

CURRENT EVENTS.

Releases and Appointments.

The following appears in the *Mt. Star* of November 17:

Elder John F. Merrill is released from laboring in the Newcastle Conference and is appointed to labor in the Manchester Conference.

Elder Orson Merrill is released from the Newcastle Conference, and is appointed to labor in the Bristol Conference.

Elder Samuel S. Newton is released from the Newcastle Conference and appointed to labor in the London Conference.

Sent to the Pen.

Seven prisoners were sent to the penitentiary December 1st, from the First Judicial District, charged with the crimes following their names:

Iars Neilson, adultery; James McMannis, forgery; James Powers, assault with intent to kill; James Sigler, burglary; William Williamson, grand larceny; James Snyder, housebreaking.

Seven others were to be taken to Ogden to appear before Judge Miner, on the charges set opposite their names: Harry Anderson and Thomas Conley, illegal voting; C. K. Hall, assault; Charles Turner, burglary; Don Carroll, John Daly and William Venor, robbery.

The "Historical Record."

Volume Nine of the *Historical Record* has just been issued at this office. It contains much important information, conspicuous among the subjects treated being "The Pioneers of 1847." There is also the usual supplement, which embraces a chronology of important events of 1885. It is also a notable fact—one that will occasion no small regret—that this volume closes the publication of the *Record* for the present. Brother Jensen, the compiler and publisher, is at present engaged in historical researches for the Church, and if the *Record*, should be resumed it will be under Church auspices. He has shown much aptitude and ability in this important field, for which he is peculiarly adapted. Volume Nine, when combined with its eight predecessors, makes a complete work, so far as it goes.

Utah Will be Patient.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The *Washington Post* in its issue of Sunday prints the following: Delegate Caine, of Utah, says that his territory has ceased knocking at the door of congress for admission into the sisterhood of states. "We want to be free men of course," he said to a *Post* reporter, "but two years ago the democrats did not think they could carry us and the republicans do not deem it wise to admit us. Utah therefore will wait until the invitation comes to her and until then we are not likely to make any move towards statehood. We have all the qualifications necessary for admission. Our population, even by the imperfect census, is over 200,000 while Wyoming has only 60,000

and Idaho only 80,000. There are 5,000 more people in Salt Lake City alone than there are in the whole state of Nevada. The religious prejudice which keeps us out is contrary to the spirit of the constitution, but it nevertheless exists. Utah will stay a territory until she is asked to be a state.—*Herald*.

On Utah Affairs.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—"Polygamy is being slowly but surely stamped out in Utah; of this the country may rest assured," said ex-United States Senator Saunders, of Nebraska, at the Auditorium Hotel today. The senator is a member of the Utah Commission, and his official duties enable him to speak knowingly on the subject. "Harsh measures are not being used," he continued. "It is not thought best to do so, but the law is being enforced in a way that demonstrates the futility of resistance to it. If when a Mormon is convicted of polygamy he promises the court to sin no more, he is released on paying a small fine; and he keeps his word. But the Mormons are in the large majority there, and moreover, they can depend upon at least 95 per cent of their votes being polled. The discarded wives? They are generally, and in fact always, save in rare exceptions, taken care of by their former husbands. The Government has a house of refuge for them; but the Mormons so fear that they will be charged with refusing their former wives' support, if the Government has to take care of them, that they support them themselves and in better fashion than before."

Archæological Discovery.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The *Pioneer* of Allahabad reports an archæological discovery of some importance at Maheswar, in Singapore district. Some children while playing among the ruins there, unearthed two beautiful groups of statuary cut from hard black basaltic stone, found near Gyn. Both represent mythological deities, with features of the Greco-Buddhist type. The central figure stands on a lotus and its four hands grasp a club, a wheel, the lotus and a couch. On the head is a tiara three inches in height, which, with earrings, necklace, bracelets, waist chain, and sacred thread are rendered with a wonderful degree of delicacy and finish. To the right and left stand the figures of Lalami, the goddess of wealth, and Saraswati, who patronized learning, each ten inches in height. Round the central group are seven minor deities, armed with bows and arrows and riding on horses and elephants. The entablature is surmounted by the head of Avarar, known as Nrisingha.

The second piece of carving is similar and the workmanship, though good, is not equal to the other group. It is sixteen inches high, twenty inches broad and six inches deep and represents the Paupanie Goddess. History and tradition are alike silent as to the origin of these curious relics. The

keenest excitement was caused by the discovery among the Hindoo population. Apart from the intrinsic value of the carvings, which is considerable, they are objects of worship. During their temporary sojourn at the local police station, they were visited by crowds and smothered with sweet oils and flowers.

Fremont Whispermings.

The Fremont L. D. S. Seminary is now in full working order. The board of directors consists of the following: Hiatt Maxfield president, Joseph J. Anderson secretary and treasurer, W. Young and T. Archie Young. The instructors are: Aretta Young, principal; intermediate and preparatory departments, Pbebe Lemmon, assistant; primary department, John Hactor, vocal music. The rooms will be furnished with the most improved furniture and apparatus.

Hitherto, owing to the more or less scattered condition of the people and the privations incident to the settling of a new country, our youth have been denied the advantages of scholastic training, but now opportunities equal to those enjoyed elsewhere have come to our doors.

The past year has been a successful one to farmers generally. Some little grain was frozen, probably due to late sowing, and some was threshed out by the hail, still good crops are the rule, and the people are contented and happy.

This is one of Utah's best watered valleys, and in addition to our present supply of water a new site for a reservoir has recently been purchased by the three upper wards.

There are yet many thousand acres of tillable land lying unused, and there will be water enough for it all.

Southeast of us some thirty or sixty miles there are a number of small but fertile valleys with an almost semi-tropical climate. These are fast settling up, and some distance further on are rich placer and other mines in operation. Just south of our town about two miles a strike has recently been made. A mining company has been organized, claims staked off, and a mining district applied for. It is claimed that the find is rich in gold and silver but just what it will amount to none can of course tell.

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FREMONT, December 2nd, 1890.

Kansas City, Dec. 8.—United States Minister Ryan of Mexico passed through the city today for Washington. He has been summoned to the capital by the Secretary of State for some reason unknown to himself. He denied the contemplated resignation.

New York, Dec. 8.—J. Pierpont Morgan has sent a telegraphic invitation to the presidents of all railroads west of Chicago to meet at his house in this city on the 15th for the purpose of discussing the railroad situation with a view to renewing the "presidents' agreement."