

### Trouble in China.

The latest dates are Victoria and Hongkong, November 27th, and Shanghai, November 15th, 1856.

The papers are filled with the details of a very serious disturbance which had broken out between the Cantonese and foreign residents, resulting in a combined attack by the American and British vessels of war upon the city of Canton, and the fort and barrier along the river. The difficulty had its origin in an occurrence which took place on the Boga Tigus river, in the early part of November. An English officer was thrown overboard from a Junk, which he had boarded in his official capacity. The news reached the ears of the British Admiral, and means were at once taken to resent the insult.

H. B. M. line of battle ship Calcutta, frigate Winchester, sloop of war Silet, and steamers Barracanta and Encounter were sent to enforce the demand for redress. Without detailing the circumstances of the attack by the English, we pass on to describe the part taken by the American naval vessels under Commodore Armstrong, and the cause which led them into the fight.

On the 16th November, while the British were still operating on Canton, the gig of the U. S. sloop of war Portsmouth appeared in the river, on the way to Canton, with a dispatch from Commodore Armstrong to the commanding officer of the American factory guard, directing him to withdraw all his men from the post and leave the fighting to the British.

The boat was fired into from a barrier, and although the officer in command, Capt. Foot, waved his flag in token of his peaceable intention, the Chinese took no notice, but continued blazing away. The cutter returned and reported to Commodore Armstrong, who immediately proposed to revenge this (second it appears) insult to the "Stars and Stripes."

Two steamers were employed to tow the U. S. sloop-of-war Portsmouth and Levant up to the barriers, from whence the forces proceeded. The San Jacinto's fourth cutter, Lieut. Williamson, in command, was sent ahead to take soundings.

As soon as the cutter was discovered by the Chinese, they opened their batteries, and the first shot took off the head of the "leadman," who was standing in the bows of the boat, which was then four hundred yards from the shore.

The work of sounding was completed, however, while the shot thrown with great precision, fell in showers around the brave little crew, and by 4 o'clock, P.M. the Portsmouth had got near enough and opened a brisk fire, which was kept up till nightfall.

The Levant could not be got within range that day and during the night both vessels grounded. Before they could renew operations next morning, Dr. Parker, the U. S. Consul reached Wampoa and prevailed upon Commodore Armstrong to desist, until communication could be had with the Governor of Canton. Twenty-four hours respite was granted, but before the time expired, the Chinese commenced forming masked batteries along shore, and the Americans fearing treachery determined to attack the forts. Two forts were taken in gallant style, says the account, and their defenders sent scampering, and at last accounts, the work of demolition was still progressing.

#### CAPTURE OF THE BARRIER FORTS BY THE AMERICANS.

The future plan of operations having been agreed upon by the three Commanders, early on Friday morning the Cum-fa towed the Levant into a position much nearer the forts, the Barrier stakes alone preventing further progress. The boats of both ships were then manned with a storming party, and the capture of the fort at the entrance of Fidler's Reach resolved on. At 8 A.M. the little Cum-fa, under the able direction of Volunteer Captain W. M. Robinet, with the launches and cutters in tow, started for the fort under cover of the Levant's guns, and in the face of a galling fire from the three forts. The shot whistled and roared over and around her, but she escaped without injury, and returned to the ships unscathed, but not so with the boats. A large eight inch shot struck the San Jacinto's launch, on the starboard bow, killing one man instantly, mortally wounding two who died shortly afterwards, and wounding three slightly. The shot was a hollow one, and after striking the bread bag in the stern of the boat, quietly reposed there and remains a captive to the boat's company. The landing was effected without further trouble, and although the men had to cross a deep ditch up to their knees, and some to their waistbands, the Stars and Stripes were upon the fort in ten minutes. The landing party reached the fort with but one man injured by a rocket from the retreating Chinese.

The party entered the fort about nine o'clock and the work of destruction commenced. The buildings were all set fire to and destroyed—powder and shot thrown into the river, and everything burnable, burnt. Such guns as could be burnt were sent into fragments; those that could not, were spiked, trunnions blown off, and so defaced as to be made quite useless. This fort mounted 43 guns, none of which were less than 24 pounders and some as high as forty cetties. Two of them were beautiful brass guns, which the landing party turned upon the opposite forts with much effect—to which, however, the Chinese replied with vigor, but no loss to the American side. The work of demolition occupied till noon, when it became necessary to take measures for further proceedings, and the capture of the Island or Round fort was then determined upon. While waiting for the boats to come up, the Chinese soldiers made a sally from behind the hill at the Lob Creek pagoda, and discharged volleys of arrows and rockets, but with no effect. They were driven back and retreated to Honam Island. By this time the boats had arrived at the embarkation, and the Chinese troops in the R-and fort knowing that it was all up with them, speedily took to their heels, and the forces landed without opposition. Thus three of the four forts were captured with the loss of five killed and five wounded on

boat and shore duty, and two wounded on board the ships. This fort contained 38 guns, some of which were of enormous calibre, and the eastern embrasure of the approach from Whampoa was defended by a veritable leviathan gun, made of brass or copper, eight inches in the bore and twenty-four feet in length.

The commanders immediately determined upon their plan of operations, and by twelve o'clock at night the Fidler's Reach Fort was vacated, and the total force quietly bivouacking in the Island Fort. About midnight the moon arose, and although Chinese soldiers might be seen hurrying to and from the square fort and six hundred yards opposite, at four a.m., Saturday morning, all hands were called, after a few hours repose on the old granite floors of the fort, and the separate divisions were ordered quietly into respective boats. All preparations were made for the attack by the dawn of day—three howitzers, with their crews and ammunition, were stationed in the ports of the northern side, commanding the square fort—and at five hours forty-five minutes boats pushed off. As they opened out from the fort, the order was given to fire, and under cover of the three howitzers, the boats touched the opposite shore, and in fifteen minutes from embarkation, the flowery flag was upon the ramparts of their last strong hold.

The following are the names of the forts demolished:

Barrier Fort	-	-	38 guns.
Fidler's Reach Fort	-	-	43 "
Island	-	-	38 "
Square	-	-	31 "

Grand total - - - 165 guns, which are either totally destroyed or rendered unfit for further service.

**BRITISH POLICY.**—When Admiral Codrington, in October, 1827, by an accident, (an untoward event, as the royal speech proclaimed it) destroyed the entire Turkish fleet, of 314 vessels, in three hours, in the bay of Navarino, and so secured the success of the Grecian revolution, he was chided by his government. But, in 1828, he was knighted!

When Colonel Macnab, in utter violation of the law of nations, crossed over to Fort Schlosser, in New York, seized the ferry steamer Caroline at an American wharf, on a bitterly cold night in the winter of 1837, set fire to her, and sent her in flames over the falls of Niagara because she was suspected of conveying aid and comfort to the Canadian rebels under Mackenzie, he was chided by his government. But he was knighted in less than a twelvemonth afterwards!

And now we have a continuation of the story in the career of Mr. Crampton. He clandestinely aids his subordinates in transgressing our laws. He equivocates; he makes mischief; he pretends to forget official instructions; he labors diligently, and, no doubt, "by authority," to widen the breach between this country and Great Britain until he compels the President to demand his recall, and is finally presented with his passports and dismissed. He goes home, and is apparently rebuked for his misconduct. But in six months K. C. B. is attached to his name, as a mark of royal favor for his patriotic services!

All this, we repeat, is nothing in the history of diplomacy. It is the mere reiteration of common facts. But it will do for the digestion of those who talk so bravely of British magnanimity, and those who are inexperienced enough to believe that British representatives ever commit such extraordinary diplomatic blunders except in obedience to royal dictation.

It is the part of a wise man to foresee misfortunes, and to prevent them before they come; of a valiant man to order them well when they do come.

### AN ACT

Granting unto Lewis Robinson the right of certain lands for a herd ground, farming and other purposes, in Green River County.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, That all that tract of country on Black's Fork in Green River county, within the following limits; commencing at the north-west corner of Fort Bridger survey, running two miles north; thence six miles east; thence six miles south; thence six miles west, to a point on the western boundary line of said survey, thence four miles north to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby granted unto Lewis Robinson for a herd ground, farming and other purposes; together with all the natural facilities and interest, consisting of water, wood, mowing grass and range for stock, &c., during the pleasure of the Legislative Assembly.

Sec. 2. The said Lewis Robinson shall have the exclusive right and control of said grant; together with all the benefits and privileges arising therefrom: Provided, the traveling community shall not be debarred the privilege of grazing their teams thereon, and using fuel for camp purposes, as may be necessary while passing through the same.

Approved January 14, 1857.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

W. H. HOOPER,

Secretary pro tem. appointed by the Governor.

### Report of the 17th Quorum.

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It is requested that those who have recently been received into this Quorum will forward their genealogies immediately to the clerk. Those who have not received their licenses will notify me and obtain them, and those wishing their letters answered directly will please forward postage stamps.—By order of Council.

ROBERT ALEXANDER, Clerk.

### Sixteenth Quorum.

Of Seventies will meet in the lower room of the Council House, in Great Salt Lake City, each alternate Saturday evening at 1-2 past 6 P.M., commencing on Saturday the 31 January next. All the Council and members of the Quorum that live in or near the City will be expected to attend. And all who cannot attend will please report themselves by letter.

By order of the Council of said Quorum.

### Advertisement

In the 16th Ward, G. S. L. City, by Bishop F. Kestle, March 31st, COLINS E. FLANDERS and Miss ELLEN SOPHIA JACOBS.

In Ogden City, on the 29th of March, by Elder Henry Duce, Mr. WILLIAM T. OLIVER and Miss NANCY LOVELERN, both of said city.

### Advertisement

In this city, March 5, 1857, ELIZABETH JOHNSON, daughter of German and Spedy Ellsworth, aged 17 years and 2 months.

In this city, March 20, HENRY MITCHELL JOHNSON, of a chronic disease of the liver.

Br. Johnson was born July 12, 1821, in Dearborn county, Indiana. He emigrated with his mother to Jackson county, Mo., in 1832; was baptized in the summer of 1833, and in November of the same year was driven, with his mother, from Jackson to Caldwell county, and was forced to travel barefooted over the frozen prairie, until he could be tracked by his blood, by which his feet were so lacerated that he carried the scars to his grave.

He moved to Davis county, where in 1838 he, in common with his brethren, surrendered his arms to a ruthless mob and suffered a second banishment under the exterminating order of Governor L. W. Roggs. He next found a temporary resting place in Quincy, Ill.; thence removed to Commerce and helped to convert it into the beautiful city of Nauvoo.

In 1846, with the Saints, he was again exiled and sought an asylum in the midst of the uncivilized tribes of the western wilds; and while on this journey, to fill the requirements of the U. S. government, enlisted in the "Mormon Battalion" in July and marched to California, enduring all the fatigue and hardships of that long, wearisome campaign, and his memory still lives in the hearts of his comrades.

He arrived at this city, Oct. 24, 1848. In the spring of 1849 was ordained an Elder. In September, 1850, was married to Louisa Frances Clark. In all the Indian wars and excursions he was a minute man, and held the office of lieutenant in the battalion of "Life Guards." In April, 1856, he received a mission to Carson valley, and proceeded on his journey as far as Ogden, where he was taken sick. By the counsel of Pres. Brigham Young he returned to the city, and continued to suffer under the ravages of that loathsome disease until his departure.

As a farewell token of respect he was escorted to his grave by the battalion of Life Guards, the Nauvoo Brass and Band, the Bishop of his Ward, and a numerous procession of friends.—[Com.]

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

#### ESTRAY.

CAME to my Yard in the 17th Ward, in December last, a brindle yearling HEIFER. The owner will call pay expenses and take her away.

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ALFRED RANDALL.

#### LOST.

LAST FALL, from Captain Burton's relief company, at the east side of the Big Mountain, a Bay MARE, marked W. J. H. on one shoulder, and H. on the right hip. Any one giving information of her whereabouts will be suitably rewarded.

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JOSEPH L. HEYWOOD, 17th Ward.

#### LOST.

ON FRIDAY p.m., between Barlow's Jewellery shop and the Governor's Office, a Lady's BROOCH, oval shape, white corallian, gold frame, hair plait inside. Please leave it at Barlow's, or at my house, and receive reward.

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EDWARD HUNTER, B shop.

#### STRAYED.

A SORREL PONY, thick hairy set, branded on the left hip with a Spanish brand, on the left shoulder small N, a streak of white in his face. Also, a cream colored Mare PONY, with dark mane and tail. Any person finding those animals and will bring them to the residence of William Nowell, 17th Ward, G. S. L. City, will be amply rewarded for their trouble.

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#### Strayed.

FROM Weber Range, on Weber River, a span of Bay PONIES, branded M C on the left hip, and also on the left fore foot. One is four years old this spring, the other older. The young horse has a white hind foot, the older one has an additional brand V Z on the left thigh; both horses were shod.

Whoever will give such information as shall lead to their discovery, to W. Eddington, Deseret Store, or Moses Clawson, Ogden City, will receive Ten Dollars Reward. 5-3

### STRAYED.

FROM the 5th Ward Pasture, on the 17th of March, a three years old Sorrel Horse COLT, white stripe in face, branded T. W. W. on left hip and P. L. on thigh. Whoever will bring said colt to me or give information that will lead to his recovery shall be rewarded. (5-3) T. W. WINTER.

### Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing between A. TAYLOR & SONS has been dissolved. All debts due the firm will be paid to A. Taylor and all debts contracted under that head since the 21st May, 1856, must be paid by him, as we have not authorized him to use our names since that date.

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JABEZ H. TAYLOR,  
AMOS TAYLOR.

### TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.

ENTRANCE, Deseret Store.—GARMENTS Cut and Made to order by N. H. FELT.

### PHONO REPORTING!!

A PHONOGRAPHIC CLASS is now forming, and will commence on Thursday evening, April 9, at seven o'clock, in the Seventies' Council Hall, and will be continued two or three evenings a week for thirty evenings, or until the whole theory of the system of Phonetic Shorthand is exhibited.

Persons wishing to become members of the class are requested to give in their names without delay, as no one unacquainted with the rudiments of the science will be admitted after the second lesson has been given.

Gentlemen who have learned the first style of Phonography can become members on the eighth evening, and those who have acquired a knowledge of the second style should be present to receive the 15th lesson. Terms: \$5 in advance.

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J. V. LONG, Reporter.

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