

## SALT LAKE SEES SIGNS OF SPRING.

Many Are the Indications and All Have Their Firm Believers.

### SEVERAL CERTAIN SORTS.

Latter Half of April May See Showers Which Failed to Come During Earlier Portion.

Spring is here. There are signs of spring's arrival to be seen everywhere in Salt Lake. Some of the things to be seen on the streets and about town, which prove beyond a doubt that this city has taken "Doc" Hyatt's word for it that spring is really here, are a few venturesome Salt Laker, including the pencil-pushing old-timer, are wearing straw hats; alpaca coats are also being brought out; the juvenile ice cream vendor with his cart full of "ten cent bricks" can be heard on highways and byways; the millinery stores are crowded with women in search of "something new, but reasonable"; the amusing rahrah boy has taboored his vest, exposing the loveliest creation of pink shirt to view; open street cars roll about town; the energetic housewife can be seen through curtained windows busy with house cleaning; her little son, with the freckles and spring fever, whips a rug out in the backyard, but from the weak blows which are few and far between the observer will decide he is a gentle lad; poetry (?) on babbling brooks and chirping birds occupy space beside the spring medicine ads in the newspapers—all these and countless other things tell of spring's arrival.

A few less reliable indications there are, too, such as lawns becoming green, blossoming, roads becoming dusty, etc.

While the first half of this month has gone without the usual "April" showers it is believed the last half will see considerable precipitation as rains are being reported from widely scattered districts. The local weather bureau in its weekly report has this to say about the first 15 days of the month:

The week opened with cloudy and cool weather. The temperature moderated rapidly, and the closing days of the week were considerably warmer than the seasonal averages. The temperature for the week as a whole averaged above the normal throughout the state. The nights were cool, and damaging frosts or freezing temperatures occurred in some localities. The highest temperature recorded was 84 at Randolph, Rich county, on the 10th, and the lowest, 16, at Deseret, Millard county, on the 7th.

The precipitation averaged about one-half the normal amount over the state. The precipitation was mostly in the form of snow, and it all occurred from the 6th to the 9th. Where snow had remained on the ground after the storm, it disappeared rapidly under the influence of warm and clear weather that prevailed during the last half of the week.

The amount of sunshine was above the average during the last four days of the week, the early days being more or less cloudy owing to the stormy conditions that prevailed.

High winds were general over most localities during the first half of the week, and were severe at some points in the southern part of the state, a velocity of 50 miles per hour being recorded at Modena, on the 6th.

**PEOPLE GETTING PARTICULAR** about shoe polish. Quality in shoe polish realized to be an important matter. Acid polishes not wanted. Any old thing will do with people who know. Quick Shine Shoe Polish is guaranteed to preserve the leather. It does not contain a drop of turpentine or acid. Gives a lasting polish and won't rub off on the clothing. Price 10 cents.

### W. C. T. U. WORKING SOUTH.

A temperance meeting will be held at Provo this evening by Mrs. E. E. Shepard, president of the local W. C. T. U., the itinerary for a tour of southern part of the state commencing in that city. Mrs. Shepard has been over the larger portion of the north half of Utah, and reports that much interest has been manifested in her lectures. After leaving the Garden City, Mrs. Shepard will speak at the following places: Friday and Saturday in Spanish Fork; April 19 and 20 in Springville; April 21 and 22 in Gunnison; April 23 in Ephraim; April 24 in Mount Pleasant; April 25 and 26 in Richfield; April 27 in Marysville, and April 28 in Elsinore.

### BARBER DISCHARGED.

Phineas E. Gillette, the barber arrested some time ago on the charge of permitting his shop to be in an unsanitary condition, was discharged this morning on motion of the defense, the prosecution having failed to make a case against the defendant.



You will be proud of your Easter Shoes if they are "Money Back" Kind. Every last and pattern known to shoemakers' art for comfort and style are here. \$2.95 to \$4.95 buys all grades regularly priced \$3.50 to \$7.50. Not on bargain tables. No odds and ends, all lines are complete in all sizes and widths, and you are fitted by men who know how. DAVIS SHOE CO. 238 and 240 Main St.

## GOV. JOHN C. CUTLER ON INVESTMENTS

Chief Executive Takes Umbrage at the Unauthorized Use of His Name in Connection With Mining and Mexican Land Schemes.

Editor Deseret News:

A few weeks ago I received a letter from a prominent gentleman in one of the northern cities of the state, informing me that an agent soliciting for the sale of stock in a mine had stated that I was interested in it, and had used that statement as an inducement for him to purchase some of the stock. A similar letter was received a few days later from a gentleman in the southern part of the state, only in this case the proposition in which I was said to be interested was a Mexican fruit-raising scheme. In each case I was asked if I had purchased stock in the company named, and if I could recommend it to people with money to invest.

In answer to the first inquiry I said that I was not an owner of stock in the enterprise. Further, that I was sure that the mine was at the present time only a prospect. It had evidently been capitalized for a million shares, the stock was being sold for 30 cents a share. This would make the assumed value of the property \$300,000. The statement was made that the company would raise the price to 50 cents a share next month. I told the gentleman that in my opinion no mere prospect could possibly be worth that much money, no matter how promising. It was the price of a good mine, not a prospect. It appears, therefore, that the promoters, as usual, are not losing anything. If I should buy a mercantile business for \$25,000, and incorporate it for \$250,000, no one would buy stock. But a mining prospect, it seems, can be floated at almost any price.

My answer to the second inquiry was given in these words: "Certain agents have declared that I am interested in a certain tropical fruit company's land in Mexico. In reply to your question I beg to state that I am not interested in this company's land, and I would advise you that anyone who buys land in Mexico on the guaranty of any party

to plant fruit trees on the land, which will be turned over to the purchaser when they produce, enters into a hazardous long-winded proposition. And it is likely that most of those who buy will sell out before anything is realized from the investment."

In view of the fact that it is evident that agents who are inducing people to invest in their various propositions make it a practice to quote the governor as having taken stock in this or that enterprise, using the statement as an argument for the purchase of the stock, I will say this: Sometimes the statement is true; sometimes not. But whether or not the governor has taken stock in an enterprise, each one approached by an agent selling that stock should investigate the matter closely and carefully, and decide whether or not he would do well to purchase it. Every man should invest his own money. One man should not depend on the judgment of another. If I think I can take a chance on a certain investment, it does not necessarily follow that another man should make the same investment. It is and should be a matter of personal investigation.

As to Mexican land propositions and similar ones, I might say that there appears to me an element of unfairness in the fact that the land is purchased at a very low rate and immediately sold at an advance of several thousand per cent, the ground for the advance being the supposition that the land will be planted with fruit trees or some other vegetation, which at some time in the future will produce big values for the investor. On this supposition and representation the man buys the land at a fabulous advance. The sales are hastened by the statement on the part of the agent that the price of the land is about to be advanced \$25 or \$50 an acre, and purchasers are urged to "get in" at the present price! And that sort of argument catches many people.

And yet the purchaser is not sure, perhaps, for the reason that he cannot investigate personally, whether or not the land can be cleared, the trees planted and taken care of, and the fruit harvested and marketed at a low enough rate to realize a profit. He has for it. In brief, he buys blindly; the size of the promised profits being usually in direct ratio to the distance of the land from his own home. The

average man cannot afford to go to Mexico to investigate the location and nature of the land, to find out whether or not it is adapted to the purpose proposed, and near a railroad, or at least a good wagon road, so that perishable fruit grown upon it can be easily taken to market, and whether or not there is a market. In fact, the very essentials of an investment has to be known by second hand, and on the word of a person who is vitally interested in the sale of the proposition. The advantage is all on the side of the person selling the land.

Buying land away from home at a reasonable price, in the hope of a reasonable increase of value through regular processes, is a different proposition. This may be done without great hazard, if the purchaser is sure that the land is at present worth the price paid, and is likely to become more valuable with the development of the country and its resources. This I have done in California, where I own property, every dollar of the investment being clear profit made on property in that state.

It may not be out of place to lay down as a fundamental principle of investment the rule that all other things being equal, money should be invested at home rather than abroad. Two reasons for this are, first, that such investments can be made with accurate knowledge of conditions, gained by personal investigation; second, that the money so invested is used to build up one's own community. Regarding orchards, for example, I think I can safely say that there are thousands of acres of land at the foot of our mountains and the mouth of our canyons where the ground can be cleared, planted, watered, and splendid profits secured, without the risk and the lack of personal supervision attending alien investments in Mexico or other foreign countries. And people are coming in from the east and the west and doing this, establishing fine commercial orchards, and reaping a golden harvest, while many of our Utah people are making impossible investments in comparatively unknown regions.

And at any rate, I think that if investment is made in land in farms and orchards are not successful, there are many more chances of failure when they are made at long distances.

JOHN C. CUTLER.

## MR. DOOLEY ON THE SALOON'S PASSING.

Mr. Dooley, looking philosophically out of his famous barroom window in Archway road, tells the readers of the American Magazine for April some of his current musings on the prospective passing of his long established business.

In humor a trifle more pathetic than usual, from the fact that the subject is so intimately associated with his own livelihood, he sketches the rising tide of anti-liquor sentiment throughout the southland, "where King Alcohol," he declares, has been dethroned, "although he's like the 'hook' in Orleans in Paris, he's lost most of his authorities, but some of the old families still receive him quietly in their homes, although thousands that once fell on their noses before him now refuse to recognize him in public."

Continuing his reference to drink as his royal highness King Alcohol, he pictures the poor fellows who at night "are wild and dilly" that makes them think they're better than they ever thought they were, and graphically describes their condition "before and after being knighted by King Alcohol," with their inevitable subsequent "presentation at court."

Getting down to the more serious possibilities of the temperance wave, Mr. Dooley, addressing Hinnsley, says:

### "THE OMINOUS SIZE OF THE WAVE."

"An 'I tell ye somethin', Hinnsley—it ain't goin' to be very long before this here wave o' Prohibition comes up here an' deluges ye an' me. Any day ye may look to see boots an' shoes an' more probably books in the windy where ye now see th' stately rows o' bottles that ye think are filled with tempting drink, but raly have nawthin' in 'em but th' water I fill 'em with th' year after th' big fire."

"It was cut out to nature to sell people things that they first took because they made them feel superior to other people an' that later became a necessity to them."

### HOW POLITICIANS NOW SLIGHT THE SALOON.

Hinnsley, interjecting an exclamation of incredulity at this point, gives Mr. Dooley the text for another item in the chronicle of the saloon's impending doom.

"Do I think 'twill come? Faith, I wudn't wonder. I see what Hogan

calls portints iv th' times. Th' day was whin ivry man that wanted a pollytical job asked th' privilege o' hangin' a lithograph iv himself in me window. But nowadays, be hovens, no wan wants his pitcher hung in a saloon. They're thyrin' to get thim put up in th' churches. They're gettin' on to us."

"I'll tell ye a secret iv th' thrade. I'd rather have th' Father Mathew society behind me thn th' entire saloon vote."

### "WHAT DRINK DOES FOR A MAN."

Then, breaking through his professional attitude as Dr. Dooley, he gives better sentiments of his heart in these discerning words:

"I wudn't mind if Prohibition did break through. In his heart th' thrusest Prohibitionist is a soun' keepse."

Better thn anny wan else he knows that what's his meat is everybody else's pizen."

"Havin' long associated with th' drinkin' classes, I think less iv thim more an' more ivry day. Th' drink makes thim too fond iv thimselves. As me frind, Statrooney, th' printer, says, 'Th' drinkin' knocks th' dot off th'ir little 'i' an' they think they're upper case.' A man comes in here whin th' blinds, leans on th' door, an' sings 'My Bonnie Lies Over th' Ocean,' thn says 'What's that?' I suggist that he go home an' finly ends up by weepin' over his throuble. Know who's th' matter with him? He's thinkin' about himself too much. I know that his voice sounds like suds escapin' from th' kitchen sink, an' I can lick him in a miny with an ice pick, an' I an laughin' meself sick over his family troubles, but he doesn't think so. Divlye th' bit. He's got himself painted like a saint, an' he's a Melba, Jeffreys an' th' two orphans an' annybody that don't believe his right is lookin' fr throuble."

"Faith, if anny Prohibitionist thinks th' pleasant presider over his here palace iv rum he's welcome to th' job palace iv rum he's welcome to th' job. If I was an insanity expert instead iv bein' on th' level as I am, I'd commit half me patients to an asylum."

"But can ye iver enforce Prohibition?" asked Mr. Hinnsley.

"Well," said Mr. Dooley, "Father Kelly says th' best they've done so far is to make drink wrong to take, hard to get an' turrible bad whin ye get it."

Mr. Dunne's article is most original, ly illustrated by Cartoonist John T. McCutcheon.

commemoration of the historic event, the roll call to be answered with sentiments in relation to the day, and persons to be given by Mrs. E. B. Wells and Mrs. T. G. Webber.

Mrs. Richard E. Stingley who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Lena K. Bemis, for the last three months, left on Monday with Mr. Stingley for an extended stay in Nevada.

The annual meeting and biennial election of officers of the General Society of the Daughters of the Revolution will be held in New York during the week of April 27, with headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria. Ten new members will be elected to the board of managers.

The program for the week will include a reception at the new Plaza, given by the New York Society of D. R., a theater party, a banquet at the Waldorf, and excursions to points of local and historic interest.

An especially pleasant and interesting convention is expected and a full attendance is desired.

**WARD ENTERTAINMENTS**

Sugar House—On Friday evening, April 17, at the Sugar ward meeting-house, Twelfth South and Twelfth East streets, there will be a mission song well tendered Elder Stayner Richards, who leaves Saturday, April 18, for Great Britain. An excellent program has been arranged, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Every effort of the mind to ward success means a waste of brain cells.

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## GUARDSMEN READY FOR INSPECTION

State Troops in Better Shape Than They Were Last Year.

### RICHFIELD STANDS FIRST.

New Organization Heads List of General Averages With Signal Corps And Band Coming Next.

Richfield's new company of infantry stands at the head of the list in a report issued this morning by Adjutant E. A. Wedgwood of the National Guard of Utah. The report covers in a table of general averages the standing of each organization in the national guard for the last month. The strength of the national guard as shown by this report is 25 officers and 337 enlisted men. The standing of each organization expressed in a figure of percentage is as follows: Company E, 78.33; Signal Corps, 77.75; band, 76.13; First battery, 76.08; company F, 75.72; company H, 75.27; company B, 74.66; company D, 73.23; company A, 72; company C, 70.

It will be seen that the three first organizations rated above are the new Richfield company, the Signal Corps and band. All the above organizations are stationed in Salt Lake City with the exceptions of companies E, Richfield; F, Mantle; B, Ogden; D, Mt. Pleasant; and A, Nephi.

### ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The annual inspection of the state troops by an officer detailed from the regular army is now in progress. Reports from the south, where Major May, the inspecting officer, is now looking over the men and their equipment are to the effect that the condition of the equipment and standing of the men are better than last year. New vim and enthusiasm appear to have been ejected in the entire regiment and the organizations. Marked improvement is seen in all lines, according to an officer of the state troops who appears more than hopeful of the results of this year's inspection.

The National Guard showed up quite well last year," he said, "and there is no reason why the state should not pass muster with colors flying this year. The Dick bill, under the provisions of which the inspection is being carried on, provides for an annual appropriation of \$1,000,000 to be apportioned among the various states for the maintenance of their citizen soldiery according to the strength shown at the annual inspections provided for. Each state, to be able to participate in this appropriation, must show at least 100 men for each representative in Congress. Utah having one in the house of representatives and two in the senate, must show three hundred men.

**UTAH WILL PASS.**

"The report issued this morning by General Wedgwood indicates that Utah will be able to do this without trouble. In addition to showing the three hundred men, however, we must show that the equipment that has been furnished by the federal government is being put to its proper use, kept in good condition and that the men understand how to use all of it."

The first battery, which has been recently reorganized, will be able to show its equipment in first class shape. The signal corps will also be able to make a good showing. The infantry companies are well up in their work and their equipment is in first class shape. The hospital corps and band will not be behind their other military brothers. This is especially true with the band, which has of late enlisted several good musicians and which is holding weekly practices under the

## AMUSEMENTS.

**Theater**—The popular comedian Francis Wilson, whose fame as an actor extends from ocean to ocean, will appear in Salt Lake tonight for the first time in twelve years, rendering the successful comedy, "When Knights Were Bold."

**Orpheum**—The excellent bill this week is drawing crowded houses every evening and very satisfactory ones, every afternoon.

**Grand**—Mr. Lorch and his company are closing the week in "Kidnapped for Revenge." The next offering will be the big labor play entitled "The Factory Girl."

**Lyric**—The Zinn Comedy company continues to draw well pleased audiences in "A Knight of Morocco." The customary matinee will be given Saturday.

**Mr. Flowers Reading**—Montaville Flowers, termed the "Master of Interpretations" at the University of Utah, is assured a turnout that will be a gratification to him and that will indubitably literature. This is the eighth time in the University of Utah lecture course and promises to be one of the best, if not the best number of the course.

### BURGGLARS ACTIVE.

George L. Davis, residing at 154 Commercial street, reported to the police this morning that his room was entered last night by thieves and that a silver watch and a revolver were stolen.

A private safe may be rented in the fire and burglar-proof vaults of the Salt Lake Security & Trust co., 32-34 Main street, \$3.50 per year.

### WESTERN MARKET LETTER.

Special Correspondence.

Kansas City Stock Yards, April 13.

Cattle receipts were moderate last week, but prices closed 5 to 15 lower for the week, account of a sharp falling off in the demand from consuming centers. Recent advances in the retail price of meat is being resented by the public generally, and packers find that the high priced stuff moves slowly. Run today is 7,000 head, and the situation is some better than last week, steers selling steady, and the stuff strong to 10 higher. Country demand has been good, and prices are 10 to 15 cents higher than a week ago. Today's supply includes a good variety from the range country. Lockhart steers selling at \$6.45; fed steers from Placerville at \$5.90 to \$6.10, hay fed Oregon steers at \$6.15 and fair to good Oklahoma steers at \$6.25. Top natives \$6.80. Heifers bring \$4.25 to \$5. cows \$3.50 to \$5.25. Bulls \$2.75 to \$5. veals a quarter higher than a week ago, tops \$6, stockers \$3.75 to \$5.50. Feeders \$4.75 to \$5.75. Declines followed each other regularly last week in the sheep trade and the close was 40 to 60 cents under the best time 10 days ago. Run is 11,000 head today, but the market is holding steady, demand showing some improvement over last week, and trade fairly active. Colorado lambs sold today at \$7.20 to \$7.50. Colorado spring lambs \$8 to \$9.25, clipped wethers, \$6, medium class \$5.50. Texas muttons are worth \$5.25 to \$6, although choice muttons brought \$6.50 first of last week. Low grade Texas goats brought \$4.10 today, choice goats, \$5.05. About 200,000 sheep and lambs are being advised to ship sparingly till these are worked off in some degree.

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