

Then the blank contracts are brought out, which have been prepared in advance for their signatures, one for the bride and one for groom, while a third copy is made in a book which is kept for the purpose, and is always accessible to any citizen. Finally, when all these proceedings have been satisfactorily performed, the couple stand up and take hold hands again, and the judge, in the presence of God and all these witnesses and in the name of the republic of Venezuela, pronounces them man and wife.

Sometimes the judge kisses the bride and sometimes he doesn't. It depends upon circumstances. If he knows her well and she is pretty he gives her a "salute," as they call it, but there is usually a good deal of "saluting" and sobbing and wiping of misty eyes around and the women, while the men embrace and say "amigo!" "amigo!" to each other, which means "friend."

—W. E. CURTIS, in *Chicago Daily News*.

NEW WATER SUPPLY.

A rumor has been circulated concerning the discovery of a new water supply of Salt Lake City. The matter referred to has been within the knowledge of the NEWS for some time, but at the request of the mayor and city officials it was understood that nothing would be said until the plan could be thoroughly tested. At present the announcement, therefore, is a little premature, as the question whether flowing wells in certain localities will be permanent is still open for discussion. Considerable success has been met with, however, and as the subject has been mentioned we will here state what has been done.

Some time since the Mayor, for the corporation, purchased in the northern end of Utah County, a strip of land two miles in length, running along the Jordan River, on which it was intended to try the experiment of sinking a large number of flowing wells, with a view to obtaining an additional water supply for Salt Lake City. For two weeks past the watermaster has been engaged in boring these wells, and between twenty-five and thirty have been sunk. The flow of water from these varies from fifty to one hundred and fifty gallons per minute, coming through a 2-inch pipe, and the stream thus produced almost equals that of City Creek in volume at this time. It is anticipated that, at least, double the quantity of water will be obtained, which will give to Salt Lake a larger supply from the south than it has heretofore had, and go far toward solving the problem. That produced by the flowing wells is equal, or even superior, to City Creek water for culinary purposes, though it is probable that it will not be needed in this direction for a long time to come, but will be used for irrigation.

The stream already obtained now flows into Jordau River, and the remainder will also be turned in. It will be measured at the point where

it goes into the river and again where it is taken out through the city canal, to be conveyed northward for use here. It is the plan, however, to flume past the Point of the Mountain, so that none of the water will be lost by any means. The work of sinking wells will be completed within thirty days, and there is every prospect that a continuous supply of the precious liquid from that source will be insured to the city.

The movement is an excellent one on the part of the existing municipal authorities, and will receive the warm commendation and support of all good citizens.

It has been urged by some persons that the water is being drawn from Utah Lake; but this can hardly be admitted, from the fact that the water in some of the wells comes seven feet above the surface of the lake, showing that the supply is from mountain streams. The test of the quality of the water also goes to support this idea.

As further developments are made and the tests indicate a reliable source of supply, the NEWS will give to its readers the information.

A NEW WARDEN.

Capt. Joseph Amos is in this city, and is an object of special interest from the fact that he is to be warden of the Utah penitentiary, under United States Marshal Parsons. The change will be made in a very short time. Captain Amos was up to the bastille lately looking over the ground. He came from Columbus, Ohio, to fill the new position. He and Marshal Parsons are old friends. The captain is a G. A. R. man, and had considerable experience in connection with the provost marshal's office during the war, and since that time as an officer of the Ohio State penitentiary. He is about 45 years of age, of medium height and portly build.

Arthur Pratt, who may now be termed ex-warden, was appointed January 29, 1888, by Marshal Dyer, and since that time has made an enviable record in his course toward those placed in his charge; all of them bear witness to his kind treatment and the enforcement of strict discipline by firm, yet gentle means. With one class imprisoned—those held under certain United States laws—he had little or no trouble, and regarding them he remarked, "I could plow a furrow around a hundred acre field of such men, and tell them to stay within the boundary, and I would feel perfectly safe that not one of them would disobey instructions." With other classes of prisoners, however, he has sometimes had a different experience.

Mr. Pratt, however, in retiring from the position of warden, will not leave the service of the marshal. He has been commissioned as deputy marshal, and will be given charge of the Ogden district, with Mr. Glesy and other assistants. The Ogden district is the most important in the Territory.

As to the Provo district, there is some question between the newly appointed deputy, Mr. B. Bachman, and Mr. C. Redfield, as to which of these will be given charge. The indications, so far as they can be observed, are that Deputy Redfield will hold that position, with deputies Bachman, Norrell, Claussen and others on his force.

There are now three commissioned deputies in the second district—A. G. Dyer, Jas. McGeary and John Armstrong, with more in prospective. It has not been announced who will have the leading place, but the probability is that Mr. McGeary will get it.

In the Salt Lake district, which covers the Third Judicial District, Deputies Vandercook, Cannon Franks and Sprague are the only ones yet commissioned. Who the chief deputy will be has not yet developed. Captain Greenman was offered the place, but did not accept, evidently deeming the position of United States Commissioner to be a better thing, provided he got the business of the marshal's office. That this is assured is apparent from the fact that lately the Captain was moving into new quarters. His office will hereafter be with Attorney C. S. Kinney, first door south of Clerk McMillan's office.

POLITICAL HINTS.

I see that some prominent members of the so-called "Liberal" party are whooping up the faithful of their party. I see that they have a good deal to say about taxes. Will they at their subsequent meetings please give the amount of taxes they have paid since they reached Utah? No doubt the showing would mesmerize and possibly paralyze their auditors.

Come, gentlemen, give the people your individual tax list to which you may also add, if you please, the amount of taxes the other anti-"Mormon" agitators have paid. Let me see, are not the editors of the "Liberal" organ among the chief anti-"Mormon" agitators? Are not the taxes they pay expressed wholly in cyphers? Gentlemen, please bring the lists with you to the next meeting, and let the people hear them read. Don't oblige me to furnish the NEWS with this menu. It will come with a much better grace from yourselves.

Don't think, gentlemen, that the People's party don't know and understand your whole intent? What guileless, unspotted, clean and wholly upright men you are! Of course your palms don't itch to get hold of the treasures filled by the producing and non-agitating mind-their-own-business citizens of Utah! Oh! how innocent you are to be sure! Fetch the lists and give the number of years you have lived in Utah fattening off her people.

YOUNG UTAH.

We cannot all go to Europe this summer, but we can all tell our friends that we do not care to, anyway.