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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The military register of the German empire shows a list of one million and fifty-five thousand men.

It is estimated that 1,033,000 acres of the finest land in India is devoted to the cultivation of the poppy. No wonder that the nation is sleepy and starving.

Nine deaths from Asiatic cholera occurred in Yokohama, Japan, during two days in September. Fears were entertained of its spread, as no quarantine had been established.

This is a poor year for Egypt. The Nile is low, and the overflow of that river, it is well known, is the source of fertility to the lands adjacent. The intimation that Stanley's visit is the cause of the Nile's depression is nothing but a senile suggestion.

There is or was a "Shaker" community at Pleasant Hill, Ky. But with the opportunities for marriage the success of the concern became more and more in danger. A young couple eloped. Then an elderly twain became one flesh. Nine more marriages ensued, and the community is almost broken up. Nature is at war with Shakerism, and its forces never tire.

An exchange says: "With the back counts all heard from there are 1,896,288 single women in the United States." And yet there are lots of pseudo philosophers, philanthropists and statesmen, that would like to exterminate men who have soul enough to extend the blessings of matrimony to those who pine in solitary singleness, by assuming the cares and expenses of plural families.

The unprecedented number of eight hundred and fifty bills were introduced into Congress yesterday, if our dispatches are to be relied on. The main object of calling the extra session, that is, the appropriations for the army and navy, does not seem to interest our legislators at present. However, they appear to be cutting out lots of work. Whether they will be able to complete it is extremely improbable.

THE POLICY OF DIVISION.

THE BEAVER SQUARE DEALER offers some suggestions to the "Mormon" people in regard to the political situation. Taking the ground that the development of the Territory of Utah into the State of Deseret, or its dissolution in death, is as certain as the growth of a boy into manhood, or the decay of an old man, the editor points out the path which he thinks it necessary for the people to pursue in order that they may avoid destruction and attain Statehood. The policy he recommends is in one word, division. To quote his own words, which he enforces in italics: "The Church party must be willing to divide its power, or lose it altogether."

This sentiment will be endorsed by the "non-Mormon" element. But while they applaud it as suiting their purpose, they none the less regard the unity of the "Mormon" people as the only safeguard the latter possess. The Square Dealer editor argues that the next Legislature ought to have "at least one fourth of the members Gentile."

Now, this may sound all very well to those who are anxious for the disintegration of "Mormonism," and desirous of obtaining an opposition seat in the Assembly, but as it is given as advice to the "Mormon" people it is simply absurd. In the first place, the opposition is not entitled by its numbers to one-fourth nor one eighth of the representation of the Territory. In the next place there is neither reason nor precedent for working purposely in the interests of the opposition. Would Democrats put themselves out of the way to elect Republicans, or Republicans to elect Democrats? And what benefit could the "Mormon" people expect to receive in return? The class of men who would be put forward as the candidates of the opposition, judging from the past, would have for their chief aim the destruction of that which the "Mormons" live and labor to build up. Their policy now is to prevent any "Mormon" from getting or retaining any office, however small, and in this work they spare neither slander, nor bribery, nor perjury.

The Square Dealer admits that the "Gentiles" should not acquire representation "except by the increase of numbers." That settles the question. No one will offer the least opposition to any "outsider" who is fairly elected to office. But if their numbers are insufficient to effect a just election, why should the "Mormons" aid them in their warfare? Shall we put strength into the hands of men who are laboring with their might to deprive us of all political power whatever? Who aim at robbing us of the simplest and the dearest rights of American citizenship? Who would wrest from us the right to vote, to serve on a jury, or to hold any office of honor or emolument? Shall we put into the hands of our would-be political murderers the very weapons for our assassination? The "Mormon" people act very simply in many things affecting their well-being, but they are not such fools as to do this.

The true "Mormon" policy is union in all things, and the upholding of their true friends. No one knows this better than those

persons who seek to create division among us. Whether it be by open warfare or seeming friendship; by denunciation and misrepresentation or quiet sophistry and plausible advice; all who seek to divide the "Mormon" people are their enemies, because they are enemies of the system which is or should be first and foremost in the hearts of the Saints, for which they forsake home, country and kindred, and which is the center of all their hopes, ambitions, labors and desires for this world and the world to come. The opposition may divide to their hearts content, but union should be the everlasting motto of the "Mormons."

BY TELEGRAPH.

P. M. WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 30, 1877.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

EAST AND WEST.

Blind and the Silver Bill.

NEW YORK, 30.—The Tribune's Washington special says at the close of the session of the House yesterday afternoon, the friends of the remonetization of silver, who had been very active throughout the six hours of tedious session, insisted on being recognized by the Speaker, to present their favorite measure. Bland appeared, as he did in the last Congress, as the special champion of the silver bill. He desired to have the rule suspended and to obtain a vote on the passage of the bill authorizing the complete remonetization of the silver dollar. As it was then 5:15 o'clock, and most of the members had been in their seats since before noon, and were thoroughly tired out, and as the friends of this scheme were aware that the silver bill could be passed almost as well on any other day, Bland was voted down. So slim was the support he got that he could not even muster force enough to order a call of the roll. This circumstance, though, is no indication of the strength of the scheme for remonetizing silver in the House. Those who have made a most careful canvass of its members are of the opinion that it certainly has a majority, and possibly, is strong enough to be carried by a two-thirds vote under the suspension of the rules some Monday afternoon.

Unprecedented Number of Bills Introduced.

Nearly 850 bills and joint resolutions were introduced in the House yesterday, a number totally unprecedented in its history. No more than 200 were ever before presented in a single day. About two-thirds of the measures were of a private nature, and many others literally or substantially duplicates of each other. In the latter class, for the repeal of the resumption act, for remonetization of silver, and for more taxation from tobacco sold at the place of production for home consumption. The adjournment of the House until Wednesday was ordered principally for the reason that it would be impracticable to prepare the journal with the titles of all these bills, etc., fully set forth for presentation, at noon to-day, and also to give the committee time to organize.

Escape of a Notorious Robber.

PITTSBURGH, 30.—Reddy Waxter, a notorious robber, who had been robbing the railroad cars, was rescued by his friends from the hands of the sheriff who was taking him to serve out a seven years' sentence in the penitentiary, and has not yet been found.

Mining Town Nearly Burned.

EVANSTOWN, 30.—At one o'clock this morning, about one-half of the little mining town of Earlington, Hopkins County, Ky., was burned.

Critical Condition of Senator Morton.

INDIANAPOLIS, 30.—Senator Morton's physician, Dr. Thompson, stands by him day and night. He expressed the belief that some change may take place that will enable the stomach of his patient to retain nourishment, and with such a change he thinks he might yet survive. There is a bare possibility that such may be the result, but it is scarcely probable. The end of the great statesman, from all human appearance, is near at hand.

Senator Morton Rapidly Sinking.

CHICAGO, 30.—The Times' Indianapolis special says Senator Morton is rapidly sinking. He does not expect to recover from his paralytic, but grows hourly weaker, rallying occasionally, but after every effort a change for the worse is apparent. This afternoon the doctor insisted on the fact that he was exactly as to his condition. Doctors Thompson and Woodburn, his attending physicians, knowing that it would be useless to conceal the truth, told him that he would die, and that life could not be sustained many days. The news was received quietly and without any manifestations of emotion, and after a momentary pause he remarked that he would rather die than live in his helpless condition to be a burden to his friends. He is perfectly conscious, and displays not the slightest unconsciousness. Active remedies are administered, hyperdermically, but nourishment thus introduced into the system cannot sustain life any length of time. Hundreds of invalids, remedies and operations from all parts of the country have been received, and letters and telegrams by the hundred, testifying to the interest that is felt for the dying man. He no longer takes food, and takes no interest in passing events. His family and near relatives are gathered about him.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE OF PRISONERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, 30.—A Virginia dispatch, yesterday afternoon, says a number of convicts in the penitentiary at Carson attempted to break out. They seized Matthewson, the deputy warden, and, holding him before them to intimidate the guards from firing, made a rush for the gate. Matthewson was three times ordered to guard to fire. They finally opened fire, wounding Matthewson and two of the convicts. The others surrendered. No escapes.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Eastern War News.

LONDON, 30.—A correspondent at Belgrade telegraphs that the Governor of Bosnia has informed the Porte that most of the members of the Bosnian provisional government are now on Austrian soil, and requests that the Porte apply for their internment.

Russian emissaries are active in Bosnia, and have succeeded in exciting a fresh insurrection on the Austro-Bosnian frontier.

A Vienna dispatch says the rails supplied by the Vienna merchants to the Roumanian government for a railway in Wallachia having been seized in transit through Hungary, the Vienna cabinet has asked for their immediate release. The Roumanian cabinet has refused, alleging that the rails are contraband.

A Constantinople dispatch says a detachment of Russians are at Silistria, south of the Balkans, in rear of Orhac.

Mohar, Pasha, telegraphing on Saturday, announced that the Russians were encamped within three hours' march of his headquarters.

Russians are constructing a battery on an island two miles east of Silistria.

THE CABINET WILL RETIRE IN PEACE.

The Times' Paris correspondent telegraphs the following: It seems now settled that the cabinet, abandoning the idea of resistance, will resign by the 7th of November, or will merely hold office long enough to justify its policy in the Senate.

FRANCE.

Conservative Ministry.

PARIS, 30.—Careful calculation shows the conservative minority in the new Chamber of Deputies is composed of 112 Bonapartists and 96 monarchists.

WEST INDIES.

Arrested.

HAVANNA, 30.—A person named Catala, who has been acting in this city as agent for the insurgents in the field, has been discovered and arrested. Important correspondence was found in his possession.

BOX ELDER STAKE CONFERENCE.

ENOE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Box Elder Stake of Zion convened in the Court House, Brigham City, on Saturday the 27th inst., at 10 a.m.

On the stand were Elders Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow and Franklin D. Richards, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; Elders Oliver G. Snow, Elijah A. Box and Isaac Smith of the Presidency of the Stake. Also Patriarch W. Box, members of the High Council, the President of the High Priest's Quorum, and most of the Bishops from the various Wards comprising the Stake.

The meeting was called to order by President Oliver G. Snow.

The choir sang the hymn

Come all ye sons of God
Who have received the priesthood.

Prayer was offered by Bishop Thomas Harper.

Choir sang.

The time is fast passing.
There is little remaining.

The congregation consisted of the priesthood only, the reason of this, as explained by President L. Snow, was that the house was too small to accommodate others, and the Tabernacle, which was nearing completion, not being finished, they were under the necessity of turning the Conference into what might more strictly be termed a priesthood meeting.

The statistical reports of the various Wards were read by the Clerk of the Stake, Elder George Bywater, who also read a report of the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association, presided over by Sister Minnie J. Snow, with Miss Fanny Graehl as secretary. It showed that the society was organized July 30, 1875, with 125 members, besides officers, and that meetings were held every two weeks, with a good attendance. The society had donated \$415 towards the building of the new Tabernacle, besides amounts for other purposes, and had money in the treasury, with no indebtedness against the society.

Elder A. CHRISTENSEN, the County Superintendent of Sabbath schools, made his report, showing the total number of Sabbath school children to be 1,134, of whom 504 were males and 540 females. There were 138 classes, consisting of Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Catechism, Juvenile Instructor, etc., taught by 141 male and 120 female teachers. The schools generally were in a prosperous condition, and were well sustained by the community.

ELDER E. A. BOX, President of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, reported the society to be in a very good condition. 25 numbers of 225 members. During the winter its meetings were held regularly every two weeks, with an excellent attendance. The exercises were those usually adopted in improvement associations.

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The General Authorities of the Church as sustained at the last conference, in Salt Lake City, were then presented and sustained by unanimous vote. Also the local authorities of the Stake as follows:

Oliver G. Snow, President of the Stake, with E. A. Box and Isaac Smith as his counselors.

Patriarch, Wm. Box.
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BISHOPS.

First Ward of Brigham City, Henry Tingey; Lucius A. Snow and Jonah Mathias counselors.

Second Ward, Alvin Nichols; Joseph M. Jensen and Alvin Nichols, counselors.

Third Ward, John Davison Burd; Antoine A. Jensen and Peter F. Madsen, counselors.

Fourth Ward, John Welch; Thos. H. Wilde and Lorenzo S. Wright, counselors.

Three Mile Creek Ward, Orin A. Perry; Richard Thorn and John D. Peters, counselors.