

maps which showed nothing but the great American desert beyond the river. The wise men said that travel could not be sustained across this desert. The iron horse found its way here preceded by hardy pioneers, and today the Great American Desert does not exist. Today Utah stands as one of the brightest Territories, and it is because of the wave of civilization and all who stand in the way of that civilization will be crumbled to pieces. On this civilization will come another, and that the civilization of the twentieth century, and in that century is insured the future greatness of Utah.

The company then repaired to the room to be used for the baggage department and to the music of the orchestra indulged in the dance. A cold collation was served in the spacious dining room. The entertainment was kept up till early morning. At 1:20 a.m. the guests from this city returned by a special train.

The Union passenger depot is a fine, spacious and well appointed building, admirably adapted for the purpose designed. At first sight it has a cheap appearance, the red paint on the outside being of the common barn color. But on entering that impression is dispelled. It is modeled after the modern railroad station plan and is a great boon to the Junction City. All the departments are commodious and convenient and the hotel portion is comfortable and in some parts luxurious.

We congratulate Ogden on the opening of the long expected depot, and trust that with this and other improvements the city on the Weber will attain to the eminence desired by its best people and all in this Territory who can rejoice in the prosperity of their neighbors.

#### HONORS TO THE MOTHERS.

THE New York *World* is a very liberal as well as enterprising and influential journal of decided Democratic tendencies. It gives away a great deal of money in various ways, but it now has a project in hand which will outshine any previous record in the matter of dispensing wealth in small sums. Realizing that the woman who has become the mother of the greatest number of children is worthy of recognition as having contributed most to the strengthening of the country and moulding its destiny, the *World* will give such person \$100 in gold; the one having the next to the largest will receive \$50, and the third on the list \$20, the children to be living in every case.

It will be remembered that Cornelia, the Roman mother, when visiting a friend with her two little boys, was shown a number of rare and costly jewels, the display of course answering the double purpose of entertainment for the guest and letting her know whose and what they were. (Women are the same in all ages). "And now," she said to the visitor, "where are your jewels?" The mother proudly turned to her children and said, "Here they are." It is fitting that a newspaper published in the late afternoon of the nineteenth century should adopt a course to have Cornelia remembered and at least three mothers made substantially glad at the same time.

#### GEEAT STORMS PREDICTED.

WEATHER prognostications and prognosticators have become so numerous of late that without developing some specially new or attractive feature they are not likely to acquire a reputation beyond the boundaries of their respective communities. To move along in the style of the old-time almanacs is to receive no attention at all; but to promise us something startling or wonderful and give a plausible or apparently profound reason for it is to captivate the populace far and wide.

That there are means of determining approximately if not actually certain meteorological conditions is unquestionable; and that after such conditions have been forecast upon proper grounds, they may vary somewhat or altogether fail, is also true. But everybody cannot handle the subject and do it justice. Professional astronomers can tell us all about what is going to take place in the solar system, and in some cases beyond it, for a long time ahead, and they seldom make mistakes worthy of mention, thus demonstrating the correctness of the science of astronomy. But the planets and other attachments of our system, including two or three comets, are controlled by fixed laws, which only need to be mastered to put the one who does so in possession of what to some others appears a mystifying secret if not a superstitious source of knowledge. Herein is the difference; the meteorologist deals with local and constantly variable conditions; and however much he may become conversant with the conditions of the upper deep, he is as likely at times to experience the discomfiture produced by the failure

of one of his predictions, as is the tyro.

A prominent candidate for the honors accruing to the position of "weather prophet" is Prof. George Root, of Canton, Illinois. He presents us with a rather startling programme which is to be enacted between September 13 and 15 next, which, he says, will be the greatest storm period that has occurred during this century, in fact for a hundred years past. It will not be confined to any particular locality or any number of localities, but be general, universal, so far as this globe is concerned at least. He then proceeds to give us the path of the storm, stating that its probable course will be along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, its onward march being characterized by tidal waves, hurricanes and perhaps earthquakes. The interior of this country will be greatly affected by the eddies from the storm in chief, these spreading all over the country in high gales and furious minor storms.

The professor admits that he formerly felt some little diffidence about publishing his predictions, but claims that, after having offered one reward after another to any one who could find a single failure of which he was the author and no one having come forward to claim any of them yet, he now feels confident that his forecasts will be favorably received everywhere. He says the announcement of the impending disaster is made with sorrowful feelings, because it will be accompanied with great destruction to life and property; yet he feels it his duty to put the people on their guard in order that they may make such preparations as may be practicable to mitigate the fury of the destroyer. As we have but little more than one month in which to do this, it would seem that those who are disposed to receive the awful warning in the spirit in which it was evidently given, would have no time to lose.

#### FRAUDULENT VOTING.

IT is an indisputable fact that at the recent revision of the registration list, a large number of names of persons who cannot be found anywhere in this city were permitted to remain. While strenuous efforts were made to expunge as many names as possible of the People's Party, scores upon scores of names that ought to have been stricken from the lists because the parties were either dead or removed