#### THE EBRASKA INDEPENDENT

as it is sometimes called, which closed

the war of 1878, there was what is

termed by the Cubans "the little war."

A few of the more stubborn chiefs re-

fused to treat on any other terms than

independence for the island, and, hav-

ing but little faith in the promises of

Spain through General Martinez Cam-

pos, waged an active guerrilla warfare

for fully a year after. One of the best-

known leaders, perhaps the foremost

one in this "little war," was Antonio

his many silent adherents, accompan-

ied only by two of his faithful and de-

voted soldiers, he was surprised by a

squad of nine "guardia civiles" while

at dinner with his host, a small coffee

planter. The sentinel had barely time

to warn him before the house was sur-

from behind a protecting mango tree,

summoned Maceo and his two men to

surrender. Knowing what the conse-

quences would be for his host, his wife

and their child, a boy of seven, if they

were taken, his first thought was for

their safety; and, bidding them to leave

by the rear, if his ruse was successful.

he calmly told the sergeant of his will-

render. After some parley at long dis-

tance, Maceo proposed that he and his

escort lay down their rifles, the guardia

civiles to do the same in plain sight.

upon the terms being carried out prom-

ised freedom to his escort and good

treatment to Maceo. The latter asked

osition, and marched back with his es-

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#### WRITTEN BY HISTORIC HANDS.

#### Letters by Washington, Lafayette and enedict Arnold.

Three original letters, one by Washington, one by Lafayette, and one by Benedict Arnold are attracting much attention here in a down-town show window, says a Washington, Penn., correspondent to the Phila. Press.

They are the property of Thomas Morgan, who secured them from General Morgan, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The writing of Washington and Arnold is very plain, while that of Lafayette is very difficult to decipher.

Washington's letter is to Colonel George Morgan at Princeton. It says: known. But beyond this nothing has Mr.---: I received your favor of the yet been given to the American public 9th inst. by Captain Dodge. It will be convenient for me to see the Delaware chiefs and those who attend them at headquarters to-morrow evening at 5 o'clock.

The whole or part may come as will be most agreeable to them and you will be pleased to accompany them.

'I am, your most obedient servant. "G. WAS HINGTON."

The Arnold letter reads as follows: (Benedict Arnold to the Continental Board of War.)

at Kiskaskiss, on the Mississippi, 110 miles is very probable that there may be a Brit-Pensacola, I think it will be necessary intelligence, for which purpose an officer should be immediately dispatched to New Orleans to treat with the governor, who I am informed, is inclined to favor the expedition. Colonel Morgan, who is well acquainted with the difficulties and route attending the expedition, is the best judge of the time it will necessarily take up, also the quantity of provisions and the best method of procuring it, as well as the boats. I have not entered into the minutes of the affair, as I conceive Colonel Morgan, from his intimate acquaintance with the country, &c., more capable of doing.

"I am, sir, your obedient humble servant, "B. ARNOLD."

The letter from Lafayette is as follows:

(Lafayette to Col. Morgan.)

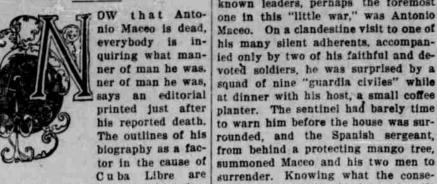
"PARIS, February the 10. "The enclosed, my dear General, is a vocabulary which the Empress of Russia has requested me to have filled up with Indian names, as she has ordered an universal dictionary to be made of all lan-guages, it would greatly oblige her to col-lect the words she sends, translated into the several idioms of the nations on the banks of the Oglo. Poesley Nevile at Mor-gan's at Fort Pitt, Mutleberg of Fayette county, and one other friend could undertake it for us, and be very attentive to accuracy. I beg your pardon, my dear general, for the trouble I give you, but ave been so particularly applied to that I can not dispose without paying great attention to the business. This goes with so long an epistle of mine that I thank you. Herewith my best love and wishes

and am, my dear general,

MACEO THE PATRIOT. STORIES OF HIS EFFORTS TO FREE HIS NATIVE CUBA.

row Escape.

me Facts About the Personality of the Leader of the Revolutionists-An Adventure in the Little War-A Nar-



revealing the private life of the Cuban general who held the flower of the Spanish army at bay with such unexpected success for so long a time.

There are not a half-dozen men in ingness to discuss the terms of his sur-America who have known Maceo personally. Two of these, envied of Cubans, are Manuel M. Coronado, the editor of the Havana paper La Discussion, who was forced to flee from Cuba | The sergeant consented to this, and for his life on account of his paper's "A captain and fifty men should be left sympathy with the revolutionary cause, and Antonio Bolet, who served on Genabove the Ohio, to secure the pass. As it eral Jose Lacret's staff, and daily went for a few minutes to consider the propto Maceo's headquarters for orders. ish frigate, or one or two armed sloops at Bolet is a very young man. He was cort into the house, leaving the rifles captured by the Spanlards, but as his outside. The sergeant waited until, be-



Far in the West the dead day's pyre, feet

We felt the rushing wind go by, As round some bend with quicken. ing stride

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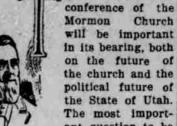
Until the ever-broadening stream

After the peace or pact of Saujon, ROW AMONG SAINTS. | preme in the church. Before that

FOLLOWERS OF BRIGHAM YOUNG IN A POLITICAL TANGLE.

George Q. Cannon Aspires to Be the Hond of the Church-It Is Likely That He Will Seize the Reins at the First Opportunity.

> Special Letter. HE semi-annual



settled by the conference is that affecting the status of Apostle Moses Thatcher, who was dropped from the quorum of twelve spostles at the last conference without any reason for the action being given. Counselor George Q. Cannon was responsible for the omission of Mr. Thatcher's name, and it is believed that the reason lay in the political antagonism of the two men.

The rivalry has been of many years' standing, but it came to a climax last spring, when the heads of the church decided to issue an address setting forth their attitude in politics. They laid down a rule that no officer of the church should accept political office or become active i politics without obtaining the constant of his superiors. This rule would affect almost every Mormon in Utah of any prominence in any business or profession.

Mr. Thatcher had been one of the nominees for United States senator the year before, and he and B. H. Roberts, another high officer in the church and candidate for congressman, ascribed their defeat to the interference of the first presidency of the church in political matters. As a son of George Q. Cannon was the avowed senatorial candidate of the republicans for senator, the father was charged with aiding the party.

Consequently, when Mr. Thatcher was asked to sign the political manifesto of the last conference, he regarded it as an anti-democratic document, and declined to do so on the ground that no man should be compelled to ask the "counsel" of any church official in any political matter. The non-Mormon republicans indorsed his action, but the church leaders took revenge upon him.

An election of officers in the Mormon church is a farce. That is seen at every conference. It is intended to deceive. The only reason any formality attends it lies in the fact that the church must elect officers at every conference in order to hold its large church property. The "slate" is always prepared by the first presidency. composed of three men, who decide who shall fill vacancies, and sometimes The Noted Organist a Member of the Clarence Eddy, the noted organist of Chicago, who has been elected to honorary membership by the exclusive St. Cecelia Society of Rome, richly deserves the eulogiums brought out by the action of the Roman academy. Mr. Eddy played before the great organished those who heard him broke forth ists of the society and when he had finin lavish and spontaneous praise of his

time he was a prominent figure, bu was overshadowed by his leader. John Taylor was a simple, stubborn man but George Q. Cannon found no diffi culty in bending him at will. Mr Woodruff has been too old to look after church matters ever since bis accession, and so his first counselor has been recognized all through the church

as the real power at its head. Lorenzo Snow, the next in succession for president, would be as pliable as his two predecessors. He is very feeble and very devout. He has few ambitions for himself, and thus could be brought to consent to policies that would be represented as best for the church.

But with the accession of Franklin D. Richards the power of Mr. Cannon would wane. Mr. Richards has two sons, as astute and ambitious as Mr. Cannon, both prominent in the demoant question to be cratic party, and one a senatorial can-

didate. Politics therefore would divide him from Mr. Cannon, whose son's ambition opposes his sons. But more that that, the Richards family has long resented the increased power of the Cannon family. Therefore, with his rivals once in the lead, Mr. Cannon could not hope to shape the policy of the church, and would be compelled to take a subordinate position and simply wait until his turn

should come. That he will accept such conditions is not believed by men acquainted with his character. His ambition for his



(President of Mormon Church, 89 Years Old.)

family and for himself and his vast business interests in the state, which can be helped by power in the church, must suffer from inaction. So it is supposed that Mr. Thatcher will be expelled from the apostles, for he would be the most potent opponent of a

change in the line of succession. Undoubtedly an adherent of Mr. Cannon will be appointed in his stead.

The effect of such action on the future politics of Utah can only be guessed. It is believed that once in full control Mr. Cannon would assert the right of the church to control the Mormon people in politics, as it has and list of two controlled them in the nast and once



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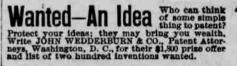
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IV.

We swept, and heard the pine-boughs

That leaned across the frozen tide;

No summer song was e'er more sweet Than that clear music which our

Sent ringing to the winter's night!

Beneath the twilight's gathering One star, that softly grew more

Gleamed like a promise of the night

"LAFAYETTE."

THRUSH AND THE SNALL.

How the Intelligent Bird Managed to Break the Shell.

"It is I think, well to record the following observations of the intelligence of the thrush." says John Hoskyns-Abrahall in a letter to Nature. 'The first happened on June 28, 1865. I then saw, from the windows that look out on the little lawn north of my house, a thrush steadily stepping westward in front of the hedge that parts the lawn from the public road. The bird seemed to be intentionally making for a gravel path that after passing almost close to the windows, bends to the northwest, toward the small gate of my front garden. It was bearing something in its bill. On coming to the path it attempted to break this on a stone. It did not succeed. It then tried another stone. This time it succeeded. Thereupon it flew away.

On the spot I found a remarkably big stone embedded in the path and round it were scattered bits of snall shell. The bird had eaten the snail. The second of the observations I would note, and the more striking of the two, happened on June 3, 1890. I then was viewing the gravel path from the westernmost of the four windows. Just beneath me, standing on the path was a female thrush. She had succeeded in breaking a snail shell. She had the snail in her bill. But, despite vigorous efforts, she could not swallow it. Up hopped a male thrush. Standing before the female, he opened his bill. She dropped the snail into his bill. He chewed the snail. He dropped it back into the female's ready bill. She swallowed it. The pair blithely trotted off, side by side, toward the small gate. I saw them no more."

#### Dr. Clyde Davis, dentist, Richards Blk.

#### Old Civil Engineer Dies.

or. Louis, Mo., Jan. 22 .- Colonel J B. Moulton, one of the most prominent civil engineers in the West, died here yesterday, aged 87 years. In 1836 Colonel Moulton constructed the Lexington & Frankfort railroad, of which Henry Clay was the president. He was afterwards chief engineer of the Iron Mountain railroad, now a part of the Wabash system, besides a number of other roads.

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Before us lay the glassy stream, A crystal path from shore to shore, That seemed to hold it in a dream Of limpid, laughing tides of yore. And still, in memory of June, The stars reflected held a place.

II.

Between the spaces of the wood,

Burned low-a dusky, sullen fire-

But quivering in the dusk and gray

Above the embers of the day.

hood.

bright,

While glimmered o'er its frozen face The whiteness of the rising moon.

III.

With flashing feet we sped away Along the silent, snow-clad shore, That, gleaming in the moonlight, lay Where swift our shadows ran be-, fore!

But though the shore was still and white.

father is a friend of the Spanish authorities in Havana, young Antonio suffered only deportation to Spain. He fled from that country at the first opportunity, coming to New York, and now it is his intention to take the next filibustering boat to Cuba.

Mr. Coronado saw Maceo last January on one of the days when the latter was in consultation with General Gomez in the Havana Province about future campaigns. This was before Maceo had advanced westward into Pinar del Rio Province. He appeared to the editor as full of vigor, health, and unbounded faith as to the ultimate success of the Cuban arms. Mr. Coronado had known Maceo before the meeting;



had entertained him at his house, and had learned to have a great respect for his personality. It was about five years ago, when Maceo was visiting prominent Cubans in Havana, that Mr. Coronado saw him almost daily. He says that Maceo was a natural politician in that he had the genius of divining popular opinion and taking the leadership of popular movements. He was in Havana at that time sounding men and scheming for the present revolution. He was always of the sunniest disposition, says Mr. Coronado, closely attaching all the people to him; a man of the strictest moral integrity; he never drank wine, he never smoked, and that in a land where tobacco is as common as potatoes in Ireland; and he never played cards. He had a great abhorwould not tolerate them about him.

Stretched straight before to meet the bay,

That in the magic moonlight lay In silver silence, all a-dream!

V.

And when at last we homeward turned, With eager, yet reluctant feet. Our pulses glowed, our faces burned. And life felt buoyant, strong and sweet!

Within the house one beacon-light Its vigil kept; within the grate The fire burned low-the hour was late-But health's best sleep was ours that night!

-Charles Gordon Rogers, in Outing,

coming impatient, he again demanded surrender, to meet with the information that the owner of the plantation had escaped and the threat that within thirty (The Political Head of the Mormon minutes Maceo's men would be there to turn the tables. The capture of Maceo meant promotion and a large reward, and the sergeant decided to attack the three men, who were armed at most with revolvers and machetes."

The door of the house had been invitingly left open, and into this the Spaniards rushed, to be met near the threshold with a volley of revolver bullets which laid four of them prostrate. Five, howaver, gained entrance, to be attacked with the terrible machete, and of this number one recovered from his wounds to tell of his experience. Maceo escaped with a bullet in his shoulder: one of his escort was killed on the spot and the other died soon after from his wounds.

Telephone Used in Teaching Deaf Mutes. The medical officer of one of the leading deaf and dumb institutions of et. says aid fro. the seeming improbable education of those deaf mutes who possess a fragment of hearing power the advantages over the speaking tube usually employed. First and foremost, the wires from several receivers can be coupled up to one transmitter, and thus a teacher can instruct a group of children at the same time; and, secondly, it is not necessary for the teachtransmitter, so that pupils have a full view of the facial expressions and lip movement, which is not possible when he has to direct his voice into the mouth-piece of a speaking-tube or trumpet. The patient while seeing the movement of the lips has the sound conveyed close to his ear drum, obviously a most advantageous combination.

man has accomplished in this world, is not good. rence of men who drank to excess, and is at bottom the history of the great

GEORGE Q. CANNON. Church.)

what men shall be dropped. Cases of dropping, however, are rare.

But there is a feeling here that polltics is not all to blame for the deposition of Moses Thatcher. It is believed by both Mormons and gentiles that Mr. Cannon aspires to reach the presidency of the church out of the order which has been observed since the death of Joseph Smith in Missouri and the accession of Brigham Young. At that time it was settled that the presidency must descend to the oldest apostle in service, and after the death of Brigham Young John Taylor was made leader. At the death of the latter the office was given to Wilford Woodraff. the present leader. But in every case the president has been elected by the twelve apostles, who thus have retained in their body the presumptive right to select their prophet. There England, writing to the London Lanc- are many leading theologians in the he has obtained material curch now who declare that the old rule is not binding and that the quosource of a loud-speaking telephone in rum of the twelve may select whomsothe treatment of his patients. In the over it please. The question becomes of vital interest now, as President Woodruff is rapidly failing in health telephone possesses many important and will probably die before the winter is over-that is, before the next conference. He is over 89 years old, and has resigned himself to approaching death. In fact, he said many years ago that he wished to live only until the great temple in Salt Lake was finished, so that he might preside over the dedier to apply his mouth close to the cation ceremonies. His wish was gratified four years ago, and then declared that he did not expect to live more than a year.

Next in order under the old succes sion comes Apostle Lorenzo Snow, who is almost fourscore years of age. and who may not outlast President Woodruff. After him comes Apostle Franklin D. Richards, almost 75 years old, but of rugged health and frame. He would be succeeded by George Q. Universal history, the history of what | Cannon, whose present state of health

Since the death of Brigham Young men who have worked here .-- Carlyle George Q. Cannon has been almost su- outfit of over 150 flags.

more the church and state would flourish in Utah.

St. Cecella Society.

(Chicago Letter.)

genius. The members of the society

told him that the academy would be

honored by his acceptance of their in-

vitation to become an associate. Mr.

Eddy studied music under Dr. Haupt of

Berlin. His personality is familiar to

Mrs. Hershey's musical school. That

institution was abandoned when its

proprietress became Mrs. Eddy, and

Mr. Eddy then began to be more widely

known as a musician. He was very

prominent in the first May festival held

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here in 1882. Among those with

whom he shared the praise of the peo-

ple on that occasion were Anna Louise

Carey, Emily Vincent, Campanini, Mme, Materna and Myron W. Whitney,

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prominent in the musical affairs of the

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