Deseret News Stories

FROM THE FILES OF 1860.

Of More Than 40 Years Ago.

Federal Appointments.—News reached here some weeks since of the appointment by the president of Jesse C. Little as assessor, and Robert T. Burton as collector for Utah, under the operations of the late internal revenue law. They have recently received official notice of said appointments, have qualified and entered upon the duties of their respective offices.

Remarkable Celerity.—Within the past few days we have been in receipt of some valuable mail matter—letters and papers—which must have been transmitted with great celerity. Papers from Denver City, Colorado territory, that had been only three months, and letters from Nebraska territory, that had been only two months in transit, found their way to our table yesterday morning. There can be but little use for lightning where such excellent mail facilities exist. This is certainly a fast age.

Not Stolen.—A report was in circulation a few days since that the Indians had stolen a band of about one hundred and sixty horses belonging to Mr. Nathan Tanner, that were being herded in Summit county, but it has since been ascertained that the horses were not stolen, but took a stampede in the night and ran about ten miles over mountains and hills, until they came upon a small band belonging to a half-civilized Indian, camped in a valley in the vicinity of Kamas prairie, when they stopped running, became quiet, took possession of the valley, and remained there until the Indian reported the occurrence, when Mr. Tanner went for and recovered his horses. The Indian was rewarded to his satisfaction for giving the information which led to the recovery of the stampeded animals.

Spring Lake Villa, Utah Co., Aug. 28, 1862.—A week ago a young man living at Fillmore, who had been out on the road east as far as Bridger to trade with emigrants, camped here over night, turned out his cattle, he having three yoke of cattle that had traveled from the Missouri river this season. Upon getting up in the morning, but one yoke of the cattle were in sight—all day he traveled over the range, and wearied, at night returned impressed with the conviction that his cattle had been stolen. The next morning he took the back track, and in the course of the day found his oxen in Provo canyon, and arrested one of the thieves. Two had been engaged in the theft, but one had fled and could not be found. The rascal was turned over to the officers of the law at Provo—we withhold the names of all the parties for the present. We have a few idlers around here, and it has been suggested that they, too, may be in the habit of gaining a livelihood in a similar manner. They are very narrowly watched, and something may develop itself in that direction and enable us to get up a sensation article ere long.

Nevada Items.—Colonel Conner's command passed through Genoa on the morning of the 30th ult. As the troops were passing along, a seceder, who had not been fully advised as to how disloyalists were treated when they expressed themselves too loudly in favor of their leader, sang out "Hurrah for Jeff Davis," and before he had time to think, he was in the custody of an officer, marching with the regiment to the great amusement of the bystanders. The command was at Fort Churchill at latest dates.

Two celebrated stock dealers having use for some of the cattle belonging to the government, which were in the rear of the regiment, took a part of the drove and started off with them in the direction of Honey lake, whither they were followed, overtaken, captured, the stock recovered, and the thieves, on being taken to Fort Churchill, found secure quarters in the guardhouse to await further proceedings.

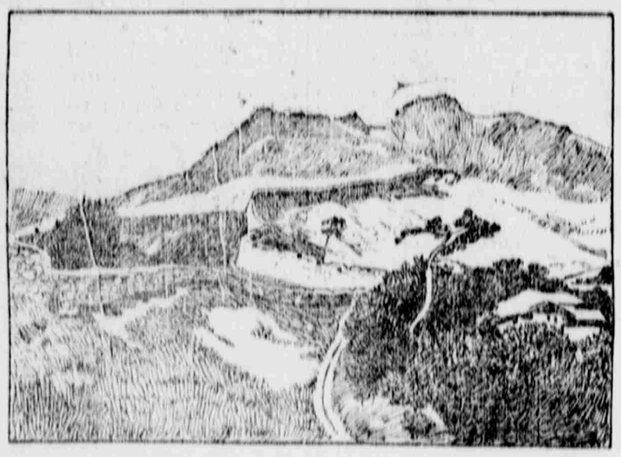
Chief Justice Turner does not seem to be in much favor with the people of Nevada, and the press is down upon him for some of his acts, which are deemed of a demoralizing character. His removal from office is sought.

Judge Mott has been proposed for Cradlebaugh's successor as delegate to Congress. It is believed that he will if elected, be more efficient than their late delegate, and not the log-rolling to defeat a bill a month after it shall have been passed.

The population of Nevada, according to the latest census, is set down at 14,025.

Two men were murdered in Humboldt county not long since by a band of Indians, which was followed by a party from Unionville, who, in the vicinity of a place called Black Rock, overtook the murderers, who were ascertained to be Bannocks, and killed eight of them and wounding three others.

THE WALL AROUND SEOUL, THE CAPITAL OF KOREA.



The cities of Korea, like those of China, are surrounded by walls. This probably arises from the fact that up to 1895 Korea formed a part of the Chinese empire. In the accompanying cut is shown a section of the ancient wall extending around the imperial city of Seoul, now occupied by the Japanese. This rampart, which was originally designed to be a protection to the city from outside attack, does not look as though it would be particularly formidable to a modern army. But then nothing in Korea is formidable except the mountainous character of the country, an idea of which also may be gained from the picture.

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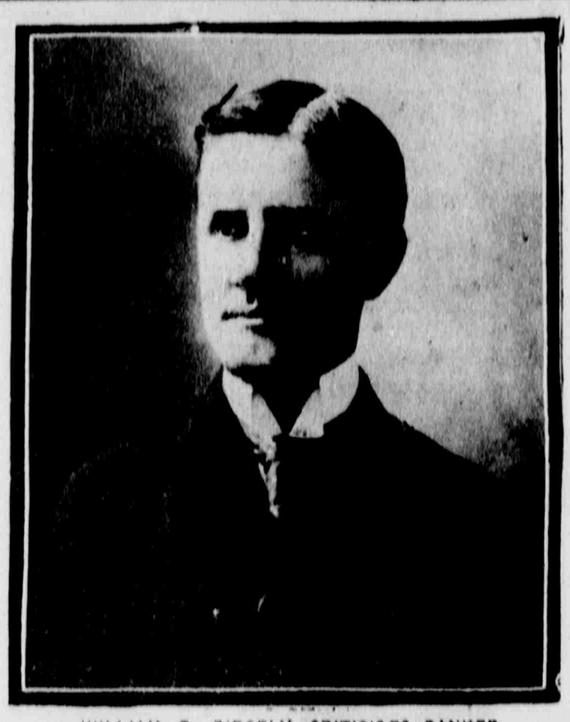

WILLIAM B. RIDGELY CRITICISES BANKER.

Seldom has the utterance of a public official excited the widespread attention that has been given to the address delivered by Comptroller of the Currency William B. Ridgely before the National Bank Cashiers' association at their convention just concluded in Boston.

Comptroller Ridgely condemned speculation as "the curse of the day," and advised depositors to steer clear of institutions where directors were "spectacular" rather than conservative, and which were devoted to large enterprises outside of their own private interests.

The part of Mr. Ridgely's address which aroused the greatest interest among the bankers who listened to him was:

"The ruin of the bank is practically always the result of fraud or the use of its funds in undue and unlawful amounts by its officers and directors. This money is sometimes lost in legitimate enterprises, through bad judgment and mismanagement, but far the most frequent cause for actual stealing or defalcations in banks is speculation."

A GREAT GERMAN POET AND HIS WIFE.

JOHANN SCHILLER.

CHARLOTTE SCHILLER.

The centennial anniversary of the death of the great German poet, Johann Christoph Friedrich Schiller, which will occur May 9, will be observed as such an important occasion demands by the various German literary organizations in America. This noted genius was born at Marbach, Nov. 10, 1759, and died at Weimar, May 9, 1805. His father was a surgeon and wished Johann to become a minister, but the boy was sent to a military school by order of the government and greatly against his inclination. He read all the poetry he could get hold of and began to write at a very early age. Finally he escaped from the service of the king of Wurttemberg and thereafter devoted himself to literature. When he was thirty-one and already celebrated as a dramatist and poet he married Charlotte von Lengenfeld, a clever and beautiful woman.

UTAH'S DEFAMERS OPENLY EXPOSED.

How They Misrepresent the State In Order to Further Their Own Selfish Purposes.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

Campaign Against Senator Reed Smoot A Fair Sample of Their Nefarious Work.

Pointing out "How Utah is Misrepresented," Wednesday's issue of Truth, 10,000 copies of which are to be scattered broadcast by that fearless advocate of state's rights, V. S. Peet, has the following:

Utah is the best country in the world. It has the best climate in the world, mild, clear, bracing winters; pleasant zephyrs with no extreme heat in summer, no sunstrokes, no cyclones, the best climate in the world. It has greater and more varied mineral wealth than any other place in the world. It has richer and more fertile soil than any other state in this Union. Its people are good people, as honest, as industrious, law-abiding, loyal, and kindly as any people on this earth. Yet Utah has been more slandered, more vilified, more lied about, than any other place in the world, and the Mormon people, which compose a large percentage of the population, have been held up to the scorn and derision of the world. Nobody connected with this paper is either Mormon or has any Mormon affiliations. We are all Gentiles, who merely love fair play, and justice. Special efforts have been directed to maligning and abusing Utah in general, and the Mormons in particular. The people east and west, north and south, have been wrongfully led to believe that Utah is the sink of creation, that the morality of the people of this state is very low; they have wrongfully been led to believe that Utah's business and industrial affairs are under the oligarchy more cruel and tyrannical than that which holds Russia in serfdom; they have been wrongfully led to believe that social conditions here are viler than in the Ghetto of New York, or the slums of Chicago; they have been wrongfully led to believe that neither life or property is as safe in Utah, and especially in Salt Lake City, as it is in the illy-governed Latin republics, where bloody revolutions frequently happen, and daily threaten.

GOOD MEN WELCOME.

The belief, creed or dogma of a minister of the gospel counts but little if he is following the teachings of Christ. If he teaches the golden rule and the eleventh commandment he will be welcomed in every city, town and village in Utah. The people of Utah are always glad to see a man whose mission is love, peace, happiness and good will towards all men. A true messenger of the Christ will always try to make the rough places smooth, the dark places brighter and give cheer and comfort to those that are oppressed. We have many such ministers in Utah, and they are of every denomination, and to such the columns of this paper are always open for they are the divine educators of the people, and give them something good to think about.

Utah, like all other places, has a few people, including some who call themselves preachers and missionaries, who would go farther to pick a fight with another denomination than they would to convert a sinner. These agitators and religious hawk-hunters, getters-up of petitions and circulars to injure those who do not believe as they believe, are a menace, a curse to any state. One can go to any church and pick out a few men and women and by magnifying their vices and overlooking their virtues, can picture that church as an ulcer in the community; can tell just enough truth to make the whole story sensational, and the worst kind of a lie. We have a few such in Utah who take their names and with that in one hand and a collection box in the other, start eastward on a campaign of slander and graft. They know from experience that the greater sensation they create the larger their collection will be. As this edition of Truth will be the greatest number of copies ever issued by any paper in Utah, and will be circulated in the states east of Utah, in justice to our eastern friends we will give some of the names of these so-called religious lecturers and writers. They are as follows: Rev. John L. Leilich, Rev. S. E. Wishard, Rev. Geo. Bailey, Rev. T. C. Iliff, Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, Rev. Wesley Hill, Mrs. DeVore, Mrs. White.

WILFUL FALSIFIERS.

All of the above have wilfully and maliciously, told gross and unqualified falsehoods about Utah and her people, and at least one of them is a known perjurer.

The campaign against Senator Smoot is a fair sample of their work. They accused Senator Smoot of nearly every crime in the decalogue; they said he was a polygamist; one went so far as to say he had five wives. They all said he was guilty of high treason; one said he had been arrested for disturbing a religious meeting. They went so far as to dig up an old anti-Masonic oath used by the anti-secret society crusaders a few years ago; they said Senator Smoot had taken that oath, and that he had sworn that he would teach his children to be disloyal to the government. They said Senator Smoot taught as well as practiced polygamy.

These wolves in sheeps' clothing traveled all over the country in Pullman Palace cars, stopped at first class hotels, and held most of their meetings in fashionable churches. Their graft was large. It equaled their slanders. Miss Helen Gould dropped $5,000 in their hats, and Mr. John C. Martin of Cincinnati was hoodooed out of $1,000 by them. In Chicago they worked one of their audiences up to such a pitch that over $500 was then put in their collection box, and it is a low estimate that over a quarter of a million dollars was pulled from the pockets of the liberal but deceived people of this country.

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And let it be remembered, that in addition to these private grafts, Uncle Sam (with the exception of a portion of the lawyers' fees) paid all the expenses of the Smoot investigation, both for the prosecution and defense, and his bill was over $100,000. And what was the result of the Smoot investigation? Everybody was injured, and no one benefited, but these grafters, and not one of them showed up at the investigation to sustain one of the charges they had made. It was shown at the investigation beyond the peradventure of a doubt that Senator Smoot is and always has been true to his God, his nation and his family; that he never practised or taught polygamy; that he has never taken an oath against this government, but on the contrary is loyal to it. That he is a temperate and a temperance man in every respect, and an honor to the community where he lives. We want to say to our eastern friends that whenever they see or hear of a person going through the country begging for help for the poor churches of Utah and lecturing against the Mormons, they can rightfully put him down as an imposter—a fakir.

SALT LAKE'S CHURCHES.

It is not necessary to beg for any denomination in Utah. Utah has as much wealth per capita as any state in the Union, and her rich people are very liberal. The Presbyterians are building in Salt Lake City a large and beautiful edifice that will cost when completed upwards of $200,000. It has the most complete Sunday school room in America, and there are three other Presbyterian churches here now, one recently completed at a cost of over $40,000.

The Methodist church people have just paid $12,500 cash for a lot in the heart of the city, and will erect a church that will cost over $65,000, and they have all the cash on hand, and four or five other churches besides. The Catholics will soon complete the finest cathedral west of New York. This magnificent work of art will cost upwards of $400,000, and every dollar to build it has been donated by people who live in Utah. The Congregationalists have a beautiful stone church that seats over 1,500 people, and every Sunday this church is full to overflowing. The Christian Scientists have a beautiful building, and it was paid for the day it was dedicated. The Unitarians built a neat, commodious building two years ago, and they are not paying interest on a church debt. In Bear River valley, the Baptists and Methodists are each building nice brick churches that will be ornaments to Tremonton when they are located. Religion is free in Utah, and our churches are open to all. The stranger within our gates is welcomed to anywhere his religious belief or inclination may lead him.

Remember that this paper is not a Mormon paper; it is not owned in any part or controlled in the smallest degree, or edited by a Mormon, or in the interest of the Mormon Church. It simply tells the facts, and despises fakirs and grafters, whether they are styled "reverend" or otherwise.

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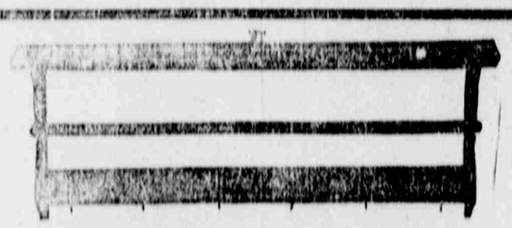

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