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MORE TENNESSEE INQUIRY.

The cup of the inquiry of the degenerate State of Tennessee has at last been rapidly filled up. Its foul contents may now be correctly said to be running over. The revolting tragedy enacted on Cane Creek on Sunday, the 10th day of last August, is yet fresh in the mind of the public. It is a matter of which the religious fanatics—burst in upon a peaceful assembly of people preparing to worship God in accordance with the dictates of their consciences, and ruthlessly and brutally murdered a lady so lately as to make her a cripple for life. The popular sentiment, evoked by press and pulpit, especially the latter, condemned the terrible crime, and no effort was made to bring the perpetrators to justice that outraged law and humanity might be satisfied. The only step in the direction of pursuing the assassins was a miserable sham, being the offering, by Governor Bates, of the party revenue of \$1,000, and the conviction of the mob who committed the murder.

That foul deed in the history of Tennessee remains a dark blot on the escutcheon of the State. Not only has there been no effort to wipe it out, but the State has been endeavoring to increase the dimensions of the disfigurement. The consistent reader can be satisfied himself upon that point by a perusal of a graphic letter in this issue.

It tells a mournful tale of baseness in the hands of noble fortitude and fidelity to duty and conviction on the other.

The law incorporated in the body of the communication is in keeping with other special anti-Mormon measures, being so framed as to be within its meshes those who are innocent of any real violation of its provisions. In this respect it appropriately incorporates the subtle and sinister genius of the Edmunds Act. It is so framed as to be within its meshes those who are innocent of any real violation of its provisions. In this respect it appropriately incorporates the subtle and sinister genius of the Edmunds Act.

The measure is not only grossly abusive of the rights of peaceful religious liberty, but is highly and religiously absurd. It makes it an offense within the borders of the State to say something that would have the effect of causing somebody else to go to some other State or Territory, and thereby or possibly commit an alleged offense, outside of the jurisdiction of Tennessee.

The scope of this law is given by the peculiarity of its terms, in being made purposely open, so as to admit of strained construction and application. As before intimated, this feature of anti-Mormon special legislative enactments has been strikingly shown in the enforcement of the Edmunds Act. In the first place the courts here—notably that of the Third District—conducted cases under it on the hypothesis that in order to prove unlawful cohabitation it was necessary to show that there had been an act of commerce. It was found that this theory, which is consistent with the law, had two objectionable phases. The first was that it would strike at the non-Mormons guilty of sexual sins.

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The story told by our correspondent is a thrilling one. The Saints who read it will be filled with sympathy for the unfortunate victims of a set of corrupt and merciless men who are filled with the narrow and bigoted religious persecution. If there is any extenuating condition whatever for the Tennessee outrage it lies in the bad examples of the anti-Mormon fanatics in Utah. They include Federal officials, judges, clerics and laymen. The shameful falsehoods regarding the Saints with which they have flooded the country, lured the demagogues of blood done in Tennessee and elsewhere, and the talent of murder and other evil in their skirts. Their evil example in tramping under foot the principles of the Constitution and of human liberty has been infectious and spread to localities where the virtues of the Saints were unknown.

In view of the different and extreme phases of the crime in taking place elsewhere, one is led to ask what new developments will meet be brought to light?

DEAF MUTE EDUCATION.

As an indication of the interest which is now being taken in the education of deaf mutes, we may mention that on the occasion of a recent celebration and presentation day of the deaf mute college of Washington, D. C., the following named distinguished persons occupied seats on the stand:

President Cleveland, Chief Justice Waite, W. W. Corcoran, Judge Arthur MacArthur, Secretary Bayard, Congressman W. M. Springer, Judge W. A. Niblack, Gen. John Eaton, J. C. McGuire, Dr. C. Fox, Rev. Wm. A. Bartlett, Dr. A. W. Pitzer, President Gallaudet, President J. C. Walling, a Columbian University, Prof. Silvan Newcomb and Professors Jay, Porter, Chickering, Gordon, Hotchkiss and Draper, Principal Dennison, of the Primary Department, and Rev. Thomas Gallaudet. Among the important persons who were present were the Hon. John M. McKim, Secretary of the National Association of the Deaf, and his interpreter, the Sandwich Island Minister, General Carman, and many others.

During the exercises it was mentioned that of those who have been educated at this college, 19,000 have entered the service of the church and are contributing to the spiritual needs of their own class. Some have risen to high and responsible positions under the government. The President of the patent office, several editors of influential newspapers, a number are teaching in the State institutions

LIBERTY TRAMPLED IN THE DUST IN TENNESSEE.

AN ANTI-FREE SPEECH ENACTMENT—two slaves outraged with a violation of it, bonds were made and they incarcerated in prison WITHIN A NOISOME IRON CAGE.

ELIZABETHTON, Carter Co., Tennessee, May 18, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

Your readers will doubtless remember the case of the two slaves, who were arrested last October on the charge of having introduced a bill into the Tennessee legislature, and who were arrested on the charge of having introduced a bill into the Tennessee legislature, and who were arrested on the charge of having introduced a bill into the Tennessee legislature.

A CRUCIAL BILL.

An Act to define and punish the crime of teaching polygamous doctrines and principles, and punishing persons who embrace the same.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That any person who shall teach, preach, or disseminate any doctrine or principle of polygamy, shall be guilty of a crime, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Prison for not less than one year, nor more than five years.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons in this State to induce another or others, by words or otherwise, to embrace or adopt polygamy or to emigrate to another State or Territory of the United States for the purpose of embracing, adopting or practicing the same.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That any person convicted upon presentment or indictment of a crime under this act shall be liable to imprisonment in the State Prison for not less than one year, nor more than five years.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect from and after the passage of the public laws providing for the same.

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OGDEN ITEMS.

OGDEN CITY, May 20th, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

How true is the axiom, and how frequently we see it verified, which is expressed in the following words:

"There's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip."

Many people who have seen the bright prospects of prosperity and have had, apparently just reasons to indulge in the fondest anticipations of success and happiness, have seen their hopes suddenly and miserably disappointed.

I have before written of the excellent outlook there appeared recently in this county for good not to say

of various kinds of cereals of the field on the farm and in the garden and orchards.

Although the season has, in many respects, been a very singular one, and atmospheric changes have been frequent and varied in character, bringing weather that was mild, warm and cool; cold and frigid, still we hoped that the season for injurious frosts was over, and that the crops would be saved from their scorched heat.

In fact, however, as in many other matters this year, we have been sadly disappointed.

The recent rains made vegetation bright and verdant, and washed the bright green from peach and other trees which had been to some extent scorched.

The air was mild, and frosty, and the garden looked promising on the works of his hands.

Consequently, the pleasant contemplations were exchanged by the husbandmen, and all seemed joyful in the prospect of a successful season.

Prince Albert, N. W. T., 24.—The 9th rifles left for Battleford by the Great Northern train on Friday morning. The Grenadiers had to go by trail with the scouts and transport teams owing to the non-arrival of the steamer *Argus*.

The Plague Increasing.

WILKESBARRE, 24.—Seven deaths have occurred at Wilkesbarre since last evening, and a number of new cases have been reported this afternoon.

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THE CANADIAN TROOPS RETURNING.

WINNIPEG, 24.—The Remains of Corporal Cole and Privates Frazier and Galt, who were killed in the battle of the Red River, were buried here to-day with military honors, under the auspices of the American and Canadian Governments.

The bodies were taken to the city by a special train, and were buried in the city cemetery.

The Canadian troops returning from the Red River, were met here to-day by a large number of people.

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DR. HENLEY'S CEREAL, BEEF AND IRON

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