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Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 14.

Fog.—A little more fog or thick haze this morning.

St. Valentine.—This is St. Valentine's Day. Generally a hard season on post-office clerks.

Confirmed.—It will be seen by our dispatches that the Senate yesterday confirmed L. P. Luckey Secretary of Utah.

Returning.—We understand that four returning missionaries from Australia have arrived at San Francisco, and they may be expected to arrive here in a day or two.—*Ogden Junction.*

Immorality.—It is reported that the case of Le Baron, charged with immoral conduct, now in the city jail, involves some circumstances of a most atrocious and revolting character.

Washington's Birthday.—The 22nd inst. will be the anniversary of the birthday of the great Washington. We understand that it is intended to celebrate the occasion in this City, by making it almost, if not quite, a general holiday. All the leading stores and places of business will be closed.

Repairing the Street Crossings.—A correspondent writes as follows:—

"I am glad to learn that the city council has appropriated the delinquent taxes of parties in the Twentieth Ward to repairing the streets and side walks in that ward, for some of them badly need it, the crossings of several of those streets which debouch into South Temple Street, for instance, two or three of which are perpetual nuisances when there is any mud about."

Missionary.—This morning we received a call from Elder Edward Cliff, of Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, who was compelled to return from his mission in Nebraska and Iowa on account of ill health. He is still afflicted with a severe cough and chills. Elder W. F. Reynolds, who resides in the same part of the Territory, returned with him. Those two Elders labored diligently while in the States, holding a great many meetings, having had no lack of opportunities to preach to the people.

Supreme Court.—The session of the Supreme Court of to-day convened at 2 p.m.

Judge Boreman delivered an opinion in the case of the Flagstaff Mining Co. vs. J. N. H. Patrick, affirming the decision of the Third District Court, with costs.

A U. S. commissioner was appointed for each of the following places:—

Logan, Woods' Cross and Leeds.

On the motion of Judge Sutherland, chairman of the examining committee, Mr. Scipio A. Kenner was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court.

Jealousy.—This morning a couple of young men were before Justice Pyper, on a charge of engaging in a fight. The evidence showed that the quarrel grew out of a love affair, as both youths were paying their addresses to one damsel. The latter received a ring from one of her admirers, and the other, in a fit of jealousy, pulled it from her finger. When the two lads next met, the donor of the ring challenged the other to fight, which he readily did, giving the challenger the worst of it.

The one who took the ring was fined \$15 and the other \$5.

Improvement Societies.—Elders Joseph H. Parry and H. A. Woolley have been on a visit to Tooele County, in the interest of Mutual Improvement Associations. They held meeting at Grantsville on Saturday evening, and re-organized a society there, held meeting at Pine Cañon on Sunday afternoon, where a good association exists; on the same evening they met with the young people of Tooele City, and effected a re-organization of a Society. Leaving Elder Woolley at Grantsville, Elder Parry came eastward to Pleasant Green, Point of the Mountain west, and re-organized an association there, with a

membership of from twenty-five to thirty.

At all the places named those young brethren found a good spirit prevailing, and had great pleasure in speaking to the young people on the important subject of mutual improvement.

Summit County.—William Brewer writes from Henneville, Summit County, February 11, as follows:—

"Our Mutual Improvement Association has succeeded far beyond our anticipations. We meet twice a week and an excellent spirit prevails. One improvement was to the effect that we made a resolution to start our dances at two p.m. and close them at 10 p.m., which has proved a complete success. It has also created a feeling of unity among the young men. They are improving in talking, most of them occupying their full time. The association now numbers 33 and the officers are as follows:—president, P. Paskett; counselors, Robert A. Jones and William Turpin; secretary, William Brewer; treasurer, Wellington Richins. We have a day and Sunday school in good order. We are having an unusually mild winter. The stock on the range are doing well. A few grasshoppers have deposited their eggs, but it is thought there are not enough to do much damage. Considerable fall grain was put in, and good health prevails."

In Illinois.—We have perused a letter from Elder N. V. Jones, dated at Galva, Henry County, Illinois. He says:—

"By inquiry from the farmers, I learn that, for years past, Illinois has not raised enough small grain to give back the seed that is put into the ground. The wheat raised is of a very inferior quality. The breadstuffs of the State are chiefly imported from Kansas and other States. The consequence is that many farmers are obliged to sell stock to buy seed grain. Potatoes are \$1.20 per bushel and of most inferior quality. To be brief, the principal or chief products of the State are corn and hogs. During the last year many farmers in this section have lost many or all of their hogs by what is known as the hog cholera. The people say, 'Hard times, hard times.' The land has ceased to yield of her products; the new land when tilled is equally as bad, so that the welfare of the farmers depends on their stock and corn, and their stock of course are all fed by their corn crop. I am free to say that one slight deviation in the seasons, or a grasshopper war, such as Utah has experienced, for one year, would envelop this part of the country in a famine. In my opinion, a farmer in Utah, with twenty acres of good land, lives better than the farmer here with 60 or 80 acres."

Mormonism in Williamsburgh, N. Y.—The organization of the "Latter-day Saints" at Williamsburgh is 15 years old. Until three years ago the membership was over 300. At present it has diminished to 100. The members live in Greenpoint, Newark, Hoboken, New York, and Williamsburgh. Services are held every Sabbath, in American Hall, No. 170 Grand Street, Williamsburgh, at 3 p.m., and two elders from Utah occasionally visit the congregation. The object of these meetings is stated to be to remove popular prejudice. The Mormons build no churches in this part of the country, for Utah is the central point, to which they all aspire to go. It is a principle of their creed to gather there as soon after conversion as possible, as many privileges not permitted here may be enjoyed in Utah. One privilege is that of having a plurality of wives. The Williamsburgh members belong to the poorer classes. As soon as they amass sufficient funds they will emigrate to Salt Lake City. It has been recently stated that special delegates had been sent out to establish permanent local organizations of the Latter-day Saints; but the truth is that missionaries have been sent for years to the principal cities of the Atlantic states to preach and establish branches of the church.

The policy is really as old as the church itself. The missionaries come here at their own expense, because it is their theory that it is wrong to make merchandise of the gospel. After a mission tour of six or eight months they return to Utah, and their places are filled by others.—*N. Y. Tribune, February 8th.*

Ogden Municipal Election.—We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the total number of votes polled at the Municipal Election held in Ogden City, Feb. 12th, 1877, was one thousand one hundred and twenty-one (1,121), and that the following named persons received the number of votes hereunto affixed to their names respectively, viz:—

MAYOR.

Lorin Fair.....1,116

ALDERMAN—FIRST WARD.

F. A. Brown.....694

W. Foulger.....407

Samuel Horrocks.....10

ALDERMAN—SECOND WARD.

Walter Thompson.....1,110

ALDERMAN—THIRD WARD.

John Reeve.....1,120

COUNCILORS.

C. W. Penrose.....1,071

Robert McQuarrie.....714

Joseph Parry.....717

Job Plugree.....1,103

Barnard White.....709

H. V. Shurtliff.....416

M. Buchmiller.....394

Wm. Carroll.....401

Wm. Critchlow.....4

Scattering.....22

Blank.....1

JAMES TAYLOR,

City Recorder.

WALTER THOMPSON,

THOMAS D. DEE,

CHAS. W. PENROSE,

FRANK D. GILES,

JOHN H. RESTALL,

W. M. COOK.

—*Ogden Junction, Feb. 13.*

City Council.—The City Council met last evening, Mayor Little presiding.

Petition of Henry Snell, for the privilege of quarrying limestone from a certain specified location, north-east of the Warm Springs; referred to the committee on public grounds. A like petition from Morris & Evans was similarly referred.

Petition of John Sharp and seventy-one other residents of the 20th Bishop's Ward, for the privilege of applying the delinquent taxes of that locality to repairing the streets and sidewalks. The sum of \$500 was appropriated as asked.

A proposition of Dr. S. B. Young to attend to the duties of city and quarantine physician for \$50 a month was accepted, and \$600 was appropriated, to be drawn by him at the rate above mentioned.

The committee on fire department recommended that \$500 be appropriated, to be distributed *pro rata* to the members of the fire brigade, according to the services rendered by each, since the former appropriation was made for a similar purpose.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas J. and J. R. Jones, for the privilege of cutting ice from a certain sweep on the east side of the River Jordan, recommended that the prayer be granted; adopted.

The sum of \$600 was appropriated to pay T. W. Ellerbeck for services as superintendent of waterworks for the half year ending Jan. 31st, 1877.

Salary of the City Recorder, \$200, for the last month, was appropriated.

The Mayor, in his capacity as superintendent of waterworks, was authorized to purchase such supplies as are necessary for that department of the corporation.

Adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 15.

German Band.—The German Military Band were to give a concert at Ogden last evening.

From Bear Lake.—Justice W. P.

Nebeker, of Laketown, Bear Lake Valley, is in the city.

A Little More.—There was a light fall of snow in the valley yesterday evening, and to-day some more beautiful, genial and pleasant weather.

Given to the Jury.—This morning the jury in the suit of Cora Conway vs. Jeter Clinton *et al* were charged by the District Court, and the case given to them for a verdict.

Prophecy.—Last evening, by invitation of the Farmington Improvement Association, Elder David McKenzie delivered a lecture, under the auspices of that organization, on "Prophecy." There was a large and attentive audience.

Returned From Australia.—Elder Isaac Groo, who has been for some time in Australia on a mission to that part of the world, reached home yesterday. Elders John Young and Charles Burton, who have also been to the same part, were expected to reach home to-day.

Returned.—Brother William Bramall, travelling agent for the News, has returned from a successful business trip through the settlements of Tooele and Cache valleys. He informs us that he was treated with uniform courtesy in every place he visited, for which the brethren have our thanks.

Past Memories.—Next week the anniversary of Washington's birthday will be celebrated throughout the country. If things political don't take a decided change for the better, it looks as if genuine republican institutions, in this part of the globe, will soon become, like him, one of their first, most staunch and prominent founders, a matter of memory instead of an existing fact. Could the magnanimous Washington look upon matters as they now are and see the glorious principles of human freedom, for which himself and cotemporary revolutionary fathers fought and struggled, trampled upon and set aside, he would probably feel that the present generation of his countrymen had so degenerated as to be unworthy of the great blessings that had been placed within their reach, but are fast passing from their grasp.

An Impostor and Scoundrel.—Last night a young girl, about seventeen years old, called at the City Hall and entered complaint against a fellow giving the name of Dr. Geron, aged about fifty, who, she alleges, has deceived, misled and seduced her. Geron claims to have lived most of his life among the Walla Walla Indians, and to be a medical practitioner, after the Indian fashion. He has been traveling through the Territory, carrying his nostrums with him, and lecturing in part Indian costume.

He met the complainant, whose name is S. E. Butterfield, at Corn Creek, and persuaded her to accompany him in his wanderings. At first she gave no heed to his entreaties until she was advised to do so by a woman living at Corn Creek. He performed a kind of mock matrimonial ceremony between the two, with a promise to go through the form in proper order at some future time. She of course has discovered that he is a miserable impostor, and realizes now her position of shame.

We understand that Geron does not deny the charge preferred against him, his defense being that he intended marrying the girl. He was arrested last night and placed in jail.

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