

convert the heathen of the orient she did not feel that filial obedience required such a sacrifice and instead she married the man of her choice. Elder Miller died a year ago, leaving an estate valued at \$250,000. He had made no provision for Mrs. Lewis. A suit was begun last spring but was withdrawn on representations that Miller had never adopted the foundling, though giving her his name and treating her in every way as his daughter. Detectives were put to work in Chicago, and the positive proof they are alleged to have secured from the home there, showing that Miller contracted to adopt Eliza Jane Covenger and give her the name of Eva E. Miller, is the cause for the filing of the new action.—*Ex.*

RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder Joseph B. Stark, of Payson, arrived in the city this afternoon, on his return from a mission to England. Brother Stark left home on April 17th, 1891, and for the first ten months labored in Kent county, for some two months afterwards in the southeastern part of London, and from that time until August 15th, when he obtained his release, he was located in the Channel islands—Jersey and Guernsey. The missionaries encountered a little opposition in London and Guernsey, but, on the whole, were treated well by the people.

Elder Stark's health has been very indifferent during a large portion of the time he has been absent; otherwise he says he has enjoyed his mission exceedingly.

Elder James Paxton, of Kanosh, Millard Co., returned with Elder Stark from England.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

This conference convened in the People's Party Hall, Big Clifty, Grayson county, Kentucky, October 9th, 1892. There were present President J. G. Kimball, Jas. C. Farran, president of the conference, Elders Harry A. Bramwell, Jos. Seeley, Charles H. Worthen, A. T. Merrill, John W. Sykes, W. N. Spafford, Clifton T. Bunker, J. W. Seeley and John T. Giles.

Two meetings were held at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively. About one hundred and fifty people attended.

The people treated us kindly and seemed well pleased with the preaching. We were promised the use of a fine church by the presiding elders, but the congregation assembled, and after discussing the matter, closed the doors against us by a majority of two votes.

Three council meetings were held during the conference. The Elders gave in their reports and received much valuable instruction from President Kimball, which was greatly appreciated.

JOHN T. GILES,
Clerk of Conference.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 17.—It is learned on good authority that the telegraphers of the Missouri Pacific road will strike this afternoon.

SEVENTH QUORUM OF ELDERS.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Seventh quorum of Elders, held in the Twenty-second ward meeting house, Salt Lake city, last (Friday) night, October 14th, Brother Arthur Winter was unanimously sustained as second counselor to President Joseph R. Mathews, and was set apart to labor in this capacity under the hands of President Angus M. Cannon, assisted by Counselor Joseph E. Taylor.

The appointment of Brother Winter was occasioned by the removal of Brother Samuel R. Brown, formerly second counselor, from the city.

TO BRING THE MOON CLOSE TO US.

London Daily Chronicle: M. Francois Deloncle, a French savant, and deputy for the Basses Alpes, has a marvelous project in hand, which he hopes to see completed in time to astonish mankind at the Paris exhibition of 1900. Though the moon is 240,000 miles distant from the earth, M. Deloncle thinks he can construct an apparatus which will enable us to examine that luminary at very close quarters.

The idea has been expounded by the author before a French scientific society, and M. Deloncle says, in substance, that the only obstacle to a close observation of celestial bodies is the relative imperfection of instruments, and that all that is required is an enlargement and improvement of the present instruments. Astronomers, says M. Deloncle, have reckoned that the image of the moon can be brought quite close to the earth by means of a crystal mirror eight meters in diameter, but which, owing to the thickness required, would weigh about eight tons. He has consulted various opticians in Paris and they are prepared to execute the work before the year 1900.

There remains, however, the question of the structure which would be required to hold this gigantic mirror, and upon this point M. Maurice Loewy, a distinguished French astronomer, says that while in principle M. Deloncle's scheme is possible, there are enormous difficulties in the way of its realization, the chief of which, so far as the exhibition is concerned, is that the apparatus must be erected on a mountain about two miles in height in order to secure the proper atmospheric conditions. If this and other difficulties are surmounted, says M. Loewy, there would be some very remarkable results, for it would be possible to clearly distinguish in the movement objects about the size of a four-story house.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Fifteen dwellings and stores were burned and two women killed in Englewood in the southern part of the city this morning. The financial loss is \$80,000. Mrs. W. K. Butler, though not really in danger, jumped from the third story window, striking on her head and was instantly killed. John Howard, an employee in the bakery where the fire started, was burned to death. The women and children in one of the burned buildings are not accounted for.

NOTES.

IF MR. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS were a candidate this week for any office within the gift of the American people, we are inclined to think he would get it.

WHEN EDWIN BOOTH heard that Corbett had also taken to the stage, he expressed his thankfulness that the "championship still remained in the profession."

THE PROMINENT Liberals at the Ogden convention yesterday appear to have given their undivided attention to the business of declining the nomination for delegate to Congress. In this particular they were delightfully unanimous.

WITH JOSEPH L. RAWLINS expounding the principles of Democracy and Frank J. Cannon doing the same for Republicanism, in their respective pleas for suffrages, it would be a little interesting to know just what Charles E. Allen is going to find to talk about in his particular plea for the same kind of favors.

NOW THAT Charlie Mitchell, paraded by sporting sentimentalists as the "gentleman pugilist," has been sentenced to imprisonment and the tread mill for brutally assaulting an old man, there can be nothing unjust in the emphatic and very dreadful decision that he is a disgrace even to the prize ring.

THE NEW railway between Jaffa and Jerusalem will soon be opened for traffic. A station is being built on the road between the latter place and Bethlehem. A month ago the first engine was seen at this place and hundreds of Arabs and Turks, Christians and Jews, fellahins and Bedouins had gathered to view the novel sight.

MURAT HALSTEAD has one of the buoyant, bappy spirits that trifles do not depress, nor omens send into sulkiness. He calls Judge Cooley "a constitutional crank," Judge Gresham "a presidential crank" and Wayne MacVeagh "a professional crank." Each and every one is an old and cold chestnut, adds the vivacious marshal cheerily.

EDITOR CHARLES A. DANA, of the New York Sun, took the pains to follow the example of Mr. Blaine before leaving for Europe the other day; that is, he "paired off" for election purposes with a friend opposed to him in politics. Some people will perhaps be malicious enough to ask whether he paired with a Republican or a Democrat.

NEW YORK city is agitated because of a franchise recently granted an electric railway company. The discussion of whether or not the people will submit to the trolley system sounds strangely enough out here, where it has not only been established but regarded as an indispensable, albeit unsightly and even dangerous commodity, for two or three years.

ULYSSES HEUREAUX, president of San Domingo, is a thrifty soul, and possessed of no mean financiering genius without. Wishing to negotiate with the United States government lately a loan of \$100,000, he serenely offered as collateral the real bones of