

more votes than we did. We have two tickets there—the People's party and the Liberal party. The former consists of Mormons and the latter of Gentiles. The Liberals defeated us and are now rejoicing, as they expect to carry the entire city election this fall."

"Of course," suggested the reporter, "the victory of the Liberals will have a great bearing upon having the Territory of Utah admitted into the Union."

"We have hopes that it will," the Elder replied. "The congress of the United States will now doubtless believe that the Territory will be safe as a State. But I would remind you that of the 50,000 voters in the Territory of Utah, three-fourths are Mormons."

Our readers will be glad to learn what Elder William Spry has to say himself in regard to his illegal arrest. We take the following from a letter received from him today:

A few hours after my arrival a little unpleasant occurrence took place which has caused considerable comment on the streets today. Two United States deputy Marshals, learning I had arrived in town, came with a warrant for my arrest on the charges of polygamy and adultery, papers being issued from Judge Judd's court and sent here to be served. While it was a case of mistaken identity, the warrant being made out for Franklin Haymore, of Payson, with a private letter from Judd to the marshal here, stating I was the man wanted, and that Spry was only an assumed name, still they took me before different officers of the law, who never having had anything of the kind to handle before, knew absolutely nothing as to what they should do, only to decide that bonds could not be made for such a crime, and the result was I was compelled to pass the night in the county jail, behind the bars.

The matter being pretty widely circulated by the papers, a number of friends came to see me, and the matter was worked upon until I was permitted to give bond and consequently released until the 28th inst., when if satisfactory identification does not reach the Marshal he will take me to Provo. My identity was thoroughly established at this end, but he prefers to be notified officially by the Marshal in Utah. He has wired him and awaits an answer. I will also have some of my friends there take the matter up that no hitch may occur in sending it conclusively.

You have no occasion to worry over the matter as I feel satisfied it will all end well and the most inconvenience it can cause me is the canceling of one, or perhaps two, engagements or conference appointments. I think the little flutter of excitement it has caused will soon die away and the affair be forgotten.

ENCOURAGE LOCAL MUSIC.

Singing should be made part of the regular exercises in all the public and private schools. The cultivation of the voice is not only needful in an esthetic sense, it is beneficial to health, except in extreme

cases of lung and throat disorders. The musical sense should be kept alive and active, musical talent should be encouraged, and singing is a recreation when not unduly protracted, and serves to harmonize and refine the feelings of those who engage in it in concert. On this subject the Boston *Musical Herald* has the following sensible suggestions:

"The time will soon come when singing will be regarded as one of the greatest helps to physicians in lung diseases, more especially in their incipient state. Almost every branch of gymnastics is employed in one way or another by the doctors, but the simple and natural function of singing has not yet received its full meed of attention. In Italy some years ago statistics were taken which proved that the vocal artists were especially long-lived and healthy, under normal circumstances, while of the brass instrumentalists it was discovered that consumption never claimed a victim among them. Those who have a tendency toward consumption should take easy vocal exercises, no matter how thin and weak their voices may seem to be. They will find a result at times, far surpassing any relief afforded by medicine. Vocal practice, in moderation, is the best system of general gymnastics that can be imagined, many muscles being brought into play that would scarcely be suspected of action in connection with so simple a matter as tone production. Therefore, apart from all art considerations, merely as a matter of health, one can earnestly say to the healthy, 'sing! that you may remain so,' and to the weakly, 'sing, that you may become strong.'"

CURRENT EVENTS.

Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

O. A. Andelin, Peter Wimmer, of Monroe, and Hans Nielsen, of Salina, have been arrested on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. Mr. Wimmer has served one term in the penitentiary.

Released From Prison.

On August 26, Peter Anderson, of Morgan County, who has been confined in the Penitentiary for six months for living with his wives, was released. He served 30 days for the fine imposed.

Returned Elders.

Elder Benjamin J. Roberts, of Kauoshi, Millard County, returned to Salt Lake City, August 23, from a mission to the Southern States. He left home on October 21st, 1887, proceeded to Chattanooga, and was at once assigned to the West Tennessee Conference. During the earlier portion of his mission, for nearly a year, he labored in Northern Alabama and Middle Tennessee, his first co-worker being Elder M. B. Shipp, Jun., and subsequently Elder S. S. Worthington joined him in West Tennessee. There the two continued until April 4th, in the present year, when they crossed

the Mississippi River into southeast Missouri, and there remained until their return to Utah.

Throughout the whole time the Elders named enjoyed excellent health and met with a large measure of success. Although threatened with violence several times while in Marshall County, Tennessee, the missionaries received no injury, but on one occasion they were approached by a mob of between forty and fifty persons, who warned them to leave the district, telling them that unless they hastily departed they would be subjected to some rough treatment. The Elders replied that they were peaceable American citizens, and had perfect right to stay there as long as they pleased. After reasoning with them for a short time, however, the mob quietly left.

In Wayne County, Missouri, a number of meetings were held. These were well attended by all classes of the people, the majority of whom seemed anxious to investigate, and the Elders were treated with uniform kindness.

As to the future prospects of mission work in this particular region, Elder Roberts speaks most encouragingly.

Elder R. T. Brown, of Grantsville, Tooele Co., returned home August 23 in company with Elder Roberts, with whom he had been laboring during the last three months. He arrived in the mission field on May 29th, 1889, but in consequence of continued ill-health has been released from duty.

Elder Thomas M. Holt, of South Jordan, Salt Lake County, returned home on the 11th inst., from a mission to the Southern States. He left Utah on November 1st, 1887, and labored in the West Tennessee Conference for the first twelve months, meeting with but poor success. Among his fellow workers were Elders Elias S. Wright, of this city, William M. Lloyd, of Pine Valley, Washington County, and A. L. Fuller, of Mill Creek. Elder Holt proceeded to Northeastern Arkansas early in the month of November of last year, and in company with Elder James H. Douglass, of Ogden, entered upon his duties there. On the release of Elder Douglass, through ill-health, on December 26th, he was joined by J. I. Shephard, of Richmond, Cache County, on January 13th. The two continued to labor together in this district until May 28th, in the present year, when the place of Elder Douglass' was supplied by Elder W. C. Libbert, of Ashley's Fork, Uintah County.

Elder Holt was one of the four missionaries who were whipped and otherwise maltreated on September 2nd last, in Crockett County, West Tennessee, by a mob of armed men.

With regard to Arkansas, the Elders there gained many friends, though at different times they were called upon to endure persecution. On the night of Sunday, April 26th, they were assailed in Green County by a mob of armed men, by whom they were ordered to get out of bed and dress themselves.