

government, wrenched political control out of their hands, and introduced and practiced those vices. There is abundant evidence to prove this; hence it is useless to credit the American Congress with ever having a desire to protect the morals of our people."

A PREDICTION REALIZED.

A few days before his death President Lincoln wrote a letter to Mr. Taylor, of Illinois. The contents of the communication showed that the writer was filled with gloomy forebodings regarding the future of the Republic. This relic of the murdered patriot and statesman has recently been made public, and we quote a prophetic passage from it:

"It has been a trying hour of the Republic, but I see in the future a crisis arising which unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and then the money power of the country will prolong its reign by working upon the prejudice of the people, until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed. I feel at this time more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of the war. God grant that my fears may prove groundless."

The situation of the country today, combined with the outlook of the future, shows that the shadowy anticipations of Mr. Lincoln were based on a correct conception. On this point the *Atlanta Journal* says with striking truth:

"Is not the condition of the country at this time very nearly such as Mr. Lincoln, a quarter of a century ago, feared that it would be? We have the 'corporations enthroned'—organized into monopolies and trusts, and protected by laws that shut out foreign competition. We have not only 'corruption in high places, but high places bought by corruption, and the reign of those in office prolonged by the 'money power.' Such an aggregation of immense wealth in a few hands was never before accomplished in so short a time in this or any other country. What caused Mr. Lincoln so much anxiety in its contemplation is now an actual condition of the country, and its reality does not, apparently, excite so much alarm as his dim perception of it in the coming future."

CURRENT EVENTS.

Maricopa Stake Conference.

This Stake held its quarterly conference on December 21st and 22nd, Henry C. Rogers and Collins R. Hakes presiding. There was a general representation of local officers. The spiritual condition of the various wards, quorums and associations, as shown by the reports of their presiding officers, is good. The principal subjects treated upon by the speakers were the law of tithing, the education and proper training of our children, the divine nature of the Book of Mormon as compared with the Bible, and the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. GEO. PASSEY, Clerk.

The "Variety" Theatre Case.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business of the police court this morning, Assistant City Attorney Eichnor applied to Justice Laney to continue, for one week, the charge against Messrs. E. J. Perry & Co., proprietors of the Franklin Avenue Theatre, of selling liquor without a license. Colonel Merritt, he said, had instructed him that he had arranged to have an interview with Judge Powers and Judge Dickson this morning. A mandate would be asked for, on behalf of the defendants, before the Supreme Court, next Monday, and the object was to have this case held over until after that time, with the understanding however, that Messrs. Perry would not again violate the law in the meantime.

Judge Laney granted the request, remarking: Well, if they do violate the law again the proper thing will be to arrest them.

Special School Taxes.

The following School Districts in Salt Lake county have voted a special school tax to be levied this year:

District.	Town.	Per cent.
21—West Jordan.....		1
22—Draper.....		1 1/2
23—Union.....		1
24—South Cottonwood.....		1
25—South Cottonwood.....		1
26—South Cottonwood.....		1
27—West Jordan.....		1 1/2
28—Big Cottonwood.....		3-10
29—Sugar House.....		1 1/2
30—Mill Creek.....		1
31—Mill Creek.....		1 1/2
32—Brighton.....		1 1/2
33—East Mill Creek.....		1 1/2
34—Port Herriman.....		1 1/2
35—South Jordan.....		1
36—Big Cottonwood.....		1 1/2
37—North Jordan.....		1 1/2
38—Mill Creek.....		1 1/2
40—Farmer's.....		1 1/2
41—Sandy.....		1 1/2
43—Bingham.....		1
47—Pleasant Green.....		1
50—Hwyer.....		1
52—Mountain Dell.....		1 1/2
57—Butler and part Granite.....		1 1/2
59—Granger (west end).....		1
61—Bluff Dale.....		1 1/2
63—Pleasant Green (south end).....		1
64—W. Jordan and part N. Jordan.....		1
65—Bingham (upper part).....		1 1/2

There are a few more districts yet to hear from. Reports are expected from all the districts within a few days.

The Russian Jews.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The wholesale exodus of Russian and Russo-Polish Jews to North and South America has an aspect which has not yet attracted the attention it deserves. Most of these immigrants leave their families behind. They hope to bring them out later, when they have saved the necessary cash. Rabbi Rulf of Memel has collected statistics to show that in the last five years no fewer than 50,000 of such families have been left behind, practically unprovided for. They are still waiting for the good ship which is to bring them means of rejoining their husbands and fathers. How many of these unfortunates have starved and how many will yet undergo that fate Dr. Rulf is unable to compute. A majority of them, he asserts, are always at the starvation point.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Advices from St. Petersburg state that whole villages of Jews are being depopulated on the pretense that they are within the forbidden districts of the frontier, and in some instances where villages are not really within fifty versts. A Jewish father has been fined because his son did not appear for conscription, the son

having died when an infant, many years before. The estates which the Jews are compelled to abandon are being obtained by land speculators for a mere song.

It is said that a letter from the Czarina to the Princess of Wales earnestly advises, as a matter of prudence, and in the interest of humanity, English non-interference in Russia's policy towards the Jews.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Cumming's resolution with reference to the treatment of the Jews in Russia was under consideration by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to-day. It was finally referred to a sub-committee with authority to draft a resolution that will be in conformity to the facts reported by the American diplomatic representatives in Russia, and which at the same time will be so worded as to not constitute interference with Russia's internal affairs. It was the general sentiment of the committee that the resolution should do no more than express the sympathy of the United States with the Jews.

Arrivals and Appointments.

The following Elders from Utah arrived at Liverpool on Saturday, December 13, per Guion S.S. *Wisconsin*.

For the British Mission—Richard Sedgwick, of Bountiful; William H. Slaughter, Beaver; De Wilton B. Card, Logan; Walter W. Crane, Ogden; James Bywater, Brigham City; George G. Eyre, Parowan; Edwin Goble, Nephi.

For the Swiss and German Mission—Serge F. Ballif, of Logan; Frederick Reber, Santa Clara.

On Thursday, December 18, Elder John C. Cutler, of Salt Lake City, arrived on the steamship *Arizona*, for the British Mission.

Elder Richard Sedgwick is appointed to labor as a Traveling Elder in the Newcastle Conference.

Elder Wm. H. Slaughter is appointed to labor as a Traveling Elder in the Scottish Conference.

Elder D. W. B. Card is appointed to labor as a Traveling Elder in the Birmingham Conference.

Elder Walter W. Crane is appointed to labor as a Traveling Elder in the Norwich Conference.

Elder James Bywater is appointed to labor as a Traveling Elder in the Leeds Conference.

Elder George G. Eyre is appointed to labor as a Traveling Elder in the Liverpool Conference.

Elder E. Goble is appointed to labor as a Traveling Elder in the Liverpool Conference.

Elder John C. Cutler is appointed to labor as a Traveling Elder in the Manchester Conference.—*Millennial Star*, Dec. 22nd.

At 3:30 this afternoon a team with a load of hay attached was frightened by an electric car. The horse ran away. The load was overturned in front of the Deseret Museum. John Waite, of Bountiful, was thrown from the top of the load and struck the ground on his head and shoulder. The entire load turned over on top of him. Bystanders extricated him. The wind was squeezed out of him for a few moments and he was badly bruised, but otherwise unhurt.