

DESERT EVENING NEWS

TODAY'S WEATHER REM.

(Observations taken at 6 a. m. and 6 p. m.)  
 Salt Lake City—Barometer, 30.0; maximum temperature, 50; minimum temperature, 25; wind, light; clouds, 100 per cent.  
 Accumulated excess of rain since January 1st, 1.11 inch.  
 Accumulated deficiency of rain since January 1st, 2.11 inch.  
 Local forecast for Salt Lake City:  
 Fair tonight and Tuesday; cold, tonight, warmer Tuesday.  
 Fair, (forecast made at Salt Lake City) on Tuesday, 6 p. m.

WEATHER CONDITION

The storm forms a low trending from the Texas coast westward to Montana. Pressure over the Pacific northwest station has fallen along the West and Oregon coast, over a Wyoming, southern Utah, Colorado, western South Dakota, Nebraska, temperature is below the normal, and the plateau region. Cedar City is minimum temperature of 24 deg. F. and precipitation with 24 falling.

L. H. MURDOCK  
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SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS...

CIRCULATED

TODAY 17,000

January 1, 1899, 10,28

(Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays)

OUR AIM:

20,000 by the 20th Cent.

To-day's Metals.

Silver, 59 1/2

Gold, 54 1/2

Casting Copper 16 cents a lb.

LOCAL BRIEF

Utah artillerists who served

Philippines will give a grand

Christenings hall a week from

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FISHING IN PARLEY'S CREEK.

A wrong impression appears to prevail

concerning the right to fish in Parley's

canyon creek. It has been stated

that the stream will be open for fishing

in June of the present year. Prepara-

tions are being made by many persons

to avail themselves of this privilege, and

a great many visitors. We think all

these parties are doomed to disappointment.

The statement that has been published

concerning the opening of the season is a

mistake.

Under the fish and game laws of the

State, the fish and game warden and the

county commissioners are authorized to

reserve for a term of not longer than

four years, a stream, lake or pond in

each county, for the purpose of

planting, breeding and propagating

fish. The warden and the commissioners

of this county, acting on this author-

ity, closed Parley's canyon creek in

1897 for this purpose. The time of the

reservation will not expire until

June, 1901. It is made a misdemeanor,

and thus punishable by fine and im-

prisonment, for any person to fish in

that stream until that date. The fish

and game warden, however, is per-

mitted to take fish out of the stream for

breeding purposes, all other persons are

forbidden to fish in those waters.

There was some talk about re-open-

ing the stream during the present year,

and this perhaps gave rise to the report

which was published in a morning

paper. But the county commissioners

have not made any change in the regu-

lation which they established, and have

not any intention of doing so at present.

The public, therefore, should under-

stand that the rule which has been

posted at different places in Parley's

canyon for a long time, is still in force

and will probably remain so for more

than a year in the future. The preserva-

tion and propagation of fish are neces-

sary to the general welfare of the State,

and all regulations for that purpose

should be carefully complied with.

RELIGION IN POLITICS.

The question of the religious views

and standing of Admiral Dewey's wife

has been thrust into the political arena,

to be quarreled over by advocates and

opponents of the gallant sailor's candi-

date for the office of President of the

United States. We are glad to see that

he refuses to give any information on the

subject, and regards it as a matter

entirely personal to Mrs. Dewey and

not one of national interest.

It is popularly supposed that this is

a free country, and particularly so in

reference to religion. The Constitution

provides that "no religious test shall

ever be required as a qualification to

any office or public trust under the

United States." If that is supreme law

as to public officers, how much more

should it prevail as to their wives and

families?

Of course no such test could be in-

corporated in an official oath, or made

as a formal objection to a public officer.

But it is evidently wrong as a factor

in promoting public sentiment. It is no

concern of the public what Mrs.

Dewey's religious faith may be, and it

ought not to affect the admiral's

chances for public office whether he is

himself a Catholic or a Protestant.

A great many people regret the en-

trance of the hero of Manila Bay into

the turbid pool of national politics.

They would rather honor him as the

destroyer of the Spanish oppressor's

fleet, than as the chief magistrate of

this free country. But the question of

his religion (and much less of his wife's

religion) should not figure in the mat-

ter of his nomination or his election.

Why should there be such a rumormongering

over the suspicion that a candidate for

the presidency is a Catholic? The rumormongering

is something similar to that which, doubtless, stood

in the way of the election of the in-

named statesman, Blaine. It is all

wrong. Do the Catholics who form a

vast body of voters in this country raise

an outcry because a certain candidate

is a Protestant? Why, then, should

there be so much noise over the possi-

bility that a man named for President

over the propriety and probability of the nomination and election of Admiral Dewey, the subject of his religion or non-religion will not be introduced, and that the impudence of inquiries into the religious opinions of any member of his family will receive such a rebuke as it deserves, and will be viewed in its proper light by the vast majority of the American public.

CHRISTIAN COURTESY.

The Utah Presbytery has once more

closed a session partly devoted to its

own affairs and partly to those of others.

Neither experience nor reason has

taught that body the excellency of the

part of the "Mormon" creed, which has

found its expression in the brief sen-

tence: "Mind your own business."

As usual, the Church was once more

the object of an impotent attack. A

committee was appointed to "protest

against the renewed teachings of the

"Mormon" officials that the "Mormon"

Priesthood is in the place of God, and

that those who disobey the Priesthood

are disobeying God, and will go to

hell."

These are very cunning tactics. They

are calculated to give outsiders the

impression that the Presbyterian min-

isters are fighting "Mormonism," when,

in fact, they are protesting only against

their own false conceptions of it. Noth-

ing is easier than to make a misstate-

ment of the views and aims of an op-

ponent, and then argue against it. That

is as easy as demolishing a fort built

of snow, by boys at play. Our friends

of the Presbyterians may not have re-

membered, for the time being, what all

the world knows, that it is not "Mor-

monism" which finds its strength in

appeals to the rapidly vanishing fear

of man for an eternal hell fire, that

feature is willingly left for the benefit

of Presbyterians.

The "Mormon" conception of the

Priesthood is strictly Scriptural. A

protest against that is aimed first at

the inspired teachings according to

which the power "to bind" and "to

loose" is placed in its hands. It is

aimed at the New Testament doctrine

that the holders thereof are "ambassa-