SOME OF THE EVENTS OF FIVE YEARS.

THE autumn of '1881 found Utah in a condition of great prosperity. Probably in no year since its settlement was the financial condition of the people so good as at that time. Money was more plentiful than it had ever been before, and real estate improvements and all kinds of business enterprises were pushed with unprecedented vigor. Politically the people were still free, their liberties being restricted only by certain conditions from which all of the Territories suffered alike, and which were features of ed alike, and which were features of the territorial system without special reference to them. Their rights had often been assailed but up to the date mentioned without material success to the assailants. The year 1882 opened with this condition of affairs prevailing in the Territory, but with a black and threatening cloud hanging over the heads of the people in the shape of the Edmunds bill, which was pending in Congress.

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It seemed incredible that that measure should pass, and every prospect seemed to indicate a long period of prosperity to the Territory. But, it became a law. In Utah alone from 12,000 to 15,000 citizens were made aliens in a day. A galling punishment was inflicted upon them without trial or opportunity for defense, and they were robbed of vested rights whose value cannot be estimated. Litigation for testing the shameful provision of disfranchisement was carried to the court of last resort, only to end in the exaltation of wrong. Next came the crusade, having for its object the destruction of families, the ruln and degradation of pure and honored women, and the branding with infamy of children by the thousand. Husbands and fathers, chosen from among the best citizens of the Territory, began to be thrown into prison in large numbers, but the ferocions appetite of tiger-like persecutors of an unpopular religion, so far from being suted, was only whetted. The twin infamics of packed juries and segregated indictments were introduced to further gratify it. Trials were farces and arrest meant conviction with unerring certainty.

Then, as if to close up every possible avenue of escape from a severe punishment, interpretations of the law tollowed each other fast, each new one changing that which preceded it, and making it more and more difficult for the most law-abiding among the oppressed class to live within its provisions, until now a polygamist is required to utterly repudiate, cast off disown and abandon his own flesh and blood and irretrievably destroy his own honor and self-respect.

Probably in the long list of wrongs incident to the events we are referring to, not one shows more plainly the merciless character of the spirit of the crusade, than the device of segregation, by means of which an offense wbich the law says shall be punishable by a fine of \$300 and imprisonment.

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The foregoing brief statement of events so familiar to our readers is made for the purpose of illustrating the rapidity with which certain consumations have been approaching within the last five years; and also to show that, if occurrences of such a heretofore incredible character have transpired within the last half decade, we may be prepared to see follow within a similar period in the future, even greater ones.

Had any man during the closing months of 1881, predicted what has occurred since then; that the foundations of our government would have been undermined by a bill of attainder sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States; that a war on the peaceful families of this Territory, having for its object their utter destruction, would have been carried as far as it has; that so large a number of men, prominent and loved in the community, would be cast into prison, as now languish there; that many of our hest citizens would so soon become exiles; that trials in our courts would become so utterly farcical as they are; that juries would convict, with or without evidence, with the precision of machinery, as we see them do; and that the present deplorable condition of affairs would be brought about in so short a time, in our fair Territory, he would not have been believed, even by many who claim to have faith in modern prophecy and revelation.

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The occurrences of the last five years afford ample ground for faith that pre-dictions of events in the same line, but of even greater magnitude, made by men of inspiration who have lived in modern times, will also be strikingly verified. We are manufacturing his-

determination was arrived at. This, some would think, settles the question, but it is far from doing so. In the background of the picture stands the Russian agent Kaulbars frowning the Russian agent Kaulbars frowning and grim; he will not recognize the body that chose the Prince nor the Prince himself, unless, indeed, the power he represents changes its tactics all at once and takes a decided departure from the course it has lately pursued—an altogether improbable thing. What next will be done can of course only be conjectured; but that trouble is ahead, and not very far ahead either, is as certain as anything not yet developed can be.

The Catholic clergy of New York have, during the present canvass in relation to the mayoralty, violated a rule that has hitherto governed them, namely, to never interfere in elections. A prominent merchant of that city recently addressed a communication to Monsignor Thomas S. Preston, an authoritative representative of the Catholic clergy of the metropolis, asking if it was true that the latter were supporting the candidacy of Henry George. Mgr. Preston replied, stating that the Catholic clergy regard George's principles as dangerons, and that they are opposed to his election. This correspondence has been given to the press and will certainly have its effect upon the followers of George, many of whom are Catholics.

People in and near Charlotte, N. C., are mystified and not a little disturbed over what they consider a remarkable phenomenon. One day recently some one discovered that rain was falling copiously from a cloudless sky within very narrow limits. Two trees, standing at a short distance from each other, marked the boundaries of the rainfail. The news spread and hundreds of people gathered to witness the strange scene and watched it for two honrs. Next day the rainfall was repeated and the following day the two trees again marked the limits of a similar storm. There was apparently no cause whatever for the rain. There were no rain clouds in the skies and the weather was charming everywhere except no rain clouds in the skies and the weather was charming everywhere except between these two trees. Of conrise everybody is talking about the strange occurence, some even connecting it in an unknown way with the earthquakes which are still disturbing the South, but the theories advanced are theories only, and with no basis or foundation. No one pretends to say positively what freak of nature is responsible for the curious exhibition, and among the ignorant there is not little alarm. The spectacle of rain dropping out of a cloudless sky for three days in succession has drawn better than a circus, and the two trees have become objects of awe to many and of curious fasciof awe to many and of curious fascination to all. Thousands have seen it and wondered, and the more they speculate the more mystitled they be-

R. S. Gardner, United States Indian Commissioner, says: "The actual condition of the Indian is much better Mess testified to their dribbins once and the second the folial is much better than is generally known. In fact, with one or two exceptions, every tribe has regularly improved since its adoption by the Department of the Interior. Ordinarity theides of the Indian is that of a poor, half-clothed, dirty heathen whose life is passed in all in and idleness. But it she holders of such ideas should see the Indian as a he is in many cases they would be more than surprised. Do you know that to Osage Indians monother the bed; he offered the is in many cases they would be more than surprised. Do you know that is that own more than surprised. Do you know that is the world. The second that own more than surprised. Do you know that is the world in the second that own more than surprised. The second that is the world in the second to the second the second that is the world in the second the second the second the second that is the world in the second the sec pay it, if he possibly can. The character of the present agents is that of honorable, upright men, and association with such will go a long way towards civilizing and encouraging the Indians in the lines most beneficial to them. There is as little danger of outbreak for the next decade among the Indians as the next decade among the Indians as there is danger right here in Chicago."

They gave a one-act play in Detroit the other night and then waited so long that the audience became impamodern times, will also be strikingly verified. We are manufacturing history with marvelous rapidity.

BULGARIA'S NEW PRINCE

**WALDEMAR, son of Christian, King of Demark, has been chosen ruling Prince of Bulgaria, His election was decided on yesterday, and his name was to have been put to the Great Sobrange to-morrow; but it seems that other counsels prevailed, and the election was made shortly after the strict of the City of Churches' processing in the control of the processing history evidence when the influence of Bulgaria, His election was that other counsels prevailed, and the election was made shortly after the strict of the control of the processing history evidence when the control of the principle of the principle

was invalidated by the result of Tuesday's election. In a square light, with the churches all on one side and the gamblers and saloon-keepers on the other, the latter won by 13,000 majority, and brought Ridgway. in 2,100 votes and more shead of his ticket. The churches will do well to bestir themselves."

turned to the saloon in about an hour and drank a bottle of champagne, and took a bottle of whisky with them when they left.

To Defense: I never saw any acts of violence while he was there; he may have been under the influence of liquor when he first came; I recognize a difference between, "intoxication" and trank a bottle of champagne, and took a bottle of whisky with them when they left.

It seems strange that none of our exchanges have attempted to make a pun on the name of Mr. Henn, Captain of the Galatea. We think it might be accomplished with a little scratching. Ex.

But to do so would be setting a bad eggsample.

PROVO POINTS.

THE PEARSON TRIAL

Is likely to continue through the term.
The Court on Saturday ruled that
the prosecution could show acts of the
defendant prior to Jan. 10th, 1886.
Alvin Rose was put on the witness

Q.—What was 'defendant's coadition at the time you met him as to sobriety or drunkenness?

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Q.—Did you know the defendant's reputation for peace and quietness prior to Jan. Joth, 1888?
Objected to by defense.
Witness was withdrawn until authorities could be collected.
Labs leache was called. Mr. occu-

John Jacobs was called. My occu-pation is riding and driving horses; saw the defendant at his ranch about a year ago; I stayed there three or four

days.
Q.—You may state what defendant's

Q.—You may state what defendant's condition was at the time you met him at the Sevier River.

A.—He was not particularly otherwise than sober, but had drank a little. Witness testified to their drinking some alcohol with water and sugar the last day he was there; recollect Pearson shooting off his pistol in the cabin; shot once through the roof and once under the bed; he offered the pistol to me to shoot jonce; I never saw him unusual or out of the way at any time; don't know whether he was intoxicated or not; I had some whisky of my own; it was a two gallon keg; we had been two days on the road and the keg was not full when we got there; don't know if the defendant's liquor was Scotch whisky, but thought it was

have been under the influence of liquor when he first came; I recognize a difference between, "intoxication" and "under the influence of liquor;" he went away about as he came and behaved himself white there.

Ole Ellingson was recalled. Had heard the defendant's reputation discussed in Lehi.

After preliminary questions, he answered that the defendant's reputation in Lehi for peace and quietness is bad.

About 40 witnesses were subposnaed from Lehi to testify to the same, and tor rebutting them. So it looks very much now that the term of court will have to be continued for the case, or the it will not be the placed. that it will not be finished.

PROVO POINTS.

THE MURDER TRIAL.

On Monday afternoon, Mr. F. H. Thompson was called and sworn: Re-side at Salt Lake City; am a conchman; I was with the defendant last October; or drunkenness?

A.—He was under the isfluence of liquor.

Q.—State his conduct.

A.—He first asked me how I'd trade horses; I told him I would trade; he asked me to give boot; I offered my shaps and quirt to boot; he wanted \$10 to boot; it was the horse that Charlie Green was riding, and he (Green) rode on; Pearson called him back, twirled his platol in the air and shot it office and back, they then had a quarrel; Green said there was no nse lighting; defendant said he would fight anyway; Green said he would not, but would do anything else; so Pearson told him to lie down; he refused at first, but finally laid down, then got up; we started to the track; and Pearson remarked that he was going to trade horses and get ten dollars to boot; I said no, you ain't going to get any ten dollars and got on my horse again; they drank some whisky out of a bottle: I took a drink with them; Cantlan took the cartridges out of the pistol and threw them in the sage brush; there was nothing particularly said further and I went on toward home.

Ole Ellingson called and sworn. I live in Lehi; am mayor of the city; am aconchman; I was with the defendant last October; I was mit to did not knew them and sock the was point to office on the would make me citye him; I told him to would not, whereupon he pulled out his six-shooter and punched will drive me further, go on; I told him to put that np or I would not up; we started to the track; and Pearson told him to be the white House; it told him to be to the White House; it told him to be to be police station; if then drove to the White House; it told him to be to be police station; if then drove to the White House; it told him to be to be police station; if then drove to the White House; it then drove to the White House; it was nothing particularly said further and I went on toward home.

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C.—What is Mr. Thomas' place, is it a saloon?

A.—No, not exactly; it is a house, cellar and corrai; have heard Thomas and Bud Rose talk of the defendant.

Louis Garff was recalled. I am a merchant and live at Lehi; know the reputation of defeudant for peace and quietness in Lehi, and that his reputation is bad; thought he would be safe in saying he had heard 500 people discuss the defendant's character; named tive of whom that talked in the store of the defendant's shooting in the direction of a passing freight train, and at anothed time of his playing cards in a cellar, and some dispute arose, and he drew his pistol, saying he was the best man among them.

B. C. Earl was recalled and testified to the reputation of defendant in the

defendant then.

Louis Gorff, Joseph Goete, Bishop C.
Earl and Newel Brown, all testified substantially the same, that defendant was in Lehl off and on, for about three weeks, a year ago, and was drunk several times, riding his horse through the streets in a drunken manner.

Golden C. Elmer was sworn. Live at Silver City (Juab); am keeper of a suloon there; saw the defendant about a year ago at my saloon with another man; he was sober when he come there, I think.

Witness was withdrawn until points of law could be settled as to the admissability of evidence when there is a surprise, and of refreshing his mem-

not intoxicated; I heard the pistol shot; he (Pearson) just did it to make the boys start; all were friendly; the defeudant and Forrest were as friendly

defendant and Forrest were as friendly as could be in 1882; they were just like brothers.

J. J. Thomas testified to going to Salt Lake with the defendant last fall as related by Mr. Thompson, but that the defendant had no pistol with him; left it in Lehi; it was locked up in a drawer; was sure he had no gnn with him at all while in Salt Lake City on that occasion.

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Mr. Powell was recalled. Testified to going to Salt Lake with defendant and Thomas; drove sround town a litetle with them. Harry Thompson drove the hack; we had a drink at the Senate; I next saw the defendant at the White Honse; saw a little scuilling; the defendant did not draw a pistol, and did not have one at all. not have one at all.

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