

A startling event happened one moraing last month on the mail train from Brest to Paris. Whilst proceeding at full speed, the passengers observed the brakes to be put on with such suddenness that fears were entertained that a collision was imminent, especially as the spot at which the train was drawn up was in utter darkness. Upon the guard reaching the engine he found the stoker endeavoring to overpower the driver, who had evidently lost his reason. After blocking the line the guard Be it enacted by the Senate and House of joined the stoker and succeeded in securing the unfortunate man, but not until after he had offered a desperate resistance. The locomotive was then put in motion, the nearest station was reached without further mis-adventure and the driver was placed in custody.

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AFFAIRS IN THE SOUDAN.

The train ultimately arrived in Paris

after two hours' delay.

INTERESTING news will doubtless soon be heard from the Soudan. A force of British troops, estimated at about 4,300 has disembarked at Trinkitat, and will probably soon attack Osman Digma's forces. The army under this intrepid adherent of El Mahdi is said to numr somewhere from 7,000 to 12,000. The men are armed, through their for-mer successes, with the most improved weapons, while the artillery in the hands of Osman Digma is said to consist of ordnance superior to that of the British force. These considerations, combined with the fact that the Arabs are flushed with victory, renders the odds in their favor of some magnitude, making the intended advance appear almost rash. It is probable that news of terrible fighting will be heard of shortly. Should a collision between the opposing forces result in a British defeat, which appears to be among the possibilities, the tribes now in a state of uncertainty about turning over to the side of El Mahdl, would doubtless at once tender their alleglance to him and thus would the area of his influence be extended

HOW ANTI-"MORMON" STORIES ARE WORKED UP.

THE following letter has been picked ont of somejwaste paper cast aside, most likely, by the party in this city to whom it is addressed :

Dear Sir-Would you be willing to write me and explain some of the do-ings of the Mormon Church and give me some insights as regards their be-lief, state some of the absurdities that here a few weeks I feel incompetent without help. without help. Please explain the "sealing" business. I do not wish to impose on your good ma-ture, but it would be a great help to ine in explaining to my eastern friends the ridiculous proceedings of the Mor-mon Church. Please address me at —. Yours very truly.

Operator.

We publish this letter as an indica-Mr. F. S. Richards presented a report from the committee on judiciary tion of the manner in which "reliable on Elders from Utah, hav information" about the "Mormons" n reference to H. F. No. 28, without is supplied to the people in the East. mendment, and reco ding its passage. Accepted, and bill tabled to to the up in its order. The person to whom the communicaos. S. Hunter and John A. Be tion is addressed is an anti-"Mormon" They preach when opportunity off generally in the open air, as bigo closes the Baptist and Method , but knows no Mr. Barton introduced C. F. No. 51 monism" than a a bill providing for the organization of pronounced type, but knows no hant "Mor telegraph pole does about the electric and regulation of telephone companies. finid. The Operator who wishes to Read first and second times by title where invitations are entended, and eliver their message in a kind and oving manner to any who will listen. 'hey intrude on no one; they are nodest, plain, well behaved gentle-Saturday Eve., March 1. figure as an expounder of the "ridicul-ous proceedings," "absurdities," etc., of the "Mormon" Church, and par-ticularly of the "sealing | business," 52, making provision for disincorporatnen. They volunteer their assistance in the manual labors of any one who offers them entertainment. I have een them put their Bibles in their pockets and chop wood, haul wood, busk corn, etc., during the cold weather while they were visitors at the home of my aged in ther. I have invited them to my humble nome, and enjoyed their visits when hey came. No more perfect gentle-men than they ever entered my door, we there are people here who would. If ticularly of the "sealing | business," not possessing a sufficiently vivid imagination to work up sensa-and second times by title and referred tions himself, applies to an acquaint-ance who is probably versed in the nonsense and prurient fabrications in common use, to help him write up the subject on which information is wanted in the East. It never seems to have occurred to C. F. No. 44, amending the charter of han they ever entered my door, are are people here who would, if lare, drive them out, mob and tar where them. I am giad these vio-anatice are too few to be danger-und that some of the best men in buntry have been kind to Hunter in the East. him that the proper way was to learn the doctrines of the "Mormon" or prohibiting of the manufacture or Church from its authorized works or sale of intoxicating liquors; licensing se vio-Church from its authorized works or expounders. Why? Because he didn't want the truth, he was not hunting for facts, he was looking for something to pander to a prurient appetite. The writer so annious for that kind of pabulum is a telegraph operator, and is only one among many who are will-hing to help by every means in their power in the dissemination of rubbishy stories about the "Mormon" Ghurch. We do not know whether he has been applied with materials from which to Church from its authorized works or d Bevan. The fact I wish to note is that tho to curse and abuse the Mormo est, are generally men without a stence to piety themselves, or bran hyprocrites who wear a chur ask to serve the devil in; men w olate their marriage vows, and be illegitimate children by lewe and ignorant prostitutes. I have written more than I lutended to write when I began, but have not stories about the "Mormon" Ghurch, We do not know whether he has been supplied with materials from which to "write up" the "Mormon" question, but if his friend in the East has re-but if his friend in the inquiling he managed I have written more than I intended to write when I began, but have not written half, nor the tenth I could write truthfully; so with good will to all, and malice to none; I am respectfully, Lee Valley, Hawkins Co., Tenn., February 18th, 1884. ceived a response to his inquiry, he passed. and others who read it and take it for H. F. No. 68, amending section 5,

THE UTAH JUDICIARY.

On the seventh of February the followins bill, in relation to courts and judiciary proceedings in the Territories, was repared by Delegate Brent, of Washington Territory, and adopted by the House Committee as a substitute for H. R. 1720 and 2942.

Representatives, of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That the Supreme Court of ever Ter-ritory shall consist of a chief justice and three associate justices, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum; and they shall hold their officers for four years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. They shall old a term annually at the seat of overnment of the Territory for which

ther are respectively appointed: Pro-bided, however, that no justice shall act as a member of the Supreme Court in any action or proceeding brought to such court by writ of error, bill of ex-centions or appeal from a decision such court by writ of error, bill of ex-ceptions. or appeal from a decision, ludgment, or decree readered by him as judge of a district court. Sec. 2. That every Territory shall be divided into four judicial districts, and a court shall be held in each dis-trict of the Territory by one of the justices of the Supreme court, at such time and place as may be prescribed by law; and each judge, after assignment, shall reside in the district to which he is assigne 1. s assigne 1.

is assigne 1. Sec. 3. That temporarily, and until otherwise provided by law, the gov-ernor of each Territory not now divid-ed into four judicial districts shall, by proclamation, define the judicial dis-tricts for such Territory, assign the judges thereto, and fix times and place for holding court therein; Pro-tided, That no process, proceeding, order, judgment, or decree of any court of any Territory, issued, had, made, or rendered prior to the taking effect of such executive order shall be invali-dated or affected by the provisions hereof. hereof

This is a good bill in the main, and contains no objectional features except the provision that the Supreme Court shall hold "a term annually." If this is intended to limit its terms to one a year, as it appears to us is the effect of the language, it is unwise; there should be at least two terms a year, as now

provided by law, that appeals may not too long protracted.

It is generally recognized as improper that a judge who has rendered a decision should be permitted to act as part of the court to which his judgout is appealed. Utsh needs another judicial district and consequently another judge and we hope some law will be passed this session embodying the main provisions of the Brent bill and at the same time increasing the salaries to a figure proportionate to the services required

LEGISLATURE. COUNCIL

Friday, Feb. 29. Council met at 10 a. m., President Cluff in the chair.

Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

was read the first time and referred to committee on judiciary. Mr. Boyden introduced H. F. 63, a bill prohibiting the running at large of any domestic animal infected with any contagious disease, read the first and second time and referred to the committee on judiciary. Upon motion of Mr. Rider the House took a recess at 19 m took a recess at 12 m.

A STRAIGHTFORWARD

STATEMENT. FREETHINKER GIVES HIS VIEWS ABOUT THE "MORMONS" AND THOSE WHO CALUMNIATE

AND ABUSE THEM. Editor Deservet News:

I traveled from the Mississippi Val-ley to California over twenty-three years ago and before the bull-team was superceded by the "lightning express" the railroad.

of the railroad. Over twenty years ago I traveled the entire length of Utah Territory, from the Virgin River to Idaho, passing through all the Mormon villages on the main line of travel, and the friendly, liberal hospitality of the Mormon peo-pic is not yet forgotten. This attempt at a letter is intended as a grateful ac-knowledgement to them for kindness received at their hands long years ago. I am aware that it is, and has been for years, quite fashionable and popu-lar to abuse and villify the Mormons, and that a good word spoken for them lays the speaker thercof liable to be insulted; but I never feared a mistaken public opinion any more than I fear

public opinion any more than I fear narrow sectarianism

narrow sectarianism. I am no sectarian; I fall down and worship according to no creed or doc-trine set up and taught by mortal man like myself, which would save a few and damn a million. I am a free-thinker, and have a reverent and abiding faith in the goodness, the mercy and the justice of the great un-known Almighty power we call God, to believe in the ultimate salvation of every good and honest soul on the earth, or that ever was, or ever will be on the earth.I care not in what church I find a man, or if in no church at all, so

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Ind a man, or if in no church at all, so long as he is a good man. That is all I want to know, and all I believe that God wants to know about him. I want to say, in defiance of prejudice and bigotry of Jew or Gentile, that I am acquainted with Mormon men and women who are as much entitled to respect as any people; and I believe them to be intrinsically as good as any people anywhere.

them to be intrinsically as good as any people anywhere. I don't endorse the dogmas or doc-trines of the Mormon Church any more than I do those of the Baptists, the Methodists, the Presbyterians or Roman Catholics, but I do say they ought to enjoy the same liberty under our free government, to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences as is enjoyed by any other sect or de-nomination.

I have no excuses or apologies to offer in defence of polygamy, or plural marriage. It may be sin, vice or error in those who practice it; but if the Congress of the United States feel cal-Congress of the United States feel cal-ied as missionaries to purify society by legislating vice and error out of exist-ence, they ought to begin the good work, right in Washington city. And as they widen the circle of their pious labors they should clean up the filth of New York, Chicago, St. Louis and so on throughout the country. They would find an abundance of immorali-ty which is winked at and tolersted, that compared to Mormon polygamy makes it appear respectable. I will illustrate the inconsistent warfare waged against the Mormons by some facts that have recently come to my own personal knowledge, right here at Hawkins Co., Tennessee. Two Mormon Elders from Utah, have

First Circle, comments of the Press on the Lasker

Affair. Berlin, 29.-The National Gazette

hopes secessionists will not propose in the Reichstag a resolution thanking the United States House of Representhe United States House of Represen-tatives for its resolution of condolence on the death of Lasker unless it is previously ascertained whether it can be adopted. *Germania* doubts whether such a resolution would find a ma-jority. The Reichstag is not compelled fority. The Reichstag is not compelled to reply to a resolution of condolence of which they have received no official cognizance Politische Nachrichten at-tributes half the blame to Minister Sargent and asserts that he is lacking in political tact and so failed to keep the authorities at Washington inform-

ed of the true state of affairs in Germany. The Cologne Gazette says: Bismarck might perhaps have forwarded the re-solution to the Reichstag if Minister Sargent had not, from easily explained reasons rendered himself obnoxious. We hope this unfortunate incident will not disturb the harmony of the two mations whose interests have been

closely bound together for many years' Gen. Gordon's Proclamation. Cairo, 29.—General Gordon's procla-mation to the Soudanese issued on Tuesday, is as follows: "Since my ar-rival I have given you sound advice. Everything has been done to resume quietness and stop bloodshed. My ad-vice has not been followed. I am therefore forced, sgainst my will, to summon British troops. They will arrive in a few days when I shall severely punish all who do not change their conduct. You well know that I know everything that is going on."

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Trinkitat, 29.—The enemy were very bold yesterday and kept up a continual firing on Fort Baker. None of the gar-rison were hit. Spies report that the relation

Sples report that the rebels are feast-ing and rejoicing because they have re-ceived large reinforcements and that

they are erecting earthworks. A squadron of English cavalry will act to-day as scouts with orders to re-tire to the main body when they touch the rebels. The rest of the cavalry will be massed in near by to act as occasion diamands.

WM. P. JONES was yesterday releasd from the Penitentiary, where he has been for five months, pending a second trial on the charge of grand larceny, the jury having disagreed when he was tried first. The case was dismissed for want of prosecution and Jones set at liberty.

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