

South American News.

The Republics of South America do not look with favor upon the late action of the United States Senate in re-asserting the Monroe doctrine. They regard it as an infringement on their national rights.

Advices lately received state that the town of Guanaco, Peru, was almost totally destroyed by an earthquake, Nov. 21st, but no lives were lost.

"Except Utah."

On Jan. 15th, during a debate in the House on the omnibus admission bill, Cox favored the bill and said: "Every territory except Utah should be admitted into the Union, when it has a population sufficient under the law to elect a member of Congress."

Germany at Peace.

On Jan. 13th, in opening the Landtag, Emperor William declared that all of Germany's foreign relations were friendly, and that the financial condition of the country was satisfactory.

Mysterious Assault.

At about 1 o'clock on Jan. 13th, Wm. Woodard, who resides on Sixth East Street, was walking eastward on First South Street, near Fifth East, in company with two soldiers and a man named Smith. Just ahead were A. Martin and three soldiers. A man came across the street and asked Martin for some one whom none of the party knew. He next accosted Woodard, who did not understand what he said, and asked him, "What did you say?" At this the strange man leaped at Woodard, and began slashing his head and face with a knife, making a number of terrible and dangerous wounds. The assailant escaped, leaving no clue to his identity, nor the motive of his attack. One theory is that he is insane.

Swindling a "London Times" Agent.

The London *Times* is making desperate efforts to obtain proof that will be of service in its contest with Parnell. Knowing this a Buffalo mechanic lately wrote the *Times* pretending to be able and willing to furnish evidence showing a connection between Parnell and the Phoenix Park murders. The *Times* sent a detective to New York who corresponded with the mechanic. The latter adroitly avoided an interview, but succeeded in obtaining several sums of money from the

Times' agent, aggregating about \$500. The mechanic had no proof, and the detective learning that he had been victimized, returned to England. Some of the letters he wrote to the Buffalo man, relating to the willingness of the *Times* to pay liberally for such testimony as was needed, have been published with sensational effect.

The United States and Samoa.

For some time past the Samoan difficulties have been receiving attention in Congress, and the executive and other departments. The aggressive policy of the Germans there, having led them to bombard certain towns containing American citizens, Secretary Whitney, of the navy, on the 11th inst. instructed Admiral Kimberly to proceed at once to Samoa, and take such steps as might be necessary to protect American citizens, and aid in the restoration of order on a basis in harmony with existing treaties. This means that the United States calls a halt in the policy Germany has been pursuing.

New Mexico Wants Statehood.

On January 12, a convention was held at Santa Fe, which adopted resolutions in which were set forth the claims of that territory to statehood, and memorialized Congress for admission.

Railroad Accident.

A passenger train on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad, going fifty miles an hour, collided with a freight train near Kent, Ohio, January 14. Both engineers, both firemen and eight passengers were killed, and fourteen passengers were badly injured. The baggage and smoking cars caught fire and were burned badly. Some of the inmates of the smoking car were burned to death. It was a horrible catastrophe.

Returned Missionary.

Elder Walter E. Hanks, of Teasdale, Piute County, who reached this city on January 11 upon his return from a mission, made a call at this office on the following day. He left Salt Lake City on the 26th of April, 1887, and for the first six months labored in Minnesota. During the next half-year he was engaged in the southern part of Wisconsin and the northern portion of Illinois, but in both these districts he met with little success. In the spring of 1888, owing to ill

health, his sphere of labor was changed, and he was assigned to Central Wisconsin. In this locality Elder Hanks had the good fortune to meet with a host of kind friends, and his efforts were attended by most encouraging results, quite a number of persons evincing an earnest desire to investigate the principles of the Gospel. There were five baptisms there in the course of last summer. Elder Hanks encountered some opposition, however, while in Central Wisconsin, and was several times threatened with violence, but these threats were not carried into effect. Last October Elder Hanks was transferred from Central Wisconsin and next went to Lake County, Ohio, where, among some relatives, he continued his labors until his departure for home last week. In Lake County he had to contend against a bitter opposition, and some of his meetings were considerably disturbed.

John Hill Arrested.

On January 10, John Hill, of South Jordan, was arrested on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. The indictment was found against him on August 4, 1888, but he had never been taken into custody. He gave bail for his appearance for trial.

Singular Coincidence.

Mrs. H. P. Folsom, of this city, a most estimable woman, passed from this life on January 12. In connection with her demise we have received the following statement, which is somewhat remarkable:

"As Sister Broadbent was getting in the carriage to go and see the remains of Mrs. H. P. Folsom, her daughter, she received a telegram from Terra Haute, Indiana, that another daughter of hers, Mrs. C. M. Daggett, expired at 7:45 p.m. There was thus only about three hours difference in the time of the death of the two daughters. It is also a remarkable fact that Sister Broadbent dreamed ten days before that her daughters were both dead and that Sister Folsom died first, and so it happened."

Twentieth Ward Institute.

On Jan. 8, the members of the Twentieth Ward Institute held their annual meeting for the election of a Board of Directors and officers, when the following directors were elected, viz.: C. W. Stayner, D. R. Lyon, John James, N. Y. Schofield, C. J. Rees, J. Openshaw, A. B.