

## CLIPPINGS.

—The steamer Malabar was wrecked near Ceylon on the 22d of May, having on board the English and French ministers to China, Lord Elgin and Baron Gros. Total loss half a million sterling.

—A patriotic insane man, named Charles Berry, residing in Minnesota, lately committed suicide by strangling himself with an American flag.

—One of the bachelor members of the House was notified that if he left Washington without performing certain promises he would be liable to an action for damages. His letters, with other testimony, were in a lawyer's hands, and he had either to obtain "a license and a ring," or visit the "office and settle."

—Hon. Jere. Clemens holds that it is the duty of every Southerner to spend all the money he has to spare at home. In a letter to his paper, the *Memphis Enquirer*, he states that he never spent but a single day at a Northern watering place, and that he was then detained by business.

—No less than 200,000 hemlock trees are cut down annually in the United States to furnish bark for tanning purposes.

—A somewhat singular charge was made recently by a Judge in Vermont, in addressing a Grand Jury. He stated that they were bound to notice and indict for all offences against the criminal laws of the State, within their jurisdiction, however unwise and impolitic they might deem such particular laws to be, unless such laws were contrary to the Constitution of the United States, to the Constitution of the State, or the laws of God.

If that Grand Jury heeded the charge of the Judge, of course no man was indicted for polygamy during that term of court.

—In the Austrian Empire there is one physician to each thousand of the inhabitants. In France, there is only one medical man for each 2,000 of the inhabitants.

—The *London Builder* of the 16th of June, has the following: Dr. Croly asserts, on good authority, that there are in the metropolis, 16,000 children trained to crime, 15,000 men living by low gambling, 50,000 by constant thieving, 5,000 receivers of stolen goods, and 150,000 men and women subsisting by other disgraceful means. There are not fewer than 25,000 beggars. So that there are more than 250,000 persons in the London district, of all sexes and ages, who prey upon the honest and industrious part of the community.

—It is stated to be an established fact, "beyond doubt or cavil," that the Snowy River Diggings (New South Wales) is an extensive gold field, and that, with the exception of the palmy days of Ballarat and Bendigo, there never has been in Australia any diggings where the precious metal is so easily extracted from the earth. In many places one had only to split off the turf, and all below, for a depth of from two to five feet, was payable.

—Another supposed slaver has been seized in New York—the bark Kate, Capt. Otto. Her Portuguese crew were imprisoned.

—Rev. H. W. Bellows preached in Cincinnati on the 24th of June. The burden of his discourse was the "Political depravity of the times."

—It is said that the Falls of St. Anthony, on the Upper Mississippi, are rapidly undergoing a change; that at the middle of the river they receded nearly or quite two hundred and fifty feet during the spring of 1859, and this season they have gone back nearly one hundred and fifty feet further. The *St. Anthony Express* thinks that in a few years they will be destroyed entirely, leaving nothing but a long reach of rolling, tumbling rapids behind.

—The United States District Court at New Orleans has decided that the *Marin* steamers, captured by our Navy off Vera Cruz, are not lawful prizes.

—It is said that the Insurance Companies of Paris intend presenting a petition to the Emperor praying that a law may be passed to prohibit the sale of matches made with white phosphorus. Official returns show that the annual average number of accidental fires in France was about two hundred and twenty, up to 1838, before friction matches came into use. In 1844 the number had risen to four thousand, which has constantly increased until in 1857 there were ten thousand fires.

—Mrs. Graves, the lady in charge of St. Alphonsus Church, Baltimore, found a large market basket in one of the pews one evening, but thinking that it would be called for, did not move it until the next morning, when she discovered that it contained a male child two weeks old, alive and well. The boy was christened. Lucius Alphonsus and will not want for protection.

—The Plymouth, Vermont, gold mines are said to be yielding a good profit. The miners average \$25 to \$50 per day.

—Parson Brownlow, in his *Knoxville Whig*, says that he saw Attorney-General Black in Washington, not long ago. "We took a good look at him, and we don't hesitate to say that in his countenance we could see mingled the virtues of the Wandering Jew and the impudent thief upon the Cross! And, if Attorney-General Black is not a villain, the Almighty does not write a legible hand, and this we are unwilling to concede!"

Strong language that.

—The *Cattaraugus Republican* tells of a narrow escape of a child from being buried alive. It died on Sunday, and on the afternoon of the day following the funeral services were held. The coffin had been lowered into the grave, and the dirt had begun to fall on it, when a stifled cry was heard. Immediately on removing the lid from the coffin the child called for its mother. It was at once properly cared for, and is now in a fair way to recover.

—The crew of the ship Java, while in the Ochotsk Sea, killed a bear weighing about 1,000 pounds. He was stuffed after the most approved manner, and brought to New Bedford.

—A teamster, named James Morrison, was found in a dying condition near Rough and Ready, Cal., a few weeks since. No less than twelve empty bottles of Scheidam Snapps were lying beside him, the contents of which he had undoubtedly drank. He had taken them from a box which constituted a part of his load which he was hauling to Columbia Hill.

—At Charleston and Augusta the heat was intense on the 4th of July. The *Courier* states that there were seven deaths in Charleston, and the *Dispatch* reports four in Augusta from sun-stroke.

—There is estimated to be running upon the railways of the United States, not less than 6000 passenger cars, and some 80,000 freight cars; under the whole of which some 688,000 wheels are running.

—The three candidates for Governor of Arkansas are Thomas Hubbard, Richard H. Johnson, and Henry M. Rector—"Tom, Dick and Harry."

—The *Rock River, Ill., Press* of the 4th ult., says that the Rev. A. D. Field, of Ogle, was knocked down in his church before his own congregation, the Sabbath previous, by a huge fist man named Redfield. Mr. Field was considerably injured. Redfield wanted to preach, but was refused, which was probably the cause of the assault.

—Gen. Shields is in San Antonio, Texas. The wound which he received in Mexico has resulted in a weakness of the lungs, which makes it necessary for him to seek a mild climate.

—Mayor Lincoln, of Boston, has been invited to Halifax to meet the Prince of Wales. It is said that the City Council of Boston will be the guests of the Montreal authorities during the stay of the Prince in that city.

—The *San Francisco Bulletin* has been sued for \$40,000 damages for calling a lawyer Squire Dogberry.

—Three boys, while standing under a tree in Windsor, C. W., lately during a thunder storm, were struck with lightning and instantly killed.

—On the occasion of the late armistice, says the *Courier de Paris*, at a banquet given at Palermo, Garibaldi proposed as a toast, "The Independence of Hungary," and, turning to his Adjutant-General, Col. Turr, said—"Friend, you were my guest at Como and Varese, and you are now my guest here; but in January next I will return your visit—at Pesth!"

—An armed party of twelve persons obtained entrance, by stratagem, to the dwelling of John Brown, jr., Ashtabula county, Ohio, recently, and made an unsuccessful attempt to carry him off.

—The *Tallahassee Sentinel* notices the fleece of a Cashmere goat raised on St. Vincent's Island, on the coast of Florida. It speaks particularly of the softness, fineness, and beauty of its fibre. Some of the strands measured sixteen inches in length, and it has the appearance more of Sea Island cotton than wool. It is intended to introduce the sheep on the coast of Florida, as it is thought they will do well there.

—Mr. John Sanderson, of Norfolk county, Va., has paid his negroes the present season \$550 for corn raised for their own benefit on his farm. One negro earned \$155.

—A Philadelphia paper says "the 4th in New York city seems to have been one wild saturnalia of intoxication, incendiarism, assassination, and recklessness," and a New York paper retorts that "in Philadelphia on the 4th, no less than seventeen persons were killed or wounded by accidents, affrays, etc.; there were six bloody riots, besides a full proportion of fires—some of them possibly acts of incendiarism."

—An old gentleman, by the name of Phillips, of Stockbridge, Mass., completed his one hundredth year on June 29th. He is still in good health, and gave an entertainment in honor of the event. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for eighty-eight years.

—Circumstances of an unpleasant nature caused a difficulty lately between two gentlemen at the Planter's Hotel, Charleston, S. C., and they fired pistols at each other—some six or seven shots. Both were wounded and a mulatto man in the street killed by a stray ball.

He was not a bondman and, of course, there was no pecuniary loss sustained on account of his being killed.

Gone to Farming. — Herr Driesbach, the celebrated lion king, has turned his attention to cultivating a farm near Wooster, Ohio.

[For the Deseret News.]

## Utah County Educational Convention.

A convention of trustees and teachers of schools in the county of Utah was held at the Seminary building in Provo on the 26th of July.

At 9 o'clock, a.m., the convention was called to order and opened with prayer. County Superintendent C. D. Evans, was chosen President and J. A. Wright Clerk.

Delegates to the number of eighteen from different parts of the county were in attendance.

The President stated the reasons for calling the convention; and,

On motion, C. W. Wandell, W. W. Cluff and H. E. Hudson were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the convention.

The committee retired and, during their absence, the convention was addressed by Messrs. D. S. Thomas, C. D. Evans, and C. D. Miller.

The burden of the remarks of those gentlemen was, the educational wants of the county, and the best method of conducting schools.

By invitation from Bishop Miller, the convention now adjourned to the bowery and united with the congregation.

The committee returned and reported the following resolutions which were adopted without debate:

## RESOLUTIONS.

I.—That the prosperity of any people, their progress in intelligence, in the arts and sciences, the stability of their institutions, their might in war and wisdom in council, the character of their morals, and the excellence of their religion, depend in a great degree upon the education of the children in their midst.

II.—That the mission of teachers and guardians of public instruction is a sacred mission. To their care, for a time, are committed our future rulers and sages, prophets and priests, husbandmen, mechanics, merchants, and the mothers of a generation yet unborn.

III.—That as exercise develops the physical system, so does mental training the mind of man; hence the labors of the school-room perform an important part in fitting the rising generation for the duties and responsibilities of after life.

IV.—That we will endeavor to ably and faithfully accomplish our mission to the children committed to our care; and, to this end, we will seek to improve ourselves, in order that we may be thoroughly qualified to instruct others.

V.—That the profession we have chosen is a useful and an honorable one, and we will endeavor to elevate the same in the public mind; believing, as we do, that hitherto, in the absence of an active, energetic system of common schools in our new Territory, the cause of education has suffered from irregularity of schools and incompetency of teachers.

VI.—That conventions are mediums of union. Here ideas may be interchanged, the experience of each becomes the property of the whole; here we may learn to act in concert and to the whole subject of education may be given a prominence and practical shape which cannot but be beneficial.

VII.—That the progress of education depends, in a great degree, upon the energy and ability of school teachers. A lack of these on the teacher's part creates indifference on the part of parents and pupils; and under such circumstances there can be but little advancement.

VIII.—That no public interest can prosper unless aided and sustained by the community at large.

We, therefore, urge upon the public of Utah county to sustain their school teachers and to make common cause with the county superintendent and trustees for the benefit of common schools.

After the adoption of the resolutions, the congregation was addressed by C. W. Wandell, at the conclusion of which the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

During the afternoon session, it was moved, seconded and carried, that the merchants in this county be requested to import, for the use of schools, the following list of school books: Sanders' Spelling Book and series of Readers;

Clark's Grammar; Naylor's Geography; Smith's and Naylor's Arithmetics; Alsop's Algebra; Smith's First Book in Astronomy; Fulton and Eastman's Book-Keeping; Goodrich's series of Histories; Davies' Mathematical course (except arithmetic and algebra); Juvenile Choir.

On motion, Chas. D. Evans was nominated for County Superintendent of Common Schools, for the ensuing year.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the county court be respectfully requested to district this county without delay, and number said districts as required by law.

A vote of thanks was given to the authorities and people of Provo for courtesies extended to the members of the convention.

On motion, the County Superintendent was instructed to extend a general invitation to the citizens of this county to attend our next convention.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that a school convention be held in Provo on the first Saturday and Sunday of May, 1861.

On motion, the minutes of the convention were ordered to be sent to the *DESERET NEWS* and *MOUNTAINEER* for publication.

The minutes were read and the convention adjourned.

C. D. EVANS, President.

JAMES A. WRIGHT, Secretary.

## The Population of Turkey.

A contemporary, in speaking of the proposed interference of Russia in behalf of the Christian population of Turkey, says that "the Christians are thinly scattered among a warlike people," (the Turks) who have not forgotten their old Tartar instincts of plunder and oppression. Now, so far from the Christians being "thinly scattered" over Turkey in Europe—the Turkey under consideration—they far out-number the Mohammedans. The last reliable census of the Ottoman Empire gives Turkey in Europe 6,004,921 Mussulmans and 10,435,079 Christians, nearly two to one of the former. As this question is doubtless one to come again prominently before the world, we have thought it best to give a table containing the population of European Turkey, which may be useful for future reference. We will also state that the whole Ottoman Empire (if we include Egypt, Nubia, Sennaar, Tripoli, Barka, Fez and Tunis, all of which are claimed to be under the sway of the Sultan) contains about 36,000,000 of inhabitants. The African possessions are but little more than nominal dependencies, and so it may be said in regard to some of the Sultan's provinces in Arabia—which, singularly enough, include a portion of Western Africa—but in matters of religion and war Islam knows but one head and one heart. The descendant of Osman, Abdul-Medjid Khan, of Stamboul, is the earthly leader of every true follower of Mohammed. The total population of European Turkey is 16,440,000, and in the annexed statistics we can see what great interests nominal Christians have there, and why Russia feels so deeply in regard to Turkey in a politico-religious point of view.

	Mahomedans.	Christians.
Bosnia	553,676	896,324
Serbia		
Wallachia	3,000	4,070
Moldavia		
Widdin	503,645	596,355
Silistria	1,018,680	181,320
Adrianople	453,732	996,268
Nisch	477,172	6,6828
Uskup	356,238	342,772
Roumelia	647,004	761,996
Yania	253,328	674,672
Salonica	424,464	483,536
Crete	93,112	118,888
Stamboul	629,520	330,480
Archipelago	114,360	305,640
Total	6,004,921	10,435,079
		16,440,000

The total population of Asiatic Turkey is about 16,050,000, of which doubtless more than ten millions are nominal Christians.—[English Paper.]

A HUNGRY WEEK.—At the Tremont House, Chicago, during Convention week, the following food was eaten:

Beef, lbs	5,220
Mutton, lbs	883
Veal, lbs	704
Hams, lbs	1,620
Chicken, lbs	1,220
Milk, gallons	1,630
Potatoes, bus.	166
Eggs, doz.	2,102
Butter, lbs	1,220
Flour, bbls	27

Some eating, that.

The best Remedy for Rheumatism—Hall's Sarsaparilla, Yellow Dock and Iodide of Potass. 8-6m

## Save your Paper Rags.

The inhabitants of Utah are requested to gather up and save their worn out wagon covers, and every description of cotton and linen rags for paper making, and deliver them, from time to time, to the Bishops of the several Wards, or the "News" and "Mountaineer" Offices or their agents, for which, when clean, they will be allowed five cents a pound. The rags can be sufficiently cleansed in pure water, without soap.

It is expected that, in a few months, all who wish can receive paper in exchange for rags.

9-11 EDWARD HUNTER, Presiding Bishop.

Hall's Sarsaparilla Yellow Dock and Iodide of Potass is prepared from the finest red Jamaica Sarsaparilla and English Iodide of Potass—admirable as a restorative and purifier of the blood, it cleanses the system of all morbid and impure matter—removes pimples, boils and eruptions from the skin—cures rheumatism and pains of all kinds—All who can afford should use it, as it tends to give them strength and prolong life. Sold by Druggists generally, at \$1.00 per bottle.

R. HALL & CO., Proprietors, Wholesale Druggists, 143 and 145 8-6m. Clay street San Francisco.

## NOTICE.

PERSONS having wool at my Carding machines, in the Sugar House, are requested to call and get their rolls. As the machines will stop when the wool on hand is carded, no more wool will be taken in.

23-3 BRIGHAM YOUNG.

## STRAYED.

SOME two or three weeks since, a blue or dark sided COW, branded on left hip, and E. SMITH on right horn. If any person knows where she is, or can be found, a favor will be conferred by reporting at this office the first opportunity.

MRS. STENHOUSE, MILLINER, DRESS and CLOAK MAKER,

FIRST HOUSE WEST OF TABERNACLE.

Ladies who attend to their own family linen can have SHIRT BOSOMS, COLLARS, and WRIST BANDS neatly stitched by a sewing machine of the latest improvement.

Draw Bonnets cleaned and altered to latest fashions. Bonnet shapes always on hand and made to order. Every kind of Needlework executed to order. 23-11