## DESERET EVENING NEWS.

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WHAT SHALL OUR CHILDREN READ? THE novels of the old school that were so popular read in our youth, mostly bore a striking resemblance to each other in their moral and denouement. However greatly they might vary in incidents and plot, still they generally closed by bringing off the good triumphant and foiling villainy in all its macinations. There were the traditional hero and heroine, loving and constant under every trial, always exemplifying the old adage "the course of true love never does run smooth." Associated with these was the rich suitor for the maiden's hand, favored by her parents, backed by his riches, aided by circumstances, and assisted by villainous creatures bought with his gold. Everything goes swimmingly with him; the heorine is in his clutches, there is no escape for her: she must become his or die; when, presto, in leaps her lover through a window, guided by some faithful bloodhound, or de. voted old nurse. She (the maiden) flies to his arms, he claims her as his own, shows the vast wealth he has accumulated to her father, "bless you my children" exclaims the old hypocrite, ogling the shinning gold. The villain and his gang, if not shot, drowned or otherwise summarally disposed of disappear to parts unknown. The hero and heroine are married, live happily for ever afterward, and have children by the dozen.

This kind of novel may perhaps be truthfully compared to what in theatrical parlance is called "the legitimate," whilst the romances and fictions that are popular now, are twins to the Black Crook, White Fawn style of the nude or leg drama. To be popular these romances must appeal to the lowest and most brutal passions of the crowd; they must abound with sensational outrages, they must deal with the terrible, and be crowded from beginning to end with adultery and arson, murder and mystery, gloom and ghastliness, bastardy and bloodshed, perjury and profligacy; in fact must be seasoned with every sin denounced in the Decalouge. and a few never thought of in the days the Ten Commandments were given. Added to this they very often bear a most pernicious moral? gilding vice with every grace and accomplishment necessary to render it romantic in the eyes of inexperienced boys and foolish girls, whilst virtue is made to appear. ionable, old fogyism, while those who practice it get no reward in this life and have but little hope in the future. Are such books fit to be placed in the hands of the children of the Latter-day should walk answer this question for sensational, the impure, and the obhimself. We say, as far as we are con- scene, keep these away from the youth cerned No, emphatically No! Yet such of Zion. books have been sold by the hundred in Salt Lake City; they are subscribed for by the thousand by the people of this Territory, and their pernicious effects, if not as yet manifested, are bound to be made plain, by the actions of the weak-minded and inexperienced amongst us, at some future days 14 5 In some portions of the States and Great Britain very accurate statistics rageous, engendered in their untrained subservient. minds, by reading such works as Jack Shepherd, Claude Duval, Dick Turpin and kindred productions of a debased press in which the hero is a felon. Suchworks sell by the million to the young people of the masses in Great Babylon, house in the western part of the city a true man. They seek to imitate him, to The storm extended to the west. make themselves heroes and they become criminals. They stand up in the felon's firmed, Consuls S. L. Trowbridge of dock as thieves, housebreakers, foot-pads, etc.; breaking many a fond moth-er's heart, and bowing many an honest Valparaiso; J. J. Martin, of Ark., sixth father's head with shame They again there is another class of

A girl filled with the ideas of the hetoes of romance, becomes acquainted with some libertine on the look out for prev. He is so gentlemanly, so handsome, so noble, so loving, in every way so like the Clarence Mounteagle or Herbert De Courcey, about whom she has inst been reading, that she thinks he must be just as true and pure as these imaginary characters are represented to be. Her whole nature is wrapt up in him, she falls into his toils; his ends are accomplished, she is deserted, and

#### "Alas for the rarity Of Christian charity,"

# the open streets are her only refuge, and strong drink her only consolation.

Of course the untrained minds of the young, if not guided by the more matured judgment of their elders, will seek that reading which is most fascinating. But few will read from choice, those works that are really beneficial, when they can obtain an inexhaustable supply of what is aptly termed "light reading." But we hold it to be just as much the duty of a parent to supply his children with proper books, as it is with wholesome food. What man would be justifled in giving his children arsenic when they asked for sugar, simply because arsenic is sweet. Nor is a parent any more justified in permitting his offspring to peruse the moral poison of a shameless literature when their minds crave for intellectual food, simply because the print in one book looks very much like that in any other.

Nearly all intelligent children love to read, and ours are no exception to the rule. They should have their desires gratified. Every father should, according to his means, help to make his home happy by supplying his children with good books and periodicals. Besides this there are many ways in which this general good can be helped along. We were pleased to notice that in the organization of the Sugar House Ward Co-operative Institution one of the objects sought to be accomplished, is the establishment of a library for the use of its members. Our Sunday schools also wield a very potent influence in this direction. Most of them have libraries for the use of the scholars. These libraries, if carefully selected, must do much good, but care should be taken in the selection, that they are not pocket book and money were found in of a sectarian character. We should not the negro's possession. object to religious books, for we regard all books as truly religious that proclaim the truth, that give us more enduring and nobler ideas of the Great Creator by explaining His works, by drawing our attention to the beauties of nature, and the various forms of animal life that surround us, that from history we may draw morals that will help us all a very humdrum, antiquated, unfash. to become better and wiser. But the kind we object to is the namby-pamby style of tracts, that are so popular amongst the creeds of Christendom, that contain false doctrines and notions, and imbue the mind of the youthful Saint with Saints? Let every parent who is seek, ideas opposed to the revelations of God ing to lead his children in the way they given in these days. We say of the

The people of Sacramento and the Central Pacific railroad company are brate the completion of the Pacific Railroad.

The amount of defalcation of Peck the absconding warehouseman, is only \$150.000

The Newark carpenters, by striking, have received \$3,75 per day. The or \$4. Chicago.—The trial of W. A. Robin- firmed H. B. Barron, fifth auditor of the Orange, N. J., carpenters are on a strike

son, for the murder of Murray McCon- Treasury, Isham Reaves, Associate nell, commences to-day in the Jackson- Justice of Arizona, M. M. Delano, o ville Circuit Court. The Tribune's special says that no withstanding the fierce assaults

Brownlow upon President Grant.in the executive session, because the President nominated Ricks instead of Brownlow's son-in-law, for pension agent at Knox-ville, the President sent in the latter's name for the place to-day, on the ground that the rebel press was exult-ing over the statement that Grant had ignored Brownlow.

to put the place in repair. Office hunters are leaving rapidly. Gen.Burbridge was arrested at Wash

ngton, yesterday, on a warrant issued at St. Louis, charging him with having received twenty-five thousand for his Judge or District Attorney, and was action in certain whisky cases, while special revenue agent. Burbridge al-leges that the case has been got up against him to prevent him obtaining office, and even charges Pile with complicity in the business, because Burbridge wants the Brazil mission. St Louis, 20.—The damage by the

hail storm is variously estimated a from twenty to a hundred thousand dollars; the latter sum is probably most nearly correct. The demolition of glass alone, is quite fearful; no serious casual ties are reported.

Chicago .- Despatches from all parts of the country report the storm was one of the most extraordinary violence. At Dubuque a large amount of property was destroyed. Houses were carried away, and one man killed and a number injured. At Indianapolis, the Indiana Central Railroad freight depot was blown down, a watchman killed and several other employees seriously injured. The Rev. Daniel Ballow, a Universalist minister from Utica, who had taken refuge in the depet, it is fear ed was fatally injured. Generals Stoneman and Saxton left Omaha for San Francisco to-day; their troops will follow soon.

Augusta, Ga., 19.—The Chronicle says that Dr. Ayres, the Republican member of the Legislature, who was killed near Louisville, Ga., was murdered by a negro, who has been arrested; Ayer's

Nashville .- The Republican State tory has given additional force to the making extensive preparations to cele- for Supreme Judges, met to-day. The feel that such a magnificent domain as nominees are George Andrews, the the new dominion now promises to be, present incumbent of East Tennessee; ought no longer to be dwarfed and kept down by dependence on a trans-Atlantic It is reported that the notorious Wm. McLane of Middle Tennessee, a butcher and cart thief, Steve Boyle, Alvin Hawkins of West Tenness run, notwithstanding the convention. The storm last night did great dam-age. Roofs of houses were blown off, and fences and trees prostrated, etc. The storm extended as far south as

Colorado; Consul to Foochow, Jos. Pol-lack, Director of the mint at Philadel-phia, W. S. Scribner, Secretary of Montana and Horace Rublee, Minister to Switzerland.

The following nominations have been withdrawn: A. S. Russell, Minister to Costa Rica; H. S. Wetmore, Consul to Manchester.

Washington .- There is a probability that the Northern, Central and Southern superintendents of Indian affairs Workmen have gone to Mt. Vernon will be selected from the quakers of Philadelphia, Indiana and Baltimore,

respectively. The indictment spainst Gen. Bur-bridge, charged with bribery is dismissed. It was not signed by either the evidently prepared to injure Burbridge, and without sufficient foundation for

FOREIGN

Havana.-The marine court has ren-

dered a final decision that the Mary

away by a flood. Two bridges, one

house and the fences and sidewalks at

this place have also been carried down. One man is drowned. The damage to

Uttawa .- Kinzella and Doyle, charged

with being accessories to the McGee murder, were brought before the As-

sizes to day; the Judge said the evidence was too weak to warrant their further detention and both were discharged.

London.-The consideration of the

lisestablishment bill was resumed in the

House of Commons to-night. The

amendment for postponing the bill to 1872, the time the bill is togo into effect,

was lost 194 to 501. The clause disguali

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Special to the Delevet Evening News.] Bu Selegruph. CONGRESSIONAL. SENATE.

In the Senate Ross made a lengthy speech, characterizing the published re-port of his interview with the President are made out of the causes that fill their prisons and reformatories with youthful criminals. One very prolific cause, is the love of the adventurons and out-

### GENERAL.

St. Louis.-The most terrific hail-storm that ever visited the, city, occurred this afternoon; many thousand windows were broken and hardly a In their unripened judgments the gen-escaped bjury. The hall was of im-tleman thief becomes their beau-ideal of mense size. Hundreds of horses ran away. The rain descended in torrents.

Washington .- The Senate has anditor; C. M. Hawley, of Ill., associat Justice of Utah; W. W. Brookings, do

fying the Bishops of the Irish Church from sitting in the House of Lords was amended so as to allow those prelates, appointed previous to the passage of the vv ashini bill, to retain their titles and rights of long a clerk in the dead letter office, has been appointed its superintendent.

New Orleans.—Capt. Giles, of the schooner Lizzie Majors, publishes an ac-count of the seizure of the two passengers by the Spanish frigate. He says the passengers taken had passports made out in due form, and regularly signed by Dulce, which had been recog-nized by the authorities at Calbareu, where the vessel touched. The Captain formally protested against the seizure at the time, declaring that the Spanish authorities would be held responsible. The Captain also describes the murder of the prisoners by yolunteers at Calbaren.

The steamer Nina Semmes struck snag, and sunk, above Baton Rouge, on Saturday night: the boat and cargo are a total loss. Everybody on board was saved.

New York, 20.—The Tammany socie-ty has elected Wm. M. Tweed, Graud Sachem, vice Governor, Hoffman, The American Sachems elected are Oakey, Hall, M. L. Brenan, Saml. B. Garvin, Jas. Dowling and Peter B. Sweenyess Cuban volunteering is going on rapidly, but quietly. Recruits are promptly forwarded to Cuba in small detachments. Worcester, Mass.—The convention of the Knights of St. Crispin of the United States and Canada was largely attended yesterday; they lool. d to the unity of

action among the various orders. New York -Justice Dowling com National Bank of the State of New York. Affidavits were submitted by the assistant cashier of Jay Gooke & Co. and the paying teller of the bank, de-claring that the checks were forgeries. Poughkeepsie. Professor Mitchell, the renowned mathematician, died at Vassar College, yesterday, from gener-ol debility

al debility.

Baltimore,-The case of Kimberly against Gen. Butler, was argued to-day in the Gircuit Court, Object Justice

Chase presiding. Philadelphia. — Arrangements are being completed for a great National Sunday School Convention, to be held at New York, April 28th. John Moriarty, President of the Irish Republican, has telegraphed Senator Chandler, the thanks of twenty thou-sand Irishmen for his recent speech on the Alabama treaty; he says reconstruc-tion resumption and extension of tertion, resumption and extension of ter-ritory, the vindication of the national honor and the liberation of Ireland would follow hostilities against Engand.

precedence for life; it was then agreed to. Brussels.—The trouble among the mi-ners at Mons has ended, the men having expressed their willingness to resume work on a small advance of wages. Lisbon.—Advices from Rio say that the prisoners released by the allies, at Augostma, had rejoined Lopez. The Paraguayans had made a successful raid into the territory held by the allies. Reports from Montreal, Guloh, Dun-das and other places in Canada say that the rivers and water courses had risen to en immence height from brashing

to an immence height from breaking up ice and heavy rains, and that the country was inundated and much property destroyed. Hayana, The latest news from Trin-idad says the rebels were leaving the

neighborhood. Two thousand Spanish troops have arrived, and will march to attack the rebels in the Puerto Principe

Everything is quiet in Lower California. La Paz is declared Commandicia of the military, with a garrison of two hundred men.

The Legislative Assembly of Lower California has been suspended er. The number of government officer is increased, the whole doministration is changed. The mines at San Antine are doing well. Kidnappers have appeared at Si-naloa; the authorities have instituted

stringent measures against them. Madrid Figuerola, the Minister of finance, presented the annual budget to the Cortes, yesterday; he estimates the receipts of the governmen, for the current year at two thousand million of

reals. London.—The House of Lords has passed to its second reading the bill regulating lease in Ireland, introduced by the Marquis of Clanricarde. Munich — In a debate in the Bavarian chambers to-day, the Prime Minister, Prince Hohenlohe, stigmatized the en-cyclical letter of the Pope, as contrary to the spirit of the age, and as one of the cauce of the differences which have arisen between the church and the State

State. New York, 21.—The Herald's London special says, it is understood here that the American Minister, in accordance ith Instructions from the United States government, to-day, made a for-States government, to-day, made a for-mal demand on Lord Clarendon, For-eign Secretary, asking explanation in relation to the one of the American ship Mary Lowell, captured by a Span-ish war frigate, off the Bahama Islands, while in charge of the British Revenue officials, with the seal of the revenue department on her hatches. This fact, in connection with the reported increase of the American fleet off the West In-dia Islands, creates much emotion in commercial circles in this city, and it is thought it will very reriously affect the new Spanish loan now about to be put on the market.



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