

have brought peace and consolation to that honest soul; yes and to the hundreds of thousands of others who now walk in "the valley of the shadow of death." But perhaps the gifted authoress, Mrs. Deland, has not herself yet emerged out of the darkness and the gloom of sectarianism. Or is it possible that it was well not to tell the whole truth? Society moves slow; men must learn to loathe superstition before they will embrace the truth.

J. H. WARD.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Released From Prison.

Sidney B. Kent, of Lewiston, Cache County, was released from the penitentiary Feb. 4th. He was sentenced for unlawful cohabitation to sixty days' imprisonment and to pay the costs, \$35.

Feb. 5th, P. L. Quist, of Monroe, Sevier County, was released from the penitentiary, where he has served, on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, four months' imprisonment and thirty days additional for the fine of \$100 and costs.

February 17, Newman Van Luyan was released from the penitentiary, where he has served a 120 days' term and 30 days for the costs assessed against him on a conviction for unlawful cohabitation. His home is at Aurora, Sevier County.

February 12th, John F. Beck, of Spanish Fork, was released from the penitentiary, where he has served a five months' term for unlawful cohabitation. He also paid fine and costs amounting to \$247. Brother Beck's health has not been good during his incarceration.

February 12, R. M. Humphrey, of Salina, Sevier County, was released from the penitentiary where he has been imprisoned for living with his wives. He was sentenced to three months in prison, and to pay a fine of \$300 and costs. He was detained thirty days for the fine.

Returned Elders.

February 4th we had a call from Elder Nephi Howard, of Draper, who has just returned from a mission to the Northwestern States, whither he went in May, 1887. Nearly all of his mission was spent in the southern and central part of Indiana. Generally he was kindly received by the people. He held upwards of three hundred meetings and did much good in allaying prejudice among the people. He returns in good health and excellent spirits.

Elder Sylvanus Hulet, of Summit, Iron Co., returned February 11, from a mission to the Pennsylvania Conference of the North-western States. He left home on the 11th April, 1888, and labored in West Virginia for the first six months, until November 1st, when he proceeded to Ohio, and there continued

for four and a half months. After conference he went back to West Virginia, and there remained until the close of his mission. Elder Hulet met with comparatively small success during his labors, but was treated well by the people generally. He was threatened with violence several times, and on one occasion stones were hurled at him by a small band of youths, but he sustained no hurt. Elder Hulet returns in good health.

Opposition to Judge Blackburn.

The following special dispatch appears in this morning's *Tribune*:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The members of the bar of Provo City, Ogden, and a few of the Salt Lake attorneys, have petitioned the United States Senate against the confirmation of Judge Blackburn, on the ground that he is incompetent.

Not Requested by the Drum Corps

February 18, we received a visit from Major W. A. Stanton, Mr. W. A. Pankhurst and Mr. F. M. Glenn. These gentlemen called as a committee of the "Liberal" drum corps to make a request that a correction be made of the statement contained in the *News* of Tuesday last, to the effect that the national flag was placed at half-mast on the occasion of the death of Isadore Greenwald at the solicitation of the organization with which they are connected. The request for the half-masting was signed by Judge Powers, Mr. George M. Scott, Messrs. Auerbach Bros., Mr. John M. Young and Mr. James Anderson. The information as to who solicited the flag to be lowered came from one of the parties over whose building it was in that position, and it was taken for granted. The correction is cheerfully made. The article in the *News* conveyed no sentiment of disrespect to the deceased. There was a doubt expressed, however, as to the use of the national flag on such an occasion. This view remains unchanged.

They Wanted Guns.

P. J. Haley was before Commissioner Greenman February 14, on a charge of aiding in an attempt to escape from prison.

The circumstances indicate that there was a plot among a gang of thieves to effect a delivery of some of the fraternity from the penitentiary, and the defendant was made a means of communication between those inside of the prison and parties outside.

Mr. Haley was sentenced about three weeks ago to imprisonment for assault, and served 19 days. When he was released on Sunday he had two canes, one fully and another partially covered with braided horsehair. Both were from Wm. Marshall, and were for Andrew J. Pettit, who got out of the penitentiary some time ago, having served a term for larceny. Warden Amos suspected something was wrong, and cut open the partially covered cane. On the inside he found a letter.

At the examination this morning,

Capt. Amos testified to these facts, and stated that he believed the letter was written by Wm. Marshall, who is in the penitentiary awaiting trial on several charges of horse stealing.

The letter was then introduced in evidence, as was also a communication sent into the prison by Pettit, whose address was given on the canes as No. 445 west, First South Street. The note sent in by Pettit reads:

This is a cane I want you to make for me. Make it as near like the one I made for Jack as possible.

J. A. C. Those are the initials. I will be out as soon as I can. It is for a friend of mine. A. J. P.

The concealed letter which was thought to be conveyed to Pettit in one of the canes reads as follows:

Friend Andrew:

The bearer or deliverer of this cane is all right. Please get him two guns and two rounds of cartridges each. He will get them to us. The party don't know of this note. He is rather a small, dark complected man, with a little powder burn in the face. The things are for R. C. F. and myself. If you could come up with him it would probably help him out. At least don't fail to get them for him. Yours.

I wish you would try and have it fixed with them men at Terry's, about that rig. See Tufts and tell him about. J. A. K. EY.

The note is on thin paper, in violet ink, and the last paragraph and signature were not written by the same person as the first paragraph.

Jas. C. Watson was called to identify the Pettit letter, which was written on one of his bill heads. He could not, however, say whether or not it was Andrew J. Pettit's writing. Pettit had been in Mr. Watson's office several times, and could have got a bill head there at almost any time, as they were loose on the desk. Pettit assumed to be trying to get a pardon for John Smith, in the penitentiary under a sentence for highway robbery.

Captain Amos' testimony was continued. He said—Haley's time expired on Sunday; he had served nineteen days; we found the letters when he was coming out; they were hidden in a cane covered with horsehair; canes are frequently sent out, but most of them are wooden; I had heard that an unfinished hair cane had been sent out, and that caused me to suspect; then I cut the defendant's cane open; he said it was for Andrew Pettit, and was from Wm. Marshall; one cane had a piece of paper wrapped about it, but the cane was an old one, and I did not think there was any letter in it; the cane I cut open looked to have something wrong with it; I believe the defendant knew all about the scheme; I don't know who is the author of the note signed "Jakey," but I believe it is Wm. Marshall.

D. N. Swan testified—I am the marshal's clerk; know Andrew Pettit; he has visited the penitentiary several times since his release; the last time was ten days or two weeks ago. He has visited Wm. Marshall and W. W. Wilson.

This closed the evidence, and the commissioner held Mr. Haley to await the action of the grand jury.