SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 22, 1866.

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If the man, during the year, makes \$40,000 by a judicious investment of his romaining \$90.000, he must give the tithing office \$3000 of the amount. This is the second grand principle of Utah Mormonism; and upon these two principles hang all the law and the profits. If a man has no money or other property, he is required to give one-tenth of his labor to the tithing office; thus he labors nine days for himself, and the tenth he gives to the church in such manner as he may be directed.

In this manner the caurch claims one-tenth of every laboring man's time—one-tenth of a man's life, talent and industry. If a man engages in farming and raises wheat, cattle, horses, sheep, etc., he must calculate what he has raised, say one hundred bushels of wheat at twenty days' labor—the tithing office demands ton bushels of that grain. Should he be idle thirty days, the tithing office claims three days from him on the ground that he may do as he pleases with twenty-seven days, but has no right to idle away three days belonging to the Lord. If he has one hundred sheep he mast give one-tenth of the increase. If he has a cow, and the cow gives tan quarts of milk each day, the church claims one-tenth. In fact, the church tithing system penetrates the most abject abode of poverty in the territory, and extracts from it the one-tenth—if it only amounts to one hen's egg.

The tithing system is a source of large revenue. It is reduced to a science. Those who have the administration of the syste

Utah, say there cannot be over 75,000 now in the entire Territory.

A gentleman who has investigated the matter somewhat fully this season, believes the true population is about 100,000 for the Territory, and 15,000 for the city. Yet because an ordinary sized house, "which at the East would scarcely be occupied by more than eight or ten people, is here found to comprise within its four walls from two to twenty 'wives,' each surrounded by a large, interesting and constantly increasing family, it is a matter of no small difficulty to estimate the number of people by their dwellings. Children swarm. Stout, strongly-built, ruddy-faced. It must be confessed that so far as physical deterioration is concerned, polygamy cannot yet be justly charged with degenerating the race."

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Queen Victoria, who was greatly in debt when she ascended the British throne in 1837, is believed now to be one of the richest sovereigns in Europe, King of Wuxtemburg and the Emperor of Austria probably having more real estate, but less cash in hand. The Duchess of Kent, who never spent more than a third of the \$150,000 a year settled on her by Parliament, saved up a large sum, which by investments and reinvestments, made a handsome amount, and every shilling of this she bequeathed to Victoria, her daughter. The late Mr. Joseph Field, a millionaire, who had more money than brairs, was so "loyal" that, passing over his blood relations, most of whom were poor, bequeathed \$2,500,000 in hard cash to Queen Victoria, which (to use the usual cant of the court) "Her Majesty was most graciously pleased to accept."

Prince Albert, who was voted \$150,000 a year by an obsequious Parliament, had that income doubled by salaries from various lucrative sinecures which his wife heaped into his lap, and on his death, in December, 1861, bequeathed his savings to her, being only \$5,000,000. Ever since her accession, nearly thirty years ago, Queen Victoria has made large savings out of her income, the gross amount of which, from the Parliamentary grant called the "civil list," and from the net revenue of the Duchy of Lancaster, exceeded \$2,000,000 a year. During the four years which have elapsed since her husband's death, Victoria's expenditure was so small that she probably saved three furths o' her income, and lived upon only \$500,000 a year. In addition to all this cash, making a protty little capital of over \$10,000,000, Victoria also succeeded to a tract of eligible building ground at Kennington, which Prince Albert bought "for a song," (who would presume to outbid the Queen's husband!) some years ago, upon part of which he built some handsome houses, the rent of which he built some handsome houses, the rent of which he built some handsome houses, the rent of which he fixed so high that none but the building lots thereon are frequently sold for about twenty times the sum paid for them by Prince Albert.

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In addition to the allowance of \$2,000,000 per year to "Her Gracious Majesty," she has not one cent of rent to pay, no insurance, no taxes, no repairs—and any alterations and additions which she suggests or requires are paid out of the public money. Her late husband, knowing how to "turn an honest penny," converted 800 acres of Windsor Park into a model farm, for which he paid no rent, and actually refused to pay any poor rates, until the overseers of the parish seized some of his stock and farming implements, and were about seiling them by the authority of law, when, very ungraciously, he paid the amount claimed, with cests, and grumbled at the law which, having no respect for persons, had compelled him, a pauper Garman Prince, to contribute his proper share to the maintenance of the poor. On that model farm he reared a great number of stock—in the happy condition of sitting rent free—competed, with no small success, at various cattle shows, frequently gaining the best premiums in competition with breeders of stocks who, less fortunate, had to pay rent for their land.

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Queen Victoria succeeded to her husband's \$5,000,000, his nodel farm, and his building prop-erty at Kensington, by virtue of his "last will and testatment," which left her sole executix.

Confederates in Paris. [Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune, Radical.]

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Among the gay equipages that dash along the Boulevards and through the Champs Elysees every pleasant afternoon is frequently to be seen that of Mrs. Benjamin, wife of Judah P., late Secretary of State of the deceased Confederacy. It is a well-gotten-up-affair, and its appeara ce indicates that Mr. Benjamin is not in a suffering condition, so far as finances are concerned. Her husband lives in London, at No. 10 Sackville street, most of the time, and is said to have done very well, pecuniarily, since his admission to the English bar.

Searly every pleasant morning last summer there sat, for an hour or two, on the pavement in front of the Grand Cafe, a short man, with one of the reddest faces imaginable, by the side of a decanter containing the best quality of cognac. The name of the man was, and perhaps still is, George N. Sanders. He is reported to have left here suddenly several weeks ago, and his present address is said to be London. The last time I saw George he looked rough. He is said to be broken-down financially.

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John C. Breckinridge was here during the summer, but I understand he has been rusticating at Versailles for several weeks. While here his wardrobe was in first-rate condition, and did not give out the least idea that its owner was in need of pecuniary assistance. Nearly every "exile" in Paris is said to be in comfortable circumstances. They have, in some measure, a society of their own, into which all who were given to the bad habit of wearing gray clothes a couple of years ago, can be admitted without much formality.

GWIN.

Duke Gwin left here for the United States last month. Rumor credits him with having pocketed a handsome sum when the Sonora colonization scheme collapsed; however that may be, it is certain that he supports his expensive family here in grand style, and is in the habit of wearing clothing quite as fine as that worn by his friend the Emperor of France.

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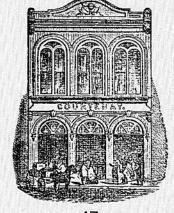
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