

the culture and curing of tea, came to Washington last week, by appointment with the commissioner of agriculture to inspect 100,000 tea plants growing in the propagating houses of the Agricultural Department. This gentleman has traveled in China and Spain in connection with the business of his firm. In the latter country he remained one season as superintendent of the tea plantations and curing and packing establishments owned by his house. He is, therefore, probably as well qualified as any American to pronounce upon the practicability of cultivating tea in this country. He expresses the utmost confidence in the success of the commissioner's plans, and is surprised that tea culture did not long ago become a profitable branch of American industry. He recommends to the commissioners that in future, in the documents on the subject of tea culture, the oriental accounts be inserted, and that a plain statement of the principles which govern the preparation of tea be substituted. Processes, then, would suggest themselves, he thinks, to intelligent experimentalists that would remove the veil of mystery which has heretofore clouded the whole question, and result in the successful production of American tea produced on American principles.

HUTCHINS, Tex., 19.—The train due here at 10 o'clock, was robbed, this morning, by four masked men. The express was taken and the mail plundered. About 15 or 20 shots were exchanged. Express messenger Thomas was wounded.

WASHINGTON, 19.—Subscriptions, to-day, to the 4 per cent. bonds are \$150,000; the total subscriptions to date are 3,612,600.

The Senate committee on finance, to-day, heard Secretary Sherman in opposition to the House bill, which proposes to repeal the specie resumption act.

The House committee on Territories, to-day, agreed to report to the House, with favorable recommendation, Representative Luttrell's bill to regulate elections and the elective franchise in Utah. The bill provides that after its passage every male citizen of the United States, aged 21 and upwards, who shall have resided in the Territory for six months next preceding any election, and ten days in a ward, township, or other election precinct in which such person shall offer to vote, and no other person whatever shall be entitled to exercise the elective franchise in the Territory. The bill disfranchises women who have access to the polls in Utah.

The President, to-day, nominated James Coey postmaster at San Francisco, and Albert Lowry at Placerville, California.

CHICAGO, 19.—The Times' London special says: Disquieting rumors still prevail, rendering the situation anything but satisfactory. The English government is evidently in possession of information not generally known, whose effect is to stimulate the war preparations. It is within the limits of probability that the British troops may be ordered to seize Gallipoli at any moment as an offset to the Russian operations about the Turkish capital, and to force Russia to come to terms relative to the submission of the whole treaty to the European Powers. Inasmuch as no power will be bound by the action of the congress, its uselessness is growing into a general conviction, inducing continued doubts as to its being held. No progress appears to be made in the effort by diplomatic negotiation to secure an adjustment of the differences between England and Russia. The latter power is still insisting that certain points in the treaty shall not come before the powers for ratification. The negotiations for an Anglo-Austrian alliance are still in progress, but as the Times' correspondent was informed on yesterday, the prospect is not good for a successful conclusion owing to the diverse news on the part of the Austrian government. It is not expected that the treaty will be made public for several days.

We do not Wonder.

We do not wonder that housewives who have been accustomed to use Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extracts should turn in disgust from the trash often sold under the name of Flavoring Extracts, which stuff smells and tastes like turpentine. Dr. Price's Flavoring Extracts have the taste and odor of the fresh fruits.

PROFANITY.

"Well, I'll be d—d!" Will you, indeed? A very gratuitous piece of information, and quite superfluous, too, if your exceedingly emphatic declaration is to be taken as an index to your general character; partaking too much of the nature of a foregone conclusion to elicit any doubt as to its truth.

Young man, did you really mean that? Do you actually intend that shall be your destiny? It is a prophecy? No? Then what did you say it for? Your assertion must either be true or false. If true, you do not seem to realize the danger of your situation as one would naturally expect in one so unenviably predestined; while if false, you have told a downright lie. Did it ever occur to you that for every vain word you utter you will some day be called upon to render a strict account?

Oh, you were only in fun? Queer fun, that. How it did make you laugh, didn't it? What a pure source of innocent enjoyment! What solid, cheerful pleasure may be derived from such a fountain of delight! Come, now, own up like a man—is it not a habit that you have of swearing? And when you first contracted that habit, was it not because you thought it smart and manly? I thought so. And now my young friend, let me who have been a swearer myself, give you a few words of advice. If you are laboring under the hallucination, so common to your years, that blasphemy, profanity or vulgarity are the evidences of nobility and manliness—or even good common sense, the sooner you awake to a realization of how egregiously in error you are, the better 'twill be for you and all who know you. If you but knew the contempt you inspire in the minds of all people whose opinions are worth having by the low habit you indulge in, I think you would think twice before endeavoring to call forth their admiration by such questionable means as oaths and curses. You do not rise, you fall in the estimation of all good and virtuous persons by so doing, and I'll pledge my word you do not enhance your own opinion of yourself very materially. The low, coarse and vulgar may applaud and appreciate your violations of decency and morality, and consider you what you wish to be considered, a smart young fellow. But ask yourself, can you afford to cater to their desires, pandering to their precepts, when by so doing you forfeit your own self esteem and the respect of the nobler, better portion of humanity? Will it pay in the end?

That spirit which has prompted you to the folly you have committed is one phase of the "romance of rascality"—the same that has made robbers and murderers of, filled the States' prisons and loaded the gibbets with, thousands. There is something so plausibly heroic about the lives of Dick Turpin, Jack Sheppard and others of that ilk; it is so romantic to picture a scene at midnight, when the silvery moon illumines the beauties of nature, and two forms on horseback are wending their way through the silent forest, when suddenly one, who has hitherto played the part of guide, reins in his steed, seizes his companion by the throat with one hand, levels a loaded pistol at him with the other, and shrieks in his ear, "Your money or your life," that the young are carried away in sympathy for the romance of the example, and frequently burn to emulate it. It is this same "romance of rascality," my friend, in a milder form, that influences you to swear, blaspheme, and disgrace yourself generally. You think it sounds high and brave spirited to use slang and profanity, but you are wrong. It is low, cowardly and filthy. Do you think that any young lady thinks any more of you because you curse and use oaths in her presence? Why, if she is really a lady, she will be disgusted with you, and manifest it very forcibly by shunning your society.

Are your father and mother pleased when their boy displays such precocious aptitude for the themes and examples of the wicked and depraved? If they were indeed a father and mother to you they would feel grieved and horrified at your language, and either remonstrate with or punish you severely. Do your friends and companions encourage you in your coarse style of speech and action, and use it with you? If they do they are not your friends any more than you

are your own, nor should they be your companions at all.

Lastly, but above all, does God your heavenly Father approve of your conduct and course? "Thou shalt not swear" is his answer. Now, my young friend, take this advice, and remember, though the Lord is ever merciful, and willing to pardon weakness and thoughtless offense, he does not view wilful sin with the least degree of allowance. Keep your mind pure, for cleanliness is next to Godliness, and then your speech will be pure also. "Swear not at all." Cease from all your evil mindedness, your vulgar bywords and profane expressions. Do not associate with those who practice such things, unless it be as a reformer and an advocate of something better. Be a man—a gentleman and you will not only win the respect of the good, the pure, the intelligent, and the refined, but you will have the warm approval of your own conscience, and the favor of your Father who is in heaven.

O. F. W.

Elyria, Ohio, March 1, 1878.

ITEMS FROM ARIZONA.

SUNSET, A. T. Feb. 24, 1878.

Editors Deseret News:

Strange as it may seem to some of your readers that do not know the habits of King Sol, Sunset is on the east side of the Little Colorado, Brigham City on the west, Taylor 17 miles up the river on the west side, St. Joseph still up 6 miles on east side, and 25 miles further on fetches you to Woodruff, also on the east side of the stream. At Sunset, Brigham City and St. Joseph we have raised sufficient breadstuff to take us through; Obed had a pretty good crop, but is abandoned for the present.

This mission has had a strange history, so far, most who came having got weak in the back or knees and gone home. Some, I believe have felt somewhat exercised about the way we were getting along, and the mode in which we conducted our culinary affairs. Now I always had a preference for eating with my family, and I have striven to show that I was willing to enlarge as often as circumstances required. And the same feeling seemed to prevail in these settlements. We have enlarged ours to the amount of 40 in one day.

We have noticed that most people that pass the road are willing to stop and board with us a week or more, notwithstanding our poor provisions, and the queer style it was served up. But, without joking, I believe most of the Saints who have remained wish to carry out the counsel of the servants of God who sent us on this, as we think, important mission, notwithstanding some say it a heavy tax on the people to sustain. If they think so I will or would be willing to meet it all individually. But to those who have assisted us willingly, we say God bless you, and trust we shall be able to return like blessings to you or others.

Our mail matter reaches us in 10 or 12 days, which we think good for people living in a desert, where it was thought people could not live at all. Yours Truly,

LOT SMITH.

MARRIED.

In this City, March 20th, 1878, by Elder Joseph F. Smith, Mr. LUKE CRAWSHAW, son of Mr. Henry Crawshaw, and Miss JANE WRIGHT, daughter of Mr. W. H. Wright, all of Ogden City.

DIED.

March 13th, 1878, at Huntsville, Weber Co., U. T. MORONI HENRY, only son of James Marion and Sally Maria Griffin, aged 2 years, 3 months and 29 days. —Ogden Junction.

At Franklin, Oneida Co., Idaho, February 19th, 1878, ELIZABETH RACHEL ELLSWORTH, daughter of Exaus Edwards and Elizabeth Cammell, born in Nauvoo, in 1814; emigrated to Utah in 1832. She lived a faithful Latter-day Saint and died with the hope of a glorious resurrection.

In Gunnison, March 12th, 1878, of whooping cough and teething, WILLIAM ALPHONSO, son of William D. and Mary A. Childs, aged 4 months and 15 days.

At Meadow, Millard County, February 19th, of diphtheria, BERTHA MAY, daughter of William and Sarah L. Stott, aged 1 year 5 months and 27 days.

Also, at the same place and in the same family, March 2nd, of diphtheria, JOHN ALGER, aged 8 years, 11 months and 23 days.

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