

gentleman in this city, and will be found interesting:

"I have just returned from a three days' examination of the slate quarry on Antelope Island, and finding your two letters here I must drop you a note.

"I was all over the mountainous part of the island day before yesterday, being twice on the highest point, where Stansbury erected his monument.

"As to the slate the half has not been told. I am satisfied it is not excelled, either for quantity or quality. I measured the ledge in one place, and found it more than 200 feet wide. It comes right up to the surface, and I can anywhere pick out with my hands enough slate to cover a score of houses, as sound, too, in quality, as you ever saw. This perfection at the surface is accounted for by the fact that the frost does not penetrate for more than an inch or two, the climate being so nicely tempered by the vast body of surrounding salt water. Coming from this slate is the most nectar-like water I have ever tasted.

"There are on the island about 7,000 sheep and a band of about 70 wild horses.

"The geological formation is different from any other part of this country, being granite, quartz and slate, and an entire absence of lime.

"I shall have plenty of samples during the coming week. Some we brought with us across the lake to the point of the mountain, and will have them in here to-morrow. The prevailing color is rich purple, with considerable blue-black, some milky-green, and a goodly proportion of purple, intersected with green bands, making it look like a beautiful ribbon."

A large manufactory in Omaha of this slate into mantle-pieces, table-tops, billiard tables, sinks, mouldings for decorations, etc., is practicable and probable, besides the more immediate use of this important and useful article for roofing and flooring.—*Omaha Herald*, July 25.

Elsewhere we have given the facts of the slate interest on Antelope Island, Utah, in which our well-known fellow townsmen, Gen. Lowe and H. H. Vischer have an interest. The following additional information from Dr. Lowe is important and our citizens will be much interested in it. We understand that already much interest is awakened in a discovery so important.

"MESSRS. MILLER & RICHARDSON:—Please examine this unprepared specimen of surface Antelope Island slate. A variety of specimens will arrive here next week. The company has a good force now at work in the quarry, and they have in their employ old slaters who have worked in all the quarries of this and the old countries, and among them is Mr. Jardine of this city, who has his diplomas of merit in his art, and who is well known here for his beautiful and good slate work on the roof of the new government post office and custom house. — E. LOWE."

—*Omaha Herald*, July 25.

The Silver-tongued.

TOM FITCH of the "silver tongue," as his admirers used to call him ten or twelve years ago, when he was recognized as one of the most eloquent of the Republican orators of California, is about returning to Nevada to enthuse the Democratic heart during the approaching political contest. We don't think it probable that TOM will, either in that contest or any other in which he may be hereafter engaged, exert much influence. His career has been that of a political nomad, and he has never worn well in any community after the gloss of novelty had been lost. Though he came to California under a cloud, his youthful and almost boyish appearance, his ingenuous and handsome countenance, his splendid voice and flowing oratory, impressed every one favorably at the beginning, and won for him troops of admirers and friends in San Francisco. A splendid future seemed to open before him, and had he been of the pattern that will "wash," to use a phrase borrowed from the dry-goods line, he might without presumption have aspired to the United States Senate and occupied a seat there before now as one of the California delegation. But he had the qualities which excite admiration rather than those that inspire confidence,

besides lacking judgment and stability, and was guilty of indiscretions which alienated many of his warmest friends and caused men to doubt his reliability. Then he changed his base to El Dorado county, where he ran a Republican paper for a short time, made a failure of it, and was compelled to make another change. In Nevada he was politically successful for a while, and a new career seemed open to him. He was sent to Congress by the Republicans to represent that State in the Lower House, where he made several brilliant speeches, but not an entirely satisfactory record. Becoming a candidate for re-election, he was beaten by Kendal. Then he again pulled up stakes and sought fresh pastures. It was reported that he was going to settle in New York City and practice law there; but on his return from the East he stopped at Salt Lake to try his fortune in Mormonism. For a time all went well, and the wanderer seemed likely to rise high in the influence of the Prophet. But either these expectations failed, or the "silver-tongued" saw the hand-writing on the wall * * * and so he once more folded his tent and now goes back to his former camping-ground in the sage brush. His career is one of those that carry with them a most important lesson for all ambitious and aspiring young men. It should convince them that in public life something more than the gift of genius is important to success; that without steadiness of purpose and the qualities that inspire confidence, the most brilliant talents can achieve no durable and valuable results.—*San Francisco Chronicle*, July 18.

Liberal Logic.

We "Liberals" number, with our various little factions all told, about one-tenth of the population of Utah; therefore, we ought to have all the offices in the Territory.

We have come here after you "Mormons" have cleared away the brush, built the bridges, killed the snakes, tamed the red men, conquered the soil, built up houses and public buildings, organized society, framed the laws, beautified the country and made it glisten with the glories of industry, therefore we, being new-comers, ought to step in and enjoy it, while you, who are not constitutionally tired as we, can go somewhere else and begin again.

Those of us who have embarked in business, have used much of the money we have made out of you in helping the noble band of bummers who have been sustained in Washington, wire-working to relieve you of the rights of American citizens; therefore, you ought to continue your patronage to us and never buy anything of your friends.

We have spent much of the means we have gleaned among you, in supporting an organ that daily grinds out libels against your leading men, and issues the blackest lies about your faith, acts and intentions that were ever emitted from the nether regions, and as it is a terrible swallower of donations and assessments, we expect you to still further assist us, that we may continue to aid the "organ."

We have done our best to get the offices which of right belong to the people, wrested from their hands and placed within the scope of the Federal appointing power; therefore are we "liberal" and the people should join in every "liberal" movement.

We have succeeded in robbing the Territory, for a while at least, of its Marshal, Attorney and other officers, and you should sustain us that we may complete our work.

We have managed to get a law passed in Congress which appropriates Territorial money to pay Federal officers, and you should unite with us that we may continue our work until either we or Congress shall handle all your funds.

Our nominee for Delegate to Congress has done his level best to obtain special legislation, by which you could be disfranchised and prevented from the inconvenience of serving on juries; by which "smart" lawyers could work it so that your property could be divided between them and the courts, with a small moiety for disaffected wives who wish to roam; by which your lives would be placed under the complete control of courts and officers and juries over whom you could have no power, and who could hang you and the men you most res-

pect, without any possible chance of redress; and by which this Territory would be made a very undesirable place for you to reside in; he has also labored hard to secure the conviction, for murder, by an illegal jury, of innocent men, whom you regard as pure-lived, honorable and venerable gentlemen, and "his private life," according to the "organ," "is a fitting counterpart to his public career;" and though he fizzled and failed in most of his efforts, it is written of him "he hath done what he could;" and therefore, you ought to vote our ticket next Monday, that you may have a Delegate to Congress who will never rest until the whole Territory and its treasury and officers are removed completely from "Mormon" influence and delivered over to us, the "liberals."

We have bucked against municipal ordinances; aided rebellious whisky-slingers who did not want to pay license; supported and upheld prostitutes; stirred up the military to anger against you; button-holed strangers and poured into their ears bogus accounts of hellish atrocities which we have placed to your credit; we have ridiculed and cast filth against that which you hold most sacred; we have called you slaves, serfs and scoundrels to your faces; we have dubbed your wives "whores" and your children "bastards;" we have abused the living and lampooned the dead; we have trampled on your statutes and defied your authorities; we have taken by the hand every recreant who would play the Judas toward you; we have backed those who have made it their business to seduce your wives and ruined your daughters; we have clubbed together and paid for public defamations of your character and principles; we have tried to prevent you from choosing any one to represent you in any department of local or national government; and are striving to make a union of every element of discord, dishonesty, selfishness, rapacity, violence, falsehood, brutality, cunning, roguery, bigotry and prostituted ability within your borders, to run you down, take you by the throat and wrest from you the powers of self-government, that we may run riot and revel amidst your ruin; therefore, you are in duty bound to uphold our nominees for the various offices you are yet permitted to control.

Finally, we have the support of all the scallawags, pettifoggers, bummers, bilks, dead-beats, battered politicians, hungry office-hunters, played out scribblers, shattered stump orators, army scum, eastern refuse, western drift and mountain muck that chances for spoil have drawn into the Territory; and therefore the peaceful, industrious, orderly, law-abiding, God-worshipping, home-dwelling, frugal, faithful and liberty-loving people of Utah should unite with us and be "hail fellows, well met," and cast their votes to a man for the "Liberal" ticket, on the third of August.

People of Utah, can you not appreciate the force and beauty of "Liberal" logic?—*Ogden Junction*, July 31.

The Beecher Investigation.

WHO THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ARE.

Henry W. Sage is a deacon of the church and a trustee of the society. He has given \$10,000 to found the "Lyman Beecher Lectureship on Preaching" in Yale College, \$300,000 to found the "Sage College for Women" in Cornell University, \$40,000 toward the building of a church in Ithaca, N. Y., his former home, and is in constant exercise of generous private charities.

Augustus Storrs, of the commission house of Storrs Brothers, is a member of the Plymouth Church Board of Trustees, Treasurer of the society; a man of kind, charitable disposition, clear sense, and consistent Christian character.

Henry M. Cleveland was formerly a Connecticut man; and a few years since was a member of the State Board of Education. He has been a member of Plymouth Church fourteen years, is a member of the Examining Committee, and is known as a keen sighted, genial, honorable man. In business he is a member of the large paper house of H. C. Hulbert & Co.

Horace B. Claflin, one of the trustees of the society (and, with the exception of its president, James Freeland, the oldest member of that board in service), has

always been known as one of the foremost men in the affairs of the society.

John Winslow is the District Attorney for King's county, appointed by Gov. Dix, and is a member of the law firm of Winslow & Van Cott, in Brooklyn. His partner, Judge Van Cott, is a leading member of the Church of the Pilgrims (Dr. R. S. Storrs), and was a member of the special committee which called the late Congregational Council.

S. V. White, the church treasurer, is prominently active in all the Plymouth Church and Sunday school work. He is a banker and broker in New York.—*New York Herald*.

Sunday-School Anniversary.

On Sunday, the 5th of July, 1874, there was a Sunday School Anniversary held in the Free Church School House in Arnold, near Nottingham, which was participated in by the Saints of Nottingham, Hucknall and Calverton, under the direction of Elder Alfred Wright, assisted by Elder Caleb Orton.

The first meeting commenced at 2.30 p.m. with singing by the congregation, after which prayer was offered and a hymn was sung by the scholars. Questions were then asked from the *Catechism*, upon the Fall, which were answered by the scholars in a satisfactory and creditable manner. Chapters from the history of Joseph in Egypt were recited in an impressive manner, after which Prest. Jos. F. Smith occupied thirty-five minutes in speaking upon the faith and doctrines of the Latter-day Saints, eulogizing the conduct of the children, and admonishing them to keep good company, to shun hot and strong drinks and the pernicious habits of smoking and chewing tobacco, that they might live long and have healthy and strong bodies and sound minds, and be happy and useful in assisting to build up the kingdom of God. His remarks were replete with advice and counsel of vital importance to both old and young, and were listened to with profound attention.

The evening meeting commenced at 6 p.m., and, after singing and prayer, the children once more went through their exercises, from the *Catechism* and Bible, in an able manner, and better, if possible, than in the afternoon, and to an increased audience. The house, which will perhaps hold over three hundred people, was nearly filled. Elders John Squires and F. M. Lyman occupied about 20 minutes each, in speaking to the very attentive and most interested audience, bearing testimony to the revelation of the Gospel in this dispensation, and thanking the children, parents and teachers for their indefatigable efforts, which had made the occasion a most successful one.

The heartfelt thanks of a grateful people were publicly tendered to the committee or trustees, who were so liberal and highminded as to give us the use of their house free of charge, and to attend our services as well.

The anniversary closed with the benediction of Prest. Smith, in which he blessed the children, teachers, parents and brethren who had participated in the exercises, those of our friends who had favored us with their presence, and the gentlemen who furnished us the school-house.

F. M. LYMAN,

Prest. of the Nottingham Conference.

—*Millennial Star*.

DIED.

At Kaysville, July 7th, PEGGY, wife of John Pillin, aged 75 years, 5 months and 20 days.

Deceased embraced the gospel at Waddington, Yorkshire, England, in the year 1838; emigrated to Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1857; crossed the Plains to these Valleys in 1853; settled at Kaysville, where she has since resided; lived, as she died, a faithful Latter-day Saint, and has gone to await a glorious resurrection with the just.—*Com. Millennial Star*, please copy.

At Ephraim, U. T., on the 2nd of July, 874, RASMUS JOHNSON.

Deceased was born in Falkerslev on Falslev, Denmark, Sept. 12, 1813; emigrated to Utah 1853.

Skandinavian Sijerne, please copy.

At Rochdale, Lancashire, May 20th, of consumption, HANNAH HOWARD, widow of the late John Howard, of Lower Place, Rochdale, aged 37 years.

She died, as she had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint. She leaves three orphan children.—*Millennial Star*.

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One iron grey yearling HORSE COLT, branded T on left jaw, white spot on forehead.

One sorrel pinto MARE, white face, branded T on left jaw, R S and V on left thigh and J S on left shoulder.

One black yearling HORSE COLT, branded T on left jaw, white face.

If not claimed the above will be sold on Saturday, Aug. 15th, 1874, at 10 a.m.

J. R. MILLER,
District Pound-keeper.

South Cottonwood, Utah, Aug. 3, 1874.

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