

proximity to the Hellespont would give its occupiers control of that passage. Tenedos, though a little closer to the channel does not afford safe anchorage for vessels. This is the island that it was supposed the Russians intended to occupy. However, Britain has made a decided move in occupying Sigri. With this vantage point on the east, and Gibraltar on the west, England bids fair to hold command of the Mediterranean.

ART AND THE "INTER-OCEAN."

THE *Inter-Ocean* of September 13th contained a well written paper on Utah from the facile pen of Professor G. E. Bailey, who is here representing that paper at the Congress now in session. It is mainly devoted to the irrigation question though it contains some very pleasant bits of descriptive matter, eulogistic of this city and its surroundings. On the education question the writer is not fully informed, for while he concedes that in this city "the schools are well supported in every way," in many of the county districts he states "the children are denied school privileges for the most of the year. He speaks in favor of free schools, and is evidently not aware that under our present territorial laws free schools are established in every settlement, and there is no denial of school privileges to the children in any of the districts.

We are sure that Professor Bailey has not designed to make any misstatement, but has simply fallen into a very common error in regard to education in Utah. Also we are persuaded that the caricatures of well known Utah faces which accompany his excellent article are not the fault of his artistic hand. The block-butcher, miscalled engravers, are responsible for them. There is a slight resemblance to the gentlemen intended to be portrayed in the *Inter-Ocean*, but some of them would form a very poor guide to a stranger desiring to identify the individuals.

This is a common complaint. The cheap illustrations which newspapers use of late are libels on public men and a burlesque of art. The ordinary Sunday paper is made the very antipodes of "a thing of beauty," and we hope will soon be freed from those deformities, which threaten to make it a blotch for ever.

The article in the *Inter-Ocean* is well worth reading, and that paper is ably represented at the Utah Irrigation Congress.

Raum reports 929,426 pending claims, half for pension and half for more pension.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' COLLEGE

THE additions and alterations on the buildings on the old Ellerbeck property in the Seventeenth Ward, recently purchased by the Latter-day Saints' College of the Salt Lake Stake, are nearing completion. The architect and contractor—Elias Morris—who has been carrying on the work of reconstruction and remodeling, has displayed ingenuity and skill in turning a building heretofore used as a private residence into one adapted for educational purposes. In course of time a structure with all the most modern improvements and facilities will be erected. That at least is the present intention, and the site, which is spacious and attractive, is one admirably suited to such a purpose.

The removal from the present quarters of the College—the Social Hall—will be effected between the 3rd and 6th of October, inclusive, so that the students will, it is anticipated, take up their positions on the new premises on October 7th.

The institution is one deserving the support and patronage of every good Latter-day Saint. It is gradually progressing toward a basis that will make it one of the strongest educational establishments in the community. It requires time, effort and means to attain that most desirable end. Its mission is one that should cause it to receive the generous support of the community.

"KILLED IN THEIR BEDS."

Editor Deseret News, Salt Lake City, Utah:

"Dear Sir.—In the August 30th issue of the *Tribune* I noticed an article headed, 'Killed In Their Beds.' The article purported to be copied from the *San Francisco Examiner* of the 10th of August.

"It gave an account of the murder of a Richard Bolland and his family living near St. George, Utah. No clue to the murderers could be found, but the *Tribune* seemed to hint that as Mr. Bell and his family were bitter opposers to the Mormons and every Mormon interest, the Mormons had done the horrible deed. We have been looking for any news in the *Deseret News* or the *Herald* concerning this alleged murder, but have failed to see any.

"It seems rather strange, to say the least, that a Salt Lake paper should copy news from a San Francisco paper concerning events occurring so near at home and then offer the same as news.

"If it is worth your while, please answer through your columns.

"Yours truly, J. J. A.
FREMONT, Utah, Sept. 10, 1891."

In answer to our correspondent we will say the article referred to was concocted, like many other anti-"Mormon" sensations, for foreign consumption. It was sent to papers east and west, but the "horrible tale" was never told in Utah because means were close at hand to test its veracity.

Of course the *Tribune* reproduced it, although it was stale and baseless, because it helped to keep up the impression that life and property are unsafe in Utah, and thus, of course, capital would be encouraged and the material interests of the Territory would be advanced. Copying particulars of an alleged Utah murder from a California paper ten days old, may be a mark of journalistic enterprize. To people here it looks more like a strained effort to malign the "Mormons" and keep up the absurd prejudices that prevail against them.

If our correspondent will examine the *Deseret Evening News* of August 28th, or the *Semi-Weekly* of September 1st, he will find a refutation of the Bell story, suggested by the appearance of the same piece of fiction in the *Philadelphia Press*. The officers of the law here, both Federal and local, investigated the report and found nothing to justify it. They stated their belief that it was without any foundation in fact.

It is a matter of regret that such falsehoods find their way into respectable newspapers, and very shameful to those dealers in slander that reproduce them, knowing they are manufactured horrors, the whole design being the misrepresentation of a peaceable and law-abiding community. It may seem "strange" to our correspondent that such stuff should be copied from abroad as news at home, but it is a common device of the paper referred to when nothing occurs as an excuse for original vilification of the "Mormons."

SWEDISH "FOREFATHERS' DAYS."

THE Swedish-American citizens of this Republic were celebrating during the past week the anniversary of an event that deserves more than passing notice. This they call "Forefathers' Day." The occasion is in memory of the first colony of Swedes who landed on the banks of the Delaware, 253 years ago, in the month of September.

This memorable event can not be well touched on without glancing at the history of Sweden. Until 1521 that country was for about 200 years joined by mutual union with Denmark. In that year Gustavus Vasa delivered it from the Danish compact. Two years later he was crowned king. It was he who introduced Lutheranism into Sweden in 1527. His country took a leading part in the religious reformation during the succeeding century. About 1630 we find the famous Gustavus Adolphus at the head of the reformers of Europe. We find him triumphant at Madge-