

CURRENT EVENTS.

Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

In the Third District Court on April 28, H. W. Naisbitt, Esq., was arraigned on a charge of unlawful cohabitation with three wives. He entered a plea of guilty, and sentence was set for Monday, May 12, at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22, Deputy Marshals Cannon, Sprague and Springer went to the residence of N. V. Jones, and arrested that gentleman on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. The complaint alleges the offense to have been committed with Jeanette Swan Jones and Lillie Barlow Jones, from May 8, 1888, to July 1, 1889. The accused was taken before Commissioner Greenman and entered a plea of not guilty. He was required to give \$1500 bail, and the witnesses were immediately sent before the grand jury. Mrs. Lillie Jones was required to give \$500 bail for her appearance as a witness. The complaint was dated yesterday.

April 22d, N. V. Jones, was arraigned in the Third District Court. The indictment against him charges adultery with Mrs. Lillie Barlow Jones, the alleged plural wife. Mr. Jones entered a plea of not guilty.

Released From Prison.

April 27th, O. J. Spencer was released from the penitentiary, having served a three months' term for unlawful cohabitation. He was sentenced at Ogden.

Monday, April 21st Kelsey Bird, of Benjamin, Utah County, was released from the penitentiary, where he has been confined for the past six months. He was sentenced to the extreme penalty of the law, for unlawful cohabitation, and was detained thirty days for the fine and costs.

Conference Delayed.

The conference announced for the Box Elder Stake of Zion to be held at the Tabernacle, Brigham City, on Saturday and Monday, April 27th and 28th, will have to be held over, as the building cannot be completed in time to accommodate an assembly.

W. L. WATKINS.

Excursion to Europe.

In answer to a great many inquiries that have been made for some time past as to whether there would be a cheap first-class excursion to Europe this season, we are enabled to say that Messrs. Spence and Rossiter have just completed arrangements for such a trip, and the fares, we understand, will be lower than those of any similar previous excursion. The party will leave here about the last of May, the route by rail being via Chicago and Niagara Falls.

The gentlemen who will conduct this excursion are well known, being thoroughly reliable. Their experience also gives them a decided advantage, as they have managed several excursions to the Old World, each of which have been highly

successful and has given unequalled satisfaction.

Full particulars as to rates, routes, etc., will appear in the newspapers shortly. Parties desiring to make this trip should make application as early as possible in order to secure good locations and accommodations on the steamers they may decide to sail on. For further information write or apply to W. C. Spence or W. A. Rossiter, Salt Lake City.

Ogden City.

The following is a dispatch from Washington, dated April 28th:

The President vetoed the bill "To authorize the City of Ogden, Utah, to assume increased indebtedness."

In his message the President says: "The general law fixes a limit of 4 per cent on the last assessment for taxation as the limit of indebtedness which municipal corporations in the Territories may assume. This bill extends the limit of Ogden to 8 per cent. The purposes are not peculiar or exceptional. They relate to schools, street improvements, etc., and are common to every prosperous town. If the argument by which the measure is supported is adopted the conclusion should be a repeal or modification of the general law, but in my opinion the limitation imposed by law is wise and wholesome and should not be relaxed. The city now has power to increase its indebtedness \$180,000, which would seem enough to make a good beginning in the construction of sewers, while the cost of street improvements is usually met by direct assessments. Almost all the States have limited the power of municipal corporations to incur indebtedness, and the limit is generally lower than that fixed in the Territories. I don't doubt but that the citizens of Ogden will ultimately realize that the creation of a municipal debt of over half a million dollars by a city of 15,000 population, being about \$37 per capita, is ruinous."

Returned Elders.

Elder Seth H. Thomas gives the following report of his experience and labors as a missionary:

I left my home at Franklin, Idaho, October 4th, 1888, to perform a mission to the Southern States. I was assigned to labor in the Mississippi Conference. The 18th of the same month found me in that state; and my first introduction to missionary life was a walk of a hundred and fifty miles, and an experience with "knights" of mobocracy in the city of Meridian. I remained in Mississippi nine months, during which time I met with some success in the way of proselyting, but after I had been there a month or two my health began to fail, owing to the climate. Mobocracy became very rife, and my companion, Elder Joseph S. Allen, of Coveville, Cache Co., and myself were compelled to leave the State. It had, however, been pretty thoroughly canvassed and the adverse feeling to us seemed universal.

Elder Allen was assigned to labor

in Missouri, and I went to Virginia. My health improved until winter came with its many changes, and then began failing again, and at times was pretty bad. By the 1st of March I was rendered unable to prosecute my labors, and was released to return home, arriving here April 15th. I met with some success in Virginia, but the people generally were very indifferent and incredulous, and we were compelled to discontinue meetings. Aside from my ill health I had a very enjoyable time and was blessed in many ways for which I am truly thankful to the Giver of all good.

Tuesday, April 22, we met Elder Brigham Solomon, of this city, who returned from a mission to the Samoan Islands on Thursday last. He left here May 28, 1889, in company with Elders B. Smoot, Isaac Bennett and Hyrum E. Booth. They reached the islands June 10, after a pleasant voyage. The steamer was met about two miles from the shore by a native boat, on which the Elders embarked, and they were landed on the island of Tutuila, where they were met by President Dean and other Elders. Shortly afterward they went to the island of Aunu'u, and later to that of Upolu, on which Apia is situated. At first they were occupied in building houses, and in studying the language, and as soon as they were able, went among the people teaching the principles of the Gospel. A few months ago Elder Solomon was seriously affected by the heat, and became quite ill. He never regained his health, and a couple of months ago dysentery and vomiting set in. He was released to return home, but did not want to come, and thought he would try it a little longer. The steamer calls but once a month, and he did not start with the February steamer. After the vessel had gone he became worse, and President Dean insisted on his return by the March steamer which he did.

In the islands there are now from 80 to 90 members of the Church. The people listen attentively to the Elders, though in some places the latter have been forbidden to preach, through the influence of the Catholics. Brother Solomon reports the Elders now on the islands as in fair health. Elder Wm. O. Lee had a severe attack of malarial fever, but has recovered. The health of Sister Lee has been very poor, but she was feeling a little better when Brother Solomon left. On one occasion her life was almost despaired of, and her illness has been quite protracted. Elder Solomon's health improved somewhat on getting into a cooler climate, but he is not yet free from his sickness.

THAT is a somewhat remarkable condition of affairs in Perry county, Pennsylvania, where an associate judge sitting on the bench was an applicant for a hotel license, and, in spite of a strong remonstrance, himself granted his own application. President Judge Barnett revoked the license, and an effort will be made to retire the offending judge.