

constipation of reason. I do not know what particular fraud the writer of that article is interested in, they are both "great unknown" to me. I was not quite sure that the prospective law was just the thing till I learned from "Formula" that there were no arguments against it. Now I trust it will become a law, as there are many reasons why it should. All the patent any one can have on any proprietary medicine is in the trademark or name, this right the law cannot interfere with. Ninety per cent. of proprietary medicines are worthless and the remainder are injurious. The more a good medicine is known the better for the proprietor and the buyer. The more a bad medicine is known the worse for the proprietor and the better for the people. Only the proprietors of worthless medicines will object to this law. As laws are supposed to be made on the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number and as there are more buyers than sellers of medicine, this law should pass. Any person who discovers or professes to have discovered anything that will save life and prevent suffering and who withholds this knowledge from his fellow creatures to put money into his pocket, deserves execration. A regular physician who would do that would be ostracized by the profession the world over. If the makers of proprietary medicines gave anything for the money, they could not accumulate millions of dollars in a short time, as they now do.

I move the bill pass and become

LEX.

We publish the foregoing at the request of the writer, but think it should have been sent to the *Herald* wherein the letter appears to which it is a reply. To those readers of the *News* who do not take the *Herald* the remarks of "Lex" will be an enigma, and those readers of the *Herald* who do not take the *News* will only see "Formula's" letter without the reply of "Lex." The paper in which Formula's communication appeared ought to have been given the opportunity to publish the reply. This we consider fair and only common courtesy.

A PROHIBITORY STATUTE WANTED.

WE take the opportunity of drawing the attention of the Legislative Assembly of Utah to the necessity of enacting a statute prohibiting the sale of toy-pistols in the Territory. A number of States have a law of that character, and where there is no statute of general application some of the larger cities have ordinances of that nature. What is wanted here, however, is a measure that will cover the whole Territory.

It is scarcely necessary to dwell on the urgency of such a law. The fact that seven or eight children have lost their lives in Utah within the last few years from lock-jaw, produced by apparently trivial injury from toy-pistols is sufficient ground for the enactment. Each year has added one or more victims to the array. Loss of life from this cause can in future be stopped, and it appears to be the duty of the Legislature to prescribe the remedy during its present session.

WESTERN FLOATS.

The grand jury at Fargo, Dakota, has indicted the Mayor and chief of police for conduct unbecoming their positions as public functionaries, and is now investigating charges against other officials. Attorneys and others who have engaged in any questionable land transactions are nervous and will give a sigh of relief when the grand jury goes out of business.

The Helena *Independent* says that a few days ago, a mail agent on the west bound postal car put his hand into a mail bag to pull out the mail for sorting, when he was frightened almost out of his boots by one of the "packages" grabbing him with its teeth and claws. On dumping the mail out upon the floor of the car he found that the obnoxious package was a hungry cat, with a stamped tag around its neck, addressed to a lady at Portland. That part of Uncle Sam's mail never reached its destination.

Sheriff Carter, of Cherry County, Neb., has been notified by the vigilance committee to leave the country immediately. The vigilance committee claims that he is in collusion with the Nebraska horse thieves beyond a doubt. Sheriff Carter announces his fixed determination to stay, denies the charges made against him and has sworn in a posse of 30 men for his protection. The Sheriff and his men are all armed to the teeth, awaiting hostilities. The leader of the vigilantes has posted up a notice that no man living can escape their vengeance, least of all Sheriff Carter. Further developments are anxiously awaited.

Advices from Tombstone, Arizona, state that the District Court room was crowded to suffocation with persons anxious to hear sentence passed on the Bisbee murderers. Many ladies were in attendance. Motion was made by defendants' attorneys for a new trial, and the Judge set Monday (yesterday) the time for hearing arguments on the motion. Nothing can prevent an appeal to the Supreme Court, if defendants' counsel desire to make it, thereby causing a delay of nearly a year in carrying out the death penalty. It is feared that the community will not

stand this. The defendants have had a fair trial and have been defended by some of the best counsel of the bar. The evidence of their guilt is positive and overwhelming, and if the law don't hang them speedily the mob will.

The Wyoming Southern Railway Company has just filed its articles of incorporation with the secretary of Wyoming Territory. Its road is to be constructed from Cheyenne to the boundary line of Colorado. Its incorporators are Luke Voorhees, Edward A. Slack, Francis E. Warren, Morton E. Post and George Francis Morgan. The capital stock is placed at \$500,000, divided into 5,000 shares. It is proposed to operate this line in conjunction with the Cheyenne, Black Hills & Montana road. It will also prove a feeder to the Burlington & Missouri road, which will make a connection near Duet Station. The parties having the enterprise in keeping propose to push it forward to a speedy and successful completion.

At Portland Oregon, a few days ago, Tennis and John Deboerst, living in East Portland, engaged in a quarrel about some trifling matter. Tennis is about 20 years old and John 17. Words led to blows, when Tennis grabbed a boot and struck John a heavy blow on the head. The blow cut a deep gash. The scalp wound was dressed by a surgeon, who gave an opinion that the skull was fractured. Afterwards the boy grew worse, became unconscious, and shortly died. The coroner was notified, but for some unaccountable reason deemed an inquest unnecessary. The district attorney was also notified, but declined to take any action till the coroner had held an inquest, and no arrests have been made yet. There appears to be no doubt that the crime of manslaughter has been committed.

The Cheyenne *Sun* states that the Union Pacific Railway Company is now receiving an invoice of 1,000 cars from the Peninsula car works, located at Detroit, for use on the Oregon Short Line and the Denver South Park and Pacific Road, the latter being a narrow gauge line. Of the cars ordered for the Oregon Short Line there are 50 coal and flat cars and 200 box cars, and of those designed for the D. S. P. & P. there are 300 coal, flat and box cars. All these cars have a capacity of 40,000 pounds, which is equal to fully one-third more than the capacity of an equal number of ordinary cars. This extraordinary capacity is something new and the cars are built in this way in order to carry heavy loads of ore or coal, while merchandise, of course, could not be stored in a sufficient amount to make 20 tons.

The Colorado *Live Stock Record* describes a new stock car that has been invented for carrying horses, and it has been on exhibition in the eastern stock yards. It is 54 feet in length, nearly as long as a passenger coach. It is 4 inches wider than the ordinary freight car. Separate stalls are arranged for 16 horses. At their heads are feeding troughs and a passageway to permit access to the same. In the center of the car is a sleeping bank for attendants, a crib for grain and a large tank for water. The car is arranged with regard to ventilation for both summer and winter transportation. The car has been tried and found to do the work it was designed for. It pays to have stock arrive from the western ranges in good condition. Under the old arrangement it sometimes takes two months to get a horse in condition to sell, because of the effects of a hard trip. With these cars, it is said, horses can be exhibited for sale the day they arrive.

The Helena, Montana *Independent* of the 8th instant says: "Some weeks since two thoroughbred pups were ushered into the world at the Governor's kennel. One of the two was sent to a friend at Salt Lake and the other was kept by the Governor. A few days ago the Governor's pup was kicked by a horse, breaking his right hind leg. The services of the doctor were called in, and the broken leg set in plaster. A letter just received from Salt Lake announces that strangely enough the pup that was sent to Salt Lake had also been kicked by a horse, breaking his right hind leg; and, besides, a doctor who was called in also used plaster setting the broken leg of the young canine. The Salt Lake and Helena occurrences were almost at the same time, too. The only thing necessary to make the coincidence complete is for the Salt Lake pup to belong to Governor Murray. Wonder if it doesn't?"

Advices from Tombstone, Arizona, state that last Monday morning the courtroom was crowded with spectators from all parts of the country to watch the progress of the trial of the Bisbee murderers. No event has ever occurred in the history of Arizona that attracted so much attention or so deep a feeling throughout the country as the cold-blooded and unprovoked murders at Bisbee in December by Dan Dowd, Delaney, Kelly, Red Samples, Howard and Heith. The evidence was all in by 3 o'clock this afternoon, at 3:10 o'clock the Judge's charge to the jury was finished and at 4 o'clock the jury returned with a verdict of murder in the first degree against Howard, Kelly, Delaney, Dowd and Sample. It is thought the Judge will only give them the necessary time allowed by law to prepare for death, when all five will be hanged together. At present it is thought John Heith, their accomplice, who has been allowed a separate trial, will also be convicted of murder in the first degree, and if so the six will be hanged together.

Six years ago Mr. Ong, owing to the death of his wife, was compelled to send his two little boys, one five years and the other twelve months old, to the Home for the Friendless at Chicago. Afterwards he became yardmaster of the Union Pacific at Cheyenne, and sought to recover his children, but they had been taken away from the home. After years of searching Mr. Ong discovered that the children had been taken to Omaha by a Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, and then taken to Fremont. When Mr. Hansen's wife died about a year ago the boys were returned to the Home for the Friendless, but they soon ran away and, young as they were, succeeded in getting back to Fremont by walking when they couldn't steal rides in a freight car. Recently Mr. Ong reached Fremont in search of his boys, but no one seemed to know where they were. An article descriptive of Ong's search had been printed in the *Chicago Inter-Ocean* and copied in the *Fremont Tribune*. A Mr. Black read it, and having heard Ong was in town, hunted him up and told him where he would find his boys. He found them accordingly, rigged them out in new suits of clothes and with them went on his way rejoicing.

FROM OUR OGDEN CORRESPONDENT.

THE WEATHER.

OGDEN CITY, Utah,
February 19, 1884.

Editor *Deseret News*:

A day or two since some of our people here began to think from the character of the weather that it was a little more than possible we might shortly be visited by some storms which in a small measure would resemble those from which so many thousands of the people in the East are now suffering. On Saturday the wind in the afternoon commenced to blow strongly from the south. Towards the close of the day it increased in velocity and power. It continued all night and on Sunday it blew heavily—almost a gale. The deep snow which had previously fallen melted rapidly, and on Sunday the wind from the same direction roared furiously and the rain began to fall. The heavens "gathered blackness" and the clouds all around the horizon looked ominous and threatening. Monday morning it brightened somewhat and several inches of snow fell, after which the clouds lifted, and in the afternoon it became warm and thawed for several hours.

SNOW SLIDE.

On Sunday a large snowslide occurred in Ogden Cañon, which blocked up the Ogden River for about three hours. Fortunately no one was hurt by the avalanche. In course of time the waters found vent and wended their way to find rest in the Great Salt Lake.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

On Monday afternoon a big snowslide took place in the Weber Cañon, near the "Devil's Gate," on the line of the U. P. railroad. About 3 o'clock a force of men was taken to the spot and in a few hours the blockade was opened and the trains passed through unimpeded. Our mails of late have been very irregular, and prevented from running on time in consequence of the storms, many of which have been unprecedented for a number of years.

FEARS OF FRESHETS.

Quite a number of our old settlers fear that if the spring opens suddenly we will be visited by high waters, such as we have not seen in our rivers for a long time past. At present we are frost-bound, and it is feared that much of our fruit is killed by the severe frosts.

THE FIRE FIEND.

Soon after midnight last night the citizens were aroused from their slumbers by the alarm of fire, which broke out on Fifth street between Young and Franklin. The railroad engine screamed, the bell at the Court House rang out lustily, guns and pistols were fired, men shouted themselves hoarse and the dismal bell at the new city buildings joined in the general call to the scene of the conflagration. It was the Skating Rink, located between the Catholic Church and the Co-op. Granaries, on the south side of the street. Soon many hundreds of people were assembled. The firemen were speedily on the spot, and as soon as water could be had they commenced to play vigorously on the flames.

It was not long before it was apparent that the building was doomed, and in about an hour and a half it was totally destroyed. It was used for dancing as well as skating. It belonged to E. Keyes. I did not learn what the loss amounted to, nor has it been discovered how the fire originated. I understand it was insured. Much credit is due the firemen for the vigorous manner in which they labored to subdue the flames, and notwithstanding they did not save the rink, they saved a number of other buildings contiguous to it, and which, if they had taken fire, would have proved disastrous indeed—in fact no one can tell where the mischief would have ended. By 2 o'clock a. m. all was quiet.

WEBER.

THE NEW POLAND BILL.

FOLLOWING is the full text of the bill which has been referred to several times in these columns, introduced in

the United States House of Representatives by Mr. Luke P. Poland of Vermont, Feb. 11th, 1884. It was read twice and referred to the committee on judiciary, and is entitled, "A Bill relating to the Qualification of Voters in the Territories of Utah and Idaho, and for other purposes. The outrageous and unconstitutional nature of the bill will be perceived by every intelligent reader and needs no comment:

Whereas the statutes of the United States expressly prohibit the offenses of bigamy, polygamy, and unlawful cohabitation in all the Territories of the United States, and provide for the punishment of all said offenses by fine and imprisonment; and Whereas in the Territories of Utah and Idaho there exists a sect or organization of people who denominate themselves the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," but who are commonly known and called "Mormons," which said sect or organization in its creed or articles of belief holds and enunciates as one of the fundamental principles of said sect or organization, founded upon divine right or authority, the right and duty of the members of said sect or organization to practice and commit the said offenses of bigamy, polygamy, and unlawful cohabitation; and the officers, rulers, and teachers of said sect or organization do openly and publicly teach, inculcate, encourage, and procure the members of said sect to commit the said offenses of bigamy, polygamy, and unlawful cohabitation, in open and professed defiance and contempt of the laws of the United States; and many of the members of said sect or organization have committed, and continue to commit, the said offenses, in open defiance of the laws for the punishment thereof, but escape all punishment for said offenses by the various influences which the possession of political majorities enables the said sect or organization to exercise, all which tend to bring the laws and authority of the United States into disgrace and contempt, and make the same of no effect: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no person so long as he continues to be a member of the said sect or organization denominated the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," and adheres to the same, shall be entitled to vote at any election held in either of the said Territories of Utah or Idaho, or be eligible for election or appointment to, or be entitled to hold any office or place of public trust, honor, or emolument in, under, or for either of said Territories of Utah or Idaho, or under the United States in either of said Territories.

Sec. 2. That no person in either of said Territories of Utah or Idaho shall be registered as a voter in any election precinct until such person shall take and subscribe the following oath:

"I—do solemnly swear that I am not living or cohabiting with more than one wife, and that I am not a member or adherent of the 'Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,' or of any sect or organization whose creed or articles of belief teach and uphold the rightfulness of bigamy, polygamy, or unlawful cohabitation, or any form of plural marriage or concubinage, under any form or pretense whatever; so help me God."

Sec. 3. That every person elected or appointed to any office or place of public trust, honor, or emolument in, under, or for either of said Territories of Utah or Idaho, or under the United States in either of said Territories, shall, before entering upon the duties of such office, in addition to the oath of office, take and subscribe the oath set forth in the preceding section.

Sec. 4. That any person who shall take the oath set forth in the second section of this act, either to qualify as a voter or to hold office, shall swear falsely, such person shall be guilty of perjury, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and be imprisoned in the proper prison not more than five years.

FROM THE FOUR WINDS.

There is great distress among the Chinese in British Columbia.

There are over 100,000 Indians in Canada.

The woodchucks ought to be out again by March 15.

There are 125,111 dogs in Kansas.

Eighty deaths from starvation in London in 1883.

The ostriches at San Diego, Cal., are laying eggs.

Do speak intelligibly, and not as if you had pubbles in your mouth.

In life, al'ers try to help a man up de hill. He can go down by hisse'f.

A man in Denver kissed a woman on the street, and she put out one of his eyes with an umbrella.

Do, at least once in a while, reflect; most things, if worth consideration at all, look differently upon reflection.

I allus go's outen de wry o' de man what is too smooth. The snake is a heap slicker den de toad, an' nine times as pizen.

Do be contented; "martyrs" are detestable; a cheerful, happy spirit is

infectious; you can carry it about with you like a sunny atmosphere.

Conversation should be pleasant without scurrility, witty without affectation, free without indecency, learned without conceit, novel without falsehood.

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