

THE EVENING NEWS.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The New York Journal of Commerce says, "The Deseret News, organ of Brigham Young, is at least vigorous in denouncing the reports which attribute warlike intentions to the Mormons."

There seems to be growing opposition in the States to the indiscriminate use of fireworks on the fourth of July and other holidays. The Boston Patriot says, "Let our motto be, 'hundreds for music and lead drinks, but not one cent for fireworks.'"

The Sacramento Record-Union says, "We have never believed the sensational reports about the pugnacious attitude of the people of Utah." Nor has any man blessed with a modicum of common sense. "It is only the idiots that believe all that idiotic gibberish."

The Columbia Record of June 12 says, "We hear so little now-a-days of Stillson, the New York Herald's 'commissioner of investigation,' that we fear all is not well with him. Is it possible that he would inflict upon his manly frame the same sufferings which have afflicted his manly frame?"

The New York Herald referring to the Mormon question said recently: "The problem, then, is to get rid of polygamy without getting rid of the Mormons, and that problem, neglected too long, should at once receive the careful and intelligent attention it deserves. Well, how is this to be managed? The only proper way to attempt it is to convince the 'Mormons' if you can that polygamy is wrong. Do this and you can abolish it and save them. But the Herald will not accomplish anything 'in the direction sought' by sensational fabrications and bogus outrage stories."

TABBING THE HOPPERS.

The Minnesotians appear to be fighting the grasshoppers determinedly and successfully this season. First, the people of that State met the myriad insect invaders with fasting and prayer, now they are doing them in tar baths. The St. Paul Pioneer Press says that the prospect of saving the crops of Minnesota by the use of the sheet iron and coal tar "hopper dozer" is so promising that the Governor of the State has shouldered the responsibility of promptly furnishing the sheet iron and other needed materials, the State to pay for them afterwards, and the railroads carry the same at nominal rates. The demand for tar has been so great and brisk that the supply of barrels is said to have run short.

THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Omaha Herald of June 10 reviews briefly the last annual report of the Union Pacific Railroad Stockholders and Government Directors, the work of Hon. James F. Wilson, of Iowa. The Herald says: "The class of the Mexican war was followed by wide-spread agitation about railway connection with the Pacific coast. That part of the Union was not considered secure without it. The Thirtieth Congress undertook the investigation of the subject through a select committee, of which the Hon. John A. Gilchrist was chairman, who submitted an elaborate report February 20th, 1849, nearly thirty years ago. Several projects were considered by the committee, and the best of these was that of Mr. Ass Whitney, of New York, who proposed to build a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean if he could get the necessary government aid. Mr. Rockwell reported against it, although Mr. Whitney's scheme had received the sanction of eighteen State legislatures. The report recommended that the objections to the enterprise and Mr. Wilson ranks it among the 'curiosities of legislative literature.' We quote: 'The aid asked was so grossly excessive (by the South pass) was impracticable; the line was, in considerable part, too high above the level of the sea; the expense of construction would be too great; the country was not only unpopulated, but entirely uncultivated; the proposed line a 'perfect waste'; there was no fuel on the line; the through business would be very small, and of way traffic there would be none; and the line of Whitney, that travel and freight between China, Japan, India, and Europe could be induced to pass over the line, was wholly rejected as unfounded and entirely repugnant; his expectation, that the business interests between China and the Atlantic cities of this country would be over this railroad, Mr. Whitney's was most fallacious; the committee were 'satisfied that the cost and inconvenience would both be so much greater by this railroad line, if ever finished, and in full operation, than the present mode of conveyance, that not a chest of tea would, in the ordinary course of business, ever be sent from Canton via this railroad to New York or any of the ordinary articles of trade between the two countries; and, continued the committee, 'if the road were constructed, the annual expense attending the repairs and operation of the road would be enormous.'"

RICHES OF THE ROMANOFFS.

The Muscovite rulers have feathered their nests pretty warmly, according to accounts from the Russian capital. The successors of Peter the Great have had an eye to the main chance, as sharp as any of the merchant princes who wield the sceptre in the sphere of commerce. The Crown domains are said to consist of more than a million square miles of cultivated land and forests, and the Czar owns very rich mines in the Siberian interior. His annual revenue amounts to the next little sum of \$15,000,000 in gold. This is a larger income than that of any other living potentate, and leads a common mind to wonder what on earth the Russian ruler does with it all.

Although engaging in an expensive conflict, you will not see him spending much private cash on the enterprise, but the country will have to furnish the sinews of war, and his troops will go unfed and unpaid unless taxes furnish the revenue. If the Romanoffs should happen to be crowded out of the Czar business they could retire into private life without the fear of much privation, \$15,000,000 per annum—we believe we could manage, by strict economy, to live on those figures, minus three of the cyphers.

VEGETABLE DIET AND WATER DRINK.

The following comes in an exchange: "Speaking at a vegetable banquet, at Leeds, in England, the other day the Rev. C. H. Collins said he was descended from a long line of gouty ancestors. He had been a sufferer from gout, but, having more than ten years ago become a total abstainer, and having, not long afterward, become a vegetarian, he had gradually driven the gout out, and could give no other reason for it except pure and wholesome living. He said that abstention from alcoholic liquors and from flesh meat. The tenth of man showed that he was not a carnivorous, but a frugivorous animal, and the stomach, he contended, also showed that it was intended to receive and digest the fruits of the earth. He would not go back to his former mode of life for anything that could be given to him. Vegetable diet agreed with the delicate and the robust. It was wholesome and enjoyable, and it owed a new lease of life."

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

New York, 13.—The World's Washington special says, United States District Attorney Howard, of Utah, left for Salt Lake after a full understanding with the President and the Attorney General, and with assurance that he will be supported in the prosecution of Brigham Young in any competent evidence implicating him in the Mountain Meadows massacre. He has a strong conviction that the prophet of the charge of misapplication of government funds while he was Indian agent, provided the alleged crime is not barred. The papers on file in the Comptroller's office, covering his disbursements, were supplied to the Attorney General to-day, and certified copies will be forwarded to Utah.

It is reported that application will be made to the British Government for the extradition of Richard B. Connolly, the Chicago Comptroller, on the charge of forgery, who was the father of the failure of M. J. Steingarten & Sons, dealers in millinery goods, is announced. Their liabilities are \$150,000. The stock and outstanding claims are estimated to be worth \$100,000. The creditors will probably realize twenty per cent.

Chicago, 13.—Captain Lee, of the Tenth Cavalry, has been ordered to Gen. Sheridan, from Fort Griffin, Texas; an account of his engagement with a band of Comanche Indians, near the mouth of the Skirmish occurred on the 4th of May. Four Indians were killed and six squaws and fifty-six head of mules, and a horse, and fifteen dogs, with a large supply of powder and provisions, were captured. Sergeant Charles Butler was killed.

The Tribune's Constantinople special says, the Sultan has ordered special praise services at St. Sophia, on account of the news of the Russian retreat, and in honor of the defeat at Penak of the Russians. Foreigners discredited the news.

The Tribune's Bucharest correspondent has seen a private letter from a high Russian official, at St. Petersburg, to one of the Grand Dukes, dated, not so long ago, and with great bitterness, in which the idea that the Czar will make peace and evacuate Rumania. He considers it a great ignominy which the Russian people would not tolerate. He adds that before he left the capital, personally informed the writer that a Russian new era of conquest had begun.

The Tribune's London special says, the speeches of Derby and Salisbury, last night, have caused much interest. Derby's views are now being gathered by his speech, and his feeling is doubtless inclined rather toward peace than war. The war party's sole and constant argument is that England cannot remain quiet now that her commercial interests are threatened. A division of the country into two new parties on the war issue is not improbable. The radicals present a determined front, and are outspoken and vehement, but cannot prevail in Parliament at present.

The Secretary of the National Rifle Association, of London, writes that at a meeting of the council of the latter body, it was resolved that as the rejected team from Scotland or Ireland had this year been able to enter for the international long range match, or championship of the world, at Creedmoor, the National Rifle Association had accepted the invitation and would send a team representing the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to compete in the match at Creedmoor.

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Foreign.—Eastern News. LONDON, 13.—A Turkish detachment has been ordered to the Russian district of Achallah, and threatens Russian communication with Ardahan. Should the Turkish commander succeed, the victualing of the Russian army will be very difficult.

On the approach of the three flying columns sent by Mukhtar Pasha against the Russian right wing, the Russians not only evacuated Olli, but Penack, at the foot of the pass over the Kanly range, leading to Ardahan. Both Olli and Penack were recaptured by the Turks, who also went in pursuit of the Russians.

Debtorly firing is reported from the batteries on the Danube. The Turks at Kara have made several sorties, but were repulsed with loss.

The Serbian government continues warlike in its preparations. A rupture between the Porte and Greece is considered inevitable. A vessel which was about to discharge a cargo of 150 barrels of gunpowder at Oude has been captured by Turkish war vessels.

A Disabled Steamer. The steamship Spavin, from New York for Liverpool, passed Crookhaven at six this morning, having to tow the disabled steamer City of Berlin, from New York for Liverpool.

An extraordinary meeting of the Direct United States Cable Company is to be held on the 25th of June, when a resolution winding up the company will be presented, and if adopted, will be confirmed at the second extraordinary meeting.

The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day, is \$200,000.

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