

Let us do our duty; let us cease setting our hearts upon the fashions and things of this world, and laboring to enrich ourselves at the sacrifice of the kingdom of God. We have a co-operative mercantile institution; and it is the duty of these Latter-day Saints to sustain and uphold it; and so with everything else that is in the kingdom, for these are the stepping stones to us to a fulness of the celestial kingdom of God.

I thank God that I live in this day and age of the world, when my ears have heard the sound of the fulness of the gospel of Christ. I thank God that I have seen the face of prophets, apostles and inspired men. I rejoice in this, and I pray God my heavenly Father that I, and my brethren and sisters, may have power to unite and take hold and build up this kingdom. When we do this it will not be in the power of earth or hell to take away our rights and privileges; for I tell you that if this people were united according to the law of God, wherein we should become fully justified before the Lord, sinners in Zion would tremble and fearfulness would surprise the hypocrite; the power of God would rest upon Zion, the angels of God would visit the earth, the judgments of God would be poured upon the wicked, the Zion of God would be redeemed, the temples of God would be reared, the prison doors would be opened and the prisoners in the spirit world would go free, because we would feel the spirit and power of our mission and calling and should fulfill it.

I pray that God will bless this people and that he will bless President Young, who has already outlived four of his counselors. The Lord says—"I will take whom I will take, and I will preserve whom I will preserve." All these counselors were younger men than President Young, yet he has outlived them. God has ordained President Young to live, and he has lived so long, and has had the prayers of hundreds and thousands of Saints, which have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth for his preservation; and the Lord has heard and answered these prayers.

Let us, as Elders of Israel, rise up and bear off this kingdom. Let us forsake our evils and wickedness, and repent of our sins, and renew our covenants and keep the commandments of God; that we may lighten the burdens of our President, that his spirit may be cheered, and that the power of God may attend him in his labors for the advancement of Zion upon the earth.

This is my prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

By Telegraph.

AMERICAN.

BOSTON, 22.—There is no material change in the prices of wool; holders being confident that the present figures will be sustained are not disposed to make any concessions, or to urge sales. Manufacturers continue to purchase as wanted. The stock of all kinds on the market is believed to be small for the season. Sales of X and XX Ohio and Penn. fleeces, at 46 @ 48 per pound; Michigan and Wisconsin fleeces X and medium at 42 @ 45; combing and delaine fleeces at 50 @ 65 for washed, 43 @ 49 for unwashed; pulled wool has been in demand at 35 @ 50 for super and X, and very choice eastern superfine at higher prices. California wool continues in fair demand at 25 @ 34 for fall and spring, according to quality.

Shortly before 7 p.m. a terrible explosion occurred in South Boston, by which a large number of persons were injured and several killed. It is impossible, as yet, to learn the cause of the explosion or the extent of the damage. A large gasmain, running under Federal St. Bridge, to South Boston, and along the water's edge, under the pavement on Federal street, exploded with a loud report, tearing up the pavement for 150 feet or more. The street was thronged with people at the time, and many were buried under the debris. Crosby's grain warehouse was badly shattered and will have to be taken down. The foreman was instantly killed. It is supposed that several persons were blown into the water, as several dead bodies have been taken out.

The following is the list of killed and wounded thus far—Killed 2; fatally injured 4; seriously hurt 9; slightly injured 3; seven persons are missing, and are supposed to have been thrown into the water and drowned. It is supposed that the recent cold weather caused the pipe to burst, and the ground becoming impregnated with gas, ignition from some cause communicated fire to the confined gas and caused the explosion. A witness states that the first intimation was a bright flash about the middle of the causeway, followed by a sharp explosion, the paving stones, &c., flying in all directions. Almost immediately after, the causeway on the right hand, under which the gas main ran, fell into the river, carrying with it several persons

who were stunned, injured or killed by the explosion. The number of these is not yet ascertained, but it is feared that several are buried under the debris at the bottom of the river. The pavement is completely torn up for 150 feet.

SAN FRANCISCO, 22.—Twenty-five hundred shares of the Bank of California stock were sold at auction to-day, at twenty dollars per share, and two hundred shares at eighteen dollars.

A committee of bankers met yesterday to draft a plan for a clearing house. A majority of the banks favor the project, and it is expected conditions as shall hereafter mutually be agreed on. If Harvard agrees to accept Yale's challenge, Yale is in favor of pulling either in New London or Springfield waters.

DETROIT, Mich., 22.—The convent buildings at Cross Village, in the northern part of the State, are reported destroyed by fire, also a grist mill and shingle mill, with their contents.

General Schofield has ordered Company G, first cavalry, from the Presidio to San Diego, for service on the border, near Campo.

A dispatch from San Diego says that the town remains quiet. A vigilant guard is kept at Campo.

A dispatch from Tucson reports that Pesqueira, Governor of Sonora, with six hundred revolutionists, has retreated across the line into Arizona. Governor Safford, of Arizona, has telegraphed General Kautz, commanding the district, asking him to send troops to drive the armed forces back to Sonora, and to prevent the troops of either side crossing the line. The revolutionists assert their intention of continuing the contest with the Pesqueira government.

Owing to the severe strictures of the Victoria press on the loss of the *Pacific*, Goodall, Nelson & Perkins announce their intention of withdrawing their ships from the line. Assemblyman Pullen, of San Francisco, formerly an employee of the G. N. & P. Co., has introduced a resolution in the Assembly, asking the appointment of a legislative committee to devise means to prevent, in future, similar disasters to the loss of the *Pacific*; he supported his resolution in a speech, referring to the loss on the coast, in past years, of ten steamers and fifteen hundred lives, and vigorously denounced the system which permitted ships to go to sea in an unsound condition, ill provided with means of saving life, and with unreliable, undisciplined crews, largely comprised of Chinese. The resolution and speech cause much comment in nautical circles.

CHICAGO, 23.—A Washington special says that an ingenious dodge of the Tom Scott regency has been brought to light within a day or two, for the furtherance of his designs on the Pacific railroad business. It is shown, from documents at hand, that a concerted scheme for the capture of the so-called patrons of husbandry has been adopted throughout the Southern States, and through this instrumentality force is to be brought to bear on the members of Congress, to vote the necessary appropriations during the coming session.

NEW YORK, 23.—A fire this morning, in Vesey street, caused losses amounting to \$40,000, distributed among a number of occupants, who are mostly insured.

WESTCHESTER, Pa., 23.—The Bank of Brandywine is now in the hands of the assignee, William Jeffreys, cashier of the National Bank of Chester County.

DETROIT, Mich., 23.—The *Tribune's* special from Traverse City, Michigan, announces the death, at East Bay, Grand Traverse County, of Henry Stiles, an old pioneer, and the first white person born in Cincinnati; he was a resident of Detroit at the time of Hall's surrender.

CHARLESTON, S. C., 21.—Geo. H. Pendleton, of Ohio, attended the banquet of the New England Society of Charleston, last night.

BOSTON, 23.—No further discoveries have been made of bodies at the scene of the gas explosion, and as several persons reported missing have appeared, it is probable that the actual number of lives lost will be narrowed down to five; one or two of the wounded are dying.

PROVIDENCE, 23.—The committee to examine the affairs of the Providence Tool Co., it is understood, will recommend an extension of thirty-six months from January 1st; semi-annual payments beginning in July, and interest at

seven per cent., also payable semi-annually.

WASHINGTON, 23.—The Commissioner of the General Land Office lately decided that Page's bill restoring the Stockton and Copperopolis railroad land grant to the public domain did not take effect until promulgated by the Department, Sept. 4th, 1874. This ruling was made in the case of a settler in San Joaquin county, who went on an odd numbered section in May, and as soon as telegraphic information was received of the Department promulgation, he went to the Stockton land office to enter his claim, but on returning found his land jumped by one to whom it is by this decision awarded. Page argued that the law went into effect on the signature by the President, June 15th, and Commissioner Burdett now promises to revise his decision, and he will undoubtedly hold, respecting this case, and thousands of acres similarly situated, that any act of settlement after June 15th was valid to pre-empt the odd numbers restored by that law.

Between 11 and 12 last night a shock of earthquake was sensibly felt in South Washington. A dispatch from Gordonsville, Va., to-day, says there was a heavy shock there last night at 11:50; it jarred the windows and houses, and lasted three seconds.

DETROIT, 23.—J. F. Albro, well known lumber inspector of Osceola, Mich., shot himself to-day; cause unknown.

SAN FRANCISCO, 23.—A dispatch from San Diego confirms the reports of anarchy in Sonora; the revolution is in progress, and the Yagui Indians are in revolt. Governor Pesqueira has levied a special tax to carry on the war. The revolutionary party, it is reported, are about to invade Sinaloa. Business is prostrated. No further demonstrations have been made by the banditti at Campo; the presence of a posse from San Diego keeps them temporarily quiet, but they threaten revenge for the shooting and hanging of their comrades in the recent raid. Cruz Lopez has been in command since the death of Chavez. The Mexicans on the border, with few exceptions, are in league with the banditti. A cavalry company will leave here to-morrow for San Diego.

MONTREAL, 23.—Work has been found for fifteen hundred men on the city improvements, at seven cents an hour.

WASHINGTON, 23.—Several weeks ago representative Page, of Cal., presented to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue the petition of Louis Kraner and Son, and other brewers of California; the Commissioner in reply informed him that a similar petition was presented by other brewers, and that a delegation visited the office and made an argument in support of their views, also that the whole subject had been carefully considered and a decision reached, of which he enclosed a copy to Mr. Page, it being a reply to the U. S. Brewers' Association, from which the following extracts are made—

"The subject matter of the petition is the assessments which have been and are being made against brewers, having for a basis the quantity of material used each month, as showing the returns of the brewers. The petition concludes with a request that such assessments be no further made. The Commissioner says that the power of assessment is expressly conferred by statute upon all fermented liquor removed from the brewery unstamped; the application of the rule of the office has shown that a majority of brewers are not affected by it; invariably there are a minority who come within it, and who have been assessed. Now in a portion of these assessments appeals have been taken, and are now pending before the office, and in cases where collections had been made claims for refunding have, in several instances, been filed. Very few of either of these classes of cases have yet been decided. Upon consideration of these cases the office may obtain further information, both as to the correctness of the basis of calculation and as to the best method of its application, and should it appear, upon such consideration, or from further experience in the operation of this rule, that the estimates of material now established should be modified in any way, or the period for calculation enlarged, the Commissioner deems it right to assure the petitioners that he shall, without hesitation, make such changes or corrections, and any other that

shall seem to be required by justice to the taxpayer and consistent with a proper enforcement of the law.

Speaker Kerr left for Philadelphia this a.m., where he will remain until after the Christmas holidays.

Attorney General Pierpont says that the President does not favor the pardoning of Joyce, convicted in St. Louis.

NEW YORK, 23.—The trial of Hy. C. Bowen against the Brooklyn *Eagle*, for \$100,000 damages for libel, was concluded this evening. Mr. Beach, counsel for the defence, occupied till 2:30 in his summing up, and Fullerton, for the plaintiff, spoke until 5 o'clock. Judge Reynolds then charged the jury in a fifteen minutes' address, in which he informed them that they might bring in a sealed verdict.

BOSTON, 23.—John Brugger & Son, stocking manufacturers, Manchester, N. H., are reported to have failed; their liabilities are said to be \$100,000, assets \$30,000.

The bodies of two more victims of the explosion last night were recovered from the water to-day; their names are John Kells and George Elwell.

A company, organized six months ago as the Hingham Manufacturing Co., with an alleged capital stock of \$100,000, has gone into bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$180,000, and no assets, \$150,000 of the liabilities being in notes, the money obtained upon which was used by the officers for private purposes. Not a dollar of the capital was ever paid in. Charles M. Strauss, clerk of the company, has been indicted for perjury in making an affidavit as to the capital, and other officers will be similarly served.

PROVIDENCE, 23.—The committee to investigate the affairs of the Providence Tool Co., states the assets of the company at \$4,145,000; liabilities \$2,783,000.

CINCINNATI, O., 23.—A large meeting of citizens was held at the City buildings to-night, and the initiatory steps were taken for a grand celebration for the inaugural of the centennial year, on New Year's eve; it is proposed to celebrate the event by ringing all the bells in the city, firing cannon, and a grand military and civic procession through the principal streets. Mayor Johnson was requested by the meeting to issue a proclamation inviting all citizens to participate in the carnival; great interest was manifested.

NEW HAVEN, Ct., 23.—Harvard has accepted Yale's challenge for an eight-oared coxswain four mile race.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, 23.—A fire at Red Oak, at 2 o'clock this morning, destroyed the entire east side of the public square, which was built up solid with substantial frame buildings; the loss is estimated at \$20,000; the fire is believed to be the work of an incendiary.

RICHMOND, Va., 23.—Shocks of earthquake last night were felt along the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway as far as Staunton, 140 miles northwest of Richmond; also along the line of the Richmond and Danville Railroad to the southern border of the State. No damage is reported.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., 23.—The recent mild weather has had the effect of raising the Delaware river sufficiently high to move the ice; a gorge formed at Narrowsburgh this afternoon, damming the water, which is rising rapidly. This is one of the places where an ice gorge formed last winter, which resulted so disastrously.

HARRISBURG, Pa., 23.—An order issued by Adjutant General Latta announces that the general inspection of the militia of this State will take place during the months of April and May next.

SAN FRANCISCO, 23.—A dispatch from Tucson confirms the previous report as to the movements of the revolutionists and State troops of Sonora. A portion of Pesqueira's forces have entered Arizona. Gen. Kautz, this afternoon, telegraphed that he has been ordered to compel Serna to surrender, and he had ordered three companies of cavalry from camps Grant and Lowell to carry out the order. Governor Safford will leave immediately for the Sonora line.

A dispatch from San Diego says that a courier had arrived from San Rafael, the capital of Lower California, reporting that the revolutionists had attacked the place and killed Governor Villagrana and twenty-nine others, and had possession of everything; the report needs confirmation, but is considered highly

probable by those familiar with affairs in that country.

CLEVELAND, O., 24.—Patrick Kanen, who was convicted of manslaughter, for starving his idiot son to death, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years.

WASHINGTON, 24.—The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the payment of the January interest to be commenced on Monday next, with rebate.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office, to-day, ordered a patent to be issued for the town site of Central City, Colorado, with the following proviso:

"Provided, that no title shall be hereby acquired to any mine of gold, silver, cinnabar or copper, or to any valid mining claim or possession held under existing laws; and the grant hereby made is declared to be subject to all the conditions, limitations and restrictions contained in section 2388 of the revised statutes, so far as the same are applicable thereto."

General Jno. A. Dix, of N. Y., and others representing mineral claimants have protested against any patent issuing for this town site, unless the department should make it exclude every mine discovered or hereafter discovered throughout its entire length, together with a width of 100 feet of surface ground. Commissioner Burdett, in an elaborate argument, accompanying his order of to-day, shows that the proviso above quoted, comprehends all the exceptions and conditions that can be made under the existing law. The decision is of great importance to large mining interests in many sections of this country.

CHICAGO, 24.—A fire at Red Oak, Iowa, yesterday, destroyed eleven buildings; the loss is estimated at \$65,000, partly insured.

A Washington special says that information has been filed with the authorities here that Spanish agents have violated the neutrality laws by enlisting Italians in New York, for service in Spanish regiments in Cuba; the matter is to be examined. It seems to be a similar affair to that which led to the English minister, Sir John Crampton, receiving his passport under President Pierce.

A St. Paul special says that seventy-three resolutions, purporting to have been adopted by the meeting of the Catholics of this State, gathered to witness the consecration of Bishop Ireland, protest against the President's removal of Chief Justice Dunn of Arizona on account of his position on the common school question, declaring it a violation of the spirit of the first constitutional amendment. The resolutions further condemn a policy which would stifle discussion by the minority by appeals to religious antagonism, oppose the centralization of educational powers in the national government, recognize the equality of civil and religious rights in American citizens, and declare complete agreement with the views expressed in Judge Dunn's lecture before the Arizona Legislature, February 2nd, 1875.

NEW YORK, 24.—The jury in the Bowen libel suit are still out, being unable to agree on the question of damages.

Bank statement—Loans decrease \$1,829,000; specie increase \$654,100; legal tenders decrease \$1,198,300; deposits decrease \$3,590,200; circulation decrease \$77,900; reserve increase \$354,600.

The *Weiser Zeitung*, of Bremen, Dec. 8th, contains the following account of the capture and massacre of a detachment of Egyptian troops by Abyssinians, briefly reported some time ago by cable—

"We have had news from Abyssinia. An expedition of about two thousand men, sent by the Khedive under the command of Arendrop, a Dane, to subjugate the Abyssinians, was drawn into ambush and nearly every man slaughtered. General Arendrop Pasha and many other officers were literally hacked in pieces, their heads stuck on spears before the Abyssinian tents, and their bodies sent to the wild beasts. Mackellop Pasha is said to be alive, and a prisoner. Of Colonel Routh, the American, nothing is known, and only one officer, Schwerzar, escaped. An expedition comprising twelve thousand men, infantry, cavalry and artillery, is to set out from Cairo without delay, and will be joined by every American officer in the Egyptian service, including Col. Stone."

Henry Clewes & Co., bankers, have arranged with their creditors, and have obtained a full discharge.