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LETTERS FROM UTAH CORRESPONDENTS.

We extract the following from letters written to California, from this Territory:

"CAMP FLOYD, U. T., Sept. 7, 1859.

I avail myself of the privilege of dropping a letter by way of giving you the current news. Affairs generally in the Territory are in *statu quo* as to things in general, meaning thereby the issue between the Mormons and Gentiles. The better classes on both sides do not appear to desire any difficulties, but there are those among both parties anxious to stir up strife.

Many of the troops take every opportunity to insult and injure the Mormons, and there are plenty of those who claim to be of the latter class that retaliate every chance they have. But this latter class consists principally of those who are in bad repute with the church here, and the leaders would be glad to be rid of them. They even visit their vengeance on Mormons in good standing. You will see in the papers from here accounts of the deaths of Drown and Arnold, both assassinated at the same time, all the parties being Mormons.

The conviction of the Mormon for counterfeiting Government drafts and permitting the two Gentiles to turn State's evidence, is creating a great deal of comment here. The two Gentiles coaxed the Mormon into the transaction, as their published evidence shows, and the only counterfeit offered in circulation was by one of the two; yet he was permitted to convict the Mormon. This is no good way to teach the rebellious ones here how to respect American justice."

"In my next I will speak more fully of the country and people, and will tell the truth, let it effect Gentile or Mormon as it may."

"CARSON."

The same correspondent under date of Sept. 13, writes:

"Dr. Forney, the Indian Agent, has just returned from a trip out towards the Humboldt. What his success was in propitiating those very hostile Indians in that section, I have not learned. I was at Pleasant Valley about the time he met the Indians there. One old chief, the spokesman of the party, gave him a very plain talk—called him an old woman, said he would lie, and many other hard things. The doctor allowed that the Indians had never talked so to him before, or else the interpreter had not told him what was really said. No doubt the Indians have had many promises made them that have not been fulfilled.

Judging from the reports that the Indian agents send on to Washington, they do a great deal towards humanizing the savages. I have heard a good thing in relation to one of the agents in this Territory. He was on the eve of departing for the east, and had an old chief brought in to have a grand talk. Sitting in his dignity, with his secretary by him, he says to the chief:

"I am going to the sunrise to see the Great Father, to have a talk with him. Do you understand me?"

"Yes," grunted the Indian.

"Secretary, put that down."

"While I am gone I constitute you the chief of all the Indians in this region. I shall be absent four moons; at the end of which time I shall return and send for you. Do you understand?"

"Yes," again grunted the Indian.

"Secretary, put that down."

"I shall hold you responsible for all depredations committed by the Indians under your charge, and shall expect you to make them respect the lives and property of our inhabitants. Do you understand?"

"Yes, you git 'em hungry; shauntz rabbits; you ketch 'em, eat 'em," answered the Indian.

He supposed the agent was asking him how he should get along when his provisions gave out, and so told him that if he got hungry, there were plenty of rabbits, and to catch them and eat them. Other Indian treaties are about as well understood by the Indians."

Marshal Dotson's Resignation Letter.

"GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, U. T.,
August 1st, 1859.

To His Excellency James Buchanan, President of the United States:

Sir—I hereby tender you my resignation as United States Marshal for the Territory of Utah, to take effect from the 20th instant.

In tendering this, my resignation, I deem it my duty to warn you, so far as my humble voice will avail, that the present policy of the Government towards this Territory will be fatal to Federal supremacy in Utah, and can only tend to build up, consolidate and perpetuate the political and ecclesiastical power of Brigham Young and his successors. The unasked and to this day derided pardon extended to treason has only tended to encourage traitors; and the presence of Federal troops, crippled and humiliated by the instructions, and restraints imposed on them, serves only the purpose of enriching the coffers of the Mormon Church and of subserving the ends of Mormon polity.

The Courts of the United States in the Territory, powerless to do good, in dreadful mockery of justice, are compelled to lend the power and majesty of the law to subserve the evil designs of the very criminals whom they seek to punish. Impotent to protect innocence, they encourage crime. The Federal officers of the Territory, opposed and annoyed continually by those whose cordial support and

co-operation could alone enable them effectively to sustain the dignity of the positions which they occupy, are as forms without substance, shadows without reality. Though willing to serve the Administration from which I received my appointment, I cannot remain an officer of the Government without the power to maintain its dignity.

It becomes me in this connection to represent to your Excellency the entire inadequacy of the compensation of the United States Marshal in the Territory of Utah. The salary attached to this office is only \$200 a year, and the fees in connection with the same have scarcely amounted to \$800 per annum. The duties of the Marshal are onerous and fatiguing, and, if strictly attended to, preclude almost entirely his engaging in any other business. In this expensive country, an unsettled salary of \$1,000 will pay but a small share of the expenses of a family. The Territorial Legislature have refused to appropriate the necessary funds to pay the Marshal's fees whilst engaged upon Territorial business; he is, therefore, obliged to perform the service gratuitously or to place an effectual check upon the proceedings of the Court, an end of which the legislators hoped by this means to accomplish. The emoluments of the office are thus entirely disproportioned to the labors it imposes.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
P. K. DOTSON,
United States Marshal for Utah Territory.

Judge, who drew up friend Peter's resignation?

Rowdyism.

A correspondent residing in a little village in the northern part of the Territory, says that there has been considerable rowdyism, street-brawling, and other like demonstrations there of late, much to the annoyance of those who prefer peace and quietude, particularly in the night time, to such exhibitions of modern refinement, as have been witnessed more or less in all of the settlements in these mountains, since the arrival of the missionaries so benevolently sent here, to introduce reform among the people, by their pious friends at the east.

It is well known that there is one of those concerns in operation not far from the residence of our correspondent, which superinduces riotous and tumultuous conduct on the part of those who have been converted in some measure, and perhaps fully, to the new faith, who patronize such establishments in order to show forth the beauties of their profession, and their attachment to the doctrines inculcated by those religious and moral reformers, from whom they have been taking lessons for some months past. Wherever a little distillery exists for the manufacture of that peculiar kind of stuff, commonly known as whisky, but in this country often called "greasewood, sage tea," etc., to distinguish it from the imported, since the original name by which the poisonous liquid was formerly known has been appropriated or used to designate the kind or quality of something else, there are generally found those who will show out what is in them, by carousing and performing all the rites and ceremonies practiced by the worshippers of Bacchus; and if there are not some in the northern settlements that yet call themselves Saints, not having fully concluded to depart from the faith and altogether follow after those who are seeking to lead them to perdition, who do not occasionally associate with inebriates, there is certainly a better class of people living in that region than in any other county, city or town that we have seen or heard of since the arrival of the aforesaid missionaries in this country.

In this city there is less rowdyism by far than there was a few months since. Many of the noted characters, who were in the habit of constantly disturbing the peace, have taken their departure for California and the States, we hope never to return. Some have unquestionably gone to other cities and places in the Territory, considering no doubt that their missionary labors here were no longer needed, or were not duly appreciated by the people in general, which was verily the truth. Since they left, several outrages have been heard of in different places, indicating that the work of reform as taught and practiced by them, has not been entirely abandoned. Some few of these unwelcome teachers still remain here, but their number is becoming less and less every week, and no good citizen cares how soon the last one goes, nor how soon thereafter their disciples shall resolve to follow.

REPAIRING THE ROADS.—Arrangements have been entered into between the city and county officers for repairing the state road, between the old Bath House and the Hot Springs north, which has been in a very bad condition for some time past, and in a week or two it

will be put in good repair once more, so that the traveling public, including those who are constantly hauling wood, hay, tithing produce, etc., to the city, will have less difficulty in hauling a full load than they now have.

Many complaints have been made, and not without cause, about the mud holes that have existed, quite too long, on that section of the public highway passing through the springy, marshy places immediately north of the city, and more no doubt would have been said concerning them by the citizens of Davis county, who so often visit the city, if there had been no bad places in the road between the Hot Springs and Farmington. We are quite sure that the attention of our good friends in Davis would have been called to some of the bad places in the road there, if there had been none existing in this county, and as soon as all obstructions to travel are removed nearer home, those farther off will be noticed, if they are not then numbered among the things that were.

AGGRIEVED.—A lengthy communication has been received from Mr. Geo. Hill of Ephraim, explanatory of the disgraceful occurrence that transpired at that place on the 15th of October, which resulted so disastrously to Mr. J. T. S. Allred, and disclaiming any participation in the whisky drinking, swearing, and pistol drawing parts of the tragic scene. He says that the other person was the aggressor and the only one that drew a pistol, all of which may be correct. His statement in detail, which we have not room to publish according to his request, does not vary much from that of our San Pete correspondent, who, Mr. Hill thinks, was most too severe on him by making no distinctions in the report. All that we have to say is that it is a pity, a great pity, that good men should be caught in bad company, and trust that our friend will be more careful in future.

Mr. Allred is said to be recovering.

Wind and Weather.

During Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week the wind blew a hurricane much of the time, raising clouds of dust in every direction. A few drops of rain followed, but not enough to prevent the dust from moving whenever the wind blew hard, as it did, more or less, on Saturday and Sunday.

About 8 p.m. on Sunday it commenced raining and continued all night—snow falling in considerable quantities on the mountains and in some places on the benches. Snow was flying most of the forenoon on Monday, tho' it melted as fast as it fell. The afternoon was quite pleasant.

Yesterday (Tuesday) morning it looked quite wintry, but it was not very cold during the day.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.—At Ephraim on the 24th ult. Mr. Frost of Spanish Fork had his left arm twisted off just above the wrist by being caught with the belt of a thrashing machine.

CLIPPINGS.

—The imports of the current fiscal year have been estimated by the Treasury Department at 390,000,000, exceeding those of any former year by about 30,000,000.

—The Kansas corn crop is said to be so large, that it will be a drug in market, unless a supply of stock hogs can be procured to carry it to market. About 15 cents a bushel is the estimated value of the crop in the vicinity of Lawrence. The wheat crop is said to be excellent, and Kansas flour is equal to the best Genesee.

—A gentleman lately killed himself in Florida for the love of a Miss Bullett. The poor fellow couldn't live with a Bullett in his heart.

—Chief Justice Taney, of the Supreme Court of the United States, is in the 83d year of his age, and all his eight associate Justices, except one, are over 70 years.

—A strike among the men working on the New York and Erie Railroad tunnel at Bergen, New Jersey, took place in consequence of the non-payment of wages. The laborers obstructed the track and stopped all the trains. The military were held in readiness of orders, but it being impossible to find the Sheriff, the troops were dismissed, and the strikers remained victorious.

—A correspondent of the Boston Journal proposes the name of Hon. Amos Kendall as a candidate for President of the United States.

—A paper published in Xenia, Ohio, announces that Dr. J. S. Prescott, formerly of that place, is engaged in a movement to estab-

lish colonies of free colored persons in the counties of Dickenson, O'Brien, Osceola and Cherokee, in Iowa, and that meetings have been held in Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and other cities, to aid the enterprise.

—A son of Marshal Macdonald, one of those great captains who filled Europe with their renown during the career of the first Napoleon, is now residing in Indiana. He is represented as a gentleman of wealth and standing. His son, and of course the grandson of the Marshal, now resides in St. Louis. He is a young member of the bar, of fine personal appearance and stated to be promising in his profession.

—Moses Kimball, Esq., of Boston, offers three prizes of \$12, \$8, and \$5, to the citizens of Franklin County who set out the largest number of sugar maples along the roadside during the year 1859, and will probably continue the same next year.

—Karl Ritter, the great German geographer and friend of Baron Humboldt, was lying very ill at his residence in Berlin, at latest dates. He is in the eighty-first year of his age.

—Some of the Madrid journals published articles on the necessity of taking Gibraltar from the English, no matter by what means.

—The National Assembly of Parma had voted the expulsion of the house of Bourbon, and the annexation of Parma to Sardinia.

—It is said that Victor Emanuel is disbanding the army, but that the men are furnished with passports to Tuscany and Modena, where they will swell the army of Central Italy.

The French marriage makers (says a letter from Paris) have found a wife for that disconsolate young widower, the King of Portugal. His Majesty, they assert, has been counseled to demand the hand of Queen Victoria's second daughter. Such an alliance would be advantageous in many points of view, as it might extend the principles of Protestantism into a country not ill prepared to receive them, by the intolerable bigotry fostered by the late Queen's 'protégés,' the Jesuits.

—A favorite mode of introducing in Brazil is said to be—"this is my friend; if he steals anything from you, I am responsible for it." We wish that this usage might be incorporated among the 'Rules of Good Society.'

—The husband of Rosa Toy, of Philadelphia, a young married woman about twenty-four years of age, recently deserted her, leaving her in extreme poverty, whereupon her landlord ordered her out of the house. On Tuesday, the poor woman, in a fit of despair, administered a dose of laudanum to each of her two children, who are aged respectively four and six years, and then swallowed a quantity of the drug herself. The condition of the family was discovered by the neighbors during the day, and every effort was made to counteract the effects of the poison. The mother died about 8 o'clock in the evening, but strong hopes are entertained of saving the children.

—The Hinds county (Miss.) Gazette gives an account of a negro boy in that region, eight years old, who has horns on his head like a 'young devil.' The horns are said to be three inches long, to project from the head above each ear, and to interfere considerably with wearing a hat. They are stiff and hard, but not flinty, as are the horns of quadrupeds.

—The sea-serpent is again reported to have been seen. The Boston Atlas, of the 30th ult., says that the schooner Arabella, Captain Boothby, arrived here last evening from Wells, Me. Captain Boothby states that off Boon Island Ledge he and his crew distinctly saw, about one hundred rods from the vessel, a school of whales, eight or ten in number. Among them was one answering the descriptions that have been given of the sea-serpent. The monster several times raised his head ten or twelve feet, and sometimes higher, from the surface of the water, then plunged it beneath, and while his head was under water he unmercifully thrashed the whales with his tail. All hands and the captain were witnesses of this sport some considerable time. Capt. B. represents his body to be about the size of a molasses tierce.

—The last Legislature of Texas, it is said, contained thirteen 'men of mark.' Not one of them could write his name.

—The Ohio wheat crop for 1859, covers 2,000,000 acres, averaged at 15 bushels to the acre, will give an aggregate of 30,000,000 bushels.

—The wool crop in Michigan is much larger and of better quality than that of any previous year. The clip is estimated at three and a half million pounds. The average price is forty-two cents per pound.