

# THE EVENING NEWS.

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## THE DESERET ALPHABET.

ABOUT sixteen years ago, the Chancellor and Board of Regents of the University of Deseret, under the direction of President Young, adopted a new alphabet, which they styled the "Deseret Alphabet." The characters—thirty-eight in number—were entirely new, and were intended to represent every sound in the English language. It has been the continual desire and aim of the originators of this alphabet to have it adopted in our schools and literature, and efforts have been made, from time to time, to teach it; but from a lack of books printed in these characters, these efforts have not been continuous, and those who have learned to read and use the alphabet have allowed it to fall into disuse again.

Within a year, however, first and second Readers have been printed and published in the Deseret Alphabet, under the direction of one of the Board of Regents—D. O. Calder, Esq.—and more lately, Elder Orson Pratt has transcribed the Book of Mormon into the alphabet, an edition has been printed in New York, and the Book is now offered for sale in the Territory. Other books—the Old and New Testaments, the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, a dictionary and probably other works, will doubtless soon follow. But what has already been done should be encouraged. The books that have already been printed should be used in the Sunday Schools, in households, and in every school-room in the Territory. If the books at present offered for sale by the Regency were disposed of, they would then have funds at their disposal with which to publish other works, and we should soon have a literature published in our own characters.

Every one who has given the subject thought, knows how difficult it is to learn to read and pronounce the words of our mother tongue as it is at present written. Some of the letters now in use have a great number of sounds, which sounds must be remembered in order to read correctly, thus requiring great practice and a very retentive memory to make a person a good reader, and making the acquisition of English especially difficult for foreigners. Other words have silent letters in them, which makes the spelling very difficult to learn. It is said by those who are considered good authorities on phonetics, that out of the 150,000 words, of which the English language is said to consist, not more than fifty are spelled as they are pronounced. We are acquainted with men who have received good educations who, with all their practice, cannot spell correctly. Indeed, there are few men who do not have to refer occasionally to the dictionary for the proper spelling of a word.

With such drawbacks as these, education may well be irksome, and difficult for children to acquire, and they have to spend years in acquiring what they could learn with an alphabet founded on a phonetic principle, in a few weeks or months. A child or a foreigner learning to read with the Deseret Alphabet, has no difficulty in understanding how to pronounce and spell the words of our beautiful tongue, for every word is spelled and printed as it is pronounced; and if a person knows how to pronounce a word, he knows how to spell it; for there are no silent letters in the new system, and no letter represents more than one sound.

The Sandwich Islands is considered a very healthful land, but they have a law there which requires that every male and female shall be able to read and write before he or she can marry. If they had such a system of orthography as we have, and this law were rigidly enforced, with their indolence, marriage would almost become obsolete, for but few of them would ever become sufficiently proficient to pass an examination. But they learn very quickly there; for the words of their language are written as they are pronounced; hence, when they become familiar with the characters of their alphabet, they can write with ease and accuracy.

What a great advantage it will be to us to have a means of writing and printing which even children can learn with such ease and despatch! The advantages of such a system are apparent. Philologists have long perceived them, and many have denounced our present system of orthography as barbarous and utterly unsuited to the progress of the age, and have advocated the adoption of the Phonetic system of spelling; a number of books have been printed, and at least one paper is published in Phonotype. But there is really no good prospect of the system becoming general in its use. It has the prejudices of the age to contend with, and it meets with strong opposition. If the system of spelling the English by sound shall ever become general, it will have to be through the efforts of the people of this Territory. We have effected a great reform in religion, in politics, in social matters, and in many other directions; it remains for us to correct the faults which exist in the present method of writing our language.

We are better prepared than any other people to accomplish this; for we are united; and let it be known by the people of this Territory that a new and better system should be adopted, and they will not hesitate to carry it out.

Every child in the Territory should be taught the Deseret Alphabet; the first and second readers and the Book of Mormon, printed in the character, should be in every house. By giving them a wide circulation the Board of Regents can pursue their labors, and but a few years will pass away until we shall have all our Church works and many standard works on history and science printed in our own characters.

## FASHION.

We have heard considerable about the tyranny of fashion; but the latest and most ridiculous instance is in England, where, it is said, Alexandra, Princess of Wales, has unfortunately contracted a limp from rheumatism, and the ladies of the realm have taken to limping too. A lady's loyalty may hereafter be known by her limp. The fashion now is to wear shoes with heels of unequal heights, and this produces a gait of the kind required. Probably a walking cane, after the style of Fairy god-mothers in Christmas pantomimes, may be necessary; but even this will not deter the cream of society from adopting the style, if it only be declared fashionable; for fashion can prescribe no style of dress or manners too ridiculous for its votaries to adopt. At the first thought it might be concluded that no such absurd style of walking as the "Alexandra limp" would ever be adopted; but is it likely that a generation that has accepted the fashion of wearing bustles, padded breasts, hoops, long trails, chignons, and the Grecian bend; two of which at least—the long trails and the chignons—are filthy, and nearly all are abominable, will stop at a limp? We would not be surprised, after what we have seen of the devotion to the caprices of fashion even in this country, to hear of the rheumatism afflicting some of our people to the extent of a limp. If Bro. Erastus Snow, who, if we recollect aright, is not an ardent admirer of popular fashions, and our friends from the country, when they come to the city, should notice "the limp," we hope they will remember that this is a country where rheumatism is not uncommon.

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

## By Telegraph.

## AFTERNOON DISPATCHES.

### EXCITING SPEECHES ON REPUDIATION.

### The Spanish Throne Goes-a-Begging.

### GENERAL BUTLER ANSWERS GREELEY.

### New Governor for Utah and Montana.

### THE RAILROAD BOND CONVENTION.

### TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN PHILA.

### A SEDUCER SHOT BY A FATHER.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

### SENATE.

### Protection of Public Meetings—Yerger Case—Forney's Accounts.

Various bills have been introduced and referred, including one to provide reports for the circuit courts of the United States.

Wilson offered a resolution, which was adopted, for information from the Judiciary Committee whether further legislation be necessary for the protection of public meetings in the District of Columbia.

Thurman offered a resolution requesting the Attorney General to inform the Senate whether any arrangement, to which he is a party, exists whereby Yerger, of Mississippi, be discharged or turned over to the civil authorities, in case Congress, by any legislation, takes away or restricts jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to delay proceedings before said Court for the discharge of said Yerger, etc. Sumner objected to the resolution which went over.

### HOUSE.

### Exciting Speeches on Repudiation.

While the House then went into a Committee of the Whole on the President's Message, Kerr said the Democratic party was not in favor of repudiation. Stocum and Randall emphatically opposed repudiation, and protested against the enunciation of such a doctrine on the floor of Congress. During the discussion the Republican Members gathered around the speaker's stand evincing intense interest. Garfield, by unanimous consent, moved the Committee report to the House the resolution that any proposition to repudiate any portion of the debt is unworthy of the honor and good name of the nation, and that the House without distinction of party hereby sets its seal of condemnation on all such propositions. The Committee then rose and the Chairman reported the resolution of the House. Garfield moved the previous question which was seconded. Yeas and nays were then ordered. Jones, of Kentucky, moved to table the resolution. A vote was then taken by a division. The motion was lost, there being only one affirmative vote, that of Jones himself.

It was suggested to postpone the vote on the resolution until next meeting, as many members were absent. Schofield, with this object in view, moved to adjourn, which was lost, and the vote taken, resulting in yeas 123, nays 1. Jones, who was allowed to explain his position, said he was not now in favor of the resolution and probably never would be. A message from the President, announcing the ratification of the 15th amendment by the State of Alabama, was presented to the House.

## SPAIN.

### The Spanish Throne Goes-a-Begging.

MADRID, 15.—The Official Gazette publishes a decree, restoring the constitutional guarantees which were suspended during the Republican insurrection. The Gazette also promulgates orders for the election to fill twenty-nine vacant seats in the Cortes.

It is rumored, the King of Italy recently told the Spanish ambassador, at Florence, that he should refuse his consent to the coronation of the Duke of Genoa. It is also reported that the Arch Duke Victor, brother to the Emperor of Austria, has refused the overtures made by Spain in connection with the throne.

## NEW YORK.

### General Butler answers Greeley—Heavy Failures.

General Butler has a long reply to Greeley's article, calling on him to take prominent action in the removal of the disabilities of late rebels. Butler says the Southern leaders, who misled the communities and brought war with all its attendant evils upon the country, should be punished by examples to deter others in like cases. Had an example been made of some half a dozen leading traitors of the South, especially those who were educated in the military school of the United States and trusted with commands in our armies, and who resigned their trust to take command in the armies of the Rebellion, and those who, being entrusted with places in Congress or in the Cabinet, used those places to harbor treason, foment insurrection and maintain the Rebellion to destroy the Government, ought to have been signally punished. If that punishment had been awarded, which every other government in like cases has meted out, at this day all matters in the rebel States, which now disturb the public peace, would have been settled, and quiet, commercial prosperity, agricultural industry, the emigrating of labor and capital, re-education and every beneficent enterprise would have filled the Southern country, and every insurgent State would long ere this have been redeemed. All that remains now, is for statesmen to see that every safeguard be given to the loyal and true men of the South, both white and black, who stood by the country in the darkest hour of its history, and that protection of person and property and equal political rights be given to all. He adds—Any action I may make in Congress or elsewhere shall have this end, and not only the adoption but the enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment, and will use all my efforts for the passage of laws to secure the latter, not for political purposes, but for the substantial benefit of the South.

NEW YORK.—The Express announces the failure of a number of merchants to-day, chiefly those in a small way. A number of failures in other cities are also announced.

## OHIO.

### The Railroad Bond Question.

CHICAGO, 16.—A Railroad Bond Convention composed of delegates from counties having bonded indebtedness was held at Muscatine, Iowa, yesterday. Nearly seventy delegates were present. Hon. J. W. Grinnell was appointed President. He said he considered it an honor to preside over the so-called rebels of Iowa who assembled to show that they were not rebels but merely standing up for their rights. He counseled moderation and calmness reminding the convention it was treading on dangerous ground and could be regarded as an imprudent body. He was not a repudiator but would accept of nothing less, he rested his case with the court in his own State and did not propose to submit to wrong imposed by men in gowns in Washington, who had been making laws as well as transgressing them. Let us, said he, be sure we are right and then go ahead slowly but freely. After some discussion a resolution was adopted declaring the decision of the federal court involving the corporation railroad bonds of this State subversive of the authority of the State courts and dangerous to the rights of private citizens of this State and respectfully but earnestly protesting against the exercise of such authority by the federal courts, a pledge of sympathy to support the State courts in the maintenance of their rightful authority and calling a general assembly to apply to Congress and the other states to protect their citizens against similar encroachments on their rights and declaring the provisions of what are commonly known as the Daub amendments, reserving the right of the State to control certain railroads regarding freight and passenger charges; these are precious and valuable rights which ought to be preserved unimpaired; also declaring that the property of railroads ought to be taxed the same as other property, and urging a general assembly to provide by laws for equal taxation. Recommending also that the cities and counties interested in the railroad bond question pay all the taxes except the bond tax and refuse to pay this until all legal and practical remedies are exhausted. Harmony and unity of action were recommended and each county urged to keep competent agents at Des Moines during the session of the legislature to furnish information to members and attend to the interests of the respective counties in the question of the total amount of bonded indebtedness in dispute, which amounts to about ten millions.

## INDIANAPOLIS.

### The Army of the Cumberland.

General Meagley delivered an eloquent address before the Society of the Army of the Cumberland this afternoon. Short speeches were made by General Williams, Chaplain Moody and others, after which the Society adjourned to meet at Cleveland in September next.

## PHILADELPHIA.

### Terrible Explosion.

TITUSVILLE, PA.—About four this afternoon a magazine containing half a ton of nitro glycerine owned by the Roberts Torpedo Co., exploded, causing much damage to buildings throughout the city and instantly killing P. H. Brophy the only man known to be near the magazine, which is about a mile from the city.

## WASHINGTON.

New Governors for Utah and Montana.—WASHINGTON.—The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations: J. Wilson Shaffer, of Illinois, for Governor of Utah, vice Durkee. Benjamin F. Potts, of Illinois, Governor of Montana, vice Ashley.

## VIRGINIA.

### A seducer shot.

Dr. Oliver, an Englishman of prominence was shot and killed by George Ayers, of Farques, who charged him with seducing his daughter while visiting his house some months ago.

## KENTUCKY.

### Stevenson elected.

LOUISVILLE, 16.—The following is the result of the second ballot for U. S. Senator. Stevenson 117, Findley (Republican) 10; Spaulding 5; J. C. Brockbridge 1; necessary to choice sixty-seven. Stevenson has been declared Senator elect.

## Special Notices.

FOR SALE—An open one-horse Buggy. Enquire of A. J. PENDLETON, 914 Ward.

LOOK HERE.—The O. K. Saloon will furnish Booth's Oysters by the case, can or plate, cheap as the cheapest. S. G. DUGGINS.

PERSONS from this City or Territory going east, to Chicago, may find first-class accommodations at moderate rates at the Revere House, corner North Clark and Kinzie Streets. Gilbert Dutcher, proprietor.

JUST RECEIVED.—A fine assortment of Sunday School Tickets and Rewards. Orders by mail promptly attended to. d11w44-1f

IF THERE IS A FLORENCE SEWING MACHINE IN YOUR TERRITORY THAT IS NOT GIVING ENTIRE SATISFACTION, IF I AM INFORMED OF IT, IT WILL BE ATTENDED TO FREE OF ANY CHARGE. CHAS. S. HAMMER, Gen. Agent, Salt Lake City.

IT WOULD FILL VOLUMES to enumerate the names of druggists and storekeepers who sell Burnett's Cough and Sore Throat Remedy. BURNETT'S Goods have been awarded several medals and diplomas. BURNETT makes the Best Cologne Water in the world.—Ladies' Hand-Book.

BURNETT makes a fine perfume, called "FLORENCE." It has the odor of a Choice Bouquet.

ASTHMA.—Whitcomb's Remedy always relieves the worst cases.

"Light as a Cork" is the expression of all housekeepers after using DOOLEY'S BAKING POWDER. It is chemically pure in its composition, and possesses no ingredients but such as are perfectly harmless, healthy and nutritious. This is not only the best, but the cheapest in market, as one pound will go further than a pound and a half of those of ordinary manufacture. Use no other. Inquire at your grocers for Dooley's Baking Powder.

THE RED JACKET STOMACH BITTERS are a very agreeable and healthy stimulant—very pleasant to the taste, have a soothing influence, and create a good appetite. We notice that druggists generally sell no Bitters so rapidly as these.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## TRUSTEE'S SALE!

WHEREAS GEORGE D. WATT, by his certain deed, dated July 16th, A. D. 1899, and recorded in Mortgage Book B, page 22, of the County Records of Salt Lake County, conveyed to the undersigned the following described piece of ground, together with all improvements thereon, to wit:

Lots 2 and 3 in Block sixteen (16), also Lots 2 and 3 in Block twenty (20), also Lots 2 and 3 in Block twenty-one (21), as platted in plat D, of the Salt Lake City and County Records, in the 20th Ward of said city, and containing one hundred square rods each, being in said City of Salt Lake, and Territory of Utah.

In trust, however, to secure an overdraft on the Banking account of Watt, Sleater & Ajax, in the Banking House of Hussey, Dahler & Co., in said City of Salt Lake, between the hours of ten o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., of that day, sell the said property at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy the said debt and interest and costs of said overdraft, said deed, repay such overdraft, together with interest thereon, at two per cent per month, and whereas said period of four months has long since elapsed, and there remains unpaid the said sum of ten thousand dollars, together with the interest thereon, amounting at this date to nine hundred and twelve dollars, nineteen cents; the said sum being advanced on checks of said Watt, Sleater & Ajax, drawn on Hussey, Dahler & Co., from time to time, subsequent to the date of said deed and within the four months, thereafter, in accordance with the conditions of said deed.

Now, therefore, We, the undersigned Trustees, in pursuance of the terms of said deed of trust and at the request of the *Credit Trust* in said deed mentioned, will,

On Thursday, the Thirtieth day of December, A. D. 1899,

At the South Front Door of the Court House, in said City of Salt Lake, between the hours of ten o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., of that day, sell the said property at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy the said debt and interest and costs of said overdraft, said deed, repay such overdraft, together with interest thereon, at two per cent per month, and whereas said period of four months has long since elapsed, and there remains unpaid the said sum of ten thousand dollars, together with the interest thereon, amounting at this date to nine hundred and twelve dollars, nineteen cents; the said sum being advanced on checks of said Watt, Sleater & Ajax, drawn on Hussey, Dahler & Co., from time to time, subsequent to the date of said deed and within the four months, thereafter, in accordance with the conditions of said deed.

THOMAS MARSHALL, JAMES M. CARTEL, Trustees.

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## WANTED TO RENT

A HOUSE, within four or five blocks of

Townsend House. Apply at U. S. Collector's Office, opposite Townsend House. d234f

## WHO HAS SEEN THAT MULE?

A MEDIUM-SIZED Brown Horse MULE, was last seen on Main Street, on Monday afternoon; roached short, branded J S S, on left thigh, not very high, and a few years old. Any person finding said Mule, will please leave it at the Tithing Yard, in care of R. J. GOLDING, and be suitably rewarded. d223

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## BOOKS OF MORMON.

### FOR SALE

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MRS. JOSEPH BULL, in the 17th Ward, has just purchased a Florence Machine. We were called to repair it, and after a careful examination, we found it to be a machine of superior quality. Mrs. Bull has had much experience in the use of various Sewing Machines.

MRS. SHIRLEY Dressmaker, 14th Ward, says: "I have used a Florence Family Sewing Machine for several years past, having it almost constantly in use, and it has never given me a single drop of trouble, or broken down in any way."

CAPT. HOPKINS says: "I have used a Florence in my family. For general family use the Florence is the best."

MRS. PETERSON, living in the 10th Ward, says: "I have used a Florence in my family for several years, and it has never given me a single drop of trouble, or broken down in any way."

MRS. WARREN HUSKEY, after many years experience with various Sewing Machines, pronounced the Florence the best of all others in all the requisites of a first class Sewing Machine. Simp