

and trains are delayed by an ice gorge in the Mississippi, between here and Alton. It is expected to give way at any moment. The results are not thought to be serious as the river has only risen three feet.

CINCINNATI, 15.—At one o'clock this morning, people in the vicinity of No. 50 Wiltach Street, on the border of the inundated district, in the western part of the city, were startled by a loud explosion which broke the glass in the windows. It demolished a three story brick building occupied by four families. Seventeen bodies were found in the ruins. The explosion was caused by fire damp, or sewer gas in the cellar, and all the people were buried in the debris. A scene of terror followed. It was supposed the explosion was caused by the pressure of water in the sewer and the people thought that other explosions would follow. Many left their homes in the utmost alarm and fled, thinly clad, to places of safety. The fire alarm was turned on, which added to the consternation. The fire department responded promptly, and finding no fire, began the slow work of removing the unfortunate victims. The house was owned by Jacob Brown, who with his wife and two sons and two daughters, occupied first floor. Officer Mackey, special policeman at Fourth and Vine Streets, better known as King William, occupied the front room on the second floor, with his wife. The back of the same story was occupied by Wm. Miller, wife and two children; the third floor was occupied by William Hanson, wife and twin daughter, two years old.

FOREIGN.

PARIS, 14.—De Freycinet had an interview with President Grevy, who will probably consult with the President of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies. Fallieres will remain some days as President of the Council. Replying to a deputation of merchants representing twenty million francs capital, President Grevy promised to endeavor to relieve commerce from the results of frequent crises.

The committee of the Chamber of Deputies considered the proposals to banish any princes guilty of furthering pretensions endangering the State, and unanimously rejected it, and Senator Barley's measure rendering the princes liable to expulsion by decree of the President of the Republic was rejected. Floquet's motion prohibiting the presence in France or Algeria of any member of former French dynasties was adopted. A member of the committee withdrew before Floquet's proposals was voted upon. Marcow, republican, is chosen reporter of the committee. A majority of the members opposed the action of the committee on the expulsion bills, in adopting Floquet's motion. The committee is radical. The Left, democratic and republican union decided to favor the passage of Bailey's proposal.

LONDON, 14.—A tug is searching for the steamer Quebec, from Port land for Liverpool, but failed to find her. Reports of fearful weather outside.

Dublin, 14.—In the commission court, Curran, charged with the murder of a farmer named East, is acquitted.

Wagner died of apoplexy. Two fishing smacks are lost at Yarmouth; 14 drowned.

Sofia, 14.—Grecoff was beaten severely in the streets here in a conflict that occurred between the authorities and people. The natives refuse to assist the latter.

Berlin, 14.—The *Borchen Courier* reports the King of Bavaria telegraphed Wagner's relatives offering condolence, and begging them to await his wishes in regard to the removal of the remains and the funeral services.

Vicenza, 14.—Licea Marcello and the city authorities are arranging a public funeral for Wagner.

Hamburg, 14.—At the conclusion of their inquiry before the Court of Inquiry, concerning the *Cimbria* disaster, Captain Outill and first officer Bullard, of the steamer *Sultana* were allowed to go free.

Cairo, 14.—It is announced that a revolt has broken out in the province of Dongola, Upper Nubia.

Gibraltar, 14.—Protests are lodged at the American and Spanish consulates at Casa Blanc against the brutality of the Moorish Governor towards the Jews.

Venice, 14.—Wagner is suffering from disease of the heart. He had yesterday a severe attack.

solved on making an excursion in a gondola, when he had another violent seizure. In the afternoon he died in the arms of his wife and surrounded by his children.

LONDON, 15.—Hullett, the American who so narrowly escaped massacre at Madagascar, has arrived here, on his way to the United States to lay the case before the government, and claim damages against Madagascar. Hullett makes a long and interesting statement of his adventures. He heartily thanks the commander of Her Majesty's gunboat *Fawn* who brought him to Natal.

Paris, 15.—The *Appel au Peuple*, Prince Jerome Napoleon's organ, is out. It contains a protest signed by 30 Bonapartist deputies against Prince Jerome. The same article advocates a plebiscite.

Correspondence.

COVINGTON, Fountain Co., Indiana, Jan. 30th, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

In this State there are six Elders, good, faithful, energetic men, doing all they can for the spread of truth, as revealed in this dispensation.

In some parts of the State it is very difficult to get places to hold meetings, and some of the Elders have not fared very well, having to sleep in school houses, and sometimes in the woods, but that is the exception and not the rule, for in most cases we have met with friends and have been treated with kindness.

Some times we have had to call on a number of people before being admitted to stay over night, but in every instance we could see the providence of God in it, for we have been able by that means to bear our testimony to the more honest-hearted people, who more often than not, invite us to call again, and thus we are led to the honest in heart in answer to prayer. We are in correspondence with some to whom we have borne our testimony in the above manner, who are seriously investigating the truth, and have invited us to stay awhile with them when we go that way again.

But while there are a few who are enquiring after truth, the masses of the people are very indifferent to religious matters. Money is the God they worship, and they are devoted worshipers to their idol. Many have a form of godliness, but most emphatically deny the power, as the Apostle said they would do. They pay their preachers to expound the scriptures for them, while they themselves seldom read that good book, and are therefore unacquainted with the teachings of the patriarchs, prophets and apostles of old, but accept for doctrine the precepts of men; and it surely is the blind leading the blind.

But notwithstanding the many difficult circumstances under which we labor, the work is progressing favorably. We baptized four in the week preceding Christmas, and there are a few others ready as soon as the weather permits, it being exceedingly cold here just now. There are many also who are seriously investigating the gospel plan, and it bids fair for a good work to be accomplished the coming spring and summer.

Last June we held a Conference in Covington, and President W. M. Palmer being with us, was introduced by one of the Elders to the Rev. Burch, a Methodist preacher, of some note at that time, and for some time after, lecturing against our people; Elder Palmer kindly invited him to our meeting, and asked him some few questions, which he declined to answer, and got very angry and rather abusive. After he had gone Elder Palmer remarked in the presence of friend Oliver Shelby, myself and many others: "Watch that man, from this time he will commence to go down, and it will not be long before he will not have any place to preach in." It has verily come to pass; for at the Methodist Conference last fall they did not give him any appointment, and appointed another minister in his place. Then he turned his attention to stumping for the republican party, and on last November, after making a speech, got down from the platform and offered his hand to a former convert of his, who turned his back upon him and said, I don't want to shake hands with a traitor. Friend Shelby hearing the prediction, watched very closely for its fulfillment which

even his name is mentioned now-a-days by his friends.

The Saints in this State are all feeling well, and more determined to live their religion than ever. I expect most all the Saints will gather to Zion in the fall. They have started in good earnest to prepare, and if nothing happens to prevent them, there will be about twenty Saints leave this State. The revelation given through our beloved President has given the Saints much joy, and is a source of much consolation to us all. Eleven adults and eight children went from here to Utah on October last, and judging from letters received here by their friends they are all well satisfied, and are all doing well.

The weather has been extremely cold here, and it has been almost impossible to hold many meetings, but the Elders are in different parts of the State doing all they can.

Praying God's choicest blessings to rest upon Zion and all her inhabitants.

I remain your brother in the Gospel of peace,

S. R. MARKS.

WASHINGTON, Washington Co., Utah, Feb. 10th 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

Last Sunday we were favoured with the genial presence of Apostle Erastus Snow, who delivered a very instructive and pathetic discourse, which was listened to with marked attention, at the funeral of Sister Paxman a faithful honest Latter-day Saint of the Washington Ward.

The number of deaths in Washington this winter exceeds that of any previous year, to the best of my recollection since my residence here from the year 1861. Seven of our number have fallen victims to death so far this winter, many others have been brought very low, but are now convalescent. The sickness has been principally lung fever. The proportion of deaths as it regards sex has been six females and one male. Some of our most faithful and exemplary members are included in the number of deaths, who are gone to swell the ranks of the faithful the other side of the veil. It is due our Bishop to say that he has been assiduous in his attention to the sick by day and by night and all feel to accord to him great credit in this respect. The weather has been very changeable

this winter sometimes quite warm at others piercing cold.

We have a good day school in session under the direction and able management of Annie McGuire. We have also a primary school conducted by Sister Wilkins, and still another conducted by Miss Stephens, Presbyterian, with an attendance of four scholars. We have quite a number of veteran brethren in this Ward, who lived in the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and were personally acquainted with him. We have a number of poor in this Ward, a good many widows and fatherless children, which adds to the labor and care of our Bishop. We have a great many vacant houses in our little city, many leaving and no new comers to take their places, hence a good portion of our city is being farmed under the present circumstances, raising small grain, wheat and barley.

Times are dull at Silver Reef, at present. In former days the Reef has been quite an opening for the disposal of surplus products.

Last Sunday week we were favored with a visit from Pres. McAllister, Bishop Roskelly, F. Farnsworth, Moroni Snow, and J. E. Pace; we were much edified and interested in their well timed remarks.

Respectfully,
R. F. GOOLD.

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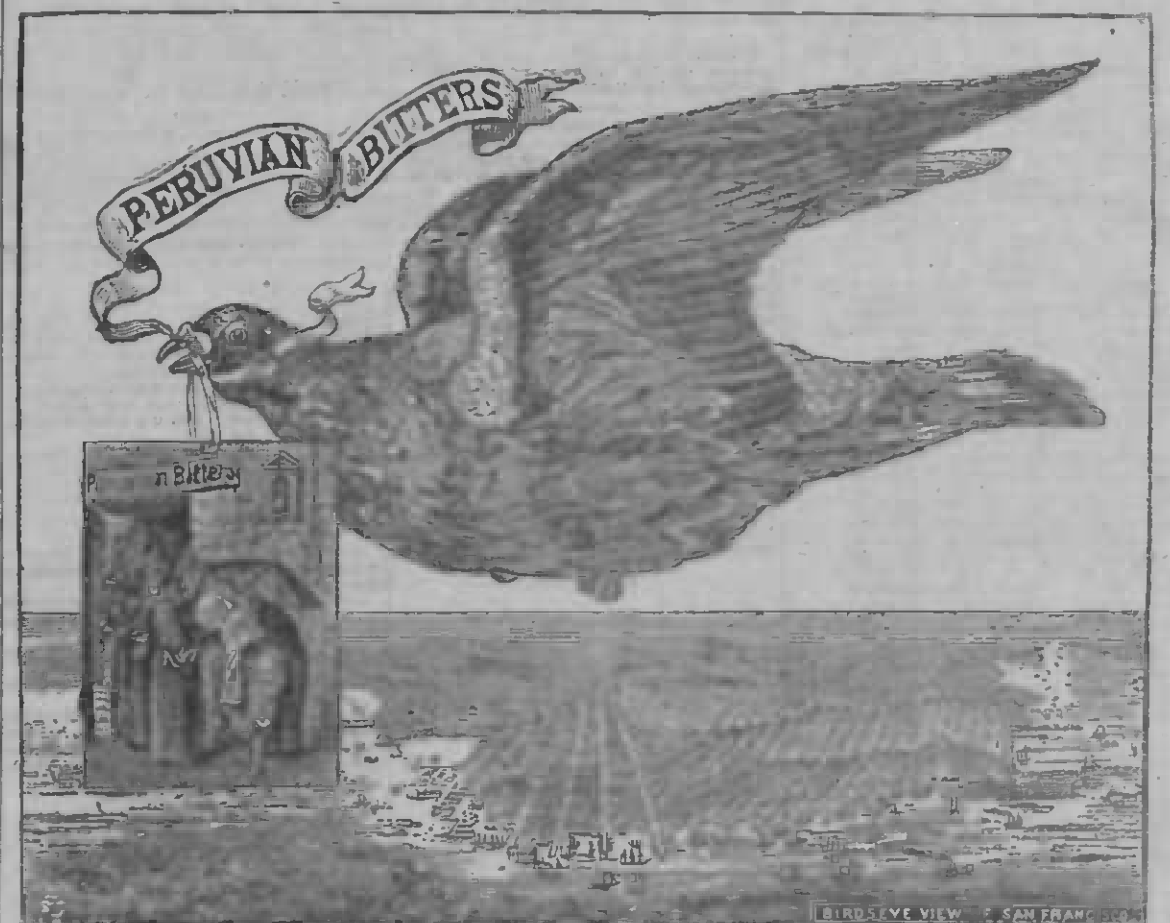
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