

Sulphur is said to be a sure cure for diphtheria. A teaspoonful mixed with the finger in a wine glass full of water and used as a gargle, or when the gargle is impossible blown into the throat in small quantities through a quill, is said to destroy the fungus and open the passage. If the sulphur is swallowed, no matter. Inhaling the fumes of sulphur will answer the same purpose.

A story is going the rounds that a goose in the Halifax public gardens leaves the pond whenever a certain gentleman appears, follows him round and when he takes a seat sits at his feet. This gentleman has never fed or petted it and therefore this is supposed to be a case of "mistaken identity." Is it not more likely to be an illustration of the old adage "birds of a feather flock together?"

California is jubilant over the splendid rainfall which has raised its crop prospects for '78 at least 50 per cent. Our small droppings though not of much apparent utility will prove beneficial in future. The wet has soaked down into the bosom of mother earth, and a deposit has been made in the mountains which will come down in season in the summer. "Every little helps."

The Evangelical Church in Prussia has a system by which matrimonial difficulties can be arbitrated by the local clergy with a view to prevent divorce. From a report of its workings in eight provinces, it appears that in 8,839 cases referred during last year 3,226 were settled satisfactorily without a rupture of domestic union, and the balance, 5,613 were failures. "Blessed are the peacemakers," even if they are not always successful in their labors of love.

Viscount Hinton, son of Earl Poulett, who married a ballet girl, is an actor and singer of limited ability. He is so reduced in circumstances and position that he is now singing comic songs, with his wife, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Cosman, at a music hall where smoking and beer drinking are allowed. He recently acted as clown at the Surrey Theatre. Genteel occupation for one of the British aristocracy.

Among the many "inventions" of modern times which on investigation turn out to have been in common use among the ancients, is the reaping machine. Similar harvesters to those now protected by letters patent, are described by Pliny as used by the Gauls. "Is there anything whereof it can be said behold this is new? It hath already been of old time which was before us." Solomon, you are right.

Samuel Bowles the well known journalist died last night. He was an able writer and his name is principally associated with the *Springfield Republican*. He visited Utah in company with Schuyler Colfax and did not add to his reputation by his articles on Utah, which contained many gross misrepresentations. He has been lingering for some time on the verge and at length has departed. His loss will be severely felt by his associates.

Senator Voorhees delivered a powerful and eloquent "silver" speech yesterday. When he was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Senator Morton, *Harper's Weekly* represented him as a thin silver of a man, nearly hidden behind a newspaper, and seated in an immense chair, labelled "Morton's seat," big enough for forty such shadows as the slim occupant. Voorhees yesterday appeared abundantly able to fill to the full the honorable position he occupies, and even his political foes were forced to express their admiration of his eloquence and ability.

The sale of pews in Plymouth Church, by auction, which occurs annually, showed this year a considerable falling off in the figures. In 1875 the total realized was \$70,319.50; in 1876, \$63,680; in 1877, \$47,396.50, and this season they fell to \$38,929. The highest price for first choice was \$505. Mr. Beecher voluntarily placed one-fourth of his salary at the disposal of the church. This was accepted, thus virtually reducing his pay for preaching from \$20,000 to \$15,000 per annum. During last year the cost for supplying his pulpit when absent was \$925. To partly meet this amount the preacher paid \$475. It is supposed he will be able, with sundry other sources of income, to worry along with the balance.

The editor of the Omaha *Bee* is beginning to turn the tables on his assailants. He has commenced with a libel suit against the publishers of the *Fremont Tribune*, for \$5,000 damages, the main complaint being that the *Tribune* falsely published that the *Bee* was mortgaged, and that the First National Bank of Omaha was pushing the *Bee* to the wall because it was unable to meet its obligations. The *Bee* is going to sting now as well as gather the honey of general news.

Omaha papers announce the death of two old inhabitants of that city. Mr. G. M. Mills departed this life on Wednesday last, aged 70 years, and Mr. St. John Goodrich on the evening of the same day, aged 68 years. Mr. Mills was a lawyer of eminence; he was a native of New York State, and settled in Omaha in 1854. Mr. Goodrich was also a New Yorker, and settled in Omaha in 1857. He was formerly an editor but latterly a merchant, and honorably filled several official positions. Both were highly respected and have died regretted.

Mr. Rosewater of the Omaha *Bee*, has again become the victim of a violent assault. The editor having published some strictures on the conduct of a big man named Nicholas, who had represented himself as an agent of the U. P. Company, the officials of which denied his authority, Nicholas knocked him down, pounded him severely and threatened to kill him. In falling against a safe Mr. Rosewater received a severe gash over the eye. He had to be conveyed to his home in a carriage. That editor will have to be more cautious, brutal assaults will have to be more severely punished in Omaha, or the *Bee* proprietor will have to go round with a guard.

#### MORE ON APPLETON & CO.

##### THE THREE WITNESSES.

SALT LAKE CITY, U. T.,  
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Editors Deseret News:

Since it has pleased the publishers of Appleton's Cyclopaedia to assert that "the article 'Mormons' was written by one of our most intelligent and impartial contributors, Mr. Robert Carter, and is entirely correct and just in all its statements," and as in that article it is stated that the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon in subsequent years "renounced Mormonism and avowed the falsity of their testimony," will Messrs. Appleton be kind enough to tell us how, when, where or to whom the three witnesses made this avowal? We will wait in patience for their reply, and whilst so doing will lay before them a few facts which it is impossible for them to controvert.

Oliver Cowdery and Martin Harris, two of the witnesses, have passed into the presence of their God, the third, David Whitmer, is still numbered amongst the living. We will notice the testimonies of each of the three separately.

At a special conference held at Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the 21st of October, 1848, Oliver Cowdery was present. Elder Orson Hyde presided at that conference, Bishop R. Miller of Mill Creek was also there. To either of these we refer to substantiate the truth of our statement. Bro. Cowdery addressed that conference and among other things he said "Friends and brethren, my name is Cowdery—Oliver Cowdery—I wrote with my own pen the entire Book of Mormon (save a few pages) as it fell from the lips of the Prophet Joseph Smith, as he translated it by the gift and power of God, by the means of the Urim and Thummim, or as it is called by that book, 'holy interpreter.' I beheld with my eyes and handled with my hands the gold plates from which it was transcribed. I also saw with my eyes and handled with my hands the 'holy interpreters.' That book is true. Sidney Rigdon did not write it, Mr. Spaulding did not write it. I wrote it myself as it fell from the lips of the prophet." Bro. Cowdery (we call him brother though at that time he was not a member of the Church) said much more, but this is the portion of his testimony which more particularly refutes Messrs. Appleton's baseless assertion.

Oliver Cowdery died in Richmond, Mo., the year following. Elder P. H. Young, who was present at the time, says, "His last moments were spent in bearing testimony of the truth of the Gospel re-

vealed through Joseph Smith and the power of the holy Priesthood which he had received through his administration. Mr. Young is still alive, and if Messrs. Appleton desire to communicate with him they can do so by addressing a letter to this city.

And what of Martin Harris? He has been dead but a short time, and there are thousands of living witnesses in Utah to-day, of which your correspondent is one, who have heard him bear record of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon, and that the testimony that he bore that he had seen the plates from which the Book was translated was true, as also his declaration, that an angel of God laid them before his eyes, and that he had been commanded of God to bear record of the fact. But it may be argued that Martin Harris was again received into the Church in his declining years, and this last testimony was given after he was so admitted. If that argument has any force, we will take his testimony given a quarter of a century ago, when he was an outcast to the "Mormon" Church, and when it could not be claimed that the infirmities of years had impaired his memory or weakened his intellect.

This record is from a statement of Mr. D. B. Dille who called upon Mr. Harris at his residence at Kirtland, Ohio, sometime in 1853 and was published at the time. Mr. Dille asked Mr. Harris, "What do you think of the Book of Mormon? Is it a divine record?" The following is the reply: "I was the right hand man of Joseph Smith, and I know that he was a prophet of God. I know the Book of Mormon is true. \* \* I know that the plates have been translated by the gift and power of God, for His voice declared it unto us; therefore I know of a surety that the work is true. For did I not at one time hold the plates on my knee an hour and a half, whilst in connection with Joseph. \* \* And as many of the plates as Joseph Smith translated I handled with my hands plate after plate."

Again, some 40 years ago a gentleman now residing in this city met Martin Harris in Kirtland, Ohio. The following conversation ensued: "I believe your name is Martin Harris." "Yes." "I want to ask you if you really did see the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated." "Do you see that sun in yonder heavens?" asked Mr. Harris, pointing upwards. "Yes." "And just as plainly and distinctly did I see the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated." Here then we have four of this man's testimonies, given at different periods of his life when he was a member of the Church and when he was not. The first, that testimony contained in the Book of Mormon, the next given in 1837, the third in 1853 and the fourth repeatedly within the last few years. When did he testify otherwise?

All this and much more has been published time and again in the *DESERET NEWS*, *Millennial Star* and other works of the Church.

Let us now turn to the remaining witness, David Whitmer. He still lives. What of him? Has he ever denied his testimony? Let the following statement answer the question. Less than a month ago two gentlemen from this Territory, Messrs. Clark and Stevenson, called upon Mr. Whitmer at his home in Richmond, Mo. They were kindly received by him, and spent several hours in his company. Mr. Stevenson, in writing of his interview to a friend in this city, states that Mr. Whitmer showed him the original M. S. of the Book of Mormon in the hand writing of the various amanuensis who wrote the words as they fell from the lips of the Prophet. Further on in his letter Mr. Stevenson says, "I also desired him to state his present faith in regard to the Book of Mormon and organization of the Church. He stated in the most positive terms that he saw the angel, the golden plates, the Urim and Thummim, &c. The plates were opened leaf by leaf, and he saw the characters and heard a voice from heaven bearing record; that he also knew that the Prophet Joseph did translate the Book of Mormon by the power of God, that he did receive revelations and that the church was built on the rock, and that it was revealed that there were to be Twelve Apostles long before they were chosen and ordained." If any doubt this statement of Mr. Stevenson, they can easily verify it. Mr.

David Whitmer's residence is at Richmond, Missouri, and Messrs. Appleton and all the world can write to him if they wish, and prove for themselves what his testimony is with regard to the divinity of the Book of Mormon.

Should not testimony such as this be ample evidence of how cruelly the "Mormons" are belied by the so-called "correct and impartial critics?" BRUFORD.

#### Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 22.

**Bound Over.**—This morning A. Curtis was held in \$200 bonds, to answer to the grand jury, on a charge of stealing \$55 from a person named Ainsworth. The bonds were found and the accused liberated.

**Entertainment.**—The entertainment given at the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms last evening by Brother Wm. Clegg, the Springfield poet, gave much satisfaction to the audience. He goes to Kaysville tomorrow. He intends giving a similar entertainment there.

**Handsome Gift.**—Last Sunday morning the teachers of the 12th Ward Sunday school presented Bishop A. C. Pyper with an excellent portrait of himself, enclosed in a very beautiful frame, as a token of the respect entertained by the donors for the recipient.

**Broke His Leg.**—Brother Edward Parry, employed at the weighing scales of the General Tithing Office, broke his leg the other day. While riding on horseback the animal slipped and fell on him. He resides in the 16th Ward.

**A Disturbance.**—This morning a man was fined \$10 for flourishing a pistol and making other violent demonstrations upon the public street. The cause of his wrath being excited was a difference regarding a matter of money between himself and another person.

**Stealing Books.**—Yesterday afternoon Justice Pyper fined a Chinaman \$20 for attempting to gratify a morbid taste for literature in an illegitimate way. He had stolen a book from the store of Mr. Dwyer, was walking off with it, when he was collared by the proprietor and handed over to the tender mercies of the police.

**Local and Imported.**—Mr. C. R. Savage has an excellent display of valentines. When those made at his establishment, from imported materials, are placed in juxtaposition with those manufactured abroad, the verdict of excellence is put in favor of the home-made articles. The latter bear evidences of greater care and superior taste in the manipulation. The prices are the same.

**Bound Over.**—Dennis Sullivan was before United States Commissioner Sprague, last evening, on a charge of stealing government property from Camp Douglas. He waived an examination and was committed in default of \$1,000 bonds, to await the action of the grand jury. He makes the third party committed to jail on a similar charge, U. Harrison and C. Reynolds having been sent to jail a few days since for the same thing.

**Big Cottonwood.**—On Sunday evening the election of officers of the Big Cottonwood Y. M. M. I. A. took place at the ward meeting house. The following was the result: Santa Anna Casto, President; Charles A. Harper, Jr., and Samuel Brinton, Counselors; Chas. Bartlett, Secretary; Francis McDonald, Corresponding Secretary, Milo Andrus, Jr., Treasurer. The officers were elected by ballot.

**Supposed Case of Small Pox.**—We learn from Dr. S. B. Young, the city quarantine physician, that a man living with the Garrison family, in the 7th Ward old city pottery building, is supposed to be affected with small-pox. It is said to be a case of varioloid. The building has been quarantined. The patient is said to be a brother to William Garrison, who was recently arrested for stealing harness.

It is to be hoped that the appearance of this malady, if it really prove to be a genuine case, will not cause any undue excitement. People should be careful not to expose themselves to the danger of infection. We have no doubt that the quarantine physician and the city authorities generally will do

all in their power to prevent the spread of the disease.

**Ventriloquism.**—This evening a grand variety entertainment will be given in the Sixth Ward School-house, by J. Jorgenson, who is a clever ventriloquist and juggler. Feats on the flying trapeze and other gymnastic performances will be given. Admission 25 cents, children 10 cents.

**Sunday - School Jubilee.**—Last Sunday the combined Sunday-schools of the 9th and 10th Wards had a jubilee at the school-house of the 10th Ward. The exercises consisted of singing, asking and answering questions on the faith and doctrine of the Church, etc. The children of both schools acquitted themselves admirably, reflecting credit not only upon themselves but also upon the superintendents and teachers who had bestowed great care and labor in their training.

Brothers Goddard, Willes and Evans were present; also the Bishop and councilors of each of the wards and a number of the parents of the pupils.

#### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

COUNCIL,

January 22nd.

Met at the regular hour. The House notified the Council that they concurred in the action of the Council concerning resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Hon. Brigham Young, and that Messrs. Carrington, Preston and Pace had been appointed a committee on the part of the House, in the premises.

Councilor Harrington, chairman of the judiciary committee reported a substitute for the Bill to amend an act extending the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, which had been referred to said committee. Report accepted. The substitute was then read, and passed its first reading, and was taken up on its second reading, and passed its second reading.

A communication was received from Capt. Tobey, Camp Douglas, thanking the Council, in the absence of Gen. Smith, for their courtesy in tendering the freedom of their chamber to the General and his staff.

Councilor Harrington reported back the bill for limiting commencement of criminal actions, which had been referred.

Read and passed first reading. At the hour of our going to press the bill was passing its second reading.

HOUSE.

Met at the regular hour. A letter was received and read from Adjutant McCannon on behalf of General Smith and staff acknowledging the freedom of the House.

A letter was received and read from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in answer to a request for the names of Territorial officials who had not yet made their reports to him, stating that the only one who had made his report was the Warden of the Penitentiary.

Mr. Taylor explained that he, as Territorial Superintendent of Schools, had made his report.

Mr. Preston presented a petition from the citizens of Rich County for an extension of county lines. Referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Gardner presented a petition from J. S. Rawlins and 26 others, for the right of way. Referred to the Committee on Irrigation and Canals.

Mr. Atwood presented the Financial Report of Summit County for the years 1866-7. Referred to the Committee on Revenue.

Mr. Hatch presented a bill (H. F. 5) for an act to repeal Sec. 1,922 of the Revised Statutes of Utah. Read the first time and referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Murdock presented a petition from the Clerk of the Second Judicial District Court, asking for a new set of record books for said court. Referred to the committee on claims and appropriations.

#### Unwholesome Food.

By the unnatural combination by ignorant persons, for baking powders, they render the food very indigestible, as the chemical action in the stomach prevents their being digested. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is prepared by the application of scientific principles, forming a perfect powder. 1