

EDITORIALS.

THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE
AND THE PRINTERS.

THE Montana Legislature has hastily passed, by a party vote, a "Printing Bill," which some of the papers animadvert upon severely, terming it "an outrageous swindle," because it gave a printer at Helena very fat prices for some work, and stingily cut down the pay for legal advertisements in the country papers. The Governor vetoed the bill, and it failed to pass over the veto. The *New North-West*, commenting on the bill, says—

"It is said when contemplating the reduction of officer's fees, 'if they cannot work for that let them resign and others will.' Publishers cannot resign. Publishing is, considering the capital and brains employed, the most arduous and poorest compensated business, outside the great cities, that men engage in. Think of the struggling, crippled and dead papers, and poverty-ridden publishers, in comparison with those which pay sufficiently to earn their owners' homes, to say nothing of a competence. Did you ever visit a printing office during seasonable, or even unseasonable, working hours in which all were not busy? And this is eternal. Like 'Joe' they must 'move on' until long years of exceptionally fortunate toil puts them on secure footing, or as is an hundred times more frequent, they become insolvent and die of financial asphyxia. 'It is with the law makers to draw the line between economy and parsimony, between justice and tyranny, between the hire the laborer is worthy of and the dole such as Dives gave to Lazarus. From the time a litigant brings a suit until it terminates, there is no fee he pays so low in proportion to the services rendered as the printer's."

THE ROCKER BONANZA,
MONTANA.

THE *New North-West* says Nelse Wolverson and Chas. H. Carver have struck it marvellously rich on the Rocker lode near Rocker City. The seam is narrow, eight to thirty-six inches wide, but very rich, clay, with occasional pockets of rich quartz. That paper of Jan. 14 says—

"The clay is found to contain as much gold as the rock, and on Tuesday of this week the two miners estimated they moved and hoisted to the surface, \$5,000 worth of vein matter. We have seen one piece of quartz in possession of Mr. Clagett, larger than a walnut, the specific gravity of which showed it to be more than one-half gold. The lead is claimed to totally eclipse anything heretofore discovered at Butte. It will require only an arrastra and a set of sluice boxes to reduce the matter vein to merchantable gold and if half that is told is true and the lead holds the owners have a splendid fortune in the Rocker lode."

A "CHRISTIAN" ADVOCATE.

WHAT is in a name? Very little, sometimes, except a misnomer; and this appears to be specially the case with a "religious" monthly published in this city, with a pretentious "Christian" name, for whoever can read, for the journal indicated, its title clear to the term "Christian," must have extraordinarily keen mental and spiritual eyesight.

The paper above referred to is scattered over the various counties in the Territory, distributed, in large part gratuitously, from some sort of general mission fund, raised in the Eastern States, we presume, by "religious" begging expeditions, based upon gross misrepresentations of the state of things in this Territory, which general missionary treasury, however, it is stated, is run pretty low just now, considerably embarrassing the benevolent promoters of that "Christian" if paper by "Christian" is meant Christlike, one may search through the paper in vain for much of that quality. In fact

the contents are decidedly unchristian. They are flavored strongly with lie of the most concentrated quality, and fully support the Bible and revolver sort of religion, and this is perhaps all we need say upon the distasteful subject.

PLACE IT IN THE HANDS OF
"HONEST" PEOPLE.

THE following appears in the Washington correspondence of the *New York Herald*—

"Washington, January 28.—Mr. Springer introduced a bill in the House to-day providing an election law for the Territory of Utah. The present law was passed by the present Legislature of that Territory and is wholly in the interests of the Mormons. Under its operations it will be impossible to ever outvote them. It permits women, girls and polygamous wives to vote, regardless of age or time of residence in the Territory. It numbers the ballots so that the judge can tell how every person votes, and every woman who votes against the interests of the Church is at once ostracised. There is but one judge of elections, and he canvasses the votes in secret and announces the result at his pleasure. There is no punishment for illegal voting or fraud perpetrated.

"The bill provides a general election law similar to election laws in several other States, except that it prohibits any bigamist or polygamist from voting. This bill was presented by Mr. Baskin, the contesting delegate, and his Gentile friends in Utah. It was referred to the judiciary committee. Mr. Baskin arrived in Washington this morning, and will urge the passage of the bill as the only means of placing the government of the Territory in the hands of honest people. The large Gentile population in that Territory are determined to have their rights sustained by Congress, and the first step towards it, they claim, is a free untrammelled ballot."

There are several amusing things in the above extract—

1. The acknowledgment that, owing to the aid of the women, those "enslaved women," you understand, it will be impossible for the rabid ring to ever outvote the "Mormons" in Utah.
2. The exclusion of bigamists and polygamists from the franchise. Swindlers, thieves, adulterers, whoremongers and the like not to be excluded. They are to be heartily welcome.
3. Baskin urges the bill "as the only means of placing the government of the Territory in the hands of honest people." "Honest people" indeed! Where will you find them? Is Baskin one of these "honest people"? Is Maxwell one? Is Patton one? Is "Pony" Duncan one? Is there a single "honest" man in the whole ring? Is there even one "indifferent honest" man among the ring conspirators? Is not the ringorgan itself the most defamatory and most libellous sheet published on the continent? "Honest men!" Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!
4. "The large Gentile population are determined to have their rights sustained by Congress." O ho! Is it there you are? Well, threaten Congress as much as you like about those "rights!" Of course Congress is in mortal fear of the power and vengeance of the rascally Utah ring! Certainly, threaten away. But be sure and let us hear more about those "honest people." "Honest people!" Jerusalem, that is good! The best thing out.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN UTAH.

ON the second and last day's session of the Woman's Suffrage Association, just held at Tallmadge Hall, Washington, Mrs. Gage in the chair, the following proceedings occurred, as reported in the *Washington Chronicle*—

"Mrs. Lockwood called attention to a visit of a delegation from Utah to the President of the United States, in regard to the suffrage privilege in that Territory, yesterday morning, and she said she saw in that a design to prevent the women in Utah from voting, and offered the following additional

resolution in that connection, which was also adopted—

"Resolved, That the right of suffrage being vested in the women of Utah, by their constitutional and lawful enfranchisement and by its peers of use, we denounce the proposition about to be again presented to Congress by the Utah ring for the disenfranchisement of thousands of legal voters in that Territory, as an outrage on the freedom of the people and a gross invasion of a vested right; that we denounce the abolition of the system of numbering the ballots, in order that the women may be thoroughly free to vote as they choose, without supervision or instruction; and that the chair appoint a committee of three persons, with power to add to their number, to memorialize Congress and otherwise to watch over the rights of the women of Utah in this regard during the next twelve months."

"The chair appointed Mrs. B. A. Lockwood, Mrs. S. J. Spencer and Ellen C. Sargent as the committee."

Local and Other Matters

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 8.

Cattle Stealing.—Yesterday evening deputy U. S. Marshal Nounan reached this City from Evanston, having in his custody Richard H. Lewis, charged with cattle stealing.

Very Bad.—One Rance, who is in the habit of getting intoxicated and, while in that condition, abusing his family, was fined \$10, by Justice Pyper, this morning, for indulging in that disreputable business yesterday.

Stealing Harness.—Yesterday a party giving the uncommon cognomen of Jones appeared to be seized with a strong fancy to become the possessor of a quantity of harness belonging to Mr. Thomas E. Jeremy, and was caught in the act of carrying off the coveted property, for which dishonest act he fell into the clutches of the officers of the law, and was placed in jail.

District Court.—The February term of the Third District Court commenced at 2 o'clock yesterday, Alex. White, C. J., presiding. The following were empanelled and sworn a grand jury for the term—W. G. Gallagher, W. B. Cole, S. M. Lovendahl, P. L. Shaff, John Wayman, Thos. H. Woodbury, Sen., Chas. F. Smith, William Peck, Ethan Pettit, Grandison Raymond, J. K. Morrill, Malcolm Graham, David Stoker, Alexander Rogers, Mark Hall.

The Judge's charge to the grand jury, delivered yesterday, will be found in another part of the NEWS.

S. D. & U. S. R. R.—The articles of incorporation of the San Diego and Utah Southern Railroad Company have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Sacramento, and on Monday the certificate of incorporation was issued. The capital stock of the Company is \$9,000,000 in 90,000 shares of \$100 each; \$350,000 have been subscribed and \$35,000 paid in. The purpose of the corporation is to construct a railroad from the Bay of San Diego via San Bernardino to a point at or near Callville, Arizona, at the head of navigation on the Colorado River, there to connect with the Utah Southern Railroad. — *San Diego Union*.

The Official Axe.—We have it from a reliable source that the removal of George R. Maxwell from the U. S. Marshalship of Utah is very certain to take place in a very short time.

Being compelled to separate from such an urbane and high-toned official, we can but express the ardent hope that his devoted services, "by flood and field," to the cause of his country, which he delights to wave aloft to be admiringly gazed at, will receive some substantial recognition, by giving him a place where he can do still more good than he has done here or anywhere else. How would he do to succeed the Rev. John P. Newman in the inspectorship of foreign consulates?

The name of the Marshal's probable successor has been hinted at.

Accident.—We regret to learn that an accident occurred to a team loaded with children this morning. While Mr. B. C. Critchlow was driving across a ditch in Mound Fort Lane, his sleigh, which was iron-shod, struck on the bare ground. The horses, in pulling hard to move it, jerked the ham-

mer strap and doubletrees loose, broke the bridle bit, and started on the run. They ran about a hundred and fifty yards before Mr. Critchlow let go the lines, and continued running, passing several loads of children, and then brought up at the rear end of another sleigh load with great force. We hear that several children in the sleigh struck by the horses were slightly injured, but to what extent we were unable to ascertain up to the time of going to press. — *Ogden Junction, Feb. 5.*

Escape of Prisoners.—This morning Mr. John Newton, jailor, was engaged in looking after the cleaning out of the cells of the County jail, underneath the Court House, and while in the act of opening the door of one of the compartments to admit the prisoner who was doing the cleaning work, he was seized by this same man, who held one hand over his mouth, while another prisoner sprang from the interior of the cell, and the two forced Mr. Newton into the compartment and locked the door on him. In the meantime three prisoners, notorious cattle and horse thieves, named, respectively, Scott, Kelly and Sherman, the latter being the man who stole Dr. Williamson's valuable horse, made their escape from the building.

The alarm was soon raised and officers started on the hunt for the escaped prisoners, but, so far as we have yet learned, they are still at large.

For the South.—Seven teams and wagons passed through the City to day with settlers for the Arizona country. They are from Brigham City, Box Elder County. The draft animals were oxen, excepting one horse team. Several cows were in the outfit, which appeared to be generally complete.

Man Shot and Killed.—About half-past one o'clock this morning "Bob" Riley, a notorious gambler and rough, was shot by Louis Ordner, proprietor of the Milwaukee beer saloon, Richards' Building, Second South street. Ordner fired four shots, one of the bullets taking effect in Riley's chest, from which he expired at 2 o'clock precisely, scarcely half an hour after being wounded.

Ordner gave himself up to the custody of the officers and was placed in the city jail where he now lies. The body of Riley was taken to the same building, where it has been visited to-day by curious crowds, and a coroner's inquest was to be held over it this afternoon.

We have heard a variety of reports regarding the homicide; but prefer to refrain from statement or comment until after an investigation, desiring to say nothing that would tend to prejudice the case either way. So far as the demise of Riley is concerned, however, we may say that it will not be a matter likely to be generally regretted, he having been a character that can well be spared in any community. We understand Ordner and he had quarrelled during the course of the night, some time previous to the shooting being done.

Since the above was written the inquest has been held by coroner Taylor and a jury, the verdict being that deceased came to his death by a shot from a pistol in the hand of Louis Ordner.

The examination was to commence later this afternoon, before Justice Pyper, the court room being literally jammed with a curious crowd of spectators anxious to get a glimpse of the accused party and hear the details of the homicide.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

COUNCIL.

Council convened, Tuesday, Feb. 7th, at 2 p. m.

Councilor Woodruff presented the following report of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society, for the years 1874 and 1875, which was read, ordered spread on the minutes and referred to the committee on claims and appropriations, with instructions to incorporate in a bill the amount asked for therein:

To the Honorable Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah:

Gentlemen:—We take pleasure in representing that the operations of the Society, for the past two years, have been chiefly confined to the improvement and adornment of the Agricultural Park, which consists in part of a mile and a half mile tracks, in fine condition; in buildings, suitable for our present wants; in fencing, bridging, grading, and

adorning the park with trees, etc. A spring of fresh water from the 16th Ward is now conveyed in redwood pipes to the centre of the grounds, at a cost of \$2,500, and an excavation has been made for ornamental waterwork, preparatory to the erection of fountains and the planting of shrubbery, etc.

The grounds have also been enclosed with a good, substantial fence; the east side is built of lumber, six feet high, closely fitted together, which in future is intended to form a part of stalls, etc., for the exhibition of stock, products, agricultural implements, etc.

In making these improvements the Society has kept in view the advantages that will, in the future, be derived by having suitable grounds and conveniences for the exhibition of stock and other products of the Territory, and have taken pains to make it an attractive place and pleasant resort for citizens.

A stock fair was held on the grounds in Oct., 1874. A fine exhibition of blooded and graded stock was made, showing a marked improvement over former exhibitions, particularly so in the horses, horned stock and sheep.

Herewith we present the financial exhibit of the Treasurer, which shows an indebtedness of \$2,401.93. To enable us to cancel said indebtedness and to complete improvements already commenced, we respectfully ask your Honorable body to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.

Respectfully submitted,
W. WOODRUFF, President.
Financial exhibit of the D. A. and M. Society, for the two years ending Dec. 31st, 1875:

RECEIPTS.

Territorial Appropriation.....	\$10,000 00
Salt Lake County Appropriation.....	747 43
Morgan County do.....	50 00
Individual Donations.....	683 57
Admission Fees.....	624 47
Memberships.....	20 00
	\$12,105 47

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on Debts due, as per report of 1873.....	\$4,998 35
Improvements on Park.....	7,296 66
Premiums and Discounts.....	1,363 44
Office Expenses.....	23 70
Sundry General Expenses.....	755 93
Funds in Treasury.....	69 32
	\$14,507 40
INDEBTEDNESS.....	\$ 2,410 93

Councilor Caine presented a report of the insane asylum of Salt Lake city, showing the cost of the same, and its receipts and disbursements from its institution to the present time, and moved its reference to the committee on municipal corporations and townsites, for their consideration in connection with that portion of the Governor's message relating to insane asylums. Carried.

Councilor Caine also presented (C. F. 11), "A bill for an act to guard the sanctity of the nominative franchise," and moved its reference to the committee on elections.

Councilor Harrington presented (C. F. 12), "A bill for an act regulating procedure in the probate courts," and recommended that it be put upon its passage. Passed its first reading and ordered printed.

Councilor Caine, in behalf of the committee on judiciary, to whom was referred (C. F. No. 10), "An act providing for the election of county prosecuting attorneys," reported back said bill amended, and recommended its passage as amended; the bill was read as amended, passed its second reading, read the third time by its title, and so passed, and was sent to the house for their action.

Councilor Woodruff, chairman of committee on claims and appropriations, presented the following report, which was read:

Gentlemen:—Your committee on claims and appropriations, to whom was referred the claim of Harrison Edwards for alleged "services in visiting public prisons," respectfully report that we find no statute of the Territory, requiring such service or providing for its payment, and therefore recommend that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Respectfully,

WILFORD WOODRUFF,
Chairman.

February 7th, 1876.
Report accepted and the recommendation adopted. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

House met yesterday at 2 p. m. Mr. Rockwood presented a petition from Stephen W. Taylor, Sheriff of Salt Lake County, praying for action of the Legislature to