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CHURCH STATISTICS FOR THE CENSUS.

A circular is being distributed among the various wards of this Territory, addressed to the Bishops, and requesting them to fill up an accompanying schedule. The document is designed to furnish information upon the statistics of religious organizations, and in this instance it is particularly concerning the "Mormon" Church that are desired. Examination of the schedule shows that it is not adapted to the regular organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, nor the conditions surrounding the people in the various wards. Our Church is different altogether from the sects which compose modern Christendom, as it is modeled after the pattern of the primitive Christian Church, between which and the churches which men have invented and which have become popular in the world, there is little or nothing in common.

Those who respond to the call made upon them should be exceedingly careful how they give written answers to the queries propounded. The letter of request desires them to insert "Bishop" where the word "Clergyman" occurs, and "Bishop's Ward" instead of "Parish." But the office of a Bishop bears no resemblance to the position of a clergyman, neither does a Ward coincide with a Parish. A Bishop is ordained to watch over the temporal interests of his Ward, and with his Counselors to act as a common judge in Israel, settling difficulties between brethren and sitting in judgment upon transgressors. These are not the functions of a "Clergyman." A Bishop's Ward, for similar reasons, cannot take the place of a Clergyman's parish.

Among the items in the schedule to be filled up are the following: "Main house of worship; mortgages; Other indebtedness; Other buildings, including manse, mortgaged; Income from pew rents; From collections, from Invested Funds, etc." "Expenditures for Salary for Clergymen; For salaries of assistants, for interest on indebtedness, etc." Now we have no hired clergymen so there are no salaries to report; we have no mortgages nor indebtedness for Ward houses; neither do we rent pews or take up collections. This branch of the schedule has, therefore, to be discarded and the local instruction is, that this part need not be filled up. But the parts relating to clergymen and assistants are equally foreign to our system, and are therefore entirely out of place in this locality. It is like putting a piece of new cloth upon an old garment to try and tack a "Mormonism" to the motley and tattered robe of modern sectarianism.

There are one or two points in the schedule, which if filled up without a clear understanding of their purport and a relation of the actual facts, may lead to difficulty. For instance, "Name of Church." This should be answered with the local designation; for example, "The Springville Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." "Date of ecclesiastical organization of the Church." This should be answered by the date of the Ward organization, not the date of the organization of the Church at large. So with the heading "Property owned by the Church and Congregation." This should be changed to read "Property Owned by the Congregation of — Ward." We do not know why the value of our Church property should be a subject of such great solicitude. But in view of a certain enactment framed to catch and cripple the Church to which we belong, we draw especial attention to this point in particular, that it may be clearly set forth that the property of the separate and several Wards may not be so presented, that designing persons may totalize the several amounts as general Church property, and thus bring us into difficulty. The property of each Ward should be stated as such, and not in a way to be construed as the property of the whole Church. The Ward property belongs to the individual Wards, and not to the whole Church, having been acquired by local donations for local purposes. All the prominent sects are trying to obtain legislation inimical to our Church. People who take such very great interest in depriving us of our religious rights will not be over scrupulous about depriving us of our property rights. We are not blind to the desires of our "Christian" friends to catch our Church in a snare, and without insinuating that it would be counted a pious thing to rob the "Mormons" under cover of law, we throw out a hint, which to the wise, should be sufficient.

Towards the close of last year President Taylor was applied to by the census agent at Washington for statistical information concerning this Church, to which the President replied, giving very full particulars of our organization, number of officers of various grades, etc., and in the course of continued correspondence, offered to furnish other information. If the schedule were forwarded, but not notifying the agent of the difference between our organization and others, and therefore our inadaptability of the usual printed forms to our conditions. Instead of sending the blanks to be filled up Secretary Thomas was appointed specially to get up the statistics of the "Mormon Church," and the business is being done through him and by means of the schedule to which we have made allusion. It would have been far better, more correct and more consistent, if a special report furnished by the authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

had been prepared and published separate from the main body of the Census of the Churches. There would then be no confusion nor misunderstanding, but all would be plain sailing. This putting of new wine into old bottles may not burst up the concern, but it will have the same effect that springs from all incongruous minglings of discordant elements.

The correspondence between the agent and President Taylor is quite interesting and possibly may hereafter be published in full. Meanwhile we suggest to our friends in the various Wards, great care in the filling up of the blanks that have been sent to them, that the facts may be so set forth as to avoid opportunities for mischief and misrepresentation.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOR WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.

AMERICAN.

GOTHAM GOSPIE.

New York, 28.—The Tribune's Washington correspondent interviewed Blaine on the subject of his recent visit to New York. He said that during his entire stay in New York he saw no political leader, or federal or State official, or office holder of any grade, had no conference with any editor, and was completely unobserved. His entire visit was simply personal, and related only to his own private affairs. The Cornell crew will sail for England hoping to enter the Henley regatta despite the decision excluding them. The car drivers will strike to-morrow morning. The Tribune in an editorial says: Conkling's quiet home in Utica seems to be the only place for him. Instead of going there to spend Sunday in rest and reflection, he has come down to this city with his two adjutants, Arthur and Platt, at his heels. We may therefore expect to hear of more back parlor and bedroom conferences, and of cunning overtures to democratic leaders. It is plain that Conkling's only chance of re-election lies in procuring democratic votes. His purpose in keeping in the field is therefore to be elected as assistant democrat in order to weaken the republican party if possible by assailing the administration and fomenting discord in the Senate. This is a noble ambition, but it is all there is left for Conkling unless he is willing to retire to private life.

New York, 28.—The Times in an editorial says: The struggle at Albany is suspended by the adjournment of the legislature until Monday. Conkling has come back to this city, apparently entirely convinced that his election by this legislature and by republican votes is impossible. No one knows what will be his next movement. As the senator is in no mood to announce it, the indication which seemed on Thursday to point to a possible advance on the part of his friends toward an honorable and harmonious arrangement have come to nothing after a week of disgraceful and humiliating personal canvass. Such as ten days since it could have been believed to have been utterly impossible for him to stoop to, he withdraws for a moment defeated. His opponents are predicting that he will now make arrangements with the democrats. We decline to believe it, but failing that, it is difficult to see what there is left for him but to abandon the contest. The situation to which he has brought his party in the last degree painful and disgusting and is felt to be so by a great majority of republicans. He can still save a little of their respect and self-respect by leaving the legislature free to choose two republican senators.

Irish News.—The following is a cablegram to the Herald: Mitchellstown, County Cork: A serious affray occurred here to-day in consequence of an attempt of the sheriff of this county to evict five tenants in an estate of the Countess of Kingston. The sheriff was assisted by 25 police and military, including a troop of dragoons, but the resistance of the people was so determined that the work was only partly accomplished. The chapel bell of Mitchellstown began ringing at 9 o'clock this morning to warn the country people that evictions were about to begin. The news spread rapidly. Chapel bells for 10 miles around took up the refrain, calling the population to assemble. The police attempted to stop the bells, but did not succeed. Ten thousand persons assembled in less than an hour. A large number gathered around the police and military. While the first eviction was proceeding, eggs, stones and other missiles were thrown at the sheriff and his assistants. Three evictions were carried out, but to execute the next two it was necessary to pass through the crowd. Three ladders of musk and organized bodies carrying banners had now arrived, and strains of "The martial tread of Clara's Dragoons" encouraged the people to resistance. They obstructed the street and sent showers of stones into the midst of the constabulary. Then the cavalry charged and drove them back, but they only returned in greater force and with greater daring. While passing a yard behind which a large number of rioters were concealed, a heavy volley of stones was delivered, and one of the cavalry horses killed, and one of the dragoons killed. The police charged through the yard and dispersed the assailants at the point of the bayonet. One man's jaw was cut open, 12 soldiers were struck and many police were also injured. The riot act was read without effect, and in consequence of resistance it was decided not to proceed further with the work of eviction. The excitement lasted late into the night, but there was no further disturbance.

While, secretary of the Killmore land league, was arrested for intimidating. Sullivan, a farmer of King's County, was arrested under the protection act, charged with suspected incendiarism. The Gazette proclaims six baronies in Tipperary under the protection act, also one barony in Donegal.

HOMER AND FOREIGN CAPITAL.

Editor Deseret News: I was interested in the dreaming of a "Laborer" in your issue of last evening. I know of some parties who are now making arrangements to bring in outside capitalists and capital to take over the business of the country. I am sure that many of our people will be deceived, and none are so well qualified for success as those who have been reared in the very soil of the country. If they will take hold as they should do. I for one have been told I could have all the money I would require to take over the business of the country, but I will not do so. I will manufacture it for myself, and I will not pay the best rate of interest the market will warrant, and then the very party who loans the money will send a way the very capital that I will manufacture for myself. Of course this is perfectly legitimate.

If I don't want the money on those terms I need not borrow it. If you need not buy them. But let me tell you, gentlemen, that men of talent are not going to come here and settle down—year after year—decade after decade—content to swing in a nutshell, while helping to build you up in riches and power, when they are once awake to the possibilities of assistance from other sources whereby they may be able to utilize the God-given capabilities of which they are the possessors, and at the same time confer lasting benefits on the country and people at large as themselves.

It sounds very philosophical to say "Be contented in the sphere in which you have been placed," and so forth. Who placed us here? Ourselves, to a great extent; just as the men who have made the means have placed themselves where they are by taking advantage of the opportunities presented.

If we want goods, we are at liberty to send elsewhere for them if we can get them cheaper, and it also follows that if we want capital and intelligence, we can do the same, if our own market will not furnish them on as good terms as the market of intelligence and ability in any manufacture.

There seems to be something about the average storekeeper that is antagonistic to home industries. Why? I cannot tell. But it is my own experience and that of others, that with a few exceptions, the majority of them will stand square in the way, until compelled by force of circumstances to give in.

I, for one, don't want to be a clerk, and spend my time in selling what some one else has made, nor do I want to bring up my boys to such a destiny. In the beginning God created or made the earth and all that was on it; we do not read that he made a trade for it and then sold it at an advance, making so much per cent. by the operation.

DIED.

On Saturday, May 7, 1881, at Washington City, Washington County, Utah, JAMES HENNINGSEN, of long years. Born February 28, 1815, at Trondheim, Norway. Was baptized April 20, 1831, by Elder C. Arthur. Emigrated to America in 1857. Arrived in Salt Lake in 1860. Volunteered to go on a mission to Southern Utah. Arrived in Washington 1860, where he made his home. Emigrated to Utah in the year 1863. She left behind to mourn her loss an aged husband, two sons and two daughters, and 31 grandchildren, all living in Utah.

In Sugar House Ward, Salt Lake County, May 23rd, 1881, ELIZABETH CADWALLADER DAVIES, aged 174; born in Manchester, New Hampshire, Nov. 18, 1767. Emigrated to Utah in the year 1843. She left behind to mourn her loss an aged husband, two sons and two daughters, and 31 grandchildren, all living in Utah.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION: One dark brown MARK, 6 or 7 years old, left hind foot white, branded NO on thigh, has a roan yearling colt. If the above described animals are not claimed on or before June 30, 1881, will be sold at my corral, at 9 a.m. R. S. McULLOUGH, District P. and K. Keeper, Fillmore, Millard County, May 25th, 1881.

18th SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE EIGHTEENTH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Salt Lake City, will take notice that the Annual School Meeting of said District will be held at the school house, on Monday, June 6th, 1881, at 7:30 p.m. The objects of meeting: Receiving the Annual Report of the School Trustees; the election of Officers of the District; and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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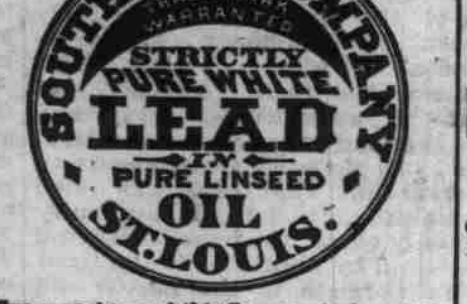
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