

A CURIOUS TRIAL—SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY.

ONE of the most singular trials to be found in the records of any country has just been brought to a close in the city of New York, a brief allusion to which was made in yesterday's telegrams. We refer to the case of Mumler, the spirit photographer. This man professes to be able to furnish the likenesses of departed friends to those who may wish to obtain the same; but some who had applied to him, and had not obtained satisfaction, recently brought an action against him for obtaining their money under fraudulent pretences. The trial has been somewhat lengthy, has excited extraordinary interest, and has terminated in favor of the defendant.

The evidence offered both for and against the defendant was voluminous, some of the former being startling and highly sensational. Several of the witnesses for the defence were not spiritualists by profession or faith, but skeptics, and testified that they visited Mumler's gallery in the belief that he was a cheat, and with the determination to detect the fraud if possible. Among these witnesses was a Mr. W. W. Silver, of Brooklyn, a photographer by profession. He testified that he visited Mumler's gallery, a skeptic, having no faith in his power to produce a likeness of the departed. He prepared all the materials himself and had the likeness taken with his own instrument so as to prevent the possibility of any fraud or deception; and swore there was no collusion between himself and Mumler, yet when the picture was taken there was another portrait on the plate beside his own.

A Mr. R. Fanshawe, a portrait painter residing in Morrisania, examined for the defence, said, he went to Mumler's gallery about Christmas last, to test the matter if possible. He did not believe in spirit photography, and told Mumler's wife so, and that his object was to detect the fraud, if such existed. He made every preparation in his power to accomplish this if possible, but he was unable to do so and was furnished with a very true likeness of his mother, who had been dead twenty-eight years. Many other witnesses of respectability, not connected with the spiritualists, gave evidence equally startling and uncontrovertible, and on these grounds suit was decided in favor of the defendant.

This development of spiritualism is something remarkable, and, in a day like this, when "signs" are so eagerly sought after, will no doubt induce many who have been sceptics or unbelievers, to give in their adherence to spiritualism. This science, system, or sect, or whatever it can be called, has spread more rapidly than anything ever yet introduced among the human family by way of religion; for although many of the so-called communications from the departed are utterly useless and nonsensical, and many of the feats performed in their "circles," as reported continually in the press, are equally so, they are still something that the most profoundly scientific minds of the age are unable to account for on natural principles or by human agency, and hence they gratify, to some extent, that desire inherent in the human mind to know something in relation to the future.

The evidence given for the defense in the Mumler case shows that something unheard of hitherto in the photographic art has been accomplished by him; if that something is the result of imposture, it at least shows that he is no bungler at his business; if genuine it verifies the saying in Hamlet about there being more things in heaven or in earth than is dreamt of in our philosophy.

FAMINE IN PRUSSIA.

THE horrors of famine are still being experienced in the eastern portion of Prussia and on the confines of Russia, and the cry "help or we perish" is being made to resound throughout the civilized world. Hundreds and perhaps thousands of men, women and children are dying of disease and starvation in those doomed districts, and only a prompt response from the benevolent everywhere can stay the ravages of the destroyer. The districts are chiefly occupied by members of the Israelitic race, and the details of their sufferings, occasionally made known, are horrifying. Movements for extending relief to the sufferers are on foot in Europe, and in this country, both on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. In Chicago and other large cities of the East public meetings are being held and appeals made in behalf of these unfortunate people; and in San Francisco on the evening of the 27th ult. an address was delivered for the same purpose under the auspices of the Independent Order of B'nai B'Rith. The case is urgent, and appeals directly to the sympathies of the benevolent everywhere; and it is to be hoped that the efforts now being made to extend aid to the sufferers will meet with a hearty response.

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

San Francisco.—The Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows is in session in this city; the annual reports indicate that unusual progress has been made by the Order during the past year. Committees have been appointed to make suitable arrangements for the reception of delegates from the Grand Lodge of New York which will hold its annual meeting at San Francisco.

A railway tie of polished California laurel and mounted at either end with solid silver, accompanied by a spike of solid gold, costing two hundred dollars, will be forwarded from here to-day to the end of the Central Pacific railroad. It is the last tie and will be laid by Leland Stanford on Saturday next, thus completing the Pacific Railroad.

The municipal elections were held yesterday, at Stockton, California, and Virginia and Gold Hill, Nevada, at all of which Republicans were successful.

Washington.—E. J. Curtis has been appointed Secretary of Idaho, vice J. R. Hawlett, superseded.

Mrs. Grant's reception to-day, will probably be the last of the season; it was largely attended.

Gen. Geo. H. Thomas will leave for California on Thursday, with Colonel Warren and other members of his staff.

Richmond.—Pittington's tobacco factory was burned to-day; loss \$50,000.

Joseph Holmes, a colored member of the late Constitutional Convention, was killed at Charlotte Court House yesterday, in a personal difficulty with John Marshall, son of Judge Marshall, in whose family Holmes was formerly a body servant.

Alexandria.—General Lee arrived to-day on furlough for home; a large number of citizens called on him.

Baltimore.—W. C. Ross, Chief Assistant of the Engineer Fire Department died to-day, from injuries received at a fire on April 10th.

Albany.—A bill has passed the Assembly in relation to the Central, Harlem, Hudson and Erie Roads, which authorizes the classification of the Erie directors, so that only a fifth will go each year, a resolution to submit a proposition to enlarge the canals to the next legislature was lost.

Binghamton.—There was a snow storm last night; the hills were covered and it is feared that damage to the vegetation will result.

Washington.—The new commissioner of patents has made several changes in the examiners; he retains Jas. S. Grinnell as chief.

New York.—A passenger on the steamer *Albatross*, states that the small pox broke out on the trip from Aspinwall, and that there were seven deaths in two days. The bodies were thrown overboard.

The Danish minister, Debelles, was married to-day to the daughter of Chancellor Zebrisky, of Jersey City.

The *Express* says that Marshal Barlow has received reliable information that a steamer left this port last night for Cuba with 300 men, each provided with a rifle and uniform. The vessel also took a large quantity of light clothing, and provisions to last a month or six weeks. The *Express* adds that another expedition is preparing. The Marshal is investigating the matter.

New York, 4.—There was a trot on the Fashion Course, to-day, between Lady Thorne and the American Girl, mile heats, in harness, for \$2000; the former won the first, second and fourth heats, the third heat being a dead heat, there being heavy rain and high wind. The time was 2:29, 2:30 and 2:29.

A mass meeting of the friends of Cuba was held this evening in and around the Cooper Institute, Chas. A. Dana presiding. Resolutions expressing sympathy with the struggling patriots of Cuba, and demanding the recognition of their rights as belligerents, were adopted. Spirited addresses were delivered by Hon. John McKoon, Henry Ward Beecher and others.

In the Billiard tournament this afternoon, Deery beat Rhines, 1,200 to 1,045; Deery's average was seventeen two-fifths; the highest run 213. Rhines' average was fifteen one-fifth, his highest run 129. In the evening Rudolph beat Goldswalte, 1,200 to 1,024; Rudolph's average was twenty two-fifths, his highest run 165. Goldswalte's average was seventeen two-fifths his highest run 123. There was a very large attendance, many ladies.

New York.—It appears that the expedition which left for Cuba on Monday, is larger than was at first stated. The *World* says, the steamship *Arago* was the vessel which sailed, having nearly a thousand men on board. Everything was done openly; the volunteers went on board the steamship with muskets over their shoulders after having partaken of dinner at a public hotel. There was no pretense made by the United States authorities to put a stop to the expedition, although the administration must have been aware of it, as the relations of some of the young men on board telegraphed to Secretary Fish to have the vessel stopped. The U. S. authorities here excuse themselves on the ground that as President Grant has yet issued no neutral proclamation they are not supposed to know of any insurrection which precludes Cuba from being a belligerent. The expedition took sixty thousand rounds of ammunition, several pieces of light artillery, a large quantity of small arms, a thousand breech loaders, uniforms and a small quantity of marine stores. The *Arago* cleared on Saturday for St. Thomas, but till yesterday morning was lying inside Sandy Hook, flying the American and Peruvian colors.

Washington.—A dispatch says that advice by way of Florida indicate the safe arrival within the patriot lines, of a vessel from New York, loaded with arms, etc., supposed to be grape shot. It is stated that Motley's written instructions are being prepared, at the State Department, although he will be allowed large discretion in matters that may come before him. The instructions relative to the *Alabama* claims are based on Senator Sumner's speech, which seems to have been made our ultimatum. Motley is directed to be in no hurry, but to wait a favorable opportunity for opening negotiations on the subject.

New York, 6.—A long letter appeared from Minister Washburne and Mr. Webb, reaffirming their former statements relative to the treachery and murderous ferocity of Lopez in Paraguay. Washburne says since the great battle, that took place soon after McMahon entered the camp of Lopez, nothing has been heard of McMahon, and that at three months past. At the latest dates from Buenos Ayres not a word from him had been received by his friends, and they feared that he had been deprived of liberty. They have good reasons for their fear, for if Lopez finds that he cannot make him useful or, from any reasons, should suspect him as he has suspected everybody else, he will shoot him with as little compunction as he tortured and shot his brothers and sisters and Cuban ministers.

FOREIGN.

St. Petersburg, 4.—Prince Menschikov, an Admiral in the Russian Navy, died yesterday.

Ottawa.—In the House of Commons Savory moved for a return of the licenses issued to American fishermen last year; he held that the treaty relative to the three miles' limit applied to the exclusive right to fish, and while not adopting the prohibitory policy, such a license should be imposed as would be some equivalent for the privilege of Americans fishing in Canadian waters. Several members of the maritime provinces supported the motion. Aglen, from Nova Scotia, advocated the total exclusion of foreign fishermen; the motion was adopted.

Madrid.—A majority of the Cortes is in favor of a new ministry.

Florence.—The Italian Parliament have passed a vote of confidence in the Minister for his endeavors to restore the financial condition of the country.

Havana.—The Cuba journals contain the usual accounts of insignificant skirmishes. Sugar is unchanged.

Paris.—The Geographical Society has decreed a gold medal to Dr. Hays, of the United States, for his eminent services in the work of Arctic exploration; the medal will be forwarded through Gen. Dix.

London.—In the House of Commons Sir John Hay inquired what action the Government had taken in regard to the seizure of the brig *Mary Lowell* by the Spanish. Ottway, the under Secretary of foreign affairs, replied that in the imperfect state of information it was undesirable to make known the nature of the communications which had been exchanged with the Government of Spain on the subject.

Sullivan, member for Malabar, will introduce a bill to prevent the Mayor of Cork continuing to hold any office connected with the administration of justice in Ireland.

Correspondence.

SMITHFIELD, Cache Co., May 1st, 1869.

Editor *Deseret News*.—The Co-operative Mercantile Institution in this city is in successful operation, with a good tannery and shoe shop in the firm.

Nearly three hundred Sunday school children of this ward have assembled to co-operate with the Sunday school scholars from Hyde Park, numbering between one and two hundred, with banners and flags of every size and description bearing appropriate inscriptions to celebrate May-day. They were formed into line, headed by the martial bands of Smithfield and Hyde Park, marched round the city and drew up in hollow squares in front of Surveyor General Fox's quarters at Bishop Roskelly's. The scholars then sang "Lovely Deseret," "The Volunteers," "Lovely May," "Nice young Mormons," &c. The morning was fine, the music of the bands inspiring and the songs of the little folks as sweet and lovely as themselves. Gen. Fox and others made some short but appropriate speeches. Prayer was then offered, imploring the Giver of all good to continue His blessings upon Israel, after which they took up their line of march to their selected play grounds in the canyon, accompanied by their teachers and a host of carriages of various descriptions filled with the parents of the scholars, and other spectators to behold the little ones enjoy themselves. The best of order was preserved and too much cannot be said in commendation of the teachers in the performance of their arduous and useful labors.

By the topographical survey of Utah, kindly furnished by the U. S. Surveyor General Clark to the Territorial Surveyor General Fox, the latter is enabled to identify a certain corner where a public well was dug in Wellsville in 1856, from which, on Monday last, General Fox located Wellsville town site. On Tuesday Mendon, on Wednesday Hyrum and Millville, Thursday Panguitch and Logan, Friday Hyde Park and Smithfield town sites were located. This morning he leaves here for Richmond and Franklin. May God speed him in his labors, for they are highly appreciated in this valley.

Bp. Roskelly and his brethren of Smithfield have got nearly all the telegraph poles set from their city to Logan, a distance of seven and one-half miles on a straight line, being determined to open up communication with the rest of the State and Territory. Grasshoppers are hatching on the acre, and have already commenced their ravages on the grain in many places. Notwithstanding the reappearance of these pests, the citizens are busy in planting the balance of their land, trusting in the future. This is a move in the right direction, for if we do not plant we cannot expect to reap.

PETER MAUGHAN.

SET OUT MORE PLUM TREES.—There is a secret about planting plums. We have discovered it in traveling over the country. We never visited a large plum orchard that we did not find plenty of the fruit. Now these facts set us to thinking; and the result of our thought is this: that it is very easy to have all the plums you want to eat and sell. The secret connected with plum raising is to plant trees so as to give fruit to the curculio and to yourself also. If you plant plums, you will have fruit, and you will have fruit enough for everybody. Every such orchard that we ever visited had plenty of ripe fruit. Some even complained that the curculio did not bite out the fruit enough—that the trees were over-loaded. So we say to our readers, if you plant plum trees at all, plant fifty or a hundred trees—then you will be sure to have all the fruit you want. It sells from five to ten dollars a bushel, and is one of the most profitable crops that can be raised.—*Rural World*.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

THE firm of GILBERT & SONS, of Salt Lake City, U.T., has this day been dissolved. Abel Gilbert, retiring from the firm, from and after this date. The business will hereafter be conducted by Cyrus F. Gilbert & William Gilbert, under the firm name of C. F. & W. GILBERT, and the firm name of C. F. & W. GILBERT, and are authorized to collect all debts due the same.

ABEL GILBERT, C. F. GILBERT, Wm. GILBERT.

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TO THE BOOT AND SHOEMAKERS OF SALT LAKE CITY.

A MEETING of the Trade will be held in the City Hall, on WEDNESDAY EVENING next, at half past 7 o'clock, to take into consideration the utility of entering into Co-operation.

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NOTICE.

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

THE Co-partnership heretofore existing between LITTLE, GILBERT & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be carried on hereafter in the firm style of

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May 1, 1869.

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