

River, and thence eastward to the Missouri River. Later he edited and published for about a year the *Farmer's Oracle*, a four-leaved small agricultural paper—a semi-monthly—at Spring Lake Villa, next county south of this. The *Oracle* was not a success financially.

"Morgan's Commercial College," in this city, has just commenced the publication of the *College Review*, a diminutive four-page weekly, for the amusement, I presume, of the students.

There is also published here occasionally another Lilliputian four-pager, of the comic class, entitled the *Keepapüchitín*.

Besides these, there are in many of the settlements manuscript papers and magazines, generally two to four pages of letter or foolscap.

These, with the *Juvenile Instructor*, semi-monthly; the *Deseret News*, daily, semi-weekly and weekly; and the *Telegraph*, daily and semi-weekly, constitute the whole array of Utah journalism.

#### MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

To-day the election for municipal officers came off. DANIEL H. WELLS was reelected Mayor. Alderman CLINTON, well known for years by most visitors to this city in his magisterial capacity, goes out. One of the five names for Aldermen—LE GRAND YOUNG, nephew of BRIGHAM YOUNG—on the "People's ticket" was awfully "scored." For that position he is evidently very unpopular. Bishop E. D. WOOLLEY was substituted. WOOLLEY won by a more than two-thirds majority. It was the most lively election had for years. Usually elections here are "all on one side," and that side indicated by the "People's ticket," printed in the *Deseret News* and the *Telegraph*.

In the late election for municipal officers for Provo, fifty miles south of this, Mr. ABRAHAM O. SNOOT was elected Mayor. Mr. SNOOT was formerly Mayor of this city. Messrs. E. F. SHEETS and WILFORD WOODRUFF, two well-known residents of this city, were elected Aldermen of Provo, evidently to infuse fresh blood and spirit into that city council.

The Legislature goes quietly along, doing nothing of startling interest.

#### THE DESERET UNIVERSITY.

Several weeks ago the "Regents of the Deseret University" voted to adopt PITMAN's phonotypic characters for educational purposes. Lately they have reconsidered the matter, rescinded that vote, and voted to adopt the "Deseret Alphabet," which is a mixture of all other alphabets, and, it is professed, has two special advantages over all others than PITMAN's, and one over that—the written and printed character are the same, and each letter represents one, and only one, sound. The alphabet must have been improved since it was publicly printed, for then it had not this last characteristic. An appropriation of \$10,000 for University purposes was recently asked of the Legislature; whether or not any of it was for phonotypic expenses was not stated.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

The theatrical season closes this month. The company is running now with its own talent alone, Mr. STARK, now in California, being the last "star." The *Deseret News* claims that the chief difference between the amateurs here and the professionals who may come here is, fresh faces and variety, and consequently that the home company ought to "draw" as well without as with the addition of "stars," an opinion which will not meet with many advocates, but which the *News* is entirely welcome to enjoy.

## AFFAIRS IN UTAH.

Literary Activity Among the Mormons  
—Magazines and Newspapers Flourishing—Lively Election in Salt Lake City—Phonotypy at the Deseret University.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SALT LAKE CITY, Monday, Feb. 10, 1868.

This is dated from "Salt Lake City," for that is now the legal name of what was "Great Salt Lake City."

Notwithstanding the continued dulness of the times, and the also continued lack of cash, literary matters appear to be looking up and renewing their life and vigor in this Territory. The publication of the *Deseret News*, daily, has stirred up the *Telegraph*, the latter paper now giving regularly one and a-half to two columns more matter than it had been wont to do.

The *Utah Magazine* has arrived at the fifth weekly number. The pages are half the size of those of the *Deseret News*—twelve of them devoted to literary matter, three to advertisements, and one to title. Of the ordinary reading, humorous and ten are filled with reprints of novels, humorous and other selections, and poetry. The original matter consists of essays, "Notes by our Hired Man," answers to correspondents, &c. E. L. T. HARRISON, editor and publisher. If the *Magazine* can successfully weather such adverse times as the present, its prosperity may be assured.

Next comes the *Dixie Times*, a small four-page weekly newspaper, edited and published by JOSEPH E. JOHNSON, at St. George, about 350 miles south of this city, commenced last month, and promised for a year, pay or not pay. Mr. JOHNSON formerly was known in the frontier newspaper business at Wood