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A COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGA-TION.

THE New West Commission is the truth of the monstrous stories; and so name of an organization which has for the committee of investigation will its parported object, "the promotion | easily learn "all about Mormonism," of Christian education in Utah and adwithout taking the trouble to look for jacent States and Territories." It is the shining truth which the adage says composed of professedly picus people is to be found "at the bottom of a chiefly in and around Chicago. By the well.

payment of one hundred dollars any one can become a life member. The Commission has a number of schools ning. To Church and State, to priest in the Territories, Utah being its and people, to Jew and Gentile, to principal field of labor, and Christian and Pagan we have cried aloud "INVESTIGATE !" But to do "Mormonism" its prime object of attack. It is hoped that by training the this fairly, prejudice must be set aside to commense with. Will the young in the dogmas of modern socalled Christianity, their minds will be committee attempt to do this? Is not perverted from the faith of the Gospel the proposition at the beginning, as taught by the Latter-day Saints. "Mormonism is an evil to be exterminated?" And will not the very object In the sixth annual report of the Secretary, the Commission shows a of the inquiry be to find out how it cau little good sense which contrasts so be best assailed, instead of what it strongly with other movements as to really is and how much truth it conexhibit very clearly its own inconsistainsi tency. It is embodied in the latter Let the men chosen for this work

parts of the following, adopted by the council:

"Resolved, That we recognize, with respect, a loyal and intelligent minority in Utah, and that we protest in advance against the admission of Utah as a State, at any time, without the con-

sent of that logal minority. "Resolved, That President James B. Angell, L. L. D., of Michigan; the Rev. President William M. Brooks, of Iowa; and John G. Jennings, Esq., of Ohio, be a committee to appoint a commis-sion of five to proceed to Utah and make a careful and thorough investigation of Mormonism-its character, its temper, and its purpose, and especially to examine the condition of Christian schools, and ascertain their fitness as instruments for the overthrow of that gigantic evil; and make due report to the churches, at their discretion and to tigate!

this Council. Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to communicate to our brethren of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Episcopal churches, our action in appointing a commission to look into the Mormon question, and make report to the churches and the country; and to request them to appoint similar commissions for the same purpose, and to suggest the propriety of co-operation by all such commissions."

The first resolution, in view of the second, is very stupid and unreason-The commission of inquiry able. should, in common sense, precede the protest against Utah's statehood. By the appointment of this committee the Commission virtually admits its ignorance of the very question it assumes to decide upon. Without knowing anything definite about "Mormonism" "Its character, its temper or its purpose," the Commission protests against it and against the political liberties of those who believe in it, and recognizes and sustains its encmies. And at the same time the Commission lends its support to the un-American and unjust measure, of denying political rights to the very until it shall suit the whims of a very small and hostile minority. If there is anything Christian, or wise, or fair, or patriotic in this weiffail to knows nothing about. Now it apperceive it. The New West Commission, by its resolutions incorporated in its latest Marshal who happens to have worked report, confesses that for six years it has been making vigorous war upon something that it knows nothing about. And it very naively intimates in the same connection, that the Presbyterian, Baptist and Episcopal churches have been pursuing the same course with equal ignorance. All the 5ad names which the New West Commission has heaped upon "Mormonism" have been uttored without understanding it. All the money that has been spent in trying to break down its influence has been expended against an unknown and unexamined system. How do the managers of the Commission know that they have not been all this time fighting the government for nothing, besides an against God, and abusing and assailing the truth of heaven?

to the Commission or anybody else? was voted on a two per cent tax on all The teachers employed by the Commission, and who work against the ment flattened the proposition by a "Mormons" for daily bread and butter, vote of twenty-seven to five.

will repeat the stories that have been told to travelers till their rankness and We publish to-day a somewhat strikstaleness smell to heaven; and the ing letter from a resident of South staleness smell to heaven; and the political adventurers who are plotting to gain control of the Territory will stuff them as they do Congressmen; and anti-"Mormon" books with their bacco user, an impliber of parcotic to gain control of the Territory will stuff them as they do Congressmen; and anti-"Mormon" books with their bacco user, an imbiber of narcotic horrible and blood-curdling fabricahot drinks, and a mobocrat. By the tions will be put into their hands; and regenerating effects of the Gospel he the hirehugs of the pulpit will

has become a temperate, peace-loving, turn up the whites of their eyes religious citizen. Such are the effects and sanctimoniously vouch for the of what the world calls "Mormonism," which is a divine system, the applications of which lifts humanity from a

lower to a higher plane. James T. Barnes, of Willow Creek family. Branch (near Eagle Rock, Idaho), over which Elder Jesse Cleverly presides, Investigation is what the "Morinforms the NEWS by letter that the mons" have asked for from the begingood people, of all ages, of that place,

> spent a pleasant time during the holidays. He adds that there is plenty of room for more settlers, good land being plenty, and water abundant, while crops are commensurate with those favorable conditions.

> > A FALSEHOOD REFUTED.

Editor Deservet News:

My attention has been called to an article in yesterday morning's Tribune, entitled "The bogus affidavits," which among other editoral misstatements upon the subject makes the following libelous charge against the NEWS: proceed as they would to dive into the

depths of astronomy, geology, "It is seeking by deception to pre-judice the case against THOMPSON. It sent one of the News staff to Parowan philosophy, or any scientific subject. To learn anything of to write up these statements. That he "Mormonism" it must be studied in went with instructions to make a case its own light, not by the colored tints of murder against Thompson'is clear enough. He went there determined to make a case by mutilating the state-ments if necessary." or the deep shadows cast upon it by Itsideadly enemies. If they will come

Perhaps no person acquainted with the Tribune's character for veracity would require any denial of the asser-tions here quoted to satisfy him of their untruthfulness. Lest any others, tunity will be afforded them to get at the facts and learn the principles of this great religious system which is the problem of the age, the puzzle of the however, might be misled by them, wise and the stumbling block and rock wish to state that every sentence is a of offence of all who blindly rush forwilful and atrocious falsehood. Here is what the Tribune offers as ward for its overthrow. Welcome to all investigators who will really inves- direct and unsolicited proof of its assertions:

Editor Tribune: Mr. George C. Lambert of the DES ERET NEWS was here yesterday, en-WHOSE CASE IS THIS? gaged the most of the day in taking

here with that desire, every oppor-

affidavits of ear and eye witnesses of THIS morning William Crackles, a the Parowan tragedy, which occurred here on the 16th inst. He interviewed non-Mormons as well as Mormons. Of course the afil-davits will be published in the NEWS immediately. In my statement to him total chains that when the officer house painter who resides in , the Twenty-first Ward, was the victim of the anti-cohabitation crusaders. A warrant based on one of Rench's machine-made complaints, accusing him I stated plainly that when the officer called to Dalton to halt he did not stop of living and cohabiting with more but continued on his course reining his than one woman as his wives-was torse away from the officer. fired at him, and by virtue of its au-He (Lambert) omitted the above in my affidavit. thority he was trotted down to Com-

You can use this as you think best. I thought I would post you in this mat-ter. As, ever very truly your old submissioner McKay's office. The case was postponed for nine days for three reasons, (1) All the witnesses scriber from Iron County, since 1879, DANIEL PAGE. Parowan, Iron'Co., Dec. 29, 1886. wanted for the prosecution were not present, a contingency for which the

sentations of anti-"Mormons," of or not the people were willing to pay a sfterwards I was baptized by Elder what real value will it. be, tax for school purposes. The question John M. Easton and confirmed by to the Commission or anybody size? was voted on a two per cent tay on all

was voted on a two per cent tax on all taxable property. The no-tax ele-ment flattened the proposition by a vote of twenty-seven to five. We applied to demonstrate the teachings of the Gospel for the last five years. I have guit drinking whitey, confee and tea and have The house was well filled with parents and children, and among those present were Bishop Woolley and Counselors neither smoked nor chewed for two years. I had previously used tobacco and Assistant General Superintendent George Goddard. The affair was a

most satisfactory exhibit of the young people's intellectual progress and moral status; among other entertaining feitures was a polygiot performlard, and of late have learned to eat ance, consisting of a duet in French. without drinking water or milk at the by two little girls, an Italian song by If those mobs would take the same another little girl, recitation in

course that I have taken, it would be better for them. They should let the Mormons tell what they do teach. I know that by yielding obedience to what the Eiders have taught I have know that very pleasing showing. become a better man in every respect. and I hope the time will soon come

THE reduced railway rates between when I can learn something more conlocal stations and to Colorado pool cerning the exaltation of the human points are now in effect on the D.& Your brother. R. G. W.

duces the rate between all local sta

seutence that an officer had to remov

BIRTH.

him from the court room.

tions along the line.

JAMES ALLEN SMITH. THE new passenger tariff now being made up at the Union Pacific office re-

THE ALLEGED DISTURBANCE AT TOOELE.

POSTMASTER BROWE was the recipi-STATEMENT BY CITY MARSHAL BEVAN. ent of a handsome walking cane from

In regard to the affair at the M. E the Postoffice employes on Friday Church on Friday, December 24th, the evening. facts in the case are about as follows: This man Gillilan had a Christmas tree "SECRETARY THOMAS has resigned there with other exercises in which his appointment on the Utah Commismany young folks took part. The ension; his resignation to take effect tertainment was open, free to the pub-lic, as I understand it. I visited the when his successor is appointed."lace before the doors were open, and Provo Enquirer. Slightly mixed, friend after they were opened went in with the crowd. Enquirer. When Mr. Thomas was ap-The

house was packed so full that there was hardly standing room in it. I saw no disturbance in the house any pointed a member of the Utah Commission, he tendered his resignation as more than there would be at any such a place so crowded. According to Gillilan's statement, there were seats cessor is appointed and qualified. broken. If there were, it was on ac count of their being overburdened by WM. CONNOR was taken to the city jail last night to answer to the charges spectators, and I do not believe it was of drunkenness and profanity. He done at all intentionally; and as Mr. Gillilan had never made any complaint to me, I did not consider that I nad any authority to interfere in the mat ter, and only went there as a private individual. J. A. BEVAN, and taken a dose of Vigor of Life. He

City Marshal. Tooele City, January 1, 1887.



IFEMS FROM THE ISTHMUS OF

PANAMA.

two Important Judicial Decisions.

Items from the Isthmus.

PANAMA, Jan 8 .- Canal work is pro creasing. The contractors are sails led, although they are working sgainst difficultties in consequence of the tail wife of Andrew Jenson. end of the rainy season and the celebration of the [December holidays. The sanitary record is good. The new customs law, published in the Panama *Gazette*, is of interest to merchants. Two of the articles are of special in-twrest; one of these absolutely pro-hibits the importation of caues or um-brellas or other articles which conceal knives and swords, while the second

prohibits the importation by private her.j adividuals of any article which by its TATT.-At Farmington, Davis County nature or designation V SPIVE BS SI Instrument of war or for the arming or Utah, Jan. 2d, 1387, of inflammation of the stomach and bowels, D. Oviait, aged 48 onigment of troops. A law hes been passed by the assemcars, 4 months and 28 days.

Sunday School Review. - There THURSTON .- Of crosp, at the residence of was a review of the Ninth Ward Sunier parents, in Annabella, Sevier County, day School yesterday, Supt. Gerrard and December 18, 1886, Louisa Lodicea, daughter assistants conducting the exercises. of Ellen and Edwin T. Thurston; aged years, 4 months and 9 days.



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CHAIRS.

YS,

On Tuesday last, to the wife of T. E Jones, a daughter. Mother and child doing DEATHS. JENSEN -At the family residence in 'the 7th Ward, Salt Lake City, at 2:15 p.m., Jan

ary 3rd, 1887, Mary Jenson, the beloved Mary Petersen Jenson was born in Bier gaard, Hellevad Sogon, Wendsyssel, Den mark, March 7th, 1859, and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter A CAR OF day Saints May 14th, 1873; emigrated to Utah in 1875, and was married to Andrew Jenson August 20th, 1875. She leaves two O sons and two daughters. She was much

beloved and respected by all who knew





DRY GOODS HOUSE.

WE SHALL OFFER

IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS

MANUFACTURERS OF

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Speaking of the urgent need of pushing the work of the Commission in the Territories, the present report says:

"The evils that ordinarily infest rude frontier populations are aggravated in all this region by the prevalence of Mormonism. This system of organized superstition and misrule is arrayed in deadly enmity against the social order which prevails throughout this coun-

Between Mormonism and the Christian civilization of America there is no possibility of agreement; the one or the other must be exterminated." This is only a small sample of New West Commission folly. How do its promoters know that "Mormonism" is "superstition" or at enmity with social order, when they do not understand snything about it? And even if there is ,"no possibility of agreement be-"Mormonism" and that tween spurious sort of "Christianity" championed by the New West Commission, why should either try to exterminate the other? There is no possibility of agreement between Calvanistic Presbyterianism and free will Baptistfdoctrine; but must one or the other therefore bej exterminated? "Mormonism" has existed for over half a century in this free country, where Catholicism, Episcopalianism, Presbyterianism, Methodism and

scores of other isms have worked in their own way for their own ends, and there has been no extermination of one or the other. True, there have been several plous efforts to exterminate "Mormonism";

on the part of so-called Christian sects, by murdering, robbing and mobbing the "Mormons." And in the same spirit the New West Commission would lend its aid to the wolfish adventurers who'are now plotting against

Utah, by recognizing their endeavors Brother Thomas Britton writes from to prevent her Statehood and oppress Hennefer, Summit County. He states her people. But this kind of extermithat there is a brotker named William nation does not seem to exterminate, H. Morgan, living at Hollis, Cloud for"Mormonism"flourishes and grows, County, Kansas, where he has resided

accused was in no way responsible. (2) warrant any such charges as the organ It was Deputy United; States Marshal of slander indulges in is plain to be seen, for the writer only claims that I Arthur Pratt's case, and he was not did not write all in his statement that there. In this class of suits it is not he told me, not intimating that there easy to decide whose they are. was anything untrue in what he or any Ordinarily one would suppose of the other witnesses did make affidavit to. I do not pretend to sav that I that "the United States," etc., wrote all the witnesses said in convers-ing with me about the tragedy, but 1 did aim to mention all the essential had some stock in them, and that they were not devoid of large majority of Utah's citizens. Under anti-"Mormon" official tactics advertently or intentionally they all had points, and had I omitted a chance of reading and correcting their statements before making oath to it has looked as if they were the special property of one D. W. Rench, the them, and in the case of Daniel Page. after I had written the statement i bired official swearer to what he his presence, he read it over three threes with great deliberation and caution pears that the proprietary right is vestbefore signing and making oath to it, ed in some particular deputy U. S. and if he had wished to add anything to it he had an opportunity of doing so. Here is his statement with the acup the points against the special vicup the points against the special vic-tim, and that in his absence its progress original, which I have in my posses-

must be stopped. (3) The defendant had no attorney. Perhaps he didn't DANIEL PAGE'S STATEMENT. want one, deeming the article an un-Thompson and Wm. Orton came to my house about 5 o'clock on the morning of the 16th inst. and gave n.e. necessary ingredient of the case. The probability is, ninety-nine chances to

to understand that their purpose was a hundred, that Mr. Crackles has only to arrest Edward M. Dalton. a.m., at Thompson's request, I went across the street to the house of John one wife, and he will be discharged. Just about that time there will not be J. Wilcock, and borrowed a gun, telling a great many officials, executive or a great many officials, executive or Wilcock that Bill Orton sent me. When otherwise, rushing around vehe- Dalton and those who were with him were passing my house, on the north side, I saw Dalton, and at that moment mently claiming it to be their particular case. Nobody wants to make Thompson and Orton stepped out at a claim of that kind conspicuthe back door, on the south side of the ous after the suit fizzles, a house. I went to the north window, on the west side of the house, where bill of, expense being piled up against could obtain a good view of Dalton as ne turned the corner. He had arrived at a point west of the house and about the middle of the street, and was ridunoffending man being persecuted by needless trouble and trepidation. By ing slowly, with his horse headed in a the way, in cases of that character southwesterly direction, when I heard a call which sounded like "Halt, balt, doesn't Rench's part of the programme have the color of perjury about it? If so, why shouldn't Mr. District Attor-spoken as fast as a man could speak it distinctly, and about three seconds ney Dickson give him one of his afterwards the report of a gun, and saw Dalton reel and fall from his horse. furious blasts about systematic falsifi-

cation? We learn from Brother S. W. R

Brown, of Rock Springs, of several existing and contemplated improvements at that place. The Latter-day Saints' new meeting house is nearly finished and meetings are now being held in it. It is a frame building with rock foundation, 40 by 21 feet; 16 feet in height from floor to celling at the rest, and have no reason to suppose walls and 18 feet in the centre. The stand is adorned with a handsome knew Dalton to be a reaccable man. pulpit. Beckwith, Quinn & Co. donated \$500 in material toward the erec-(Seal.) tion of the structure. The branch is presided over by Joseph

Salisbury, formerly of Bear Lake, and the organization is attached to the Summit Stake. The U. P. Coal Company are introducing the electric light at Rock Springs principally to give necessary illumina-

tion at the dumps; but it will be sup-plied also to proprietors of stores and private dwellings who may desire it. The same company also purpose conveying water to the town from Green River, a distance of about 13 miles, by a pipe service. This will be a great convenience, as at present that necessary article has to be transported in barrels for the use of the people, that obtainable from local wells being so heavily impregnated with sulphur as to be unfit for culinary purposes.

NEWS." Respectfully, GEO. C. LAMBERT, REFORMATORY POWER OF

County.

bly at Bogota monopolizing the sale of He leaves a family of seven children t salt in Panan a, the exclusive right to nourn his loss. His wife, Josephine Work sell the article to be granted to whoman Oviatt, died on the 23d of August last ever will pay the highest price for it The collection of the sait tax in the His death has cast a gloom over the whole capital, Santa Fe de Bogota, whence community, in whose midst he had lived his law emanated, was the cause of lots during the last century in that rom boyhood. He was a universal favorit with old and young. city, which subsequently led to a great revolution which culmina ed in the

well.

The funeral will not take place until rela aves from Emery County arrive. beration of Spanish-America from

spain. Go! Off Easy.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Jan. 3 - A ter-ific explosion occurred at Wick Bros. Co.'s oank this morning. WilliSilli inan, the bookkeeper, opened the van and struck a match to light the gas jet The gas, which had been e scaping since Saturday, ignited, blowing the side and front out of the building, also the front out of the United Lines Tele-graph Company's building. Silliman's C. Peterson. hair and whiskers were burned off The injured man was badly burned and perhaps hart internally.

Children Can't Contract.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 .- Deputy Attor-About ney General Porter recently moved be fore Justice Barratt, in the Supremi Court chambers, to have the Globe Mutual Benefit Association restrained f our carrying on its business, upon the ground that the company was in solvent and that the insurance of infants as practiced by the association is unanthorized by law. Judge Barratt handed down a decision to-day in the case: He says the business of this company is limited to that of a life and casualty insurance upon the co-opera-tive plan. Only members who accept the contract obligations of such niem bership can be thus insured. Infants are not eligible, as they cannot make a contract. Their cannot 'nsure their parents children's lives as menuous in our co-operative or assignment com panies. Only members can be insured and an infant can't be a member of the society and vote. The company's regu-lations are illegal on the subject of in-I could not distinguish more than one voice in the calling, and did not know suring children, was the conclusion of the judge. Judge Barrett concludes by saying that this branch. of the comwhich spoke. I did not see the officers from the time they left the kitchen un-til they went into the street after pany's business must be enjoined. Dalton was shot. On hearing the coll

Big Case Decided,

and immediately before the gan was fired, I saw Daiton look towards the south end of the house. He did not appear before that to have suspected any danger. I had seen Dalton three times previously within a few days and he did not seem to be biding. Never CLEVELAND, Jan. 3. — Judges Jones and Hamilton decided the big Nickel Plate case this morning. The suit was brought against the New York, Chica-go and St. Louis Railroad Company by the Union Trust Company of New York, trustees for the second mortgage heard Dalton threaten to resist an arbondholders for ten million dollars. The court held that the first mortgage held by the Central Trust Company as trastees was lilegal and that the bond-holders under that mortgage are gen-eral creditors to the amount of fifteen million dollars. that he would have resisted an officer in the lawful discharge of his duty. Subscribed and sworn to this 28th day of December, 1886, (Seal.) WILLIAM DAVENPORT, million dollars. The court also ordere the sale of the road under the secon Clerk of the County Court of Iron Mr. L. D. Watson and the county certilicates amounting to 21,000,000 was Mr. L. D. Watson and the county clerk were both present when I ques-tioned Mr. Page to learn what he knew of the murder, and I think they will both support me in denying what he claims to bave told me plainly. When I asked him if he could testify that Dalton made no effort to escape after being called to, he said he could not, for he was not sure but that he might have turked the horse with his right hand while he looked to-ward the house the instant before the shot was fired. He did not claim to have seen him do so, and the fact is, he could not have seen it if Dalton had done so, from the position in which he stood. The witnesses who were in a

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