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Capt. Van Vilet and the Mormous,

The Descret News of Sept. 15 gives an interesting account of the visit of Capt. Stewart Van Vliet, of the U. S. army, who was sent on a mission to Salt Lake City by Gen. Harney. The News recounts the particulars of a public interview with Brig. ham Young and the leading Mormons, and continues:

"At the conclusion of the interview. Gov. Young invited Capt. Van Vliet and several others to accompany him to his private office, and (after a time spent in a style of conversation ever pleasing to upeight and leval American citizen-) to a stroll through the adjacent orchard, vineyard and garden, where the Captain expressed himself highly surprised and deshort a time and under so many disadvantages. From the Governor's grounds the party proceeded to the editor's peach orch-ard, and regaled themselves on some varieties of peaches then ripe and ripening.

"On the 18 h, as the captain had expressed a desire to see the domestic workings of the 'peculiar institution,' Gov. furnishing of his bee hive and fron mansions, from parret to cellar, and introduced him to his numerous family of wives and children. Upon returning to the offices, and being asked whether any of the numerous children indicated idiocy or any degree of mental or physical degeneracy, the captain promptly replied that he could discern nothing of that description; but, on the contrary, so far as he could observe, he had never seen a family apparently more cheerful, happy and contented, nor one any more comfortably sheltered, fed and cloth-

"In the afternoon, with the Hon. W. H. Hooper and Territorial Surveyor-General J. W. Fox, Capt, Van Vliet left on a visit to the military reservation in Rush Valley, returned on the 11th, and participated in a supper at the Globe, and in the course of the evening he voluntarily arose and requested the privilege of making a few remarks, which was at once most cheerfully granted.

"On the 12th he partook of a sumptuous dinner at the residence of President Heber C. Kimball, at which Presidents Young, Wells, the Hon, J. M. Bernhisel, the Hon. W. H. Hooper, Bishop L. D. Young, Elders John Taylor, Feramorz Little and Al. guests. It so happened that for a short period the gentlemen were required to visit some immigrating companies arriving on the public square, and the Captain was ac-cidentally left to battle with the ladies about polygamy, in which he acknowledged that he most signally came off second best -not being able to find a single lade who wished to rally under Uncle Sam's protection and be escorted to the States. The every occasion while here, with the marked kindness he so much merited from his personal deportment in our midst, and from his previous uniform gentlemanly conduct towards those of our people with whom he had heretofore been acquainted. On Sun day, the 13th, Capt. Van Vliet attended forenoon service in the Bowery.

"In the evening, the Captain was again visited by Gov. Young and rumerous friends, as he wished to start for Washington very early in the morning; and, after another very friendly interview, the company separated with a cordial shake of the hand, and wishing the Captain a speedy fourney and a safe arrival, with the bless ings of Jehovah to attend him.

Were all government officers like Cant Van Viiet, and did they conduct themselves with that urbanity and gentility which constantly marked his course during his short stay in Utah, then indeed the more officers sent here, the better would our territory flourish.

OF Brigham is reported in the Deserct News as holding forth as follows :

"Should our enemies venture upon vio lent measures, I design to so manage affairs that none of our boys will be killed, and in my answer to the Colonel, I have told him pretty plainly what we shall do under certain contingencies.

" I would just as soon tell them as to tell you of my mode of warfare. As the Lord God lives we will waste our enemies by millions, if they send them here to destroy us, and not a man of us be hurt. That the method I intend to pursue. Do you want to know what is going to be done with the enemies now on our borders ! If they come here I will tell you what will be done. As soon as they start to come into our settlements at sleep upart from their eyes and slumber from their eyelids, until they deep is death, for they have been warn,-d and forewarded that we will not tamely aubmit to being destroyed. Men shall be away our openies, in the name of Israel's secreted here and there and shall waste

The Washington States says that the Greek fire, the art of which has been lost for ages, has been discovered by a young man of New York named Mont Storm,-By means of infernal machines, charged blow up fortifications and whole armies, by a connecting electrical wire, while he is miles distant. This Mont Storm once offered the U. S. Government the benefit of his discovery, but all at once withdrew his tion in an unexpectedly favorable condiproposals, and is now at Salt Lake, a flaming Mormon.

BY A Bussian authority contradicts the statement that the project of the emancipation of the serfs in that country is near its realization. A variety of conflicting opinions and interests may retard the measure some years longer.

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OREGON CITY, OREGON, FEBRUARY 27, 1858.

From the St. Louis Republican, Jan. 18.

Last evening we received intelligence from the Army at Fort Bridger, and from the Territory of Utah, and proceed to give the news, which is of a highly interesting character.

The whole of the troops sent out upon this expedition have been concentrated, and were, at the date of our last accounts, in Winter quarters on Black's Fork, about one and a quarter miles above Fort Bridg. er, with the exception of Col. Cooke's command of dragoons, who were posted forty miles distant, on Henry's Fork, where there was some scant supply of grass for the were stationed at old Fort Bridger, and were engaged in rebuilding the works, for and to be occupied hereafter as a permanent fort by the United States. The whole of the works, it was anticipated, would be stationed in tents, with stoves, and the ed some twelve or fifteen hundred—in ad. to a military posse in case of necessity. I difion to which, it may be stated that there were about a thousand teamsters, and other attaches of an army.

It will at once be asked how, under the circumstances, so large a body of men can subsist until June next, on the provisions while some things will be wanting, there is to interfere. n sufficiency of food to last the command for some months. Some articles were wanting—but the main one salt was sufficiency of my authority as command for some months. is not to be concealed, however, that every The penalty of disobedience to this comprecaution would be necessary against wastefulness in every article of provisions. When it is stated that horses and oxen, in the last stages of dissolution, were killed bert Corrington, and numerous ladies were for provisions, it can be understood that there was very great anxiety to make sub sistence go as far as possible. Nearly twothirds of all the animals attached to the expedition had died.

Availing himself, however, of every pos-Marcy, with a command of men and several mountain pilots, to reach Taos and United States. These acts, which indicate Santa Fe, and from thence to transport that the Territory in a state of rebellion. sult in giving succor to the main body of the army. Jen 2 mont sales &---

Now, as to the Mormons. We publish Young, and also his proclamation on entering the Territory, and declaring Utah in a state of rebellion. Our information is, ties accorded to traitors.

that the Mormons, already satisfied of the If these papers referred to be not auhopelessness of their resistance, are preparing to abandon Salt Lake City early in the them. Spring. Vioueer parties have already gone forward, and it is probable that Great Salt Lake City in ashes, will be ver. sengers. ified. They have determined, it is said, to emigrate to the British possessions, but what portion of them is not known. All that Gov. Young has determined upon, it is said, is, that he will keep the troops of the United States where they are, this Winter. It is believed that many hundreds of the Saints will be left behind, to abide the protection of the United States Govern-

a like errand.

Gov. Young was also very polite to all City, and to spend the winter there.

But all accounts concur in saying that the Spring, and it is said that Col. Johnsarmy under his command, although sup- allies, and declared that the Mormons had blies will, of course, have to be sent to him. no idea of running away from Utah. Only one officer, Lieutenant Smith, 2d with this terrible material, he is able to dragoons, was sick-all the others, as also 8th inst, says that three young men, Henry

> Altogether, the news presents the condition of the army engaged in this expedition. They may go into Great Salt Lake of prudence to send them, and the Govern-

ment should do it. from the army at Fort Bridger. He left ers that be,

Late and Important from the Utah Expe- Col. Johnston's command, Dec. 1, and is, we understand, bearer of dispatches to Washington from Col. Johnston, and will United States is as fair a specimen of sand pounds of iron. Were it not for the leave this morning.

PROCLAMATION OF GOVERNOR CUMMING.

To the People of Utah Territory : On the 11th of July, 1857, the Presiden appointed me to preside over the Executive the Message, and compare that which the Department of this Territory. I arrived President says with that which he does.

at this point on the 17th of this month, and First. The Financial question. He can be a standard of the shell and the shell that which he does. shall probably be detained some time in consequence of the loss of animals during the recent snow-storms. I will proceed at ment for the temporary organization of the Territorial Government.

Many treasonable acts of violence have horses. Five companies of the infantry ing been committed by lawless individuals, supposed to have been countenanced by the late Executive, such persons are in were engaged in rebuilding the works, for the purpose of protecting the provisions, stituted against them in a Court organized by Chief Justice Eckles, held in this counappointing a military commission for an excellent one for this object. There is Constitution, to the organic laws of this an abundance of wood for fuel, and of wa. Territory, and to all the other laws of Conter. The troops were all comfortably gress applicable to you. To enable me to effect this object, I will, in the event of reweather had been, lockily, very mild.— of the well disposed portion of the inhabit-They were in excellent health, and number- ants of this Territory, and will only resort

I come among you with no prejudices or enmities, and, by the exercise of a just and firm administration, I hope to command your confidence. Freedom of conscience and your own peculiar mode of serving God are sacred rights guaranteed by which had been able to reach the Fort! province of the Government or the disposi-To this we are enabled to answer, that, tion of its representatives in this Territory

wanting -but the main one, salt, was on the viduals, by whomsoever organized, to disway, and would be received in time. It hand, and return to their respective homes. mand will subject the offenders to the punishment due to traitors.
A. CUMMING,

Gov. of Utala Territory.

GREEN RIVER COUNTY, NEAR FORT BRIDGER, U. T., Nov. 21, 1857.

To Brigham Young,
Ex Governor of Utah Territory:
On the 11th of July, 1857, I was appointed by the President to be Governor of this Territory. Since my arrival within the limits of the Territory, I regret to find sible resort, Col. Johnston had sent Capt, that many acts of violence have been comsupplies for the army, but we look upon are ascribed, how truly I do not know, to this as a forlorn hope, and not likely to re. yourself. A proclamation purporting to have issued from you, and passes signed by your authority, found upon the person of inspection. The matter contained in these below, Gov. Cumming's letter to Ex-Gov. papers authorizes and commands violent and trea onable acts -acts tending to the disruption of the peace of the Territory and which subject their actors to the penal

thentic, I trust you will promptly disown

mation to the people of Utah. You will oblige me by acknowledging Young's threat, that the army would find the receipt of this by the returning mea-

I am Sir, very respectfully. Your obedient servant, &c., A. CUMMING, Gov. Utah Territory.

Important from the Plates.

THE MORNONS ALLIED WITH THE CHEVENNE AND CAMANCHE INDIANS-NO INTEN-TION TO LEAVE THE TERRITORY.

St. Louis, Tuesday, Jan. 19. The Republican has received information from Fort Lawrence, through an In-Goy. B. Young has not been wanting dian trader, who arrived at Jefferson City in proffers of liberality to the United States vesterday, and who reports meeting on the Such is modern Democracy-such is the troops. Understanding that the army was 23d of December, between 600 and 700 in want of sait, he sent to the camp of Col. Chevenne and Camanche Indians, return-Johnston fifteen mules loaded with salt, ing from Salt Lake to their village on the with his respects; but that officer sent it Black Walnut Hills, about eighty miles back, with the remark that he would hang southeast of Fort Laramic. They were any messenger from the same quarter, on accompanied by about twenty Mormon leaders. It was their intention to remain in the camp erected there until Spring, and the officers of the army-inviting them to then employ themselves under Mormon inpartake of his hospitality at Salt Lake fluence, in harassing and cutting off the supply trains sent to the relief of Col. Johnston. The Indians had been led to the Mormons will leave Utah Territory in believe that the Mormons had eighty thousand fighting men well equipped for serton is so firmly of this belief that he asks vice. They also spoke of numerous fortino increase of the numerical force of the fications, and a large number of Indian

The Leavenworth City Ledger, of the the officers of the Territory, were in excel- Baker, James Smith and Alexander Francis, arrived there on Thursday afternoon, the 7th, direct from Fort Bridger. They came the whole distance, twelve hundred miles, on foot, and accomplished their journey in forty five days. They report that City, even before reinforcements can reach the day they left six Mormons came into them from our frontier, but it is the part camp, and reported that the Mormons were in a state of civil war, Brigham Young and about one half desiring to march against the troops, the other half being in

Administration are as fair a specimen of mense weight, the heavy deck would crack GREEN RIVER COUNTY, NEAR FORT BRIDGER, Democratic practice, as we could desire, as and splinter under every discharge. Fif-

the Message, and compare that which the hundred and sixty pounds, the empty shell

notes! In the same connection, he says the United States steamer Powhatan.

Second: The Kansas question. He ap. of war mounting twenty 32 pounders. plauds "the principle of popular sovereignty," and says the bogus Lecompton constitution ought to have been aubmitted to the people; and yet he violates the very " principle" he applauds, and opposes that which he says ought to be done, by defending the Lecompton usurpation, and of our sea-coast defenses. It will be seen declaring that the constitution shall not be that these works are gradually, but cerand imperfections, nolens volens !

Third: The Walker Filibuster quesion. He utters vengeance against the "aid and comfort" with impunity; the officer of a vessel sent on the pretense of defense, it is hardly necessary to say a overhauling and arresting the pirates al- word at this day. The policy of the Govlows them to pass within a few leagues of ernment seems to be fixed in that respect; him, sees them land, and even permits them (perhaps by his own invitation) to come on board his ressel, and raises not a cheapest and far the most effectual means finger to interfere with their piratical de. of defense for every important commercial

thizer with them ! Fourth; The Mormon question. He wages a flerce war of words against the polygamous defiers of the Federal author-Joseph Taylor, have been submitted to my ities in Utah; but he knew just as well on the day of his inauguration as he did on time. The value of this mode of defense the day he wrote his message, that the is becoming more apparent every day. As Mormons were rebellious and lawless-and ret he appears to have considered this rebellion of less importance than the advancement of the Slavery cause in Kansas, to fight for which he caused the troops designed for Utah to be needlessly detained for some two months-so late, indeed, that before the poor soldiers will reach their destination they may starve or be frozen to death; and not only this, but he also detached a portion from the original Utah army, which was already too small, and stationed it as an awe to the Free State men in Kansas! And now he urges the spreading throughout the whole countryincrease of the army, not having soldiers enough to fight both the enemies of Slav. ery and the enemies of the Government.

These are but four instances of the glaring inconsistencies and blunderings of the Buchanan Administration, thus far, and it has been in power not yet ten months .mismanagement and misgovernment of the Administration which the Slave Power and the Doughfaces have forced upon the

-Chicago Journal. U. S. STEAMSHIP POWHATAN.-This pa ral vessel is a side wheel steamer of 2,500 tons and 600 horse-power. She is "shiprigged," carries nine boats, eleven guns, some three hundred officers and men, and is two hundred and seventy-five feet long. She draws twenty feet six inches-full of coal and provisioned for sea-and passes morning. through heavy weather as comfortably as as ordinary vessel does through the trade winds. She is acknowledged by naval men of all pations to be the most powerful and efficient side-wheel steamer of war in the world. While mounting but few guns. she carries in reality a most formidable battery, Speaking of her guns, a corres-

pondent of the Philadelphia Ledger says: One of them, the a 'bow chaser,' is in itself a formidable battery. It is a pivot gun, and works upon metallic circles let into the deck forward of the foremast, susceptible of being fired in any direction save to that journal that there is not a shadow This 'bom-charer,' with its double car. will report unanimously against them.

Bemocratte Consistency Mustrateds | riage, weighs nearly fourteen tons, the gun The late Message of the President of the alone being a solid mass of sixteen thou Democratic profession, and the acts of the unyielding circles that sustain this imillustrations of Democratic consistency. teen pounds of powder are required for Let us take four of the leading topics of each load. The solid shot weighs one First: The Financial question. He con- 'loaded and fused,' one hundred and thirty. doms paper currency in his Message, and Twenty-two men, with powerful levers and in a week afterward one of his supporters ecceptric trucks to create or destroy fricthis point to make the preliminary arrange- in the Senate introduces an Administration tion at will, are stationed around this many measure for the issuing of twenty millions moth gun, to work it effectually, and the of dollars' worth of paper currency by the number is not one too great-they are all Government, in the shape of Treasury employed. Such is the 'bow chaser' of

that the Government will pay all the de- The remaining ten are broadside guns mands due against it "in gold and silver," -throwing a shell of nine inches in diamand scarcely twenty days after the mes- eter over three miles, and weighing-each ty, which will supersede the necessity of sage was read to Congress, a law is passed, gun alone-nine thousand pounds. The the as a matter of the most urgent necessity, solid shot from these guns weighs eighty completed by the Spring. The locality is enforce unconditional obedience to the Government with notes interest and the loaded shell only a lew Government with notes instead of gold and pounds less ; thus, were the whole eleven silver, there being none of the latter com- guns fired at once, with solid shot, the modity in the Government's Treasury, a weight of metal thrown into the enemy fact which the President must have been would be greater by 320 pounds than the well aware of when he wrote his message. combined broadsides of a first class sloop-

Our National Defenses.

In the Report of the Secretary of War to the President we find the following re-

marks in regard to our national defenses : "The report of the Chief Engineer will inform you of the character and condition submitted to the people, but be forced upon them, with all its gross provisions maritime defenses formidable in extent, and of great magnitude.

"New York, the great heart of commerce on this continent, where more and land pirates who go out to invade a neigh. greater interests concentrate than at any boring country and rob it of its government; but instead of acting in accordance the sea when the fortifications now in prowith this sentiment, he permits his officials gress shall be finished. The fortifications at New Orleans to render these scoundrels will be better, the guns heavier and more numerous, than those of Sebastopol.

> and wisely, too, no doubt, if the works be prosecuted with a wise economy. Fortifications are now very justly esteemed the in perfect repair at a very triffing cost until needed for actual service. A fortifica. tion costing not much more than double the sum necessary to build and equip a first class line-of-battle ship, will constitute a formidable defense for a harbor, and will continue to do so throughout any length of our population increases, and the facilities for inter-communication are multiplied, a military force of any extent can, with more and more readiness, be concentrated at any given point in the shortest possible time Fortifications, which will naturally retard the landing of a foreign foe, must give time to concentrate a force at any given point equal to any emergency. A larger force could be thrown into New York in two weeks, by means of internal communication, than could be brought there from abroad in a year by all the means which any European power could possibly command.

"Our ramified system of railroads, hose sinews of iron which bind with in dissoluble ties the commercial interests of our community—confer upon the nation a glimpse in the distance of the Ohio, which capability for defense which obviates forever the necessity of standing armies, or of a navy more numerous than is necessary to give protection to our ships in the prosecution of our extended commerce."

Frem Jacksonville.

The Southern mail, due week before last, did not arrive till Wednesday of last week. We learn from the Sentinel, that country. Having done thus badly in so a German named Hawk was stabled at short a time, what may we expect of it du- Kerbyville on the 24th ult. by one Robert ring the remainder of its four-year term? Wilson, six times, and was not expected to recever. Wilson was lodged in the Jacksonville jail to await his trial.

On the 23d ult. Mary Angel, daughter of Mrs. Williams (formerly Mrs. Angel). fell into a tub of hot water, and remained there several minutes before her mother. who was at some distance, came to her assistance. The little sufferer died the next

Hiss Salmon. Col. Taylor, of Asteria, in writing to us,

"Another monster of a whale has turned up on the Clatsop beach, being the second one within the last few days. The size of the latter is as follows: Length 75 feet, diameter 24 feet, length of jaw-bone 16 feet, the fluke 12 feet across, and will give

about 75 bbls. of oil." Astoria, Feb. 8, 1858.

The well informed Washington correspondent of the New York Times writes Lieutenant Carroll, 10th United States favor of the troops coming into Salt Lake Infantry, arrived in this city yesterday and establishing a military government evening, by the Pacific Railroad, direct there, and overthrowing the present pow-The Judiciary Committee, it is believed, tucky, which he esteemed as a second Paga-

ADVERTISING RATE

JOB PRINTING.

THE PROPRIETOR OF THE ARGUS IS HAPPED to inform the public that he has just received a large atock of JOH TYPE and other new print-CARDS, CIRCULARS, PAMPHILET-WORK and other kinds, done to order, on short notice.

Bancroft gives the following sketch of

the Kentucky patriarch:

"In his peaceful habitation on the banks of the Yadkin river, in North Carolina, Daniel Boon, the illustrious hunter, bad heard Finley, a trader, so memorable as the pioneer, describe a tract of land west of Virginia, as the richest in North America, or in the world. In May, 1769, leating his wife and offspring, having Finley as his pilot, and four others as his companions, the young man of about three and twenty wandered through the wilderness of America, "in quest of the country of Kentucky," known to the savages as " the Dark and Bloody Ground," "the Middle Ground," between the subjects of the Five Nations and the Cherokees. After a long fatiguing journey through mountain ranges the party found themselves, in June, on the Red Bank, a tributary to the Kentucky, and from the top of an eminence surveyed with delight the beautiful plain that stretched to the northwest. Here they built their shelter, and began to reconnoitre and to hunt. All the kinds of wild boasts that were natural to America-the stately elk, the timid deer, the antiered stag, the wild cat, the bear, the panther, and the wolf-cronched among the canes, or roamed over the rich grasses, which, even beneath the thickest shades, sprang luxuriantly out of the generous soil. The buffaloes cropped fearlessly the herbage of browsed on the leaves of the reed, and were more frequent than cattle in a settlement of Carolina herdsmen. Sometimes there

salt licks their number was amazing. The summer in which for the first time a party of white men enjoyed the brilliancy of nature near and in the valley of Elkhorn, passed away in the occupations of exploring parties and the chase. But one by one Boen's companions dropped off, till he was left alone with John Stewart. They jointly found unceasing delight in the wonders of the forest, till one evening near the Kentucky river they were taken prisoners by a band of Indians, wanderers like themselves, They escaped, and were joined by Boon's brother; so that when Stewart was soon after killed by savages, the first victim among the hecatomb of them in their desparate battling for the and occupying the first cottege in Ken-

were hundreds in a drove, and around the

" In the spring of 1770, that brother returned to the settlements for horses and supplies of ammunition, leaving the renowned hunter ' by himself, without bread, or salt, or sugar, or even a horse of a dog." 'The idea of a beloved wife,' anxious for his safety, tinged his thoughts with sadness ! but otherwise the cheerful, meditative man, careless of wealth, knowing the use of the rifle, not the plough, of a strong, robust frame, in the vigorous health of manhood, ignorant of books, but versed in the forest and forest life, fond of tracking the deer on feat away from men, yet in his disposition humane, generous and gentle, was happy in the uninterrupted succession of 'sylvan pleasure.'

"One calm summer's evening, as he climbed a commanding ridge, and looked opon the remote venerable mountains, and the nearer ample plains, he caught a bounded the land of his affections with magic grandeur, his heart exulted in the region he had discovered. 'All things were still.' Not a breeze so much as shook a leaf. He kindled a fire near a fountain of sweet water, and feasted on the loin of a buck. He was no more alone than a bee among flowers, but communed familiarly with the whole universe of life. Nature was his intimate, and as the roving woodsman leaned confidingly on her bosom, she responded to his intelligence.

"For him the rocks and fountains, the leaf and the blades of grass had life; the cooling air laden with the sweet perfume, came to him as a friend; the dewy morning wrapped him in its embrace; the trees stood up gloriously round about him as so many myriads of companions. All wore the character of design or peril. But how could he be afraid! Triumphing over danger, he knew no fear. The perpetual howling of wolves by night around his cottage or his bivouse in the brake was his diversion; and by day he had joy in surveying the various species of animals that surrounded him. He loved the solitude better than the towered city or the hum of

"Near the end of July, 1770, his faithful brother came back to meet him at the old camp. Shortly after, they proceeded to Cumberland river, giving names to the different waters, and he then returned to his wife and children, fixed in his purpose at the risk of his life and fortune to bring them as soon as possible to live in Ken-