

ries, all of which have bodies of a similar character though they are not called by the same name. Three Selectmen with the Probate Judge form this Court or Board in each County, for the transaction of County business.

The appointment of certain officers in counties, not specially provided for in the Organic Act, is by that instrument left for the Legislature to determine, which is endowed with power over "all rightful subjects of legislation." The Legislature has provided that:

"The County Courts are hereby authorized and required to appoint all county and precinct officers, not made elective by law, and to fill all vacancies of county and precinct officers, not otherwise provided for, that may occur between elections, in their respective counties." &c.—Revised Statutes of Utah, Sec. 188.

One of the duties of the Governor under the Organic Act is "to commission all officers who shall be appointed to office under the laws of the Territory." Now here is an officer appointed according to law, who is duly qualified and his bonds accepted, who is denied his commission on a mere technicality, arising from a mis-conception of a judicial ruling. The appointment of a Justice of the Peace *ad interim* is not a judicial act. The County Courts lay no claim to judicial powers. A decision stating that they have no judicial existence is labor in vain, because they do not pretend to any such existence or authority.

The Governor's commission conveys no powers. It is simply a certificate of the conferring of certain authority or powers by election or appointment. Mr. Spiers is then actually the duly appointed Justice of the Peace for Plain City, and the error lies with the Executive in refusing to perform his bounden duty and issue the commission.

Of the vexatious prosecution we have little at present to say. But with all the clamor that has been raised about lawlessness in Utah, I really seems that prosecuting officials might employ their time to greater public advantage, than in getting up indictments against officers seeking honorably to discharge their duties, and against dead women and in arresting ladies for voting at an election under the full conviction that they were lawfully entitled to the franchise. But time and patience will set all these matters right, and we can afford to wait and leave justice to Him in whose hands are the issues of all things.

TEXT BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS.

THE most potent weapon wielded by man's common enemy is infidelity to God and the mission of our Savior. Old and young, rich and poor, bond and free, all ranks of modern Christianity, so called, are permeated by this foul spiritual disease. "Institutions of learning"—in modern parlance—are no exception to the rule. They are not designed to increase the student's knowledge of God. "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." We may teach our children the higher branches, give them the advantage of every scientific course known to modern professors of learning, yet God remains unknown and the scriptures are as a sealed book.

The text books used by our community should be the Scriptures of divine truth—The Old and New Testaments, the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants and other standard works, approved by the authorities of the Church. If the pure minds of our little boys and girls are thoroughly imbued with the principles set forth in those standard works and the oral teachings of inspired men, a broad and sure foundation is laid, on which we may build up the hope of future usefulness in the kingdom of God. The mind of the child is then prepared, with what is generally termed a common school education, for advancement to the higher branches. His or her judgment is informed on correct religious principles, and is thereby prepared to reject the unsound doctrines found in many of the books which are put into the

hands of the child, to prepare him or her for future manhood or womanhood.

Reverse this system and you prepare the mind of the young to cavil at doctrines they do not comprehend. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." The wisdom of man is an insecure foundation, while the wisdom of God circumscribes all things both in the heavens and in the earth.

Latter-day Saints, instill into the minds of your children correct doctrines, from their earliest infancy teach them to revere sacred things and to obey the principles of the holy gospel, and infidelity shall be swept from their path like the dew before the rising sun.

PLAN TO FIGHT INFIDELITY.

THE Presbyterians have had a council at Edinburg, Scotland, at which many of the leading lights of that denomination were present. The march of infidelity was one of the subjects that engaged the attention of the ministers. They thought it serious, and that some steps should be taken to arrest this evil. The works of Huxley, Tyndall and Darwin have a large and increasing sale, and their ideas are coloring modern literature to a surprising extent. Skeptics of this school treat the assaults of the ordinary theologians with a good deal of contempt. They understand all their positions and arguments, and are almost sure to confuse, trip and demoralize them in controversy. The clergymen are not satisfied to let the contest go thus. They desire to see these infidels overthrown. But how is it to be done?

Dr. McCosh, the President of Princeton College, New Jersey, has a plan, which he suggested to the council, that he thinks will accomplish the desired end. He does not propose to have the regular ministers fight these skeptics. He would have them continue at their present business, and in the old style of carrying it on, and not spend their time in assaults upon an adversary who usually can bring to the field of controversy better weapons of argument than they. But to deal with these adversaries, he would have a special body of Knights, defenders of the faith, trained for the purpose. These warriors would work side by side with the clergymen, and would be on hand to tackle an infidel whenever he made an attack, or exposed himself so as to make an assault upon him profitable. These fighting men would be drilled and disciplined for this particular work, and would be expected to have at their command arguments drawn from the Bible, from philosophy, history and science, so that they would be able to meet their foes upon their own ground.

We are not informed whether this plan will be adopted or not; but it is interesting to take note of the manner in which this scientific infidelity is troubling the minds of ministers of orthodox denominations.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 10.

Forest Fire.—A small forest fire has been burning for several days a few miles east of this city. It appears to be in a gap in the mountains immediately south of Little Cottonwood Cañon.

Curious Times.—Are not these rather curious times, when local officers are in danger of indictment for doing their duty, or trying to do it? The times we live in must be times of times.

Shade.—It is hot days like these that make the shady side of the street desirable, and cause perspiring pedestrians to exclaim, in the fulness of their feelings, and in the style of Sancho Panza, "Blessings on the man who invented shade trees!"

Accident.—A day or two since Jacob Keller, of Manti, was riding down a canon adjacent to that city, on a load of lumber, from which he fell. The wheels passed over his thigh, causing a severe comminuted fracture. He is attended by Dr. H. Davis, and doing well.

Which?—"Veritas" asks a rather salty question, which it would be well if somebody more immediately concerned with the subject than we are would answer. It is this—"Does the present grand jury in this district sit to indict 'Mormons' or criminals?"

Home Goods.—The manufacturers of home goods should be patronized in preference to those abroad. The Provo Manufacturing Company have opened an agency in the Old Constitution Buildings, with Mr. John C. Cutler in charge. The excellent quality of their goods, consisting of cloths, jeans, linseys, flannels, blankets, yarns, etc., is well established.

Small Fire.—Last evening some outhouses at the rear of the house of Mrs. Fanny Thatcher, South Temple Street, took fire, from the careless playing with matches of a little boy. A number of citizens kept the flames in check, by buckets of water and a small stream from a garden hose, pending the arrival of the firemen, who were soon on the spot and at once extinguished the fire. Some shedding and several rods of fence were destroyed. A large barn narrowly escaped. The damage was slight.

Enterprising.—There must be considerable enterprise in judicial matters just now, as it appears that in the Third District Court, not only are residents re-indicted on charges on which they have been previously tried and acquitted, but a dead woman is actually arraigned on indictment. Is that going ahead or astern? Won't the New York *Herald* make a note of it and insist that such proceedings shall be sustained by all the power of the Federal Government?

The Ladies' Excursion.—The ladies' excursion to Lake Point yesterday was a decided success. The company had a fine time of enjoyment in the ride across the valley and around the Point, in visiting the *General Garfield*, bathing, strolling about, sailing, music, dancing, etc., returning home at dark, abundantly satisfied with the day's pleasure.

Bah!—Mrs. Catherine Folkman, one of the ladies arrested by deputy Marshals and hurried from her home at Plain City to Salt Lake, has the certificate of the clerk of election that she has not cast a vote for two years. She was arrested for voting last fall. So we learn from the Ogden *Journal*.

How important it is that the majesty of the law should be vindicated, even if women and babies have to be dragged fifty miles from home on bogus information!

Live Stock.—Mr. J. Ralter, of Denver, was on his way south to purchase cattle for Martin Brothers of Chicago.

Utah will soon be again a live market for beef. The Texas stock which has almost ruined the trade here has about all run out, and our meat will be in better demand, and call for better figures. Now, stock raisers, be cheerful, but don't be foolish and drive away all buyers by inflated prices.

Is He a Fraud?—Three months ago a person giving the name of George S. Hayes, visited Jacob City, Dry Canon, and collected \$3.50 each from a number of the citizens of that place. As equivalent for the money he promised to send a periodical called the *Home Circle*, and a beautiful chromo to each subscriber. Three months have passed away and no *Home Circle* nor chromo has reached the parties who paid the money, and they conclude that Hayes was a traveling "fraud." We are not in possession of any facts that would have the effect of changing that conclusion.

Wool Circular.—We have received the latest issue of the "Monthly Wool Circular" of Mauger and Avery, of 49 Broadway, New York, which gives the price current of the article in that City on August 1st. Utah wool is not quoted, as shipments from the Territories had not yet been received to any extent. For the benefit of wool growers here, we select a couple of quotations—

NEW MEXICO AND COLORADO.		
	Superior.	Average.
Washed.....	21 @ 25	19 @ 20
Unwashed.....	17 @ 20	16 @ 19
Black.....	14 @ 18	14 @ 16
CALIFORNIA.		
Spring Clip, fine.....	25 @ 35	
Spring Clip, medium.....	25 @ 35	
Spring Clip, low grades and.....	18 @ 22	
Fall Clip, A. 1.....	20 @ 25	
Fall Clip, low grades and burry.....	15 @ 18	

Life of Joseph Smith.—The second number of this work in the Danish language is now ready and contains the concluding part of Chapter 2, and Chapter 3.

The contents of the latter are: Restoration of the Melchisedic Priesthood by Peter, James, and John—The Church is Organized at Fayette with Six Members—The First Public Sermon—The First Miracle—The First Conference of the Church—Manifestations of the Power of God—Persecution in Colesville—Joseph is Arrested Twice—Is Tried and Acquitted—His Again Visiting Colesville—False Revelations—The Second Conference of the Church—Missionaries are Called to the Lamanites.

Joseph Smith's Leventstob will no doubt prove a very interesting and valuable work to the Scandinavians. It is compiled by Brothers Andrew Jensen and John A. Bruun of Pleasant Grove.

Morgan County Election.—For Superintendent of district schools, John Taylor 206 votes, V. Ashbrook, 4.

Commissioners to Locate University Lands, John Rowberry, 210; Lewis S. Hills, 210; John Van Cott, 210.

Councilor to the Legislative Assembly for Davis and Morgan Counties, Wm. R. Smith, 210.

OFFICERS FOR MORGAN COUNTY.

For Selectman, John H. Rich, 208.

For Treasurer, Richard Fry, 210.

For Sheriff, David A. Sanders, 209.

Superintendent of District Schools, John K. Hall 207.

Coroner, Jesse F. Little, 210.

PRECINCT OFFICERS.

Justice of the Peace for Canyon Creek precinct, Frederick Kingston, 46. Constable, John Dickson, 46.

Justice of the Peace for Milton, L. P. Edholm, 36. Constable, Ole Gaarder, 37.

Justice of the Peace for Croyden, John Toone, 23. Constable, George Chapman, 23.

S. FRANCIS, County Clerk.

In the Field.—By letter from Elder B. F. Cummings, Junr., we learn that he is at Lowell, Mass., with Elder Jefferson Wright. They were about to start for the western part of the State.

Elder Cummings speaks very highly of the kindness of many friends in Rhode Island. During the month of June he was unwell, and was kindly entertained at the house of Sister Martha W. Elliott, in Lincoln village. In July he baptized three persons at Providence, and rebaptized an old member of the Church. He had visited Boston, Medford, Malden, Chelsea and Salem, being everywhere kindly received. At the latter place he spent some time in examining old records for the purpose of obtaining the names of dead relatives of people living in Utah. He says—

"Again I had an opportunity to witness evidence of the great care, time and expense that are being devoted to the work of collecting and compiling information concerning the genealogy of the native inhabitants of New England. The Essex Institute and the Athenaeum of Salem contain a large number of books of great value on the subject, and there are several men in Salem who make it a profession to collect, compile and arrange family genealogies."

Stake Organized.—Under date of July 29th, Brother Hugh L. Adams informs us that the Parowan Stake of Zion has been organized, by Elders W. Woodruff and Erastus Snow, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, as follows—

Wm. H. Dame and Jesse N. Smith, as temporary Presidents.

High Council, Thomas Durham, Wm. C. Michell, Edward Dalton, Joseph Fish, Wm. Holyoak, Andrew J. Mortensen, John A. West, Sibner S. Barton, Smith D. Rogers, John E. Dalley, Lars Mortensen, John White.

President of the High Priests, Henry Lunt; Counselors, Samuel Leigh, Paul Smith.

President of the Elders' Quorum, John Lander; Counselors, Andrew Cory, Peter Jensen.

Bishop of the First Ward, Parowan, Wm. C. McGregor; Counselors, Thomas Devenport, Samuel T. Orton.

Bishop of the Second Ward, Samuel H. Rogers; Counselors, George Holyoak, Jr., Charles Adams.

Bishop of Paragonah, Silas S. Smith; Counselors, Wm. E. Jones, John Topham.

Bishop of Summit, Sylvanus C. Hulet; Counselors, Wm. Dalley, James Dalley.

Bishop of Cedar, Christopher J. Arthur; Counselors, Jens Nielsen, Francis Webster.

John P. Jones was appointed Presiding Elder of Johnson, under Bishop Arthur.

Thomas Thorby was appointed Presiding Elder of Hamilton, under Bishop Arthur.

Bishop of Kanarrab, Wallis Roundy.

Bishop of Harmony, William G. Pace.

Correspondence.

Denial of a Charge of Cruelty—An Unruly Boy Enticed from Home.

Editors Deseret News:

Some rumors having been industriously circulated concerning Edward Plant, a son of Dr. E. L. Plant, of the 1st Ward of this city, the Doctor being charged with maltreatment of the boy, I wish to say that the affair has a suspicious appearance, circumstances indicating that the boy was enticed from his home by the East Cañon sheep herder who started the story. The Doctor informs me that he is supposed to be the same individual who called at his office in an intoxicated state, asking his permission for the boy to go with him as a herder. This proposition the Doctor declined, thinking the boy safer under his own care, than that of an inebriate and utter stranger. I am sorry to see a boy fourteen years of age decoyed away from his parents by an entire stranger, and then not satisfied with the injury he has done endeavors to bring disgrace upon them.

Such a character should receive the contempt of every good man and woman, and the most condign punishment of the law.

I must say in justice to Dr. Plant that it is my candid opinion that the charges brought against him are wholly untrue and unsupportable, from the fact that his wise counsels to me in relation to the kind treatment of his children while they have been under my tuition, is sufficient proof to me that his policy has been to lead his children by kindness instead of driving them by harsh means.

I must acknowledge that his son Edward is rather an unruly and self-willed boy.

(Signed) WM. L. BALL.
Salt Lake City, U. T.,
August 11, 1877.

Editors Deseret News:

Referring to the above, allow me to state that a younger brother informs me that my son Edward was fighting with another boy the day he ran away. This accounts for his bruises mentioned by the sheepherder.

This is the second time my son has been enticed away from home, and the party who is guilty of the act is (in the language of one of his fellow-sheep-men) an infidel and an inebriate, having no regard for the family relations that should exist between father and son.

Respectfully yours,
E. L. PLANT.

Hearing that an expedition has been organized for the purpose of painting quack medicine signs all over the majestic scenery of the mountains and plains, the *Sprinkfield Republican* becomes murderously inclined. It says that, though naturally of the most humane disposition, it sincerely hopes that these defilers of nature may fall into the hands of Sitting Bull, Chief Joseph and the dreamer Smohalla, or any other truculent chieftain, and be tomahawked, scalped or burned at the stake. New York is the only State, it states, that has a law by which these outrages against good taste can be punished.

Our Family Bread.

Truly, the most important adulterations to avoid are those which are calculated to injure the "staff of life." Merchants who supply their customers with pure articles like Dr. Price's Cream Baking powder, retain better patrons, have a larger trade, and make more money than those who recommend cheap, adulterated powders.