  
good sense in this proceeding as  
a desire to misrepresent facts in order  
to obtain a little cheap notoriety.  
Their names are Archibald Mc-  
Gowen, Joseph Sewell, G. F. Cul-  
mer and N. C. Boatman.

The first part of their little re-  
lance is an attack on certain Justices  
of the Peace, who are accused  
of the terrible crimes of punishing  
offenders in cases of assault and  
battery and petit larceny, instead  
of committing them for trial in the  
District Court. It is evident from  
the phraseology employed in this  
arrangement, that the quartette  
committee have been influenced by  
the wants of persons who have grievances  
against these Justices. Some  
individuals may be satisfied about  
every particular where the magis-  
trate is inactive in administering the  
law against its violators.

Now it is pretty well known that  
until the passage of the penitentiary  
bill two years ago, the Justices of the Peace had jurisdiction  
over all cases of petit larceny, and that  
it was only through an interpretation  
of the Governor's veto in the Act  
relation to Justices of the Peace  
passed at the same time and while  
the Legislature hurriedly appor-  
tional to save the bill from veto  
that the Justices were univer-  
sally deprived of the power  
to punish the simplest case of petit  
larceny or of common assault. The  
combined action of the two just  
in this respect was not understood, or  
not admitted, until a ruling of the  
District Court was obtained. There  
fore, until that ruling the Justices  
continued to exercise the powers  
they had wielded for years. And  
this power has been restored to  
them by act of the Assembly at its  
last session.

Now what is the reason for all  
this power and festina? These  
terrible Justices have actually im-  
posed small fines for petty offences  
under the impression that they  
were exercising the legitimate  
functions of their office, and they  
are now berated by the quartette,  
who request that punishment may  
be taken to punish them for their  
misdeeds. And this is the kind  
of document that George Schellie  
receives and places on file in the  
Third District Court. An un-  
natural, worthless addition of paltry  
slops, the object of which is to  
make a sensation, stir up strife and  
bring into brief prominence the  
names of four obscure persons who  
are anxious for fame.

Wonderful revelations are prom-  
ised, as they proceed with the fur-  
ther chapters of their novelties. If  
the first is a sample of what is to  
follow, they will only succeed in  
making themselves a laughing  
stock for the public. But it should  
be distinctly understood that the

so-called "report" is invalid, and is  
no more force and effect than the  
battle of four small walled persons  
reproductions of the once  
famous Paul Pry.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK UNION TELEGRAPHIC.

## TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

## MOSCOW.

The Missing Ex-Congress man.  
NEW YORK, 10.—The New  
Cincinnati special says: The stories  
of Vassar having eloped with a man  
are all fabrications, at least at  
some of the places where he stopped  
was to be accompanied by anyone.  
His friends say he has never  
been away so long or so expen-  
sively. The entire sum he obtained  
should not possibly exceed \$3,000,  
mainly runs in the family, and  
this is the only explanation that  
can be made for his conduct.

Senator Hoar in Howe's Speech.  
The Herald's Washington spe-  
cial says: The Blame of Howe's  
speech appears to have acted as a  
caution signal to anti-Hayes men.  
Senator Hoar is credited with the  
proposition "Never again let  
a trial like the one of the  
negligent man, when he comes to  
a group of elephants over a  
grave, and not knowing whether  
the ice would bear them, concluded  
to stand over a little elephant  
first by way of trial, and the  
ice broke, and the little elephant  
fell through and was drowned, and  
the rest of the group went back into  
winter quarters."

## The Antagonistic Position.

The Herald's St. Petersburg cor-  
respondent integrates that negotia-  
tions have been begun for a meeting  
for the purpose of settling  
the differences which have  
broken down from  
their present antagonistic positions.  
It is suggested that Russia shall  
not San Stefano, and the English  
retire from the Dardanelles,  
thus enabling each to show a desire  
for conciliation. We are not told  
whether the English propose to  
cede the Dardanelles certainly not  
Russia, until all matters  
relating to that portion of disputed  
territory are settled to their entire  
satisfaction.

## Portrait Remains of the New Year.

The Tribune's Washington spe-  
cial says: There has been much in-  
quiry at the Capitol about the poli-  
tical feelings of the keeper,  
General Price, in the present  
time, and especially last week,  
when he accepted a report from  
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Women as Preachers.

Bishop Andrews of the New  
England Methodist Conference has  
decided that the licensing of  
women as preachers is to be done  
by Wesley. The disappearance  
of the new department  
have taken an appeal to the general  
conference of Methodists of the  
whole country in 1850.

## Methodist Clergyman.

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## FRANCE.

### The Abdication of the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 10.—The abdi-  
cation of the Sultan will come in  
two weeks to give his respects to  
the Sultan.

## Russia.

### The Berlin Cabinet.

SATURDAY.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 10.—The  
Journal de St. Petersburg says: None  
can exert more influence in the  
affairs of the Berlin Cabinet, which  
inspires confidence at Vienna, Lon-  
don and St. Petersburg. If the  
present discussions for the discussion  
of new guarantees, Russia will test  
them with a sincere wish to find  
them sufficient.

## WALLACHIA.

### Object to Being Dismissed.

BUCHAREST, 10.—The report  
is confirmed that Prince Ghika has  
been authorized to inform Prince  
Gavrilovitch that the Russian  
army would suffer from a  
disaster if the prince were to  
remain in the country.

Prince Ghika has informed the  
Russian consul to the same effect.

It is stated that Russia is about to  
relinquish the clause of the treaty  
guaranteeing the passage of her  
army through Roumania, and will  
send a delegate to treat directly  
with the Roumanian Government  
on the subject.

## BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY.

Provo, April 5, 1878.

The third term of the second  
academic year of this institution  
closed to-day with public exercises  
in the hall of the Academy, according  
to the following programme:

Singing by the choir, God moves in  
a mysterious way.

Prayer by M. H. Hardy.

Singing, When all thy mercies  
O my God.

Readings of the report by  
the Principal, Karl G. Maeser.

Remarks by Professor Milton H.  
Hardy.

Remarks by Miss Teenie Smart.

Singing, Light by the Fire.

Nominal department represented  
by Mr. J. H. Kesler.

Academyical department represented  
by Mr. Isaac Bullock.

Non-Church members represented  
by Mr. Thos. Leonard.

Gratuitous department represented  
by Mr. Chas. Tietjew.

Primary department represented  
by Ms. Alma Greenwood.

Domestic department represented  
by Mr. L. Robinson.

Farewell address Mr. Canute  
Peterson.

Singing, The Sea Birds.

Short and appropriate observa-  
tions were made by Professors A. G.  
Samuel, Chairman Myron Tanner of  
the executive board, Treasurer H.  
H. Cluff, members L. E. Harrington,  
Wm. B. Hinck