

their eyes? Continuing to live with and support the wives he has had for many years and whom he has vowed to cherish. Is this a defiance of national authority or infraction of Congressional law? If so, why ask for the law to be changed? We must advise these ladies, as we have done before, not to adopt the contradictions prepared for them by the male knaves whose puppets they are, but examine for themselves and not commit their names to such senseless blunders and manifest untruths.

The gentleman whom they malign never gave any such counsel as they assert he uttered in the Tabernacle. In fact, he did not give any advice at all on the subject to which they allude, but merely reasoned on it by way of argument. Their assertion is entirely untrue and cannot be established by quotations from his discourse.

Their assumptions about what "Mormon" men are now doing amount to nothing but mere gossip and imagination. They exclaim against the secrecy of "Mormon" marriages, and then pretend to know all about them. They cannot cite a single instance of any such marriages as they assume to describe. They not only embody unauthenticated scandals in their paper, but venture to tell what "Mormon" men are going to do. And further, they accuse the objects of their malignity of a manifest impossibility—"marrying two wives at once, giving precedence to neither." Is it not clear that if a man were to marry two wives on the same day one of them must have the precedence of ceremony. It does not matter how quickly the one ordinance might follow the other, one must have precedence of time. This is the stuff which these ladies have been foolish enough to adopt and forward to Congress, for men of sense and experience to base legislation upon.

It is also untrue that the Mormon Church "politically dominates the Territory Utah," and that it claims to be above the laws of the country in any other way than all religious bodies do, under the Constitution of our common country. The "Mormon Church" teaches obedience to the Constitutional law of the land, and the Territory of Utah is "politically dominated" much in the same way that other Territories are governed, by the votes of the majority except in this that one man, appointed without the consent of the people, can undo in a moment all that their legally chosen representatives can do in a whole legislative session.

Taking the Memorial all through, it is one of the most absurd, contradictory, tattle-mongering, false and yet malicious documents ever penned for the perusal of so august a body as the Congress of the United States, and may with strict propriety be numbered among those literary productions which are dubbed as "old wives fables."

Local and Other Matters

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 12.

Information Given.—In answer to a request for information regarding the whereabouts of Edwin and Walter Steadman, we have been furnished with their address. Persons wishing to communicate with them may find them at West Jordan, Utah Valley, care Mr. James Turner.

Sentenced for Twenty Years.—Moroni Hicks, convicted of murder in the second degree, for the shooting of Charles E. Johnson, last May, was sentenced at Malad, on the 8th inst., to a term of twenty years in the penitentiary. He is now in the 21st year of his age.

"Junction" Jots.—There is some talk of producing the play of the "Marble Heart" in Ogden, soon.

Mr. E. C. Jacobs, United States Commissioner, of Corinne, died there yesterday morning, of consumption.

The Union Pacific express was six hours late last night. Delayed by snow.

Arrived at Liverpool.—By private letter, we learn that Elders Henry A. Dixon, William H. Coray, John L. Jones, J. W. Vickers, Hans Funk, Isaac Sorenson and Peter Nielsen arrived at Liverpool, Sunday, the 23d ult., per S. S. Nevada. All these brethren were in fair health, the condition of Brother Dixon, in that regard,

having improved very much on the journey.

"Dispatch" Notes.—F. J. Kimball, formerly conductor of a Pullman Car on the Union Pacific Railroad, between Ogden and Omaha, after serving four months in a house of correction for a series of offenses, in obtaining money under false pretenses, has now been arrested at Sacramento for forgery. It is understood on authority of Mr. Dunn, Superintendent, that no more Utah and Northern track will be laid this winter. There is about twelve inches of snow on the level on the Pleasant Valley Divide, which precludes further work until spring.

Bishop's Meeting.—The meeting held in the Council House, last evening, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, was well attended by the officers of the various wards, and the time spent in a very interesting and profitable manner. Presiding Bishop, Edward Hunter, occupied the stand, with his Counselors L. W. Hardy and R. T. Burton. After the usual opening exercises, Bishop Hunter addressed the meeting, briefly but forcibly reminding those present of the various duties that devolved upon them as judges in Israel, fathers to their wards, counselors and assistants to their bishops, and teachers and guardians of the people under their charge. Our hands were full already, but if we did not faithfully attend to our duties, they would be fuller yet, as sure as God lived. The law of the Lord must be studied and strictly observed, or we could neither claim his care nor his protection. But if we did His will, he would gladly open the windows of heaven and pour out His blessings upon our heads. Bishop R. T. Burton was then called upon to speak, and delivered a kind, fatherly discourse, full of instruction and the spirit of love and charity. He dwelt to some length on the difficulties and cares attending the office of a Bishop in this Church, cares and anxieties which but few understood or appreciated, but exhorted the presiding officers to do their best, which was all that God expected of them, and the ward members to have charity and consideration for those who presided over them. Kindness should be manifested mutually; nothing was ever lost by it, but we had learned by experience that much was to be gained by it; while it was equally certain that harshness and cruelty gained nothing. In dealing with the erring, the parable of the "Ninety and nine" should be remembered, and every effort be made to reclaim the fallen, instead of tramping them in the dust. Reforms were necessary among us as a people, but moderation must be used to bring about those reforms. Extremes and radical measures would not do the work, they were only productive of violence and revolution. A firm but gradual influence must be exerted, and above all, love and charity, for perfection was not to be accomplished in a day, an hour or a year.

The speaker then exhorted the teachers to be alive, to visit their districts often and regularly, to comfort the hearts of the Saints and administer consolation and instruction. Complaints were made by some that the teachers had not visited them for months, and sometimes years. This was not right. The people must be taught continually or they would fall behind and get lost, and the teachers would have to answer for much of their wrong doing. Bishop E. D. Woolley then arose and spoke at some length on the evils of round dancing, and was followed by Bishops L. W. Hardy, R. T. Burton, and S. A. Woolley. The meeting was an extended one, but very enjoyable throughout. It adjourned to meet on Thursday, Dec. 25th, (Christmas) at 6 o'clock p. m.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 13.

A Double Loss.—Brother James W. Bean and wife, of Provo, who lost one of their little twin daughters a week or two ago, have since been called upon to sustain the death of the other, who departed this life Thursday morning. Our heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved parents, is evoked by this sad intelligence.

Not Fatal.—The Eureka Leader now says that Pearson, of Ephraim, Sanpete County, Utah, who was shot in the affray with the road agents, several days ago, is not fatally wounded, as was supposed,

the bullet having struck a rib and glanced. He is now considered out of danger. Hill, the wounded robber, is very weak from loss of blood, and the bullet that entered his elbow has not yet been located. Pearson's companions are camped near Hamilton, waiting to appear as witnesses at the trial of the highwaymen.

"Leader" Locals.—The pottery of Messrs. Levi & Jerome Roberts, of Logan, caught fire last Saturday, and a considerable quantity of unburned ware was destroyed. The loss will reach above \$400.

A magnificent snowplow has just been completed at the U. & N. R. R. shops, in Logan City, for use on the road. It is built upon a new and improved plan, is almost unbreakable, and is powerful enough to batter down a stone wall of comparative thickness. The one great point of superiority in its construction is that instead of throwing the snow where it is liable again to clog the track, it casts the obstruction to a considerable distance.

Central Committee Meeting.—Agreeable to announcement, the People's Central Committee for Salt Lake County, met to-day at the City Hall, and effected an organization for the current year, by electing the following officers: John Sharp, Chairman; D. O. Calder, Vice-Chairman; Theo. McKean, Secretary; John R. Winder, Cor. Sec. The committee then proceeded to transact the business for which the meeting was called. The chairman stated that it would be necessary for the voters of the People's Ticket to nominate a candidate for the Legislature, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. A. P. Rockwood, to be voted for at the special election called by the Governor for Saturday, the 27th inst. Upon motion it was then resolved that a mass convention of the voters of the People's Ticket be held at the County Court House, on Saturday, at 12 noon, a call for which will be found elsewhere.

The committee then adjourned sine die.

People's County Mass Convention.

A mass convention of the voters of the People's Ticket of Salt Lake County, will be held at the County Court House, on Saturday, the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock m., to nominate a candidate for the Legislative Assembly to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. A. P. Rockwood.

By order of the People's County Central Committee.

JOHN SHARP, Chairman.
THEO. MCKEAN, Secretary.
Salt Lake City, Dec. 13, 1879.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 15.

A Singular Offense.—A correspondent in Provo desires us to state that Green and Mechem, convicted of grand larceny in the First District, some time ago, did not steal "cattle," as was published, but simply "one steer." The objection it seems, lies in the use of the plural noun.

Big Shipment.—Saturday's Dispatch says:

Yesterday the Union Pacific express train was obliged on account of the cargo of silk worm eggs, to leave here in two sections, this being the first occurrence of the kind in several months.

Snowed In.—The heavy falls of snow in Little Cottonwood Cañon, recently, have blocked the railroad from Alta, and up to last evening, no railway communication between there and the junction at Sandy had been effected. The snowsheds along the track, have been broken in in three different places by snow slides.

"Enquirer" Notes.—Both coal trains on the U. & P. V. Railway were snowbound in Spanish Fork Cañon, on Thursday. Men were sent from Springville to clear the track.

A man by the name of William Shapley, while coming from the Samsen Mine to Park City, fell down in the snow and in a few moments expired. A coroner's inquest was held soon after and a verdict of death from pneumonia, over-exertion and excitement was rendered.

Crushed by a Truck.—About 11 o'clock Saturday forenoon a man named Wilford Hincheliff, employed at the Union Pacific freight depot, met with a severe accident.

He with others was engaged in transferring a heavy hook-and-ladder truck, when the fore wheels, getting too far underneath, cramped the hind wheels, and overturned the truck. There were about a dozen ladders on the truck at the time, and as one of the wheels fell on the abdomen of the unfortunate man, the great weight crushed him terribly. Doctor Carnahan was summoned and dressed the wounds, and by last accounts it was expected that he would recover.—*Junction.*

Two Days' Meeting.—A two days' meeting was held at South Cottonwood on Saturday and Sunday the 13th and 14th inst. The congregation was addressed by President John Taylor and Elder Brigham Young of the Twelve Apostles, Elders David O. Calder and Joseph E. Taylor of the Presidency of the Stake, (President Angus M. Cannon being detained at home by sickness in his family), and a number of home missionaries and others. The instructions given were appropriate to the every day circumstances of the Saints, and were delivered with power and spirit. The singing by the joint choirs of South Cottonwood and Union Wards, under the leadership of Prof. J. Fones, with Miss J. Walsh as organist, was one of the pleasing features of a very enjoyable occasion.

Departed.—From a relative in this city, we learn of the death, on the 27th ult., at Washington, D. C., of the Rev. John McKnight, an ex-minister of the Presbyterian Church, Scottish Covenanters, of the John Knox School. He was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, Dec. 15, 1788, had traveled around the world several times, and was one of the first white men to enter San Francisco Bay. His death was from old age. Deceased was a personal acquaintance of the writer, who passed several pleasant days in his company, during a visit to the National Capitol, in 1877. He was firm as a rock in his faith, and deeply versed in sectarian theology. Unlike most of his conferees, however, he never was known to say a word, or do an act, prejudicial to the people called "Mormons." At one time he observed: "I have nothing to say against them. It may be that Joseph Smith was a true prophet." Deceased was the father of J. McKnight, Esq., attorney, of this city.

Educational.—At the meeting of the Educational Association, at 2 p. m., on Saturday, the consideration of the school law was resumed. That section of the law relating to the use of text books, throughout the Territory, and which prohibited teachers or any others from changing said books during a period of five years without good and sufficient cause, to be determined on by a convention, was so amended as to make the offense of changing them punishable by the forfeiture of the teacher's eligibility as an instructor. The frequent violations of the law by teachers, and the consequent expense to parents and guardians, of purchasing new books so often, made the amendment advisable.

Mr. O. H. Riggs, submitted his report as a committee of one, appointed to draft additional sections relating to the duties of Territorial Superintendent of District Schools. His report was referred to Messrs. Caffee, Fuller and Snell.

The association then adjourned until next Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Supt. Thatcher Speaks.—We have received the following in relation to the reported suspension of railway transportation, on the Utah and Northern Railroad:

LOGAN,
December 14, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

An article in the Ogden Junction of yesterday, states that the Utah and Northern Railroad will not now receive freight for any point north of Logan, the track further north being so badly troubled with snow that trains can pass, if at all, only with great difficulty, etc., and that passengers must take their chances on delays, etc. The article is entirely without foundation. We have some snow on the road, but it has on two occasions only, during the recent heavy storm, caused delay, and that only of a few hours in each case, and with the appliances at our command, there is no cause for any apprehension whatever on the part of passengers or shippers. The delivery of freight is going forward, and it will be de-

livered at destination with the usual promptness.

G. W. THATCHER, Supt.

Correspondence.

MOUNT PLEASANT,
Sanpete County,
Dec. 11th, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Since "Item" has left us for the city of David, or in other words, Chester, we see but little in the NEWS from Mount Pleasant; still we wish to inform your readers that the people of this good city are generally alive and active in the work of progression.

In a recent visit here by President Peterson and Superintendent Folsom, they gave the privilege to three cities, Mount Pleasant, Fairview and Spring City, to furnish 1,000,000 feet of lumber on donation for the temple now in course of erection in this county.

The bishops and people cordially adopted the suggestion, and have now 40 men, with sufficient teams, in the cañon getting down the lumber. The Church steam saw mill will be started this week, with every prospect of continuing until all the timber in the cañon is exhausted. The superintendent, Peter Monson, reported he never saw men work with more perseverance and interest for wages than the brethren in the cañon on their temple donations. The spirit of harmony and good will rules the camp. In fact since our last quarterly conference there seems to be a more thorough awakening of the people to their duties in almost every respect.

The late visit of President Taylor and party has greatly strengthened the Saints. Our ward and other meetings are well attended. This is especially the case with the young people's Mutual Improvement Associations, of both sexes. The spirit of improvement is visibly manifest, as evidenced by the large congregations that assemble to listen to their exercises, which are generally conducted according to the instructions of the central committee.

One of the most pleasing features of our winter's entertainments is the inauguration of a company composed of members of the Y. L. M. I. A., under the direction of Miss Hilda Dehlin, for giving concerts. The idea is purely their own, and promises to be not only entertaining and improving, but very profitable to the citizens generally, and the young especially, of this city. They have given two concerts in Mount Pleasant, and were greeted with well deserved applause by crowded houses; one at Fairview, where they received a perfection ovation and a double vote of thanks. They have not purposed in this, money-making for individuals, but their distributions have been liberal to the various societies of improvement among the young and otherwise.

They have given liberally to the missionary called from this city, to go east, the balance being principally divided between the choir and Sunday schools. These young ladies are held in great esteem by the authorities and Saints generally for their praiseworthy efforts in these pleasing and elevating entertainments.

Elder Eric Ericson, who has recently been called to go on a mission to the North-Western States, being a member of the Y. M. M. I. A., their president, Alma H. Bennett, on Sunday evening last, gave the privilege to the members present to contribute what they felt to in their hearts to assist Elder Ericson on his mission. In a few minutes the liberal sum of \$40 was handed in. This will give you an idea of the interest taken by the young men of this city in missionary work. They purpose uniting with the young ladies for getting up home amusements this winter, so I am informed.

Yours, etc., KLUMZY.

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