

Monday, August 23, 1892.

WOMAN'S STATUS IN UTAH.

We have received a letter from one of our Elders laboring in the State of Indiana asking the following questions on behalf of a lady connected with the Woman Suffrage Association, desiring an answer through the **Deseret News**:

Does the Church hold any restriction upon women, either married or single, in regard to property? Does the "elective franchise" as enjoyed by the ladies of Utah, give them the same privileges of holding property that it does the men?

Does the law, in case of the decease of the husband, give the wife the right to act as guardian for her children?

If you will be kind enough to answer these questions, also explain the privileges granted the ladies of Utah through the ballot box, at your earliest convenience, you will greatly oblige Mrs. B., who is a member of the suffrage platform. Also your brother in the gospel of peace.
L. G. HARDY.

We answer the first question emphatically in the negative. To the second we reply, the elective franchise does not affect the rights of property. The act of our Legislative Assembly conferring upon woman the right to vote does not change their status in relation to holding property. It simply gives them the ballot equally with man, or as some view it, a little in advance of the men, as male citizens are required to be taxpayers in order to vote, while female citizens may vote without being taxpayers.

The property rights of women are secured in this Territory by other enactments. The statute of Feb. 16, 1872 provides:

"That all property owned by either spouse before marriage, and that afterwards acquired by gift, bequest, devise or descent, with the right to the separate property of that spouse by whom the same is so owned or acquired and separate property owned or acquired as special co-tenant, may be held, managed, controlled, transferred and in any manner disposed of by the spouse owning or acquiring it, without any limitation or restriction by reason of marriage.

Either spouse may sue or be sued, and be impleaded, or defend and be defended at law."

The Act of February 18, 1876, relating to the estates of decedents provides:

Sec. 1. That any person of the age of eighteen years and of sound mind may dispose of his or her property, personal and real, by will, and may alter and revoke the will," etc.

Thus it will be seen that while the woman's suffrage act does not touch the subject of the property rights of women, those rights are amply secured by other statutes in this Territory.

The law in regard to the property rights of married persons contains more section than those we have quoted; it is as follows:

"No right of dower shall exist or be allowed in this Territory."

This provision has caused a good deal of comment, particularly from those who have desired to misrepresent the condition of women in Utah. These misunderstandings the family relations existing here will see in this section of the statute a desire for justice to all the members of a family, rather than injustice to any one. In the case of a decedent leaving more than one wife, each spouse having children to support, the right of dower would work great injustice to many. The law in relation to the division of the property of intestates makes fair provision for the surviving husband or wife, and for their issue, and as the courts do not acknowledge the legal status of plural wives and their offspring, it is specially provided that

"Every illegitimate child is in all cases an heir to its mother. It is also heir to its father when acknowledged by him."

Now as to the third question. By an Act of the Legislature, at its last session, in relation to Guardian and Ward, the Probate Courts of the Territory have power to appoint guardians of minor children unless already appointed by will or deed; and to govern the court appointing, the following rules laid down in the law:

"Of persons equally entitled to the custody in other respects, preference shall be given as follows:

1. To a parent. 2. To one who was indicated by the wishes of a deceased parent. 3. To one who already stands in the position of a trustee of a fund to be applied to the child's support. 4. To a relative.

A guardian may be appointed under this law by the father, with the written consent of the mother, or by either parent, if the other be dead or incapable of consent; to take effect on the death of the parent appointing. In case of the Court appointing, it is further provided that:

"The father of the minor, if living, and in case of his decease, the mother, while she remains unmarried, being themselves respectively competent to transact their own business and to exercise the usual rights, shall be entitled to the guardianship of the minor."

Another provision, to meet cases of dispute between parents in case of divorce or other cause, is that:

"If the child be of tender age, it should be given to the mother; if it be of an age to require education and preparation for labor or business, then to the father."

This law is sufficient for the purpose of necessary information on this subject.

The privileges enjoyed by the ladies of Utah through the ballot box, as we have stated, equal at least to those of the "lords of creation." They can vote in all political matters. They attend the caucuses or primaries, are generally recognized on committees, and act as delegates to the "conventions." Some of their number form portions of the county and territorial central

committees, and their rights as citizens and integral parts of the body politic are fully recognized.

At the last session of the Legislature, an Act was passed by both Houses, throwing down the barrier in the way to their holding office, expunging the word "male" from the statute defining the qualifications for official position. But the Governor ignored the bill, and therefore it did not become a law. This Territory is so much under the thumb of the "one man power," that the person sent here without any consultation of the wishes of the people, to act as the Chief Executive, is enabled, by simply doing nothing, to render null and void the legislative labors of thirty-nine men, elected by the male and female citizens of the Territory to pass laws for their government.

This is the situation in Utah on the woman's rights question. The lady who seeks information on this subject, and those with whom she is associated, may be assured that so far as the "Mormons" have had the power, the political disabilities of women have been removed. That in Utah woman is free in the full sense of the word, except to hold office, and what she is denied in that particular is withheld not by the "Mormons," but by the arbitrary authority imposed upon them in accordance with United States law, but in utter and complete violation of the principles of American liberty and republican institutions.

There is no part of the world where woman's true rights are respected more than among the people called "Mormons," and all the fuss that has been made about the "down-trodden women of Utah," the "bondage of polygamy" and the "slavish submission of the weaker sex" in this Territory, is mere noise without reason, the vain pretence of unscrupulous persons, who substitute these gross fabrications for arguments that they cannot discover.

"Mormonism" recognizes woman as the companion and helpmeet, not the slave of man; it gives her an equal voice and vote with him in Church Conferences and assemblies; it finds a place for her in its organizations and administrations; and it stands in relation to this question on the platform laid down in ancient holy writ, and repeated in modern revelation from heaven: "The man is not without the woman, neither is the woman without the man in the Lord."

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AMERICAN.

A Dead Sexton.

NEW YORK, 23.—Isaac A. Brown, the well known sexton of Grace Church in this city, died yesterday at an advanced age.

Democratic Gains by the Census.

The World's Washington special, speaking of the congressional representation under the new census, gives the following as the probable result: The effect would be with reference to New York, as reported by the enumerators, to lessen the number of representatives from 35 to 33. Pennsylvania would drop from 27 to 26, Ohio would lose one, making her representation 19; Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont each 1, and Indiana, Alabama and Tennessee each one, a total loss of 10. Minnesota and Nebraska would each gain two, Kansas 3, Texas 4, and Michigan, Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and California each one, a total gain of 17. The other States would remain the same. Placing the gains in Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Michigan and California, in all 9, against the losses of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Indiana, in all 8, it would leave for the North and West a net gain of 1. Placing the gains of Texas, Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, in all 8, against the losses of Alabama and Tennessee, each 1, it would leave the south a net gain of 6. This might not mean an increase in the democratic majority, for, so far from that, that majority might be wiped out in spite of the showing, but it would mean simply that the States now considered democratic would gain 2 more members than those now considered republican.

The journals are making much of this morning that there has been a fight at night, and that the animals have met their terrible end in uniform. The Texas steers escaped at midnight, Saturday, and after a chase in which several persons were hurt two of the steers were shot by the policemen. One is still at large.

Spain of Gold.

A Broadway banker who returned last week from a visit to New Mexico, describes a visit to the village of Rio de Domingos, where he says he saw a place nearer to the city whose streets are paved with gold than any spot in this country. He saw some men tearing down some adobe houses, and by request they washed out one of the bricks of clay and straw. The result was five dollars' worth of gold. There is a scarcity of water in the country, which operates to discourage mining, but the traveler sees abundant evidence of the mineral wealth of the country.

Hayes' Programme.

The programme of the President's trip to the west has been published several times. The only modification of it is the following. On the return from California the party will visit points in Arizona and New Mexico. From Santa Fe or thereabouts they expect to take stages until the southern road is struck at some point in Colorado, and thence home again.

New York Politically.

The Times again this morning has reports from a large number of counties of New York State on the political situation. These reports are written by the best informed men of the county, and they are a general testimony that the republicans are active and united, that the differences which have to some extent divided them in the recent past have been healed, that the republicans are growing in favor, that there is no trace of defection among the soldiers which have been so frequently mentioned by the friends of Hamilton, and no evidence that that gentleman has any special personal strength. Business men are very generally showing an unusual interest in the campaign. On the whole, without indulging in premature confidence, the republicans have every reason to anticipate success if they work for it.

Emigrants Landed.

Nearly 1,300 emigrants landed here Sunday.

The "Herald's" Figures.

The Herald has a long editorial going to show that the new census demonstrates that the great south is passing out of existence, as a political factor. According to its figures the following States will lose in congressional representation: Alabama, one; Florida, one; Georgia, one; Louisiana, one; North Carolina, one; South Carolina, one; Tennessee, one; Maine, one; New Hampshire, one; Vermont, one; New York, one; Connecticut, one; Ohio, two; Indiana, one. The following will gain: Missouri, one; Texas, three; Michigan, one; Iowa, two; Wisconsin, one; Minnesota, two; Nebraska, one; Kansas, three; California, two; Oregon, one. The facts and figures given to uphold this statement seem to be much more authentic than those given by the World.

Registering the Presidential Vote.

The Herald has a long letter from San Francisco the burden of which is that the republicans are giving close attention to the senatorial chances and neglecting the electoral ticket.

New York Weather.

The weather is again very warm. The deaths last week were 601, births 839.

Bold Thieves.

At four o'clock this morning five thieves boarded a Third Avenue railroad car, on the Bowery, near Spring Street, and first robbed Parker, the driver, when the conductor came to the forward platform to collect their fare, they rushed into the car and drawing revolvers, robbed several passengers of watches and money. One passenger was lifted bodily out of the car and knocked down and kicked in the street.

Lordly's Flyers.

Mr. P. Lordly's horses arrived here to-day on the steamship Helvetia, from Liverpool. They are five in number, and include Parole, Falsetto and Wallenstein.

Rescue of Irish News of Last Week.

A London dispatch says: The chief subjects of public interest for the week have been provided by Ireland. Religious riots, agrarian outrages, collisions between Catholics and Protestants and the Fenian movement constitute the chief items. Fenianism and agrarianism, those two sources of mischief which were steadily disappearing are now no longer in conflict. At one time the land agitation and the Fenianism were at variance, but it is now tacitly admitted that there is room for both. Irishmen continue to drill in early morning. The seizure of arms on the 2nd of the week, the discovery of gunpowder in a railway tunnel in Cork disturbed the public mind. Touching the last incident I may mention what is not published elsewhere, that Mr. Forster, the leader of gunpowder, the exact number is not stated, but I hear from a railway official that there were eight or ten. The land agitation has assumed more demonstrative character. The rejection of the compensation bill seemed to produce little effect, but the land league stirred the country by ordering great meetings, the effect of which will be held to-morrow. Mr. Forster added fuel to the fire by the foolish use of the word "cowardice" applied to M. Dillon, M. P., which aroused his indignation. Mr. Dillon, taking a leading part in the land agitation. Singularly enough, Mr. Forster is in Ireland marvellously quick, engaged in the struggle in health in order to participate in the debates in the Irish estimates. The most interesting circumstance connected with Irish matters was the departure of Mr. Forster for Dublin. The government attempted to minimize the importance of the visit, but Mr. Forster left here yesterday as the Dublin telegram announcing the discovery of the gunpowder at Cork. The chief subject upon which he will inform his colleagues, is the expediency of re-imposing the coercion acts. The government is averse to such a proposal and Mr. Forster is not the man to recommend such measures for slight cause. There is undoubtedly a strong impression that after Parliament rises, and when the rich harvest in England has been garnered, the landlords will press for a harsher line. This may lead to violence in the country. Some Irish officials anticipate that it will be impossible to pass the winter without re-imposing the coercion acts. The general feeling among members of Parliament is that there may be a winter session of Parliament to consider the state of Ireland and pass coercion laws. The refusal of the land league to give evidence before the Land Commission has damaged that body in the eyes of its English friends. It is generally felt that an available opportunity will be lost if the Irish tenant refuses to submit his case to the commission.

Chief Ours Seriously Ill.

LOS PINOS AGENCY, 23.—Indian runners from the southern Utes agency arrived this a.m., and reported Chief Ours seriously ill, and not expected to live. They came with a message from Ours to the agency physician here, Dr. Lacey in whom he has the utmost confidence, requesting him to accompany him, requesting him to accompany him to a mountain trail. The Indians will doctor him, and the distance of 120 miles in 15 hours. Ours went to that part to assist the commission in prevailing upon the Utes to sign the treaty. If Ours dies the treaty will not be signed by the White River Utes.

Hayes' Trip.

WASHINGTON, 23.—The following details are learned of the President's western trip. The President will start from Washington for the Far West on Thursday. His party will consist of the President, Mrs. Hayes and two sons, Gen. Sherman and one of his daughters, and three sons of the President. They will start Sunday at their home in Fremont, devote next week to the re-union of the President's old regiment at Canon, Ohio, and by September 1st will be joined by the rest of the party. They will proceed by the west by way of Chicago and Omaha. They will proceed over the Union Pacific to Ogden, then over the Utah Central to Salt Lake City, where a brief stay will be made. A great sensation is expected there never before has Salt Lake seen a chief magistrate of the country. From here they will proceed to San Francisco, perhaps at Carson City and Virginia City. From San Francisco they will go by steamer to Portland, Oregon, and thence to Puget Sound Territory, where they will be guests of Gen. James W. Forsythe, Lieut. Col. of the 1st Cavalry who is stationed there as commander. They will turn to the south, and will proceed to Tucson, and will then proceed Colorado by stage. The trip is expected to be finished by the 1st of October.

Mayr's Arrest.

BORROW, 23.—Hon. Horace Mayr, the new Commissioner-General, arrived from Constantinople yesterday and left for Washington. He is similar to many others in which the present situation in Turkey is his main theme. He has been placed during his trip in the European wheat crop is immense, and the American exports will be materially affected.

Express Directory.—Wells, Fargo & Co. have published a comprehensive directory of the towns and stations on the western slope, connections with the great world by their express system. It contains a good map and will prove very useful to the business houses of the coast.

From Wisconsin.—Hon. B. E. Hutchinson and Mrs. Hutchinson, of Madison, Wisconsin, have been spending a few days in our city and left this morning for Boulder, Colorado, where they have some relatives. They were much pleased with what they saw in Salt Lake, and we hope will have pleasant memories of the brief visit.

The Rival Roads.—The grading on the Utah Eastern is just about finished, from Coalville to Park City. If the iron is received within a week or two, the laying of the track will be pushed ahead and arrive at the Park before the Union Pacific road, which is now some distance ahead. The latter has plenty of iron to work with, and lays its track as fast as the grading is done. The Utah Eastern has 27 bridges between Coalville and the Park, three only of which are constructed, as yet. The work is going on nicely.

Personal.—We had a pleasant call this morning from J. R. Crockett, Esq., of Burk's Garden, Virginia, who was introduced by an old acquaintance of his, President D. H. Peery, of Ogden. Mr. Crockett is here on a visit, and is much pleased and surprised with our Territory and its prospects. This gentleman is not connected with our Church, but has kindly entertained our Elders on missions to the Southern States, and has proved himself on many occasions one of the honorable of the earth. We wish him a pleasant sojourn in Utah, and a safe return to his family and friends in Old Virginia.

DIED.

On Sunday, August 22, 1892, at E. T. City, Utah, JAMES JAMES. The remains will arrive at the Utah Western Depot, on Tuesday, at half-past 3 p.m., and will proceed from there to the graveyard.

In the 21st Ward, Salt Lake City, August 23d, of fever and diphtheria, FLORA OLIVE, daughter of Walter W., and Helen Williams; born October 5th, 1875, in Salt Lake City; aged 4 years, 10 months and 18 days. Funeral at residence of parents to-morrow, Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

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One brown STEER, square crop off right ear, and notch out of the end and under left ear, brand on left hip, resembling about eight years old. One red and white spotted STEER, red ears, crop off right ear, and notch out of the end and under left ear, brand on left hip, resembling about eight years old. One red and white spotted STEER, red ears, crop off right ear, and notch out of the end and under left ear, brand on left hip, resembling about eight years old.

One light red COW, square crop off both ears and sit in the right, brand on left hip, resembling about eight years old. One light red COW, square crop off both ears and sit in the right, brand on left hip, resembling about eight years old. One light red COW, square crop off both ears and sit in the right, brand on left hip, resembling about eight years old.

One dark red and white COW, with cropped horns, some white spots on belly, square crop off both ears and sit in the right, brand on left hip, resembling about eight years old. One dark red and white COW, with cropped horns, some white spots on belly, square crop off both ears and sit in the right, brand on left hip, resembling about eight years old. One dark red and white COW, with cropped horns, some white spots on belly, square crop off both ears and sit in the right, brand on left hip, resembling about eight years old.

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