

in France. With gloves it is supposed that he is familiar. The *Chicago Mail* anticipating the result gives the following report of the fight:

"The frog-eater jumped into the ring at 10:56. He was in good form, though he showed evidences of overtraining and late dinners. At 10:57½ Joe bounded over the ropes and was greeted with a rousing cheer from the spectators, among whom were such well-known sports as Carter Harrison, Billy Nixon, the sporting editor; Lam Tree, Hemp Washburn, Dave Swing, Walt Gresham, Pot Palmer, Ly Gage, Jack R. Walsh, and Bub Patterson. Joe was in the pink of condition, having been under a trainer's care in California for the last six months. He wore black tights and everybody could see the muscles of his calves bulge out like a professor's forehead. Cart Harrison was chosen referee. George di Pullman held the towel for the Frenchman and Lam Tree looked after the Holy Terror.

"First Round—De Mores forced the fighting. His left mitt shot out for Joe's back, but fell short. Joe worked cautiously, evidently getting on to the Frenchman's style.

"Second Round—Joe got a sockdollar right on the nose from the Frenchman's left. It dazed him; but he returned the compliment, though not so well. Bets of six to four on the Frenchman were not taken, as Joe's nose looked discouraged and his friends were dubious.

"Third Round—The Holy Terror sprang to the center of the ring with his second wind. The Frenchman came up smiling, but he showed the evidence of hard punishment. He pushed his left knive for Joe's eye, but Joe dodged and let fly both his mitts at his opponent's mug. It was a corker and the Frenchman went to the floor. Ten seconds having elapsed, time was called, and the Frenchman not responding the fight was given to Joe.

"Much comment was aroused when it was learned that Joe had struck the Frenchman with a piece of *Tribune* editorial which he had concealed in his right glove. It was a four-ounce mitt, but with the piece of editorial it weighed two and three-quarter pounds. The Frenchman wasn't on to Joe's scheme, and nothing was said to him about it."

The names mentioned above, though given in prize ring parlance, belong to historic characters. C. R. Harrison, is Carter H., four times Mayor of Chicago, now editor of the *Chicago Times*. Billy Nixon is William Penn Nixon, editor of the *Inter-Ocean*. Lam Tree is Lambert Tree, one of President Cleveland's ex-diplomats. Hemp Washburn is Hemstead Washburn. Dave Swing is the famous Presbyterian preacher, Professor Swing. Walt Gresham is Walter G. Gresham, he who was talked of as the candidate of the People's party for President. Pot Palmer is the famous Potter of hostelry fame, and husband of the President of the World's Fair lady commissioner. Jack Walsh is John R. Walsh of the *Chicago Herald* and Bob Patterson is Joseph Medill's son-in-law.

Mr. Medill's serio-comic action will have more to do with breaking up that barbarous system of duelling than whole tomes of statute enactments. It will cover that bully and desperado Mores with ridicule both at home and abroad. Even the war-living Frenchmen cannot fail to see the comedy at the bottom of it.

SUGAR BEET CULTURE.

THE Department of Agriculture at Washington is taking an active interest in the cultivation of the sugar beet. Last year it distributed 5,000 packages of seed to various sections of the country. Accompanying each package was a circular containing information as to planting, harvesting and so forth. Blanks were also forwarded for the purpose of reporting accurately the results. Reports were received from thirty-six States and Territories, accompanied by samples of the vegetable grown, but the directions were so illy complied with that satisfactory conclusions could hardly be ascertained.

The department maintains an experiment station in Wisconsin, and another in Nebraska. It is doing everything possible to extend beet culture, and to instruct the people as to the best and most effective methods to be adopted. But if people do not follow the directions given, nor comply with the requirements asked for harvesting, reporting, etc., the department cannot be expected to lay before the country at large satisfactory conclusions.

THE MALAD STAKE.

On the 11th of June, last, in company with Apostle John W. Taylor, I left Salt Lake City to visit the Malad Stake of Zion in the interest of Church history. After traveling by rail 79 miles to Collinston station, Box Elder Co., we continued the journey by team to West Portage, 21 miles further, when we put up for the night with President Oliver C. Hoskins.

The following day we traveled 17 miles to Malad City, where we, on that and the next day (Sunday and Monday, June 12th and 13th) attended the quarterly conference of the Malad Stake of Zion, in connection with President Seymour B. Young, of the Seventies, who had preceded us. After the conference Apostle Taylor returned home, and I at once entered upon my historical labors by visiting all the settlements in the Stake and holding meetings with the people. After visiting West Portage, Woodruff, Cherry creek, Malad and St. John, I set out for the distant settlements of Rockland and Neeleyville, accompanied by four members of the High Council (Miles Hall, Jesse R. Dredge, Gervis Mansfield and David Hall) who went as home missionaries, and Sisters Alvira A. Harrison and Mary E. Bollingbroke, who were out in the interest of the Y. L. M. I. A. and Primary associations. We held three meetings in Neeleyville on the 18th and three in Rockland on the 19th, had a good time and returned to Samaria on the 20th.

The Malad Stake of Zion embraces the northeast part of Box Elder county, Utah, and part of Oneida county, Idaho; it consists of ten wards and one branch, namely, the Portage, Washakie, North Plymouth and South Plymouth wards, in Utah, and the Woodruff, Malad, St. John, Samaria, Rockland and Neeleyville wards and the Cherry Creek branch in Idaho. The Stake contains 355 families, or 2148 members, consisting of 78 Seventies, 66 High Priests, 127 Elders, 12 Priests, 15 Teachers, 135 Deacons 1019 lay mem-

bers and 760 children under eight years of age. Oliver Cromwell Hoskins, formerly Bishop of Portage, presides over the Stake, and John M. McCrary acts as his first and Wm. H. Gibbs as his second counselor. Wm. Anthony is stake clerk.

All the settlements, excepting Rockland and Neeleyville, lie within easy reach of the headquarters of the Stake, which are at West Portage, a flourishing little town situated in Box Elder county, on the west side of the Malad river, one and a half miles south of the northern boundary of Utah, and twenty-one miles northwest of Collinston, the nearest railway station. West Portage Ward includes a few scattered settlers residing on the east side of the river at what is locally called East Portage, first settled in 1864. The ward comprises 54 families, or 321 souls, under the presidency of Bishop Enoch Harris. West Portage was first settled in 1867.

Three miles southeast of Portage is the Indian town called Washakie, where about 250 Lamanites are engaged in tilling the soil and learning to live as white people do. They have a neat and commodious meeting house also used for school purposes, while most of their dwellings consist of small frame buildings, in the erection of which, as well as in the building of their meeting house, they received considerable assistance from the trustee-in-trust. A number of them also partly live in their wick-a-ups, which they pitch in their door yards. Moroni Ward presides as Bishop over the Washakie ward, and is doing all in his power to teach the Lamanites the principles of the Gospel, as well as branches of industry; and it may be pleasing for some of the readers of the News to learn that these Indians in their farming operations are fully as successful as most of their white neighbors; they own considerable machinery and have good teams, as a rule, and they are getting more comfortable year after year. There is a good Sunday school taught in the Washakie ward, superintended by Ammon Pugagee, a Lamanite; and also a Y. M. I. A., presided over by Yegah Timblimbo, another native; there is also a Relief Society.

The school population of Washakie consists of forty-seven children, namely thirty boys and seventeen girls, mostly Indians, between the ages of six and eighteen. The trustees of the Portage district school, of which Washakie joins a part, receive as a special contribution from the government, \$10 for every sixty days' attendance at school of each Indian child.

In the evening of June 21st, at Washakie, I had the privilege of speaking to the first Lamanite congregation that I ever addressed, and they listened very attentively when I related to them something about my late visit to the hill Cumorah, and the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. My discourse was ably interpreted by an intelligent native known as Jim Brown, who, together with a number of other Lamanites understands English pretty well.

Beyond a low ridge, which separates Malad valley proper from the Bear River Flat lies the little village called Square town, or Plymouth, now the centre of North Plymouth ward recently organized. This place is eleven miles south-