

**THE LATEST MORMON MARTYR.**

"Assassinated" TAGGART of Salt Lake declares that it was not a sensible bull "purp" which he had worried that "assassinated" him in a recent rencontre, and still seeks to convey the impression that his coat-sleeve was torn by some Mormon miscreant. In testifying before the grand jury at its present sitting, he refused to give any account of the alleged assault upon him, saying he would meet and settle the case of the man who committed it himself. Whereupon the NEWS, the organ of one Mr. YOUNG, badgers him considerably, telling him that the law-abiding people of Utah do not believe in personal vengeance for the redress of wrongs, and demands of the grand jury that he be made to tell the whole story of the "assassination."

As the latest of the Mormon martyrs Mr. Doctor TAGGART seems to be getting himself into an unpleasantly tight place. He appears to be hemmed into a predicament which is anything but comfortable. The fact probably is that the redoubtable Doctor got into a disgraceful difficulty with somebody, and being ashamed to tell the truth about it, sought a sensation in which he might figure as a hero, and also as a martyr to the blood-thirsty Mormons. This TAGGART is the person who went all the way to Washington to testify on the CULLOM bill. His testimony was eminently malignant, self-stultifying, and ridiculous, in support of the scheme to organize war upon the people of Utah, as all know who read it. We are not surprised at the position he occupies in the assassination business, the truth of which we hope will yet be circumstantially ascertained.—*Omaha Herald*, March 30.

**LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.**

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

**CAPTAIN HOOPER'S SPEECH.**—A few days ago the telegrams announced that Hon. S. Hooper, of Massachusetts, had been rather sharply criticised by a Philadelphia paper for making a speech in Congress in defence of polygamy. The editor, of course, made a mistake, being ignorant of the fact, or probably forgot, that there were two Hooper's in Congress. The speech referred to, instead of being delivered by Hon. S. Hooper, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, was delivered by Hon. W. H. Hooper, Delegate from Utah, and is the one which appears in the NEWS to-day. This speech by our Delegate is a very able effort, and it will no doubt be read with great pleasure by his constituents. The people of Utah have every reason to rejoice in having such a representative in Congress. We know of no man who could have done more than he has done during this session. He went to Washington feeble, having suffered from a severe spell of sickness before going; but he has been indefatigable in his efforts, and, we feel confident, has never missed an opportunity of saying and doing everything in his power on behalf of those whom he represents at the National Capitol.

**DISTRICT COURT.**—The Jury, in the case of Hussey, Dahler & Co. vs. Faust & Houtz, returned a verdict of \$208.52 in favor of plaintiffs.

In the cases of T. H. Bates (for the use of Hussey, Dahler & Co.) and C. B. Hawley vs. the U. P. R. Co., the motions for a new trial were overruled by the Court and the case appealed.

In the case of Schettler vs. Jennings, the verdict was set aside and a new trial granted.

No more cases being ready for trial, the Jury were discharged, to meet at the adjourned term, May 9th, and the Court adjourned until the same date, at 10 a.m.

**FAYLOR BEATEN.**—This equestrian ran his second race last Sunday afternoon, on the Carson City race course. The race was for \$2,000, distance fifty miles, time two hours with fifteen horses. Time was the winner by five minutes.

**SEXTON'S REPORT.**—The Sexton's report for March, is as follows:—Adults 8, children 13. Of these, males 11, females 10.

Causes of death as reported. Lung diseases 4, fevers 3, bowel complaint 2, cancer 2, premature birth 2, old age 2, croup 1, heart disease 1, liver complaint 1, killed accidentally 1, suicide 1, not reported 1.

Total interments, 21.

Jos. E. TAYLOR, Sexton.

**WELL TIMED.**—Yesterday, at the Mass Meeting during the reading of the 8th resolution,—the one referring to the action of the American Bible Society in sending to Utah their editions of the Holy Scriptures, the following letter was handed to the President of the meeting, by Mr. Reasoner:

SALT LAKE CITY,

March 31st, '70  
His Excellency, Mayor D. H. Wells, President of the Mass Meeting:—Dear Sir:—Will you please announce to the meeting that a lot of Bibles and Testaments has arrived, and subscribers can now get their Bibles at Calder Bro's, Book Store.  
Yours truly,  
N. REASONER,  
Agent American Bible Society.

The letter was read to the audience, and being so well-timed, of course, caused considerable merriment.

**RECOVERING.**—We are pleased to hear that Bro. T. J. Stevens, who was so seriously injured a few days since, is progressing towards convalescence more rapidly than the most sanguine of his friends anticipated.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

**OPENED.**—The substantial rock jewelry store of Bro. Asmussen, East Temple street, recently finished, was opened this morning with a fineshow of clocks, vases, watches, and jewelry of every kind, to meet the wants and please the fancies of all classes of customers.

**RAILWAY ACCIDENT.**—We are indebted to M. Croxall, Esq. Super't of the W. U. T. office in this city, for the following telegram:

"There was an accident yesterday to a freight and emigrant train from the west, four miles this side Promontory station. The train was run off the track and some cars rolled down an embankment. No one was killed but some twelve or fourteen persons were badly bruised.

**BLIND TOM.**—This great musical prodigy, after exhibiting everywhere in the Eastern States, seems to be traveling westward. He has reached, and is giving concerts at Omaha. It may be that the citizens of Salt Lake and California will have a chance of hearing this wonder before the summer is over. This man is a negro, and was born blind; all of his powers seem to be absorbed by what the phrenologists call the organs of time and tune. He has never learned music, but comprehends it to perfection intuitively. He can, it is said, by hearing any piece of music, reproduce it on the piano, and in a manner that stamps him as the most wonderful musical genius in the world.

**FIRE AT HELENA.**—The city of Helena seems to be running continual danger and risk from fires; they are recurring with alarming frequency, and there has been repeated occasion for the use of the Fire Alarm erected there only three or four weeks since. The last fire there occurred early on the morning of the 23d of March, which totally destroyed Wells, Fargo & Co's Express office and damaged several adjoining buildings. The fire started under the floor of the office, and no doubt is entertained that it was the work of an incendiary. All the money, letters and packages belonging to the Company were saved. One of the last things taken out of the burning building was a keg of powder.

The *Helena Gazette*, of the 24th, says that:

"When water was getting scarce and while the fire was still raging fiercely, Messrs. Bauntz & Hortskey, of the Helena Brewery, invented a novel fire engine. They took eight kegs of beer upon their balcony, and as the beer had a good head, they knocked out the bungs and squirted the contents on their own and the adjacent buildings—the post office and Magnolia. The new engines were quite a success; and the streams of beer shot with great force upon the points on which they were directed and efficiently kept the blankets and protecting cloths damp. It was a novel sight and created much amusement, as well as working satisfactorily."

The loss amounted to about \$8,000, and it was only by very great exertion that the entire city was saved from destruction.

**SUFFERING AMONG THE JEWS.**—We insert the following from the *San Francisco Hebrew*, thinking it may be of interest to some of the Israelitish residents of this city.

"MR. J. R. BRANDON handed us (too late for publication in this issue, but which we will give in our next,) a com-

munication, inclosing a letter written from Jerusalem to Sir Moses Montefiore, in London, in which a most heart-rending account of suffering among our co-religionists in the Holy City is given. All those who wish to aid our starving brethren in the Holy Land, are requested to send their donations to the office of Mr. J. R. Brandon, 604 Merchant street, who will transmit them immediately,

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

**PRESIDENT AND PARTY.**—The following telegram has been received by Deseret Telegraph line:

Maxwell's Ranch, via Toker,  
April 3rd, 1870.

**Geo. Q. Cannon.**—The company has returned thus far, from Kanab. It is snowing now. We are all well; no mishaps. We shall reach Virgen City this afternoon.

A. M. MUSSER.

**SABBATH MEETINGS.**—In the morning Elder Geo. B. Wallace, just returned from a mission in the Eastern States, gave a lengthy account of his recent trip, and of the treatment he had received from the people, religious and otherwise.

In the afternoon Bishops E. F. Sheets and S. A. Woolley, also returned missionaries, occupied the time in a very interesting and profitable manner.

**THEATRE.**—On Saturday evening there was a good house at the Theatre. The performance passed off satisfactorily. Mr. Stone's Army and Navy dance was a capital thing and was very deservedly encored.

**GOT HOME.**—Elders R. T. Burton and Angus M. Cannon, reached home from the East on Saturday evening. They are both well in health, have enjoyed their mission very much, but are extremely pleased to be "home again once more."

**DIED.**—Helena W., daughter of Elder John and Sophia W. Taylor, died very suddenly about midnight on Saturday, aged eight years. Deceased was suffering from an attack of the measles; but no danger was apprehended to within twenty minutes of her death, when an alarming change took place and she died suddenly. Her death being so unlooked for, was a great shock to her parents, family and friends. She was a child of rare promise, amiable and affectionate in her disposition, and attentive to her studies, giving promise of making an estimable woman.

The funeral took place at 10 a.m. today from the 14th Ward school house, and was attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives. The assembly was addressed by Elders Geo. Q. Cannon and Samuel W. Richards.

**GONE EAST.**—John T. Caine, Esq., left for the Eastern States yesterday morning. He will be absent several weeks.

**CALLED.**—His Honor, Judge Caton, of Illinois, called in this morning. He is now en route for the Pacific. He was one of the members of the Seward party, which visited this city last summer. Mr. Caton was a public man in Illinois during the troubles of the Saints there, and, in conversation, he refers to many of the scenes of persecution to which the Prophet Joseph and his followers were subjected in that State. The Judge, we regret to state, is laboring under rather severe indisposition, having contracted a heavy cold on his journey over the plains. He leaves for the Pacific, if his health will permit, tomorrow evening.

**SEIZED WITH PARALYSIS.**—By a letter to Bro. D. Grenig, of this city, we regret exceedingly to learn that Bro. William Gibson, was seized with paralysis, in the city of Philadelphia, on the morning of the 27th ult., by which the use of his left side was seriously impaired. Everything that kindness could suggest was being done for his comfort and assistance, and hopes were entertained of his recovery.

**LIVING WONDERS.**—There is on exhibition in San Francisco, a lady named Miss Swan, twenty years of age, a native of Nova Scotia, 8 feet 1 inch high, and 413 pounds in weight; also a Frenchman, named Mons. Joseph, over 8 feet high, and weighing 400 pounds.

"GOD CANNOT BE COUNTED OUT OF THIS QUESTION."—The *Omaha Herald* of the 31st ult., after quoting the above from a recent article in the NEWS, says:

"This single line furnishes the key to the Mormon power in Utah. It accounts for all the sacrifices which the

Mormon people have made in the last twenty years in their efforts to escape persecution. It indicates the spirit of a vast community of people who believe that God approves, and that God will guide and protect them in any measure that may be adopted by their chosen rulers to extricate them from the machinations of their enemies. Religious favoritism, in other words, is the source of danger in the efforts making to legislate for the consciences of the people of Utah."

**FOUR CHILDREN POISONED IN SAN FRANCISCO.**—The *San Francisco Morning Call*, of the 29th ult., contains an account of the poisoning of four children in that city, on the morning previous, through eating the castor oil bean. The beans had been thrown into the fire, and, it was supposed, burned. They were thrown out with the ashes, and the children, while playing, picked some up and ate them, and were shortly after seized with the most alarming symptoms of Asiatic cholera. Medical aid was called in, but one of the children died, and it was feared that another would also die.

The *Call* says: "The castor bean, although it produces castor oil—a mild and inoffensive cathartic—contains an active and deadly principle, which is not extracted when the oil is made. This lethal principal is so virulent that from two to three beans will produce the most violent purging and vomiting, and sometimes even death; and we believe that no person has ever recovered who has eaten as many as five beans. Parents should be extremely careful about leaving these beans where children can get hold of them."

"A SCENE OF DESOLATION."—Under this caption we reprinted, in Saturday's NEWS, a short article from the *Omaha Herald*, of the 30th ult., in which the editor professedly bases his remarks on a telegram containing the above quotation sent east by O. J. Hollister, Esq., of this city, U. S. Internal Revenue Collector.

This morning we received a note from Mr. Hollister, denying the paternity of the telegram upon which the *Herald's* article was founded. Mr. Hollister requests us to publish his note in the NEWS. We gladly and cheerfully comply with this request, feeling ourselves ready, if the statement of our cotemporary, the *Herald*, be not true, to give as wide a circulation to a denial of it as to its circulation. The following is the copy of Mr. Hollister's note:

"SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,  
April 3rd, 1870.

*Editor Deseret News:*—In your impression of last evening you quote the *Omaha Herald*, of the 30th ult., as saying: "A dispatch from Utah, emanating from a Colfax brother-in-law, says: 'If the Senate passes the House bill as it is, the Territory of Utah will be a scene of desolation;'" and further on, terming this "a wail from those who instigated, nay, who penned that infamous bill."

Allow me to say that everyone of these statements is false, and please give my denial the same currency you gave them.

Very respectfully,  
O. J. HOLLISTER."

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