

## EDITORIALS.

## GREAT RAILWAY ENTERPRISE.

THE Omaha Herald of March 6th says that on the 3rd of this month a meeting was held in Wall Street, New York, when Sidney Dillon, Jay Gould and Oliver Ames were elected directors of the Chicago and North-western, and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Companies, a powerful railway combination was entered into, and a new and independent route formed between New York City and the Pacific Coast. It is proposed that the Canada Southern Railroad, in which Mr. Gould holds a controlling interest, shall be completed to Chicago, so as to constitute the route for the new line from Chicago to Buffalo, between which latter place and New York city the old Erie road is to be used, giving an uninterrupted through line from New York to San Francisco for the trans continental traffic. The Herald claims that this means increased prosperity to Nebraska and Omaha.

This arrangement will affect Utah more or less, as the great Pacific roads, Union and Central, cut her in two, and the Utah Central and Southern, and Utah Northern, in all of which Mr. Gould has or will have from a large to a controlling interest, quarter section her. The Utah Northern Extension through Idaho and into Montana he is likely enough to build and control, as also the Utah Southern extension southward. These with other railway investments in or immediately affecting this Territory will give to this transcontinental combination more or less control over all the railroads in Utah as well as the great through line, and will affect the prosperity of the people in these mountains to an eminent degree.

## REVISED EDITION OF THE REVISED STATUTES.

THE act for the revision and republication of the United States Revised Statutes, which passed the House Feb. 24, and the Senate Feb. 27, of the late session, provides that the revision shall be made by a commissioner appointed by the President, by Jan. 1, 1878, and shall include all the acts of the Forty-fourth Congress, that is, up to March 3, 1877. The Secretary of State shall then have a month for examination and comparison of the revision. Fifteen thousand volumes shall then be printed and promulgated without unnecessary delay, which volumes shall be legal and conclusive evidence of the laws therein contained in all the courts of the United States and of the several States and Territories.

The new revision of the statutes of Congress, if well done, will be an excellent thing. A revision and condensation or codification of the laws of the United States should be made carefully, intelligently, and judiciously, every few years, as often as might be deemed best, say every seven, eight, or ten years at most. The census is taken every decade, and it is advocated that it be taken every five years. Why not revise and codify the laws every decade, making none but necessary changes in the revision and codification, leaving all essential changes to be made in the interim by the legislature? Such a policy would keep the laws in accessible and handy form always before the people, who would then better know what laws were in force, and what the laws were.

The same remarks would apply to the laws of a State or a Territory.

## PROOF IN HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

THE following is a portion of the proceedings in the United States House of Representatives, March 2, as reported in the Congressional Record—

The next business on the Speaker's table was the bill (H. R. No. 1225) to amend section 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in relation to proof required in homestead entries.

Mr. GARFIELD. If the Committee on Public Lands, or any member of that committee, has looked into this case, I will not object, but otherwise I must object.

Mr. OLIVER. This bill has been before the Committees on Public Lands of the two Houses and has been reported by them unanimously, and it has at different times passed both Houses of Congress.

Mr. GARFIELD. Then I withdraw the objection.

The clerk read the bill. It provides that the proof of residence, occupation, or cultivation, the affidavit of non-alienation, and the oath of allegiance required to be made by section 2291 of the Revised Statutes may be made before the judge, or, in his absence, before the clerk of any court of record in the county and State or district and Territory in which the lands are situated; and if said lands are situated in any unorganized county, such proof may be made in a similar manner in any adjacent county in said State or Territory; and the proof, affidavit, and oath, when so made and duly subscribed, shall have the same force and effect as if made before the register or receiver of the proper land district; and the same shall be transmitted by such judge, or the clerk of his court, to the register and the receiver, with the fee and charges allowed by law to him; and the register and receiver shall be entitled to the same fees for examining and approving said testimony as are now allowed by law for taking the same.

The bill in its second section provides that if any witness making such proof, or the said applicant making such affidavit or oath, swears falsely as to any material matter contained in said proof, affidavits, or oaths, the said false swearing being wilful and corrupt, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be liable to the same pains and penalties as if he had sworn falsely before the register.

No objection being made the bill was passed.

## ANOTHER PANIC CATASTROPHE.

WE have to-day to record another of those dreadful disasters resulting from a really causeless panic in a large building, the Roman Catholic Church of St. Francis Xavier, New York, last night (March 8). It appears that the panic arose from the fainting and hysterical screaming of a young woman in consequence of being preached at upon the terrors of hell, that is, purgatory, and the torments of the damned, by "Father Langiacke." The young woman could not endure the highly colored and sensational description which the reverend gentleman's fertile imagination led him to present so vividly to his audience, nearly all of whom were women and children. The audience became excited at the young woman's accident, and somebody foolishly increased the excitement by the startling cry of "Fire," which has a terribly piercing effect, especially upon women and children. The excitement resulted in a panic over the attempt to escape from the building, in which the audience, as is apt to be the case, became half crazy, crowding, pushing and trampling upon each other, until six women and a boy were killed and a number of others more or less injured. Nothing could be done to stop the surging masses from pressing on in the narrow passageway. They were deaf to all appeals. Only the thought of self-escape seemed to possess them.

The reverend preacher was somewhat to blame. He should have known better than to "shake over hell" a congregation of women and children, who are naturally far more injuriously impressionable and sympathetic over such things than men are. If he had preached more from knowledge and less from a heated and distorted imagination, in all probability the catastrophe would not have occurred.

It is somewhat paradoxical that the preacher himself, although engaged in depicting such horrible things to his audience, when he saw the excitement produced, declared that there was no cause for alarm.

—The New York Herald's pious editor suggests that if you find it difficult to keep your children in check while they are young, you will find it far more difficult to keep them in checks when they are older.

## AFTER A STORM COMES A CALM.

THINGS political seem to be calming down rapidly. After the prolonged and intensified bubble, bubble, toil and trouble of the late campaign, everybody seems to be getting quieter, and almost everybody seems to be content to accept the situation, and let the new President and his new policy have a fair trial.

It is announced that officials must be competent before they are appointed, that removals will not be needlessly made, that they will not be made except for good cause, and that partisan considerations will not have great weight in making appointments. This is all very good. It is a great change from the recent policy, and will do doubt be well received by the country at large. It ought to work well and for the public benefit. It is "calculated" to conduce to a sounder condition of the public service, to greater faithfulness and efficiency, and to discourage partisan hangers on.

The office-seekers appear to be turning their backs on Washington, greatly disgusted at the new administration's non-appreciation of them, and non-encouragement of them. It is rather amusing to see those gentry discomfited. They and the extreme partisans will doubtless bewail the new policy and be forward to forebode the early downfall of the party and of the country, but the people in general, throughout all the States and Territories, will be as forward to sustain the new administration in all policies and measures which fairly promise a renewal of the old time public prosperity. The hard times have borne hardly on money, and they want a change for the better. They hope for it with the change of administration, and anything which promises a realization of this hope will be hailed with joy and gladness by a large majority of citizens.

## Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 13.

**Killed by Snow-slide.**—The following came last night—

"WASATCH, 12.—Information has just been received that two men of the Butte mine were killed by snow slide near Grizzly Flat, a mile above Alta. No more particulars yet. Names unknown."

**Street Improvement.**—The supervisor has a large force of men and teams at work on the north end of First East Street immediately above the old blacksmith shop, grading over the brow of the hill. The gravel thus obtained is being used on the same street, State Road, further south.

**Traps.**—There are some places in the streets, where the water pipes have been laid and the filled-in earth has been compacted by the rains, and sunk below the general surface. A little gravel to fill the places up again is needed and would help teams, and perhaps save some from injury.

**Terrible Calamity.**—Intelligence has reached the city that one of the men killed in the snow slide near Grizzly Flat, a mile above Alta, is Jared Pratt, aged between fourteen or fifteen years, son of Prof. Orson Pratt.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of their many friends.

**Letters Destroyed.**—A dispatch in to-day's News states that a postal car having the San Francisco letters of March 2 and 3, while on the Buffalo and Chicago Railroad on the 8th, was destroyed by collision. The car had 20,000 ordinary letters and 500 registered letters in it. It is possible that Salt Lake letters of the 4th and 5th were in the same car.

**Man Killed.**—The following comes this afternoon—

"ALTA CITY, March 13, 2:20 p.m.

"James Isherwood, better known as Uncle Jimmy, was killed in the A. & P. of Wales mine, about 10 o'clock this morning. He fell some two hundred feet down the shaft. He was found alive and died on the way to Alta. Both his legs were broken, his upper jaw crushed in, and one eye protruding, and he was otherwise internally injured."

E. T. City.—J. M. writes from E. T. City, Tooele County, March 10—

"We are having delightful spring weather for this time of year. I think that spring has fairly opened. Some of the brethren have begun to put in their spring grain, such as wheat, oats, and barley. Our fall grain looks very beautiful. Our meetings are very well attended on Sunday. We have a good Sunday school, and a day school, and also a Y. M. M. I. A., which Brothers J. H. Parry and H. A. Woolley organized a few weeks ago, and which we pray may prove a blessing."

**Brass Band.**—The workmen employed on the Temple Block are taking steps toward the obtaining of instruments with a view to organizing a brass band. They have donated some of the necessary funds themselves, and intend soliciting aid from others willing to help in attaining the object.

The want of a brass band is a deficiency that should not exist in a city of the dimensions of Salt Lake, with a musically inclined population. Providing the effort to obtain the necessary "pieces" prove successful, Prof. Thomas has kindly consented to give the necessary instruction free of charge.

**The Snowslide—Fatal Cave** in the Flagstaff.—The following comes this morning—

"ALTA CITY, March 13.

"Between 12 and 1 o'clock on Sunday a slide took place in Honey Comb Fork, killing Mathew Ingram and Jared Pratt. A Mr. Stevens was in the slide and carried some few hundred yards, but got out all right. The bodies go down to-day."

"There was a big cave in the Flagstaff last evening, covering five men, and instantly killing Henry Johnson. No others were badly hurt."

**A Mormon Elder.**—We had the pleasure of meeting and conversing with Henry Grow, Esq., a Mormon Elder from Salt Lake City, last week. Mr. Grow is a native of Lower Merion and removed to Salt Lake City with his wife many years ago, a convert to Mormonism. Mr. Grow is an enthusiastic supporter of the Mormon doctrine, and his appearances indicate that he enjoys and will enjoy many years yet of life's pleasures. Mr. G. states, that it is one of the principles of their faith, that they believe in exalting the female sex, instead of, as many of them are, seduced and thrown into destruction. They believe it to be one of the first commandments that God gave to Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply and replenish the earth, and that the principle of their faith leads into eternity for the exaltation of the children of men.—*Norristown (Pa.) National Defender, March 6.*

**The Montana Lunatics.**—The two Montana lunatics are still lodged at the City Jail. The Irishman, at his own request, is at work on the streets, under the direction of the Supervisor, and the labor appears to be having a salutary effect on him, both physically and mentally.

Governor Emery has been requested, by Governor Potts, of Montana, to see that the two men are taken care of, at the cost of that Territory.

**Changed Hands.**—Mr. Frank Armstrong has purchased the H. C. Kimball flouring mill, on North Temple Street, and is refitting and improving it, increasing the capacity from one to three run of stones, besides other machinery. He is also putting in new supply flumes and a substantial rock waste ditch, which latter will be covered, and the street along the north side of the City Creek culvert will be leveled up and graveled similarly to the south side. We understand he purposes ultimately to clear away the old workshops adjoining the mill to the eastward and bringing his water power to the building underground.

**On the Way.**—This morning we had the pleasure of meeting with Bishop William Budge and Brother J. U. Stucki, of Paris, Bear Lake Valley, who are on their way to St. George from that northern region, to attend the General Conference. They came, accompanied by Bishop Dalrymple, of Preston, and Brother Thomas Slight, of Paris, by way of Bear River Valley, over the mountains to Wasatch, and encountered some rough weather, rain, snow, and sleet. They traveled with great difficulty, the snow being a-

bout two feet deep in the more elevated portions of the road to Wasatch.

Throughout Bear Lake Valley there is but little snow, the streets in the settlements being entirely free from it. There is a prospect of an early open spring, always a good thing for that part, enabling the people to get their crops in early, causing them to be less liable to injury by early Fall frosts.

General Rich, who has been in town for some time, will also shortly leave for St. George, making a party of five from the extreme northern settlements.

**"Workingmen's Co-op."**—It will be seen by an advertisement, in another part of the paper, that a change has occurred in the business of what has been known as the Workingmen's Co-operative Establishment, the well known boot and shoe house. On account of business operations being somewhat curtailed for want of more extended capital, the shareholders have sold out to Mr. William H. Rowe, a gentleman of experience and ability in the boot and shoe line, who will retain the old corps of workmen whose reputation for turning out a good quality of goods has been established. The change has not occurred from any failure in business of the old co-operative firm, they paying up every dollar for which the concern was liable. It was deemed, however, that it would be an advantage to the trade to make the change that has just occurred, and with additional machinery and experience now thrown into the business there is a good prospect for those expectations being realized.

**Grand and Petit Juries.**—Yesterday, in the District Court, the following were drawn as jurors, to serve during the April term, the numbers prefixed indicating the order in which they stood on the original list—

## GRAND JURORS.

- 13 George A. Lowe, Salt Lake City
- 23 Richard Mackintosh, Salt Lake City
- 29 Wm S. Godbe, Salt Lake City
- 36 Joseph M. Cahoon, Salt Lake City
- 39 Martin K. Harkness, Salt Lake City
- 45 Wm M. Johns, Salt Lake City
- 47 Fred Auerbach, " "
- 51 George W. Bostwick, " "
- 63 Jos W. Hawkins, " "
- 70 Richard Chamberlain, Salt Lake City
- 73 Geo. Morrison, Park City
- 83 H. C. Shurtliff, Farmington
- 93 Samuel Williams, North Jordan
- 117 Manning Williams, Ophir
- 131 J. B. Hullinger, " "
- 157 J. B. Benedict, Stockton
- 161 Charles S. Penwell, " "
- 199 Moroni Keen, Plain City

## PETIT JURORS.

- 24 John Daynes, Salt Lake City
- 41 Moss Woolf, " "
- 59 Boyd Park, " "
- 60 Gibson S. Condie, " "
- 62 John Bailey, " "
- 72 Samuel Riter, " "
- 84 Alex Glenn, " "
- 87 W. W. Funge, Ogden
- 89 John Anthony, " "
- 90 Henry Rudy, Brighton
- 95 N. B. Pashall, Ophir
- 101 C. C. Whitehead, " "
- 104 Robert Ellwood, West Jordan
- 105 H. A. Willard, Ophir
- 106 John Irvin, West Jordan
- 107 Harman Gray, Ophir
- 108 John A. Egbert, West Jordan
- 109 Albert Thompson, Ophir
- 110 James Shields, West Jordan
- 112 Samuel Green, South Jordan
- 113 Wm P. Gwinn, Ophir
- 115 Wm C. Gregg, " "
- 122 Thos. Snarr, South Cottonwood
- 127 Daniel Stanton, Ophir
- 133 Gibson Clark, Sandy
- 136 E. H. Williams, Mill Creek
- 137 James Gordon, " "
- 141 Albert Uebel, Bingham
- 148 James McCormick, Kamas
- 149 Wm J. Noland, Bingham
- 150 Wm Bachelor, Hennesville
- 152 Alex Caulderwood, Coalville
- 160 Seth Langton, Smithfield
- 167 Dexter Jones, Tooele City
- 169 H. D. Converse, Dry Cañon
- 174 Geo J. Marsh, Willard
- 177 Hyrum Lusk, sen., Dry Cañon
- 178 Ira N. Spaulding, Easton
- 182 Levi B. Hammond, Hooperville
- 183 John Nelson, Logan
- 189 John Jellins, " "
- 190 John S. Smith, Kaysville

**Missionary Labors—Indian Raids.**—We have perused an interesting letter from Elder J. Z. Stewart, to a friend in this City. It is