

afternoon the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, a difference of opinion appears to exist as to the efficacy of the amnesty granted by ex-President Harrison to relieve sexual offenders, in Utah, from prior disability to vote; and

Whereas, in the interest of elective government, that doubt ought to be solved in favor of the man;

Therefore resolved, that any person in the Territory otherwise qualified to vote, and who has abstained from committing any such sexual offense since November 1st, 1890, ought, in the opinion of the commission, for the reason aforesaid, to be permitted to register.

July 17, 1893.

While we voluntarily concur in the proposition to advise the registration officers of the various election precincts, that in the opinion of the commission they may, and should, permit former polygamists to register as voters, if otherwise qualified, upon their taking an oath or affirmation that they have not, since the 1st day of November, 1890, been guilty of the practices forbidden by the acts of Congress known as the Edmunds and Edmunds-Tucker laws, we desire to record that it is our opinion, speaking strictly from a legal standpoint, and not as we might wish were its legal effect, that the deprivation of the voting privilege is merely an electoral regulation, fixing the qualification of voters, and not a penalty or punishment for crime or disobedience to the laws, and, therefore, that the amnesty proclamation of the President does not, without further legislation, restore the privilege of voting to those thus disfranchised.

As this is a question, however, upon which opinions differ, even among those who command respect for legal acumen, it becomes so much a question of doubt, that we feel impelled to resolve the doubt in favor of those who suffer from the deprivation, and therefore give our assent. If an error of judgment, it is an error on the side of clemency, is in accord with the spirit of the proclamation, and, as we believe, in accord with the sentiment of the people of the Territory, as well as one which can more readily be defended than an error in the other direction.

R. S. ROBERTSON,

A. B. WILLIAMS.

JOHN A. MCCLERNAND.

Colonel Godfrey, one of the members of the commission, remarked to a News reporter while the latter was copying the foregoing: "You can say for Colonel Lett and myself that we voted for the resolution because we believe it is the law."

IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Today a letter was received from Elder R. M. Wright, giving an account of the Fourth of July exercises at Foreston, South Carolina. The letter has been delayed in transmission. It also gives the proceedings at an assemblage of about 175 people in the school house to show their respect for Elders D. O. Willey of Bountiful, and D. S. Wallace of this city, who have filled a mission in the South and are released to return home. The assemblage was addressed by the two Elders, after which a bounteous repast was partaken of. The people again met in the school house, and a brief service was held at which the speakers were Elders Dorritz, Schranefeldt, Patrick, Taylor and Wright.

On the 6th the ordinance of baptism was performed, there being ten appli-

cants for admission to the Church. Elder Wright says: "There has been a branch of the church organized here on the Santee, and it is in a flourishing condition. There are now 39 members, and a good Sunday school. Brother Robert Tobias is the school superintendent, with Brother Henry B. Dross as his assistant. We are made to rejoice in the fruits of our labors and know the Lord has blessed us in seeking out the honest in heart and in laying before them the plan of salvation. Our conference is flourishing nicely and we are all looking forward with pleasure to when we can all meet at the conference to be held in October next."

NEWS OF THE WEST.

The customs officers seized forty cans of unstamped opium on the steamer Danube on Saturday afternoon at Portland, Or. The opium was found in the tool room.

A large cave has been discovered in the Little Goose Creek canyon, Wyo., that is said to rival in grandeur and sights the great Wind cave of South Dakota.

William Danbar, manager of the Merchants' Steamship Transportation company, has been arrested at Portland, Or., on a charge of smuggling opium. He was released on \$5000 bonds.

George Brown, 14 years of age, son of E. L. Brown, a resident of the East Side, Colorado Springs, Col., drew the bullets from a number of revolver cartridges, and emptying the powder into an old teapot touched a match to it. The hair on his face and the front of his head was burned off, and it was feared he would lose his eyesight, but the physicians now believe they can save it.

Thieves broke into some of the summer cottages at Holiday Park, Peo, and did a large amount of damage besides taking considerable bedding, carpets and other articles away. The thieves left the cottage open to the elements and wild animals; opened the coal oil cans and allowed the oil to run all over the floors; scattered the wearing apparel all over the floors and made a general wreck.—*Summit County Chronicle*.

H. Brunet, a French capitalist of San Francisco, committed suicide on Sunday morning at Hughes's resort, near Mayfield, by shooting himself in the heart with a shot gun. Brunet and his wife came from San Francisco a few days ago for an outing in the country, and took up their abode at Hughes's place. He had been suffering with asthma, having been thus troubled for a number of years, and this is supposed to be the cause of his act.

A coal oil stove exploded on Saturday in the house of Charles Kidd, in East Riverside, Cal., and Mrs. C. Lish, his wife's mother, was so severely burned that her recovery is considered doubtful. Mrs. Lish, who is seventy-one years of age, entered the kitchen just as the stove exploded. Her daughter, Mrs. Kidd, was in bed in an adjoining room with her baby, born three days ago. The old lady, in her anxiety to save her helpless daughter and baby, seized the stove and attempted to carry

it out doors. She finally got it out, but in doing so she spilled the blazing oil over herself, burning her arms, chest and face. She would probably have been burned to death on the spot had not Mr. Kidd come in and poured the contents of a water barrel over her. Mrs. Kidd is also in a serious condition owing to the shock.

G. H. Kuhner, of Denver has met with a peculiar accident. He has now learned by sad experience that electricity is a very dangerous thing to monkey with. The Oakland, San Leandro and Haywards electric line passes the door of the saloon at which he is employed. Kuhner did not have much to do on Saturday morning, so he attached the hose to a faucet and commenced to water the street. He had not heard much about electricity and did not know that certain causes would produce certain effects. The bartender saw the innocent looking trolley wire before him. The copper shone bright in the afternoon sun. "I wonder if this stream can reach that wire," said Kuhner to himself. Then he raised the stream to test his guess. The water struck the wire square, and in an instant the bartender was standing on his head and the hose was playing on him. He received a terrible shock and is now confined to his room.

On Saturday afternoon Special Detectives Selvey and Smith of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad company, and J. W. Bennett, the merchant at Houck's tank on the Navajo Indian reservation, N. M., called at the house of an Indian to arrest him for throwing a switch at Lurino canyon, resulting in the death of a freight engineer, and the visit was a fatal one. The Indian made a desperate fight against the three, grabbed the pistol of Bennett and inflicted a flesh wound over his left eye. He was getting the best of Officer Selvey when the latter called upon Smith to shoot the Indian, which he did, killing him instantly. The killing caused the congregation of several hundred desperate Navajos, but in the meantime Selvey and Smith had intrenched themselves in the store building, and Bennett had caught a freight train to inform the commanding officer at Fort Wingate, near by, of the trouble. The Indians kept in a threatening attitude until midnight last night, and when the troops arrived from Fort Wingate, and a goodly number of armed white men, there was not a Navajo to be found. However, further trouble is feared.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

GRANTSVILLE, July 18.—A serious accident occurred at this place today and that the victim of it is not now dead is a marvel. A little four-year-old son of Jethro Rydick was playing about the house when out of curiosity he, child-like, opened the door of a closed washstand, the lower part of which contained a number of shelves and which was used as a medicine chest. On the shelves were a good many small bottles containing various kinds of medicine, some of which was of a poisonous character. The little fellow took one of the vials containing tincture of iodine from the lot and uncorking it