

thrown from his horse while crossing a stream. His horse, dogs and gun were found in the close neighborhood of his body. The news went out that Robert Ray Hamilton was dead. The woman now came forward as his widow, and like the Lord Fauntleroy woman, showed some marriage document. The case came before the Surrogate's Court of New York City. She contested it with the aid of the ablest legal talent in the country. After the trial which lasted two weeks, and in which her own family testified against her, she finally broke down and confessed that her whole case was a conspiracy to delude and cheat the Hamilton family. Of course this confession clears the memory of young Hamilton from intentional wrong doing, but it shows what little avail intelligence and education are unless supported by other virtues of a nobler character.

Now comes the most sensational part of the story. It is that Mr. Hamilton is alive in Australia, and will come back to his family a wiser man. He has been completely cleared of all entanglements with this woman. He can begin life anew. He will be a living lesson to other young men, who will see in him how the thoughtlessness of a moment may embitter a lifetime; and how the submission to a passing fancy may degrade one into a life of shame and sorrow.

THE COLONIES AND RAILROADS IN MEXICO.

THE Chicago papers are publishing reports of interviews with Don Luis Huller, of the City of Mexico, in regard to the proposed purchase by certain "Mormons" of a large tract of land in Mexico. He states that it is situated in the State of Chihuahua and consists of 2,500,000 acres. He said the parties interested, one of whom was John W. Young, had an option on the land for ninety days and he, Senor Huller, was to get a bounty of \$50 per head from the Mexican Government for every *bona fide* settler on these lands who is over twelve years of age. He mentioned this as evidence that the Mexican Government was not averse to "Mormon" settlers, who were expected to be the principal occupants of this tract. He said, as reported in the Chicago Tribune:

"There are already three Mormon colonies adjacent to the land I desire to sell to them, and the 5000 people in the three places have transformed what was a desert into a perfect paradise. Instead of sand-hills you can find at present in the colonies of Ascensione and Diaz thousands of fruit trees, beautiful parks, and water which is brought to the ponds in the yards in front of the magnificent homes by means of a canal nine miles long. All these improvements were made by the Mormons themselves. Not one of the colonists has more than one wife, because the laws of Mexico against polygamy are even more strict than those of the United States."

He spoke of a railroad which it was expected would be built under the direction of John W. Young from southern Utah through Clifton, Arizona, to the Mormon colonies in Chi-

huahua, and said Mr. Young was already engaged in building 1500 miles of railroad in Mexico.

The Chicago *Globe* mentions this also and says the Senor remarked further:

"The Mormons are just the kind of people we need down there, even if the Mexican people are jealous of them. We have tried other colonists with dire results. For instance, the government offered large inducements to Italian immigration, and it cost them two million dollars to do away with the results, though even today the streets of Mexico City are filled with Italian beggars.

"The Mormon colonies are but one phase in Mexico's general advance of prosperity. The country unquestionably ranks next to the United States as the republic of the new world. We have a wise ruler in Diaz, and, the law now allowing it, he will be his own successor. With us, four years is too short a presidential term, for what one president builds up another destroys. Diaz has largely given our republic its stable character, and that it is stable is shown by Germany's loan to us of \$50,000,000, to which they last year added \$30,000,000. Even including this loan, our indebtedness is smaller than that of any other nation on earth."

CURRENT EVENTS.

Notice.

The Secretaries of Primary Associations of Salt Lake Stake are requested to send in their reports as soon as possible (not later than the 15th of February), to Miss Ida Whipple, Stake secretary, No. 564 west Third South Street.

The Governor Supplants the Committee.

The committee appointed at the meeting recently held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms formulated the resolutions they were authorized to frame. They were strongly refutatory and condemnatory of the slanders lately published in the *Illustrated American*. When they were presented to Governor Thomas that gentleman refused to sign them. He proposed, however, to relieve the committee from further responsibility in the premises and forthwith set about framing a new set of resolutions in harmony with his own views.

A meeting was to be held February 2d, when the committee expected to decide the question as to the acceptance of the Governor's substitute. Representatives of the press were excluded from the meeting today. The information about the action of Mr. Thomas is straight, having come from an unquestionable source.

The City Council Cases.

For some time past it has been generally understood that the Supreme Court would render a decision in the case of the People ex rel. vs. Louis Cohn et al. An agreement to the effect that the matter should be submitted last week had been entered into by counsel on either side, on condition that Le Grande Young, counsel for claimants, would waive the reading of all transcripts and briefs bearing on the case.

It will be remembered that a transcript of the cause was issued by

Clerk McMillan, of the Third District Court, on the 3rd inst., and furnished to counsel for defendants. But as they have done from the beginning, the defense plead today for more time in which to prepare for the final hearing. The request was again granted, and, as the Supreme Court will adjourn on Friday next for one week, it is not expected that a decision will be rendered until about the middle of next month.

The law's delays are proverbial, but it looks as though this dilly-dallying was devised for a purpose.

The Ogden "Liberal" Municipal Ticket.

The Ogden ring "Liberal" municipal convention met January 28th and nominated the following ticket:

For Mayor.....J. W. McNutt
For Recorder.....Thomas B. Bryan
For Marshal.....John W. Metcalf
For Assessor and Collector.....Richard T. Hume
For Treasurer.....W. V. Helfrich

R. W. Cross was made temporary chairman and C. S. Rapp was elected secretary.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

First—Resolved that it is the sense of this convention that the past administration of municipal affairs by the Liberal party be endorsed and approved and that public improvements shall be continued as rapidly as can consistently be done.

Second—Resolved that at this time the present and future welfare and continued prosperity of this city, above every other consideration, requires that the Liberal party stand united, irrespective of party and politics or personal grievances.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention in municipal work, whether done by the city or by contract, that no Chinese or convict labor be allowed and that eight hours shall constitute a day's work.

Mr. Farrell moved that the section in regard to the employment of convicts be stricken out, as there are usually a great many prisoners in the city jail and they should earn their board.

David Evans seconded the motion and stated that the hiring of these men could not in the least interfere with the rights of the working men, as they had forfeited their right to liberty and should work on the streets and on the gravel pits.

The motion to strike out the section was carried.

The ticket gives general dissatisfaction among the more conservative members of the "Liberal" party, and is the result of a cleverly concocted scheme by a rule or ring. The "independents" refused to go into primaries with the ring party and have had nothing to do with the nomination of the present ticket.

WINNIPEG, Feb 2.—Judgment in full court has just been given on an appeal of Roman Catholics from Judge Killam's decision, which upheld the validity of provincial legislation abolishing separate schools. The judgment of the full court sustains Judge Killam in every point. Judge Dubuc, who is a Frenchman, dissented from the judgment.