

AN ANTI-"MORMON" NO-VELETTE.

DURING the past summer some imaginative and low-minded person concocted a story, which we believe first appeared in the Eureka (Nevada) Leader, that has been copied into several papers with comments, reflections, and calls upon Congress to "dynamite the Mormons and destroy polygamy." This is the story, which purports to relate what took place at Ogden, when a company of Swedish immigrants arrived:

"It was looking on with great curiosity, when I discovered a tow-headed, buxom girl weeping bitterly. Two or three old women were sousing at her, and a withered old Mormon stood with his arm around her. He finally coaxed her off to his wagon, she screaming and crying that she would not marry him and he never letting go of her until he set her down upon the wagon tongue. A girl was following them. I halted her and asked what was the trouble. She said a Swedish girl was pledged to the old man and that he had told her passage out, and now she did not want to marry him because he already had a wife and seven children. I asked if she would be free to do so. The girl replied: 'Of course she will. They have pledged her to him. I am the thing the last that I saw of her was struggling to get away from him, and the withered old fellow was holding on with both arms around her. It is strange to think of such things in a civilized land. Dark as that girl's mind was, she had some grains of virtue and some delicate instincts. The despair picture on her face showed that.'

Now we venture to say that no one in Ogden ever saw anything of the kind except the veracious author of this atrocious romance, and he, or she, or it belied it only in a very evil mind's eye. The idea of anyone being compelled to marry an old man or a young man, in the Territory of Utah is simply preposterous. And it is also diametrically opposed to the theory and practice of the Latter-day Saints or "Mormons." No one can possibly enter into "Mormon" marriage except by their own free will and choice. Supposing that a man had advanced the money for the passage of the young Swedish girl with "despair pictured on her face." There is no law or custom which would require the girl to marry him in payment. There would be no difficulty in the way of her earning the money very soon to liquidate the debt, as serving girls are in great demand here at good wages. There is no place in Utah where any such claim could be enforced, and there are no people in the world who would be quicker to relieve a person from any such obligation as here alleged than the Latter-day Saints.

It seems absurd, no doubt, to many of our readers, to notice such rubbish as is contained in the paragraph we have quoted. We should pay no attention to it, and have not done so till now, although we have seen it several times repeated, were it not that reputable papers are foolish or base enough to copy it as a fact. The story is so improbable that we should think it would be recognized as a fabrication without any criticism or denial. It is simply a nasty little novelette.

MORE ABOUT ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

INVESTIGATIONS into the subject of the dangers attending the present system of lighting by electricity demonstrate that unless proper precautions are adopted, accidents involving the loss of life and property are extremely likely to take place. We have referred to some occurrences of the kind in these columns, not with a view to retard the progress of electric illumination by any means, but to promote caution and thus aid in preventing the repetition of such occurrences as we have related.

It appears that Mr. Brush himself had a narrow escape while explaining his own illuminator. By some careless movement the electric fluid struck one of his thumbs, inflicting an ugly and painful gash, laying the flesh bare to the bone. A building in Chicago was fired by the contact with a nail of a copper wire, supplying the electric light. A house in New York was fired by a wire touching a cornice, and in Cincinnati a similar case occurred.

The National Association of Fire Engineers of the United States, at a convention in Richmond, Virginia, investigated this subject at considerable length, and after hearing from several electricians, adopted the following, which we commend to the consideration of all interested:

"The resolutions reported by the committee were adopted, and were as follows: 'After hearing the report of the committee on topic No. two, and the evidence adduced in the discussion following as to the danger of combustion and the liability to personal injury and probable death to any one coming in contact with improperly insulated or broken wires used for conducting electricity for lighting purposes, it is the opinion of this association that, as the electric light is about to be introduced in many of our cities and towns, and without use precautions being taken in introducing the wires, and their introduction into buildings, they will become one of the worst and most dangerous factors in the already sufficiently difficult problem of unknown causes of fire, and their extinguishment, that our fire departments have to contend with; therefore:

"Resolved, That we, the National Association of Fire Engineers of the United States, urge upon the authorities of all cities and towns where the electric light is about to be introduced, the absolute necessity of passing ordinances governing the manner in which all wires shall be strung for the purpose of producing the electric light."

"Third—There shall be upon the exterior of all buildings where the wires are introduced an absolute cut-off, (not a mere shunt), so that in case the firemen are called upon by cause of fire to enter there the cause of instant death—the inevitable result of coming in contact with improperly insulated or broken wires under very many situations—may be in a very great measure avoided."

TABERNACLE SERVICES.

The usual Sabbath services of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were held in the Tabernacle yesterday afternoon. The choir sang the hymn on page 147:

O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Prayer was offered by Robert Campbell.

The choir sang the hymn on page 151:

When power of earth and hell arose,  
Elder W. W. Turner, the first speaker desired the faith and prayers of the Saints that he might enjoy the Spirit of God.

This Spirit of the things of the Father and reveals them unto men. Without it, preaching is like a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. All professing Christians believe God to be unchangeable. Men, however, are changeable, and have altered the system revealed through Christ, until it is unrecognizable in the nations to which the speaker entered into an explanation of the four first principles of the doctrine of Christ—Faith, repentance, baptism for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the imparting of the Holy Ghost, quoting from the New Testament to sustain the position he assumed on these points.

Elder Thomas Maycock, who returned a short time ago, from a mission to England, rejoiced to be once more at home with the Latter-day Saints and his family. He had no desire to live on the earth, except to be numbered among the Saints. He had examined the gospel preached by them and found it to be the same as was taught by Christ and His ancient disciples. He had a personal testimony to the effect that the gospel and its gifts had been revealed to him.

Elder J. H. Dean, lately returned from a mission to the Sandwich Islands, next addressed the congregation. He said his labors there had been partly temporal and partly spiritual. The laws of the islands did not allow the natives to emigrate. In consequence a gathering place for the members had been established there, to which those who embraced the gospel could gather. A plantation had been established to find the people employment. There are about 8,000 members of the Church on the islands. Many of them would like to gather here, but only a very few can obtain permits to do so. A new sugar mill had lately been erected, at a cost of about \$25,000. About 300 acres of land were used for raising sugar cane, and the remainder for other crops. There were many things among the natives that tended to discourage the Elders laboring among them as they were given to frequent backsliding. The speaker exhorted the young men of the Church to make good use of their time in preparing themselves to preach the gospel. Everything that he knew seemed to prove the truth of the gospel of Christ, as embraced by the Latter-day Saints.

Elder Thomas C. Griggs was the next speaker. He returned only a week ago from a mission to England. This was a congregation with a thorough and varied experience, and able to judge of the spirit of a preacher's utterances. He realized this fact, and felt confident about speaking. Had he not a testimony regarding the work he was engaged in, he would not occupy his present position. It was over eighteen months since he was called to go on a mission, with nearly a hundred others. He realized now more than he did then, that it was a great privilege to go abroad as a representative of this Church. It gave an experience that could not be otherwise obtained. One of the most striking features of the Church was its power of organization, which was very striking. He had labored in the London Conference all the time he had been abroad. In connection with the brethren with whom he had labored he had sought to publish the gospel in a variety of circumstances. This had been done in halls, in houses, on the streets, roads, highways and byways. He had met with many kind-hearted friends, softened by the spirit of the gospel. Elder Griggs gave an interesting account of his labors. Some of the Saints at home were also making a good missionary work by writing encouraging letters to their friends in the old world. Correspondence of this character was exceedingly beneficial. He also spoke of the necessity of those who had been helped to emigrate to refund the means that had been used for their benefit, that others might receive similar assistance. He mentioned the fact of a member of the Tabernacle choir having, in his absence, voted for him to be their leader. Though it was not unlikely that he might see some change in this matter, he nevertheless appreciated the confidence that had been thus manifested toward him. The choir sang:

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LATEST DISPATCHES.

A Captured Cottage.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., 21.—The Courier-Journal's following Green special says: An organized effort was made on Friday night to capture the James Brothers in Logan County, near Adairsville. It has been rumored for several days that the robbers were in that neighborhood. A woman wrote to Gov. Blackburn on the 10th, that they intended to attack the L. & N. at Columbus soon. Blackburn received a letter at Yorktown and turned it over to the railroad authorities, but in doing this and organizing several days were lost. Detectives organized the attack party which was under the direction of Hunter, the man who captured Gove Kennedy. The posse met at Russellville on Friday evening, 16 strong, selected with special reference to their cool courage, and armed to the teeth with Winchester rifles, double-barreled shotguns and pistols. They arrived at 4 a.m. at the home of Litter, near Adairsville, where the robbers were known to have been a few days previous. They surrounded the house, but the birds and down, being warned in advance.

FOREIGN.

More Arrests.

DUBLIN, 21.—Several more arrests have been made in various parts of Ireland.

The last statement shows deposits, \$2,117,000. James A. Halsey is president and Oscar L. Baldwin, cashier and manager. Baldwin is considered responsible for the trouble. The news was a thunderclap. The institution was deemed "the strongest in Newark, and the officers the most trustworthy, while Baldwin stood high as a financier. He has been arrested as an embezzler and a Government examiner sent from here.

The New York connection loses nothing, having refused to allow Baldwin to withdraw his collateral. Nugent & Co., who were involved with the bank, have suspended. Other failures are expected.

The warrant of arrest charges Baldwin with confessing to the board that he had fraudulently used \$2,000,000 of the bank's funds. The directors are sitting with closed doors. The wildest rumors are afloat. Nobody but the cashier suspected. He had the unlimited confidence of the board. His confession was made because he feared a visit of the bank examiner. The city and county lose about \$10,000 each of deposits. The water board \$36,000, and manufacturing companies smaller amounts. It is not yet known where the cash has gone but it is alleged that Wall Street speculations of the cashier absorbed it. It appears that Baldwin got away with everything but the funds which was a very heavy one. The bank held all the deposits of the Mutual Life Company amounting to, it is said, somewhere from \$800,000 to \$1,400,000. It is believed not a penny of this amount is saved.

Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, 20.—Postal changes for the week ending the 29th: Established—Peters, Box Elder Co., Utah, Robert Henderson postmaster.

Discontinued—Indian Valley, Union Co., Oregon; Wasatch, Summit County, Utah.

Postmasters appointed—John W. Esley, Smith, Fresno Flats, Fresno County, Calif.; Geo. C. Spooner, Simmons, Tehama Co., Calif.; Richard K. Glaser, Belleville, Nevada Co., Nev.; Chas. R. Wheeler, Shedd, Linn Co., Oregon; F. W. Calabazas, Pima Co., Arizona; Geo. Hutchins, Castledale Landing, Yavapai Co., Arizona; Rich Young, Silver King, Gila Co., Arizona; Robt. P. Allen, Escalante, Kane Co., Utah; J. M. Shepherd, Juab, Juab Co., Utah; Oscar F. Lyons, Fort Summit, Co., Utah; Mrs. Eleanor Owens, Virgin City, Kane Co., Utah; G. W. Burrier, Fort Churchill, Lyon Co., Nev.

James Will Remain.

Postmaster General James denies the report that he will leave the cabinet on Dec. 1. He will remain certainly till January 1st, and possibly longer, until at least some relief has been reached in the Star route cases. He remains loyal in deference to the wishes of President Arthur.

Resignation Requested.

Col. Geo. Cowie, chief of the diplomatic and consular division of the fifth auditor's office of the Treasury Department, has resigned. Cowie recently made a claim for \$2,000, which was pronounced illegal by the first comptroller. It is said the claim was endorsed by the State Department officers, but this endorsement was not thought to be sufficient to warrant its passage by the fifth auditor, and as Cowie was the responsible person, his resignation was requested. Secretary Hunt informs officers of navy and marine corps that applications for duty through persons of influence will be received, but that such applications must be made directly to the secretary.

Another Guitano.

WASHINGTON, 21.—A man, apparently insane, made his appearance at the White House, to-day, and demanded admission. After some parley, it was found that he was armed with a seven-barreled revolver and evidently bent on shooting somebody. His arrest was accomplished with difficulty, requiring three men to overpower him. The crank was well dressed, powerfully built, and was recognized by the doorkeeper as the crank who called in May last and was sent home to Pennsylvania. He gave his name as John Wooling and endeavored to force his way in. A desperate struggle ensued, and Wooling more choked him so that he could not use his drawn revolver. Steward Crump and others took a hand and the man was finally sent to the station. He presented the following letter: "John Wooling. You are hereby informed that Dr. John Neetling is lawfully elected President of the White House Society. (Signed) ALMIGHTY GOD. Communicated by the Holy Spirit."

Shot in a Saloon.

NEW YORK, 21.—The Republican's Albuquerque special says: J. Robinson, bar tender, and H. Sayra quarrelled last night in a saloon, and the latter shot the former, probably fatally. If the victim dies, Sayra is likely to be lynched.

MacVeagh Retained.

The Chicago's Washington special says: The President has decided not to accept Mr. MacVeagh's resignation for the present. MacVeagh was to have returned to Washington on Monday to acquaint his successor with the state of his office, but under the circumstances he may not arrive. Had his resignation been accepted it was the President's intention to offer him a recess to serve as counsel in the Star route cases.

The Fund.

CLEVELAND, 21.—The Western Union Telegraph, U.S. and American Express Companies will forward messages and packages of money, without charge.

Destructive Fire.

CLINTON, 21.—On Staten Island a fire began at 11 this morning in Mayer & Bachman's brewery, consuming that building, it then began to destroy a small house adjoining from which the occupants fled in terror. At noon the fire was still raging and there was danger of a boiler explosion. Loss then estimated at \$200,000.

The Stars Shine in Millions.

CHICAGO, 21.—A Washington special reports that Colonel Blunt says: While not desiring to try the Star case out of court, I may, under the circumstances, be justified in saying that when the parties concerned originally I arrived at the conclusion that the parties concerned had been guilty of great frauds on the government; my consequent investigations have strengthened that conviction. By another gentleman closely identified with the investigation of the alleged conspiracy the statement was made to-night that the amount out of which the government has been defrauded is known to be in the neighborhood of \$9,000,000.

Argument in the Star route cases begins on Thursday next.

Who Gates?

The Von Steuben party were received by the mayor this morning, as they are Kentucky born and bred. They rode about town, visited the points of interest, and were warmly welcomed on Change.

FOREIGN.

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Secret Meeting.

It is stated a meeting of a branch of the Land League was held in Dublin, on Saturday, when 200 members were enrolled. Canadian Independence.

OTTAWA, 21.—It is intimated that at the approaching meeting a member will take the sense of Parliament on the desirability of Canadian independence and the election of a chief magistrate or governor general.

The Prince of Wales, who is in Paris, lunched yesterday with Sir Charles Dilke and Gambetta.

A Contocook, N. H. dispatch says: At 1.40 this morning a slight earthquake shock was felt. It was quite severe at Henniken and was felt at Hillsboro.

DIED.

In the 10th Ward, of this city, October 20th, 1881, at 7 a.m. ELIZA, infant, daughter of Abraham and Harriet Hunter, aged 1 year, 4 months and 25 days. Funeral from residence at 2 p.m. to-morrow, Tuesday.

In the 15th Ward, Oct. 21st, at 9 o'clock a.m. ELIJAH HENRY WHITE, aged 33 years. Funeral services to-morrow at 2 p.m. from residence. Friends of the family invited.

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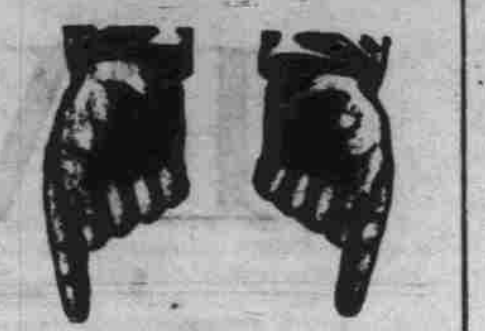
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