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Wednesday, . . February 19, 1879. MAGISTRATES AND MATRI-

WE are in receipt of a ing matrimony when formally ap-plied to for that purpose. He of the Gods. wishes this question settled, and also whether it is lawful and right for a Justice of the Peace to marry

parties in his own office.

official witnesses. The contract strument was easy and perfect. may be made in writing or

ticulars. But generally it is rein the ceremony. It is by usage, then, that they take the authority to solemnize marriages in Utah. But as there is no statute conferring this power upon them in this Territory, and the com, mon law giving them no general authority of this kind, it follows that their celebrations of marriage add nothing to the validity of a contract entered into between a man and woman to live together as clear that not being authorized by law to thus officiate, they cannot be compelled by law so to do. They may, therefore, if they are so dis-

Marriage being a matter in which the public are somewhat interested, it is customary for a public ceremony to be performed, that it may be known that the contracting par- nia, Russia and Switzerland, being ties are united as husband and wife. A Justice of the Peace has wherein the receipts were in exacknowledgments and to adminisand he can therefore officiate In this way, when the parties desire to establish their contract by oath or by written agreement, and he may give a written certificate of

We make these remarks for the benefit of those in this Territory who have no faith in the ordinances of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is not to be supposed that members of this Church would wish to engage in a ceremony or enter into a contract which would affect their whole lives, to say nothing of their eter-nal welfare, and which would, at the same time, be in violation of macred principles and solemn coverlives, to say nothing of their etersacred principles and solemn covenants. Marriage, according to the doctrines and plainest teachings of this Church, is a sacrament. It is strictly and essentially an ordinance of religion. It is ordained of God. No one but an authorized and appointed minister, holding the holy priesthood, can rightfully administer it. Acting in such ca-

pacity he stands in the place of God, and it is thereforesaid, "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder." In its full and oper form, marriage is solemnized for time and eternity. The parties are scaled in an eternal covenant, and, when rightly administered, that which is scaled on earth is scaled in heaven, or, in other words, is jof equal validity before God as though performed by Deity

Mariage should be entered into, mariage as should be entered into, some mariage as should be entered into, some and consistent of the solid mariage as should be entered into, some and the solid in reach the conditions of the bill mariage as in exclusive consisting of the solid mariage and the solid in reach the conditions of the bill mariage that it reaches the conditions of the solid mariage in solid mariage in the solid mar

but one flesh," and while the marriage is acknowledged of heaven it has all the validity that can be attached to the civil contracts made before any dignitary of the civil

Let those who are not members of the Church, then, understand their rights and privileges under the law: let Justices of the Peace act wisely and according to the duwho have made covenant to keep who have made covenant to keep the commandments of God abstain from everything which would do violence to the spirit and letter of the gospel, and take especial care that in a matter so important as munication from a Justice of the the gospel, and take especial care Peace in this Territory, request- that in a matter so important as when violently applied to the naing information through the marriage they are not precipitate, News in regard to the authority and do not involve themselves in of Justices of the Peace to relations and contracts which God officiate in the marriage ceremony. will not approve, and which will He says there are some people in have an end when men are dead, his neighborhood who think that a and thus cut off their prospects of Justice must marry a couple seek- endless lives, in which are increase.

> AERIAL AND GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPHY.

So far as we can learn Justices of Some time ago we referred to the the Peace in this Territory have no achievements of Professor Loomis mere authority under the law to of Washington, D. C. with his sysselempize marriages than a private tem of aerial telegraphy. That individual has. There is no statu- gentleman is still pursuing his intory law of the Territory authoriz- vestigations and conducting exing any one to officiate in the mar- periments, the principal field of his riage ceremony. And we know of operations being in West Virginia. no such common law authority con ferred upon magistrates. Marriage theory that at certain elevations at common law is viewed as a civil there is a natural electric current contract, made and entered into by by taking advantage of which a man and woman who are able wires may be wholly dispensed and willing to jengage to live to- with. He claims to have telegraphgether as husband and wife during ed eleven miles by means of kitestheir lives. No particular ceremony flown with copper wire. When is required to make the contract the kites arrived at the same altivalid. It may be formally acknow- tude or reached the same current, ledged before a Judge or Justice of communication by means of an the Peace, or informally before un- apparatus similar to the Morse in-

law. The marriage laws of the ly aerial. He claims to be able by different States vary in many par- this method to telegraph across the ocean; this however required that marriage must be cele- mains to be proven. But brated in presence of a minister of his experiments are exceedingly ome religious body or a magistrate. interesting, and are not unlikely to Justices of the Peace in the States develop an entirely new and much are usually authorized to officiate superior system of general commucountry, and which has been put to the test in Europe, not however morrow. very much to the encouragement of the advocates of the measure on this side of the Atlantic.

A statistical table giving the receipts and expenditures of Europehusband and wife. It is equally an telegraphs for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1878, as compiled from official reports, shows, that of the following named countries, there were only four in which the reposed, decline to act as ministers ceipts exceeded the expenses, viz.: Germany, Austro-Hungary, Belglum, Denmark, Spain, France, Nerway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Sweden and Switzerland, France, Roumathe only ones of the above number graph in the remainder being maintained at a loss during that year. This is pretty conclusive evidence, that when under the control of private corporations, the telegraph is a much better paying

BY TELEGRAPH

investment than when run as

government appendage.

PER WESTERN UNION TREESBAPS LINE.

EASTERN. Hinting at Secession.

NEW YORK, 19. - The Sun's printed extremely prominent, but not commented upon.

Captain Blair's Trial for Rigamy. Captain Blair, of the Fifteenth Infantry, yesterday brought his trial, on the charge of bigamy, to an abrupt termination, by pleading guilty. In his plea he doesn't admit that at the time of his marriage in Kentucky he believed he had been legally married in Scotland. and claims that he is, therefore wrong; yet he doesn't deny that in acting solely upon his own conviction, in so grave a matter, he com mitted an error so serious in its consequences to others that he is

Hayes Considering the Veto The Sun's Washington special says: Indications multiply that Hayes is seriously considering the

ism revived, with a substitution of Mongolian for Catholic Irlsh. The petitions to the President to with-hold his signature to the bill are going forward from the clergy and prominent citizens.

The Alaska Excitement.

The Herald thinks the telegrams regarding the situation at Alaska and the British gunboats appealed to to protect the American's there, must be delightful news to the economical congressmen who see, ties of their office; and let those in this unprecedented movement, tional police.

Co-operative Colony Migration. Meetings of the workingmen favorable to a co-operative colony migration, held weekly here, is the beginning of an attempt to educate the masses in the belief that an organized emigration from eastern cities is the best remedy for hard

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Governments strong and higher;
Stocks closed firm; Western Union,
103; Quickstiver, 12; Pacific Mail,
14; Mariposa, 2; Wells Fargo, 98;
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Panama, 184; Union Pacific, 794;
Bonds 1094; Central Pacific, 1094;
Sutro Tunnel, 34.

Fatal Shooting Affray.

Vicksburg, 19.—A difficulty oc-curred, yesterday, at Johnsonville, Mississippi, between Col. Holman, Dr. Lowry, Dr. Walker and Mr. Arnoid. The nght began by Hol-man shooting Lowry; Arnold shot Holman, wounding him, then shot and killed Walker, and was himself in them shot by Holman. Arnold in turn shot by Holman. Arnold and Lewry have since died. Hol-

The Female Pedestrian, CHICAGO, 19. - May Marshall, ast night, completed her walk of 2,796 quarter miles in the same consecutive quarter

official witnesses. The contract may be made in writing or verbally. Whatever is sufficient to prove any civil contract or agreement is enough to prove a marriage contract. This, it must be understood is under the common law.

In most parts of the United States marriage is regulated by statutory law. The marriage laws of the different States vary in many par-The Four Fer Cent. Subscriptions. WASHINGTON, 19.—Subscriptions

to the four per cent. loan since yesterday's report are \$2,649,950.

The Diseased Cattle Shipment. The Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of State have consid- who was very familiar with the Connected with this subject is the question of governmental control of the telegraph, which has several' times been agitated in this purpose will be sent to the proper committee of Congress to-day or to-

The Telegraph Investigation. Murat Halstead, of the Cincinnati Commercial, was before the Senate committee on railroads, to-day. He said the W. U. Telegraph Company had treated the Western Associated Press with perfect fair-ness. He said the newspaper busiment had no right to interfere with men connected with it. The press had the same right as ether citizens, and they claimed that when they built up a system of obtaining news, as the Western Association had done, they had a right to the news as property.

Senator Mitchell—What do you

the privilege of transmitting commercial messages. Halstead—They would do well to mind their own business. The privilege, would add to their influence in the politics of the country.
I don't tkink the railroads would benefit the country. The newspa-per and telegraph business should, as far as possible, be let alone.

think of giving railroad companies

Condemnatory Resolution. HARTFORD, Conn., 19 .- The Senate, to-day, unanimously passed a resolution condemning the action of Congress on the Chinese ques-tion, which passed the House.

FOREIGN.

CREAT BRITAIN-The Troubles in the Rei hateg.

London, 19—A Berlin dispatch says: Deputies Fritzsche and Has-selmann were in the Reighstag on Tuesday and were apparently con-fident that the Reichstag will show a fearless spirit. They are encouraged in this belief by the fact that the criminal court of Frankfort, yesterday, acquitted the members of the staff of the Frankfurter Zehling, who had published a collective protest against Bismarck's assertion that that journal was managed in the interests of France. One of the staff only was sentenced to seven weeks imprisonment for

two other articles, The dispatch further states that it is believed government is press-ing its request for the Reichstag's when it knows it is certain to be rejected, with the object of finding a pretext for dissolving the cham-

The Zulu Invasion.

willing to make whatever reparation or atonement may be necessary
in full acknowledgment of his
wrongful fact, and awaits the full
sentence of the court.

Hayes Considering the Veto.

Sir Charles Dilke has given notice of a motion in the House of
Commons that while ready to assist
in retrieving the situation at the
Cape, the House considers that the
Zulu territory, was invaded on inade-

The Third Battalion of the Sixtieth Rifles left Colchester, this morning, for the Cape of Good Hope. The streets were decorated

MRUSSIA. A Grand Duke Exiled.

St. Petersburg, 19. - Grand Duke Nicholas, son of the Grand Duke Constantine, has been exiled to Orenburg for communicating with the Berlin National Zeitung in regard to a Berlin strategic rail

Correspondence.

392 COMMERCIAL ST., Boston, Mass., February 8th, 1879. Editors Deseret News:

Some ten days since I received a letter from a gentleman residing in a country town in this state. The writer stated that he was a young minister of the Congregational church; had recently been pastor of a congregation at a large salary, but had lately resigned; that he had become quite interested in the religion of the Latter-day Saints, and desired to know more of it, and to learn what qualifications were ne-cessary to admission into our socie-

As evening approached he con-sented to spend the night with me, and we continued our conversation on the gospel. He acknowledged that he could not withstand my that he could not withstand my teachings, that they were true and according to the Scriptures. But there was the struggle, the terrible struggle, in which so many had been vanquished. On the one hand was truth, eternal, saving truth, and on the ether, home, friends, reputation, and all worldly things that he held dear. The struggle with him was peculiarly severe, for he moved in the highest circles of society in Massachusetts. circles of society in Massachusetts, was acquainted, personally, with many of the leading politicians, theologians, scholars, authors and editors of the State, and had himself been an editor. He had been self been an editor. He had been educated at Harvard, was young and possessed of naturally brilliant capacities and fine attainments, and every assurance of success in his present career. After continuing our conversation till nearly midnight, he declared his determination to be baptized, at whatever cost or sacrifice, as he would not return home in his present state of mind. I administered to him the ordinance that sealed his sacrifice. ordinance that sealed his sacrifice, repentance, and the remission of his sins, and, in the morning, I confirmed him.

Reluctant to part from me he consented to be my guest till the following day and, after breakfast, we took a walk together. We came to a building known as the North End Mission, and my companion explained that the mission was es-tablished for the purpose of rescuing fallen women and their offspring. I casually remarked that I was a missionary from Salt Lake, and took pleasure in all means of alleviating the condition of fallen humanity, when a female reporter-I would have said lady reporter bad she proved herself such-who was sitting on a form near by, and who became at once on the alert for an "item" when she heard the words, "missionary from Salt Lake," in-terposed in our conversation, and begged leave to ask me if I was really a "Mormon." I replied that was. "And is it possible that you are a believer in Brigham Young?" the asked. "I believe that Brigham Young was a prophet of God," I replied. She then proceeded in a vehement manner, to denounce our people, religion, and particularly polygamy, and demanded to know where we found any warrant in Scripture for such a practice. When she paused for breath I commenced to quote Scripture to her and to ex-pound it in a manner that caused an expression of astonishment to spread over her countenance. She became quite respectful at once, but made a feeble opposition to my emarks, and said she was a firm

Presbyterian and could not believe my doctrines. My companion then stated to her that he had recently been a Con-gregational minister, but had beome convinced of the truth of "Mormonism," and proceeded to expound and defend his new faith with a vigor that strengthened my confidence in him. At this she was still more shocked and very sanctimoniously "prayed God that he might see the error of his ways

and be reclaimed." She then whipped out her note book, said she represented the Traveller, and proceeded to make notes to the effect that a "Mormon" missionary was in town, that the "Mormons" practised polygamy because they believed God, through because they believed God, through their prophet Joseph Smith, had commanded them to do so, and that they claimed to possess the gifts of healing, tongues, miracles, etc., as recorded in the 12th chapter, 1st Corinthians: Her notes, in a condensed form, were published. On the same day there appeared in the Boston Daily Advertiser two communications from parties in Salt Lake City, defending the position and course of the Anti-Polygamy Society, and containing gross misrepresentations of the Latterday Saints and of facts in connection with the present crusade day Saints and of facts in connec-tion with the present crusade against them. I would not have dene the writers the honor to reply to their vile statements, but called on the editor in-chief of the Adver-tion and asked if he would print an rticle setting forth in a truthful article setting forth in a truthful and concise manner the position of the Latter-day Saints relative to polygamy and the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Reynolds case. He received me very kindly, and said he would print such an article with pleasure. I

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