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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

A cloth made from the down of birds is coming greatly into favor in Paris. It is waterproof, and estimated to be five times lighter and three times warmer than wool.

Another applicant for admission into the Union has put in an appearance in the House of Representatives. The new candidate is the State of Washington, composed of the Territory of that name with the addition of a chunk split off from Idaho. Its admission is very doubtful.

The Supreme Court of the State of Iowa, in an appeal case, lately rendered the singular decision that a railroad company is not liable for the loss of stock where the animals have gained access to the track on account of the burning of a fence along the line from sparks from a locomotive of the company.

McCombsy alias Kunkel one of the jail-birds who escaped from Omaha as related in the News was captured at Millard Station after committing two burglaries. He drank a bottle of whiskey, became thoroughly intoxicated, was discovered and returned to Omaha, where he will be taken better care of, Carson, the other fugitive, has not yet been captured.

Entomological experts have decided that the grasshopper pest is at an end in the West, at least for a period of several years. The hopper has changed materially in its characteristics during the past two years, a large proportion of the eggs laid a year ago failed to hatch out, and many of the young hoppers that were hatched perished from some unknown cause. It is believed that for ten years at least the devourers will not put in another appearance in this part of the world. No more it be!

As a great improvement on the general mumbering of the names of stations on railroads by conductors and brakemen, which few can hear, and less can understand, the Sioux City and St. Paul Railroad, have substituted a mechanical announcer. It is placed at the forward end of the coach, and when the train leaves a station the brakeman turns a crank which rings a bell similar in sound to the alarm of a clock. Of course the passengers all look up, and there is displayed in plain, bold letters, the name of the next station.

The Omaha Herald talks of the new census in this wise: "The Gentile political hucksters of Utah are very paragon of consistency in demanding of Congress the repeal of the law giving to women the right of suffrage in that Territory. These are the chaps who insisted upon giving the women of Utah that right because they thought the women would use it to vote themselves freedom from the bondage of polygamy. Finding their mistake, the Gentile politicians now demand the repeal of the law which they insisted upon because it has resulted in consolidating the Mormon power over the local government of the Territory. 'The fact remains us of the republican demand for 'impartial suffrage' in the South, which has given the democrats undisputed control in every State, against the warnings they received of what would be the certain consequence." The Herald is generally clear in the brain on Utah matters.

## SHARP PRACTICE.

It appears that "Tink" as well as other foreigners who mark the tactics of the same Yankee after arrival in the land of the brave and the home of the free. And like all smart people they sometimes overreach themselves when they imagine they are extraordinarily sharp.

An Armenian Turk, Christopher Oseanyan, has been charged with the Winchester-Roberts Arms Company for \$200,000, ten per cent. commission, according to alleged agreement, on a lot of firearms furnished by the company, for his manipulation, to the Turkish Government. Oseanyan was purveyor to the Sultan and became officially associated with Mustafa Reza, purchasing agent for the Porte. He overcame the objections of the agent to the Winchester arm, and circumvented an arrangement for the purchase of a number of Spencer rifles from the United States Government.

The only defence set up was that the plaintiff was a public officer, was therefore bound to act in good faith towards his government, and that this contract, made for his own pecuniary benefit, was consequently void from the beginning. The judge perceived the point and directed a verdict for defendant. The whole proceeding seems devoid of honor. In the first place the Americanized Turk had no moral right to "copy" after the example of United States Congressmen and government agents, in trying to feather his own nest at the expense of his national nation. And in the second place the Winchester Company were dishonored in repudiating their agreement with their go-between, even though they were sheltered by a legal technicality. It is something akin to that delightful arrangement between a Utah Federal judge and an office seeker who bought the judgeship for the fee, but failed to pay for it after securing the seat, and when sued for the amount, pleaded the illegality of the contract, in order to escape payment. This is "Yankee smartness" with a ven-

gence, but, as shown in the case of the Armenian Turk, foreigners who settle in America are very apt scholars in this kind of commercial sharp practice.

## NEW ANTI-POLYGAMY BILL.

The New York Herald gives the following as the text of a bill to be introduced into Congress by the promoters of the new Utah crusade:

Be it enacted that every person having a husband or wife living who shall marry any other person, whether married or single, in a Territory of the United States or other place over which the United States have exclusive jurisdiction, shall be guilty of polygamy, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$500 and imprisonment for term not exceeding five years, and if any person who has a husband or wife living shall continue to cohabit with such other person after the passage of this act, he or she shall be deemed guilty of polygamy, and shall be punished as aforesaid. And it shall not be necessary to prove either of said marriages to be a legal and certain marriage, or of other record evidence, but the same may be proved by such evidence as the court shall be able to prove a marriage in other cases, and proof of cohabitation under either of said marriages shall be held sufficient proof of either of said marriages, and the prosecution may be had either where the alleged illegal marriage was solemnized or the cohabitation may be shown to have taken place. But this section shall not extend to any person by reason of any former marriage whose husband or wife by such marriage has been absent for five successive years, and is not known to such person, or to a cohabitant, or any former marriage which has been pronounced void by decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, or to any person who on the ground of nullity of the marriage contract, and provided that this act shall not affect any prosecution for offences committed prior to the passage of this act, or for the crime of bigamy.

It will be observed that this bill proposes to punish any person who marries and cohabits with more than one wife. The promoters and abettors of the measure may cohabit with as many females as they can lead astray from the path of virtue, either in Washington or Utah, or elsewhere, but no man must marry and live with more than one. The offence is thus in the ceremony not in the cohabitation. Continuance of cohabitation is made a penal offence, but it must be with persons to whom he is married in order to make a man liable. Yet, though the offence is thus originated in the ceremony, no proof of that ceremony is required for conviction.

Take this bill and the bill designed to put all accused "Mormons" at the mercy of juries composed of their avowed enemies, and what a sweet little scheme is disclosed! To get a "Mormon" into the toils all that would be needed would be to challenge "Mormon" jurors on their belief in the rightfulness of plural marriage, pack a jury of Mormon-haters eager for mischief, show by general reputation, the testimony of neighbors or the public understanding, that the accused lived and cohabited with two or more women as his wives, and with the court and all its officers and paraphernalia arrayed against him, his case might be considered settled from the start.

But these propositions are only propositions, at present. Congress is not yet crazy, and prejudice is not so violent at this juncture as to override reason and right, so we think the plot is rather unlikely to succeed. In any event Providence is over all, and while the wicked work for evil, He who controls the result of all evil and combinations will overcome for good the schemes designed for wrong.

## KANAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Kanab Stake of Zion, convened at the Kanab School-house, Kanab, Kane County, Utah, on Saturday, Dec. 22, 1877, at 10 a. m.

Present on the stand, James L. Bunting, of the presidency of the Stake and the leaders of the various wards with their counselors.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Jas. L. Bunting.

Singing and prayer.

President Bunting remarked that he rejoiced with the Saints that we could meet here in conference in peace and health.

W. D. Johnson, Jr., was proposed as moderator, which was unanimously sustained.

Bro. Samuel Mulliner spoke of the condition of the people of Orderville, and of the principles of the Saints at that place were much altered of many of the Saints, as they kept the commandments of God in living in the U. O., and were trying to do right.

Elder Royal Cutler addressed the Saints for a short time in relation to our temporal duties.

Bro. E. L. Johnson gave a report of the Mt. Carmel Ward, spoke of the equality of manhood. God has given his gifts to all, and we are all different in mind and body it was impossible for us to be all equal.

President James L. Bunting spoke a few moments.

Benediction.

Afternoon, 2 p. m.

President E. Snow, Elders Henry Eyring, M. T. Farnsworth and Lester J. Hendricks arrived from St. George.

President E. Snow presiding. Singing and prayer.

from Orderville; felt to bless the people for their self denial and obedience to the requirements of the priesthood; spoke at length of the obligations of the saints and also of our duties in building temples paying tithing, etc., and gave much good instruction.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 9, 10 A. M.

Singing and prayer.

Elder M. T. Farnsworth gave a report of his works in the Temple at St. George, explaining several principles of great interest to the saints; spoke of the importance of laboring for the dead and the blessing that will attend that work.

Elder Henry Eyring spoke of the "Last Days," mentioned by the Prophet Isaiah; also of the scattering of the house of Israel.

President E. Snow followed upon the same subject; spoke of the sons of Jacob, their blessings, powers, promises, etc.; made many quotations from the Bible, making an interesting discourse upon the tribes of Israel; gave particulars in regard to the blessings conferred upon the people of Israel, and how they were being fulfilled every day; urged the people to live up to their duties and obligations so that they could go and obtain their blessings in the Temple.

Choir sang.

Benediction.

2 p. m.

Singing and prayer.

The sacrament was administered. Bishop James Leithhead reported the condition of the Glendale Ward; gave some good suggestions in relation to the same.

Bishop E. L. Johnson gave a report of the Johnson Ward.

President Snow offered a few remarks on the general welfare of the saints in the Stake of Zion.

Brother Henry Eyring presented the General Authorities of the Church, who were unanimously sustained by the conference; also the following officers, who were sustained by the saints:

L. John Nuttall, president of Kanab Stake of Zion; Howard O. Spencer and James L. Bunting counselors.

Members of the High Council—James Lewis, Thomas Robertson, Warren Foote, Taylor Crosby, John Oakley, John Rider, James A. Little, Samuel Mulliner, Edwin Ford, Edward J. Nelson, Richard Robinson, Edward Pugh.

President of High Priests' Quorum—John Rider; James Lewis and Israel Hoyt, counselors.

Search of Stake—Edwin J. Bunting.

President of Elders' Quorum—Francis M. Hamblin; Isaiah Bowers first counselor; James A. Little, second counselor.

William D. Johnson, Jr., bishop of Kanab Ward; Joseph G. Brown and Brigham Y. Bald, counselors.

Sexton E. Johnson, bishop of Johnson Ward; Samuel Johnson, first counselor; George A. Shumway, second counselor.

H. B. M. Jolley, bishop of Mount Carmel Ward; Wm. Jolley and James M. Englestadt, counselors.

Thomas Chamberlain, bishop of Orderville; Isaac V. Carling and Bateman H. Williams, counselors.

James Leithhead, bishop of Glendale Ward; Robert A. Smith and John E. Carpenter, counselors.

Richard Robinson, presiding priest of Upper Kanab, attached to Glendale Ward.

Charles Palspacher, presiding priest of Winona, and Maccasin Spring attached to Kanab Ward.

Thomas W. Smith, bishop of Paharia Ward; Robert A. Smith and John E. Carpenter, counselors.

Jas. L. Bunting, Sept. of Sunday School.

Wm. D. Johnson, Jr., Pres. of Y. M. M. L. A. of Kanab Stake.

Honorable James A. Little, Chas. H. Oliphant, John Rider, Sam. Mulliner, Thomas Robertson, Chas. Palspacher, Wm. Jolley, John E. Carpenter, Chas. J. Jolley, and James Watson.

Pres. E. Snow reminded the people of paying their monthly tithing, and to do all other things required by the servants of God; gave much fatherly counsel, and adjourned the conference until March next.

Choir sang.

Benediction.

W. D. JOHNSON, Jr., Clerk.

After the meeting the High Council met and organized, with John Rider Clerk.

BY TELEGRAPH.

PER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.

to San Diego, and another for trunk lines and various branches. None of the promoters of this scheme have as yet been able to obtain to any of their bills. They appear rather to have taken it for granted that they would sign anything that Congress might pass. None but the friends of the Texas Pacific scheme seem to have gone near the White House, or to have conversed with the President on the subject. The President has been thinking on this matter, however, and had taken pains to inform himself in regard to some of the internal improvements of the bills that are likely to be discussed, and especially the Texas and Pacific proposition. A gentleman who talked with him early in the week, found him in grave doubt, first, whether it would be well to grant government aid to the Texas and Pacific road at all; and, secondly, if aid was granted, as to the amount of it. His objection to sustaining the road at all seemed to be based on a conviction that that the southern transcontinental line will be constructed without government aid, within a few years, and that the aid of the Texas Pacific scheme is not needed. It is hardly probable that the President will have occasion to act on such a bill at this session. The best informed members of the House, including the Speaker, there is good reason to believe, think that no majority in its favor could be obtained in the present Congress.

After Sunday Services.

It is stated that Capt. J. H. Fogelberg who is to undertake the recovery of the six millions of treasure supposed to have been sunk in the frigate San Pedro, at Alcatraz, on the Spanish main, 60 years ago, has obtained subscriptions enough to start upon his expedition.

Mayor City and the Police Commissioners.

Police commissioner Erhardt made his defence before the mayor yesterday, claiming that he had done his duty in every way. Witnesses testified to the efficient work of the department. The mayor very courteously refused to allow the trial to last beyond the evening. The other commissioners are to make their defence to-day.

Business Not Brist.

The exchanges at 12 leading trade centers, last week, including New York, showed a decrease of four-tenths per cent. over the corresponding week of last year. Excluding New York, however, the same comparison shows over seven per cent. decline for the last week at Boston. The decline is important and unusual. Business is not really brisk anywhere, and the unusual decrease of transactions at some important cities is discouraging.

The Turks Will Resist the Russian Advance to the Niger Kad.

CHICAGO, 22. — The Tribune's London says a fresh levy of 800,000 men will be ordered by the Porte in a day or two, and the Russian advance is to be resisted to the bitter end. The Turkish policy is to hold every position until driven out, but not to leave large forces to be captured in fortified places. If the Russian armies can be held in check until the new levy is mobilized, Turkey hopes to take the offensive and obtain England's assistance.

The report comes of the probable recall of Midhat Pasha to the Turkish cabinet.

Suleiman Pasha is to have supreme command and carte blanche as to the means of defense, the non-interference of the war council in domestic affairs being guaranteed.

The Greek and Roman patriarchs will refuse to send the call for troops to their congregations unless the Christians are armed in separate battalions from the Muslims and allowed a flag with the cross instead of the crescent. Still, about 150,000 men can be raised in the Balkans, and the Balkan army will be left north of the Balkans.

The Servians carried the St. Nicholas Pass by assault on Wednesday; also they have nearly captured the town of Vidin.

The Sultan will shortly issue a proclamation deposing Prince Milan.

The fear of armed intervention by England and France, and the German press are making merry over the early session of Parliament as likely to end in nothing but talk.

The Texas Border Troubles.

The Times' Mexico special says: A New Mexico special says that there are thousands of rumors in circulation regarding the doings of the Mexican bandits in El Paso County, Texas. The special is alleged that all the stores in the border towns of Socorro, Yell and El Paso have been plundered, and that the town of El Paso is threatened with the same sort of treatment. The Texas Rangers who surrendered at San Elizario, having gathered reinforcements, started yesterday to retake the town taken by the Mexicans. It is reported that the forces encountered, and a fight followed, in which Lieut. Mortimer, of the regular army, was killed and two soldiers captured. The Mexicans carried a cannon from the detachment of United States troops. A portion of the Mexicans then crossed the Rio Grande, and the Texas Rangers followed by the Texas Rangers. Lively work may be expected at any hour. Gen. Frisland, with the Texas Cavalry, artillery and one Gatling gun, has arrived at the scene of disorder.

FOREIGN.

WAR PREPARATIONS.

LONDON, 22.—During the past twelve months, the British Government has been constantly conveying stores to Gibraltar and Malta, where there is a vast accumulation of war material. Orders have been received at Woolwich for the manufacture of sixteen-pounder field guns. It has been determined that four eighty-ton guns for the *Inflectible* are to be chambered forthwith.

Wreck of the Steamer "Friesland."

The Dutch steamer *Friesland*, from Rotterdam for New York, was lost off Cape Finisterre, it is believed, with all hands. She passed Gibraltar on Dec. 5th. Wreckage has been sighted, which there is but little doubt came from the membership of the House committee on Pacific Railroads, and are working with great system and diligence to present their measure in such shape, at such a time, and such circumstances that it will provoke as little antagonism as possible, and secure a majority of votes in the House. With this in view they are endeavoring to secure the prompt signature to any of their bills which they may be fortunate enough to get through Congress. The Texas and Pacific people have been very anxious about the membership of the House committee on Pacific Railroads, and are working with great system and diligence to present their measure in such shape, at such a time, and such circumstances that it will provoke as little antagonism as possible, and secure a majority of votes in the House. With this in view they are endeavoring to secure the prompt signature to any of their bills which they may be fortunate enough to get through Congress. The Texas and Pacific people have been very anxious about the membership of the House committee on Pacific Railroads, and are working with great system and diligence to present their measure in such shape, at such a time, and such circumstances that it will provoke as little antagonism as possible, and secure a majority of votes in the House. With this in view they are endeavoring to secure the prompt signature to any of their bills which they may be fortunate enough to get through Congress.

It is said that a manufacturer of military stores, who has been working on hand for Russia and Turkey, has received notice cancelling them.

EDINBURGH, 22.—The Scotch and English influential circles considerable credit is given to the report that government contemplates the purchase of the Porto's suzerainty over Egypt.

RUSSIA.

The Emperor.

St. Petersburg, 22.—The Emperor arrived this morning.

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Handkerchiefs and Ties, Kid Gloves, Real Jet Jewelry,

Perfumery, &amp;c., &amp;c.

For Children:

Fur Coats, Caps, Boas and Muffs, Skating Caps,