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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

ENGLAND. — Elder George Reynolds writes from Liverpool, Feb. 13, that the missionaries in that mission were then generally well in health.

HONEST MEN seem to be scarce in New Jersey, as well as in New York and Washington, seeing that the grand jury at Jersey city has presented indictments against nearly all the city and county officials. What is the country coming to? Is stealing getting to be an essential accomplishment of official life?

PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS. — There are prospects that the main portions of the city will be supplied with gas.

A movement, we understand, will soon be inaugurated to lay water pipes in the city.

We expect soon to see the street railroad laid and the cars running on it.

TELL IT ALL. — A correspondent sends us the following—

"It is currently reported that an elect lady of the judicial-whisky ring is about issuing a book, anent the 'Mormons' and 'Mormonism.' The lady in question has so often spoken of the very amiable (?) and happy (?) relations existing between herself and her illustrious (?) husband before and since they reached Utah, that it is sincerely to be hoped she won't forget to devote a part of her work in dilating on those blissful (?) relations for the years she occupied the position of a monogamic wife and after her dear (?) Bohemian lord embraced polygamy once and while he was doing his best to embrace it the second time.

RACHEL J. B."

HORSE STEALING. — Late last night or early this morning a mare and colt, belonging to Mr. Charles B. Taylor, were stolen from the residence of that gentleman, in the Fourteenth Ward. Two men who arrived in this city from the south stated that they passed two men on the State road at an early hour, who had two animals with them which appeared to answer the description of those stolen from Mr. Taylor. On being interrogated the men stated that they had recently left Corinne and were on their way to the end of the Utah Southern railroad track. A rather unlikely story, as neither animal had a saddle on and one man was on foot and leading the colt. The colt stolen from Mr. Taylor, was unbroken. Both men appeared to be the worse for liquor.

THE LATEST DODGE. — The latest dodge of the McKean mercenaries to defeat the admission of Utah is both characteristic and contemptible. Outgeneraled and outvoted by the real citizens of the Territory, Mormons and responsible "Gentiles," these conspirators now propose to refuse to participate in the election under the new constitution which is set down for March 8th, and, by denouncing them as a fraud and a farce, to thus weaken the strength of the movement in Congress. The tactics are entirely worthy of the worsted conspirators who have been so badly baffled in their unholty schemes by the admirable foresight and forbearance of the Mormon leaders and people. — *Omaha Herald*.

THAT TENDER SPOT ONCE MORE. — It has ranspired that Judge McKean who had permission to come all the way from Utah to find out whether the President and the Attorney General really meant to have him do as they requested, and admit the Mormon prisoners to bail, was informed yesterday that the prosecution of the trials, on the part of the United States, would of necessity be left to the United States District Attorney, Mr. Bates.

This quietly settles the dispute. Mr. Bates moved, in accordance with the advice of the Attorney General, that the prisoners be admitted to bail. Mr. McKean would "do no such thing." His herculean efforts in demolishing the blockade to get to Washington to convince the authorities here that he knew better than they about what ought to be done with the Mormons, is another dissertation on the Scotch complot of Robert Burns:

"The well-laid schemes of mice and men
Gang aft aglee."

The United States courts in Utah, having no cases of murder or lascivious cohabitation before them, of course the present prosecutions must be dismissed, and all Judge McKean's heavy joking for a year past declared, in accordance with the recent virtual decision of the United States Supreme Court, "null and void." In all conscience, who but himself can be required to foot the bill for all his usurpations?

Utah will have a Chief Justice to dispose of in a short time, no doubt. For abilities in carving out unenviable notoriety, self-importance and superficial eminence he can't be beat. Who bids? — *Washington Gazette*, March 3.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION. — The following report of the Educational Convention, held at Logan, has been sent to us for publication:

The members of the Cache County Educational convention held their regular annual meeting, at the First Ward school house, Logan, March 1st and 2nd, and notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads, a goodly number of members and visitors attended, Superintendent Roskelley presiding.

The committee called by the superintendent to assist him in visiting and examining the schools, viz: C. Wright, C. G. Davis and R. L. Bybee, reported as follows: Number of schools in the county, 35, with 1825 scholars in the aggregate. The general condition of the schools is good, and the teachers, as a general thing, are competent.

During the four meetings held on Friday and Saturday, a number of important subjects were presented, among which were the following: Grading of schools, government, best mode of enforcing obedience, reviewing schools, school registers, ventilating school rooms, most proper age for children to commence attending school, &c., all of which subjects were freely ventilated and handled in a masterly manner. Among the principal speakers were Superintendent Roskelley, vice presidents, C. G. Davis and C. Wright, J. McDonald, J. Welchman, and G. Davis.

A library, to consist of the best works on education, was organized and a subscription list opened.

It was resolved to hold an adjourned session of the convention at Richmond, Cache County, March 15, 1872.

GEO. BARBER, Reporter.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

ANOTHER WHOPPER, sent east by the wires—

"Full half of the Mormon vote at the city election is believed to be illegal."

INDEMNIFIED. — Says the *Chicago Post*—

"If a man loses in a fire fifty thousand dollars in government greenbacks, and can prove it, the bills will be duplicated by the government and loss prevented."

LEFT HER HOME. — We are requested to publish the following: Left her home, in Lehi, March 1st, Minnie Kiezel, a young woman 24 years of age, late from Germany. She is a little deranged in her mind. She wears a brown Kentucky jeans dress and green gingham bonnet, and her hair is cut short. Any information of her whereabouts would be thankfully received by her mother in Lehi.

CHRISTINA BRITTON.

THE STOCK INTEREST ON THE PLAINS. — Dr. Latham sends us cheering messages of the condition of the stock interest on the Plains. It is the concurrent opinion of Latham, Hutton, Kingman, and other heavy owners that notwithstanding the terrible severity of the late unprecedented winter, the loss will not exceed one per cent.—a great victory for winter grazing on the Plains. — *Omaha Herald*.

PARTED. — Dr. Newman, says an exchange, has preached his farewell sermon in the Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C., and bid adieu to his fashionable congregation. He told them he should still reside in Washington. Possibly it takes him all his time to pray in the Senate, keep Congress up to the Methodistical mark, superintend the crusade against the "Mormons," encourage the "judge with a mission," strengthen the religious part of the

Presidential backbone, and insist that the heavens will fall unless Mr. Bates be removed from Utah.

WHY SHOULD SHE BE. — An exchange says:

"Utah is not to be defeated in her attempt to secure admission as a State. The new apportionment law is not considered an obstacle to this result, though it requires a population of 135,000 to entitle her to the right."

There is no good reason why she should be defeated, and the apportionment bill should be no obstacle. The population, however, may be nearer the apportionment bill requisition than is generally supposed. If Utah should be defeated the responsibility will not be with Utah, but with those who would refuse to accede to her just request. Utah but asks for her lawful and constitutional rights.

STOP THAT. — According to Dr. Toner, the eminent statistician, who has prepared a diagram in regard to the relative longevity of the sexes, and a curious table, showing the number of children born to each thousand women between the ages of fifteen and fifty, there are but half as many children born to the number of women mentioned now as there were in the year 1800. Dr. Toner's table further shows that there has been a regular decrease of births every decade. According to his theory, the depopulation of the world is but a matter of time—say of a few thousand years. — *Washington Star*.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

WHO WILL GRIEVE? — Should the prevailing rumor prove substantial, who will grieve for Thomas? Who will be left to say, "Thomas Hawkins, I am sorry for you, very sorry?"

DISTRICT ATTORNEY BATES. — Washington, March 9. It is believed that District Attorney George C. Bates, of Utah, has secured votes enough in the Senate to prevent the confirmation of his successor, in which case he would hold over, under the Tenure-of-Office act. — *Chicago Post*.

HABEAS CORPUS. — Antonia Pirranie, who was arrested on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretences, and who was examined on the charge in the police court yesterday morning, the decision being reserved till this morning, was taken from the custody of the city authorities on a writ of habeas corpus. The case was to come up in the District court this afternoon.

THE SOUTH. — Our traveling agent writes from Meadow Creek, March 8, that the roads in that region were very bad, freight teams all along the road, one company 27 days from Chicken Creek to Kanab, Wild Cat Canyon and Dog Valley and Dugway almost impassable, "some mudholes under the snow where teams go in all over." In some places in Wild Cat the snow was drifted breast deep.

FROM THE EAST. — Elder A. H. Hale writes from George Town, Mass., March 6. He had preached twice there, and had visited fifteen cities and towns in that State, four in New Hampshire, and five in Rhode Island. He had been treated kindly everywhere. Everybody was inquisitive concerning Utah affairs, and he had been able to remove much prejudice. He expected to visit Syracuse, N. Y., and New Albany, Indiana, previous to his return home. Bro. Milton Hardy was at New Bradford.

SHOULD HAVE TAKEN IT. — We have on frequent occasions advised those parties who have been for some time past ignoring, infringing upon and breaking the municipal ordinances of this city, by refusing to pay licence, selling liquor on Sundays, &c., to desist from their course and do right. The advice was timely and well meant, but was not taken however. If rumor and expectation turn out to be correct, they may yet be in a position to see the force of the advice.

MAN SHOT. — A young man named William Hayward was shot and it is thought dangerously wounded at a late hour last night, by a colored man, named Sam Nickens. The particulars of the affair, so far as we have learned, are about as follows: A number of colored people had a dancing party last night in a building on East Temple Street, opposite the Groesbeck block, and Hayward and Louis Queno, better known as "Frenchy," went and endeavored to gain admittance to the room. An altercation ensued between "Frenchy" and a colored man, and while "Frenchy's" back was turned towards the colored man, the latter struck him on the back of the head, and he in turn struck the colored man in the face. At this juncture Sam Nickens stepped up, drew his pistol and shot Hayward in the breast. Hayward is bleeding inwardly, and but slight hopes are entertained of his recovery. The case was to be investigated this afternoon.

A RUMOR. — There has been a rumor on the street since yesterday afternoon, which, if correct, would be very gratifying to all lovers of fair play, republicanism and progress. As the rumor spread there was a considerable shortening of many countenances, while others were elongated much beyond their natural proportions. The rumor indicates that the jury system inaugurated by the missionary judge will soon be publicly and authoritatively pronounced not quite up to the mark in point of legality. We should not at all be amazed if madame rumor turned out to be correct in this instance. Anyhow we could never see how any other decision could be arrived at by any tribunal that had regard to law and justice.

A PERMANENT JUROR. — There is a man at Utica, New York, who seems to be up to the highest standard of qualification for jurors in criminal cases. The court was impaneling a jury to try a man for murder. One of the panel, who lived in the immediate vicinity of the spot where the crime had been committed, swore that he had never heard, read, talked or thought of the case. This fellow ought to be kept on hand for a permanent juror. No doubt he could be easily spared for that purpose; for it is the intelligent conclusion of our jurisprudence that when a man is too utterly stupid and ignorant to be good for anything else, he is peculiarly fitted to assist in the administration of justice. — *Chicago Times*.

That juror would just suit the "judge with a mission," provided said juror was fanatically prejudiced against the "Mormons."

APPROVES. — In the Utah Territorial Convention at Salt Lake City, for the purpose of forming a State Constitution, quite a debate sprung up on the name that should be given the new State. The committee had reported the name Deseret, but there was a strong effort to substitute Utah. That effort, however, failed, and the Convention showed its good sense in retaining the musical name Deseret in preference to the ugly word Utah, and, beside, the derivation of a word has something to do with its beauty. Deseret signifies "honey bee," and that name was adopted by the Mormons because of the habits of the "busy bee." Utah refers to a nasty insect-infected grasshopper-eating tribe of Indians. The ground taken by the advocates of the name Utah, was that a great Gentile prejudice exists against the name Deseret, as one that the Mormons had appropriated to themselves. But, certainly every candid Gentile will admit that the Mormons are industrious to an unusual degree, and no people, so far as their habits of industry are concerned, are better entitled to the appellation of bees than are the Mormons. It was all a mistake about the supposed prejudice against the word Deseret. — *Cleveland Herald*.

THE New York *Post* says with much truthfulness—

One thing is clear, the influence of the Federal Government in the affairs of States produces no good, and leads to unmeasured evils.

The stability and usefulness of our political constitution, depend entirely in the fidelity with which we observe its peculiar characteristics. The constitution rests on two fundamental principles—the sovereignty of the central government in its sphere, and the independence of the States in their spheres. Without this there cannot be any harmony. The American idea of government consists in an even balance between local independence and freedom, and national unity. The evil now menacing is the absorption of the rights, privileges and duties of the States by the Washington Maelstrom.

If the unwarrantable encroachments of the national government are persisted in, and are tamely submitted to by the States, there is fear that the American constitution may suffer a disastrous change, for the secret of our liberty in peace, and power in war is, the nation supreme in national concerns; the State supreme in State concerns."

When shall we learn that the philanthropy which seeks employment only in distant lands and among an alien race is a miserable delusion, and that real, practical, Christianlike charity begins at home—and stays there, too, as long as there is work for it to do? — *Missouri Republican*.