

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Secretary Teller has written a letter to a Pennsylvanian, informing him that "soldiers are not entitled to land unless they go on a tract and settle upon it, and improve and cultivate it. All statements to the contrary are false."

The plan for strengthening the fortifications of Kiel, Germany, devised by General Count von Moltke and approved by the Emperor, is for the construction of a circle of sixteen forts, making the port-dockyard one of the strongest in existence, and the completion of a strategic railway establishing uninterrupted communication along the Baltic coast.

It is proposed that on Longfellow's birthday, which is the 27th of February, a general subscription be made throughout America in behalf of the memorial, which is to be erected in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the place in which the poet so long resided. Individual subscriptions of any amount can be sent directly to the Longfellow Memorial Association at Cambridge, or a number of persons may unite at any place, and send their gift in a single remittance.

A New York tea importer told the Senate Committee on Commerce that in consequence of the stringent laws governing the importation of tea into Great Britain, and the removal by the United States of the discriminating duties on imports east of the Cape of Good Hope, this country has become "the most convenient and profitable receptacle for the cheap and adulterated tea which have been excluded from the other markets of the world." This is not pleasant information for tea drinkers.

The stock of the recently held Denver mining expedition has passed into the hands of a private corporation, which, on the authority of the *Republican* of that city, will hold a second expedition, beginning on July 17 and closing October 31, 1883. The present management believes that a permanent expedition can be established at Denver and be made of such special interest during days of the year as to draw visitors from all parts of the country and from abroad. Steps have already been taken in this direction, whereat Denver is to be congratulated.

A very handy book for politicians has just been issued by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It is beautifully printed on good paper, with an elegant cover, and contains accurate data in regard to the political revolution of 1882, giving the official returns from eleven States, with comparative tables of former elections and a full list of members of the Forty-Eighth Congress, and other particulars of value. It is entitled "How it Was Done," and is given away by the B. & O. Company in the form of its Annual Red Book.

A common expression in describing a sea-storm is, "the waves ran mountains high." This is a terrible exaggeration. Waves do not lift themselves as high as a good sized hill, never reaching over 40 feet. It is stated that in the North Atlantic Ocean waves have been observed 24 and 36 feet high, the highest being 33, mean 18, in westerly gales. In the Pacific 82 feet is recorded; South Atlantic, 22; Cape Horn, 35; Mediterranean, 14; German Ocean, 18; and French sailors mention 18 feet in the Bay of Biscay.

Bills applying for permission to construct seventeen hundred and seventy miles of new railroad in Great Britain, of which three-fourths will lie in England, will be laid before Parliament during the approaching session. This increased mileage is small, compared with the total annual extension in the United States, but in proportion it is enormous, especially when one considers that England now looks like a spider's web on the railroad maps. The prospective increase is about four hundred miles more than that proposed to Parliament in 1882.

Exchanges state that "The old Mormon temple in the little village of Kirtland, O., twenty-three miles from Cleveland, is undergoing repairs, and is to be re-dedicated on the 6th of next April, in the presence of a thousand Mormons from the West, to the propagation of the faith once delivered to Joseph Smith." Perhaps so, but the parties who have obtained possession of that once sacred building, do not understand the "faith once delivered to Joseph Smith;" a "Mormon" temple is not erected for the purpose of proselytism; and those who intend to use it know no more about its proper object and purpose than uninitiated strangers do about a Masonic lodge.

The decimation of buffalo herds for more pasture is as shameful as it is reckless. The number of buffalo slaughtered last winter was estimated at eighty thousand, which accords very well with the number of hides shipped. Thus far this winter, the buffaloes killed have been comparatively few. A buyer of skins in the field reports that he has secured but one hundred hides. It seems probable that the fate of the extinction of the animal are not unfounded. Indeed, it is only a result to be expected from the reckless manner in which hunters ride in to a herd and slaughter the buffaloes for sport only—a feat which requires neither prowess nor machination. Unless the attempt to decimate the animal succeeds, the noble American game will pass into history before the next season is over.

ONE MORE ANTI-"MORMON" ABSURDITY.

The latest nostrum put forth as a preventive of the spread of "Mormonism" in the South, is advocated by the New York *Commercial Advertiser*. It is to impose a license fee of \$500 upon every county in Georgia in which he solicits converts. It appears that there is a law in that State requiring emigration agents to pay such a license, and the *Advertiser* suggests that "Mormon" proselyters be made to pay it, and thus they might be "barred out."

The "Mormon" question seems to addle the brains of all who undertake to treat of it adversely. Men and papers of ability talk more nonsense when they touch upon it than upon any subject which engages their attention. If a "Mormon" proselyter can be required to pay a license fee for preaching, so can the Methodist revivalist, or the regular or irregular minister of any denomination who seeks to make converts. The "Mormon" missionary simply preaches the gospel according to the tenets of his Church, and he has a constitutional right to freedom of speech and of the press. He may speak in public wherever he can find an audience willing to listen, and publish his doctrines wherever he can find a printer or means of circulating books, papers and pamphlets.

But it may be urged, he is engaged in the emigration business. This is a mistake. He is not an emigration agent in any sense. He is not employed by any firm, company or association in that capacity. He does not make his living by any such means. If any one desires information about Utah, or the most feasible way of going there, he is ready to impart it, but it makes no difference to him whether people go or stay.

The impression abroad that "Mormon" Elders are engaged in a scheme to get people to come to Utah as colonists, in the same way that emigration agents ply their trade, is entirely erroneous. Their mission is to preach the gospel of salvation, and one of its principles is the gathering of the Saints from all parts of the world. As soon as men or women believe the gospel, they have a great desire to gather with the main body of their co-religionists, and the Elders are always ready to impart needed advice as to the best means of accomplishing that purpose. And if any one thinks that an Elder can be caught on such a plan book as that sent by the *Advertiser*, he is exceedingly simple, that is all.

But what pitiful shifts anti-"Mormon" are put to for methods to stop the spread of a religious system which they deounce as weak and foolish! Is it not a powerful argument in favor of "Mormonism" that its opponents cannot content themselves with fair weapons in attacking it, but must resort to all kinds of dodges and expedients, most of them in the nature of force? If it is so absurd, unscriptural and immoral as they pretend, can they not overturn it easily, with the usual methods of conquering heresy? The very fact that professors of theology, logic and pulpit oratory countenance and advise heroic measures, such as repressive laws, heavy fines, long imprisonment and even bullets and bayonets for the suppression of "Mormonism," is proof that they are not able to refute it nor overcome its doctrines by argument and scripture. And it appears to us that this alone ought to open the eyes of thoughtful people to the probable truth of the system so assailed.

The *Commercial Advertiser* has an eye to business in its recommendation. But on reflection we think it will see that if Georgia expects to raise any revenue out of license fees to "Mormon" preachers, it will be likely to meet with great disappointment and the treasury will probably be loaded down with coils on any such levy. And we will say further, that even if such an absurd stretch of the Georgia law could be made effectual, it would not result in the barring out of "Mormon" missionaries or preventing the spread of the truths of "Mormonism" within the borders of that State.

"THE MORMON QUESTION."

THERE is a paper published in San Francisco, which is the official organ of the extensive society known as the Independent Order of Good Templars. It is called the *Rescue*, and according to the Phoenix, Arizona, *Herald*, from which we clip the following with the above heading, credited to the *Rescue*, it talks uncommon good sense on the "Mormon" question:

"Many methods have been suggested and recommended as proper and expedient for dealing with the polygamy of Utah. But while persecutions and injustices have been proposed without end, it seems to have occurred to no one to suggest or apply a Christian remedy for that practice which so harasses and worries our immaculate virtuous congressmen, politicians, and journalists."

It has been said, with apparent reason, that if it could be conclusively proved to the world by the Protestants, Catholics or any other sect that their religious faith and practices make its people more honest, truthful, virtuous, religious, better and happier than any other religion, and that with its restrictions, the chances would be strongly in favor of its ultimate universal adoption. It would certainly seem that it is not the only possible way, to suppress the Mormon faith and practice, to present to them a picture of a people ahead of them in virtue and that material prosperity which inevitably rewards a virtuous, honest people.

It is doubtless true that some excellent Christian ministers, Gentiles so-called, have gone there and established churches, Sunday schools, etc., and have endeavored by Christian counsel and a Christian walk to lead, not drive, the Mormons to abandon their objectionable doctrines and practices; doubtless some few other Christians have set a worthy Christian example to the Mormons and made a kindly impression upon them. But these few exceptions, everything that has been done by the representatives of our Government and those who have claimed to represent the people, with a pretense of getting down polygamy

Correspondence.

Editor Deseret News:

I, having spent a few days in this vicinity, i. e., between Brigham and Mailed cities, take the liberty of penning you a few lines concerning some of my observations. The cold weather which has been the subject of so much talk since the new year set in still lingers with unusual tenacity; numbers of the people may be seen with handkerchiefs around their throats, owing to the prevalence of mumps, colds, sore throats, etc. But, speaking of the cold weather, calls to mind a little circumstance which, in my humble opinion, justice demands should be made public.

On Friday, the 19th ult., a worthy individual in the employ of our venerated Uncle Sam, as mail carrier from Corinne to Mailed City, no doubt feeling that the times needed something more than ordinary to keep up the internal heat, supplied himself with a liberal quantity of the liquid element, which he so noted for rendering a person oblivious of care; and imbibing freely of the same, by the time he reached a point on Bear River, a short distance north of a farm owned by one of the Indians, he had become unconscious of all outward surroundings, and was quietly sleeping in his sleigh, while his horse, having no one to urge them onward, stopped, and stamped, and shivered.

The Indians noticing the horse standing so long one of them went to see what was the matter, and being unable to rouse the man from his drunken stupor, concluded it would be best to take him home. He accordingly started. After having driven a few miles he overtook another white man, an acquaintance of the mail contractor, who got into the sleigh, and finding the mail carrier was unconscious, he drove him to a point on the river, where he had a party of friends, and having revived a little, the two endeavored to persuade the noble red man to participate, but he refused, and maintained the obstinacy of his race by still refusing when they attempted to force it down him. He also noted the part of a policeman when shortly after the white brethren began quarreling, and putting one at one end of the sleigh and one at the other, he drove on, delivered the mail at the proper place, and took the men to Mailed City, a distance of over thirty miles.

When the mail contractor became sober, after having daily reflected upon the services the Indian had rendered him, in saving his life, (for he certainly would have frozen to death had no one helped him) to say nothing of saving him from being hanged, he rewarded him with the munificent sum of two dollars. Further comment is unnecessary.

Yours very respectfully,
JUSTICE.

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THE FLOODS.

Gloomy Forebodings.

CINCINNATI, 14.—Additional gloom has settled down upon the people this morning, caused by the fact that the river, after falling to 61 feet 101 inches, began to rise again under the influence of a steady, hard rain. Rain has advanced from the west, and extends this morning as far as Pittsburg. Unless it stops shortly, there is no hope of the river receding, while the gravest fears are entertained that the great height reached yesterday will be surpassed. There is no hope of the relief committee, but they are doing all they can to distribute food. Soup houses were opened to-day in various parts of the city to feed those able to get to them.

Bishop Elder has ordered all the Catholic churches thrown open to accommodate the homeless and sent a circular to the churches to-day, asking that contributions be sent to the chamber of commerce and the city council will be prompt.

There are many cases of extreme destitution reported by the relief board; in some cases the frantic cries of the children for food are heartrending. The bakeries not inundated are pushed to their utmost capacity to keep up the supply of bread. There have been some fears of famine on account of the difficulty of receiving live stock, but several thousands of the resources of the city can be utilized in case of necessity.

People are being moved as fast as possible from Harlestown. The rains will raise the Miami and White-water Rivers.

Lawrenceburg is likely to be most damaged. The people of that place received a copy of provisions in good shape this a.m. No lives lost yet. The water is six feet deep at the yards of Tinner's Creek, Guilford, Ind. The water rose at Lawrenceburg Junction since morning, one inch and a half. It is raining hard all the time.

Indianapolis, 14.—The Legislature appropriated \$40,000 for Lawrenceburg. This a.m. the board of trade appropriated \$15,000 for the same purpose. Another car load of provisions has gone to-day.

Cleveland, O., 14.—Another deluge is feared. The lumber piles are being anchored on the flats and the drift wood and ice gorges will be blown up with dynamite. All practicable precautions are being taken against the threatened overflow.

Cincinnati, 14.—The river is rising an inch and a half an hour. It stood 65 feet one inch and a half at 12 o'clock. Reports hold up and down the river show that rain is falling at Portsmouth and Marysville, slowly at the latter place. The latest authentic report concerning the loss of life at the Cincinnati Southern depot yesterday was made to-day at Alvin Street Station by Herman Weisberg, a boy living at 17 W. 12th Street. He says he and his brother Joseph, with 13 other boys were on the platform when the water broke through the East Avenue. That the entire party were thrown into the water; that he swam to 61st street, escaped and went home. That his brother and all the other boys were drowned and he does not know their names.

Indianapolis, 14.—It has been raining hard since midnight. Rogers' Run has again overflowed. The railroad tracks are under water, and two squares of Jeffersonville. A dispatch says the city is flooded from 5 to 25 feet deep, and there are 5,000 homeless; many lost everything. Many colleges in the lower part of the city are submerged and hundreds are quartered in the second stories of the public buildings. Stores are under water. The water is fifty from the sewers. The suffering is appalling. It is still raining and the river is rising. The loss is over half a million dollars; contributions are asked for.

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