

ent, and quite a number of business men have succumbed to the hard times and the force of circumstances which they could not control. Neither does there appear to be much prospect, at present of matters brightening up and becoming a great deal better.

THE FARMERS,

too, have labored under more disadvantages this year than they have for some time past. Some of the crops in a number of places have been very meagre—and some have been almost failures. The high waters in the spring and summer did much damage to farms and fields, and later, the

BLIGHT AND WORMS

destroyed a great deal of corn and potatoes. Our fruit yields have also been very light, with the exception of apples; and although they have abundant, thousands of bushels have been worm eaten and thus rendered profitless. But for what produce the grangers have saved there is little or no market, and the prices offered for grain, etc., are low.

IMPROVEMENTS

have not been so numerous or extensive this year as they were in 1883. Quite a number of new residences, however, have gone up, several large business places have been erected and completed, all of which are fine acquisitions to the city, and of course add materially to its wealth as well as its appearance. Many public improvements have been made in our streets and roads during the year, and especially have

TWO UNSIGHTLY HEAPS

disappeared from our gaze and rough places have been made smooth. One of these was the ugly hill between Main street and the Court House on Fourth street.

You will remember that in winter and in rain-stormy weather that heap mound was difficult for teams to climb, and was often dangerous for both equestrians and pedestrians to ascend and descend. The hill has disappeared and we now have a splendidly graded street, that can be traveled in safety in the day or night, summer or winter. The sidewalks in that vicinity have also been graded and made easy. The walls and approaches to the Court House have also undergone much improvement. Similar good works are being accomplished in other parts of the town.

A NEW BRIDGE

for teams to cross on has been built over the irrigation canal on the west side of Weber river, where the road turns off and crosses the U. C. R. R. to go to Hooper. The hill there has likewise been cut down and the passage made safe. Formerly many accidents occurred at that place to teams and teamsters by the upsetting of vehicles, which rendered them liable to damage if not destruction by trains from the south which come around the abrupt curve in the road just south of the bridge. With ordinary care no one now need incur any danger or trouble in that section. Other valuable improvements have been made in the grounds of

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

The old Seventies' Hall has been taken down, the debris removed, the grounds leveled and laid off in walks and ornamental sections, and sowed to different kinds of tame grasses; a place is left for the erection of a water fountain, ornamental trees, etc. The whole is surrounded with an iron palisade fence all of which is home production and was cast by Mr. William Pierce, of this city, at his foundry on South Main Street. This work is a credit to our school trustees, and speaks well for their taste, judgment and energy in promoting the interests of our educational institutions.

The work on our

NEW TABERNACLE

has progressed gradually, but surely, from the commencement. Excavating had to be done to a greater depth than was at first expected, in order to reach a solid bed on which to place the foundations. The foundations are all in and the walls of the basement about six feet above the ground. The work on the building has ceased for the winter. A large quantity of building materials are on the ground, consisting of rock, brick, etc., and the labor will be resumed as early as possible after next spring opens.

There now appears to be a prospect for the establishment of a

VALUABLE HOME INDUSTRY

in this city in the near future. You are aware that numerous attempts have been made in this place to establish iron works that would give employment to a great number of citizens. Furnaces have been erected, ore has been procured in abundance of a superior quality, and pig iron has been manufactured in Ogden which has been demonstrated to be as good as any article of the kind made in any other place. Our city government expended a liberal sum of money to aid in the enterprise, and yet all endeavors thus far have signally failed to establish the much needed industry. Notwithstanding

TWENTY-TWO TONS

of excellent pig iron was turned out of the furnace, proving we have the skill and the material to manufacture the metal. Another attempt has now been made in this direction which it is hoped will succeed, and that those who

have means will be blessed with the will to nurture and encourage it for the benefit of the community. A company has been organized under the name of

OGDEN WORKING AND MINING ASSOCIATION,

with the following named officers: Winslow Farr, President; Thomas H. Robinson, Secretary; George Richens, Treasurer.

The directors are: John Watson, George Leagus, George F. Leagus, George Richens.

The capital stock of the company is \$50,000, a great amount of which is already paid up and the balance soon will be. The company own eleven good iron mines—one of which, the Pennsylvania, is located at North Ogden Summit. At this mine there is by actual measurement, over 60,000 tons of good ore in sight. Three others are located in Ogden Cañon, and seven in Morgan County. A shaft is in the Pennsylvania 37 feet deep, and some chunks taken out of it will weigh 20 tons each. The association also own a valuable

LIMESTONE QUARRY

and a lime kiln, both located south of Ogden Cañon, above the Ogden City bench. The limestone is the best that can be procured for fluxing in the manufacture of iron. The company have taken from the kiln a great amount of lime, which they have disposed of profitably. In addition to these properties, they possess large tracts of coal beds, with a great deal of coal in sight. One pit has been sunk to the depth of forty feet, and the developments are very satisfactory.

They have recently purchased from Messrs. L. Farr, Pugsley & Niel, ten acres of land, on which to erect suitable buildings for their works. They are also negotiating for a twenty-horse power engine, for blasting and other purposes.

The works will be commenced in earnest as early as possible in the coming Spring, and will afford employment for quite a number of hands. These are steps taken in the right direction, having for their object the permanent welfare of the whole community, and it is devoutly hoped they will be eminently successful.

WEBER.

THE LAVINIA COOP STORY.

MARY ANN MATTHEWS, now living at Nephi, Juab County, forwards the following under date of Nov. 29th:

"In your issue of Tuesday, the 25th, I saw an article about an absurd story regarding a young woman named Lavinia Coop, who was with the late company of immigrants and left it at New York. I was a companion of the person named and, like her, was not a member of the Church, and sent for by my mother, who is living at Nephi. She was sent for the same as I was, and from her own statement to me she was coming here by her own free will and choice. There was no enticing about it and she was old enough to know what she was doing at the time of her starting out.

In fact she did not know she was being enticed away until she attended the Irish concert and commenced carousing with the immigrants of that nationality on ship-board. It appeared they promised her great things if she would leave the Saints and go with them, telling her dreadful tales about the Mormons.

Poor girl, I felt to pity her, and was sorry in my heart to leave her.

As to that statement about the Elders drinking and gambling, it was totally false, and I declare it to be a wilful lie. But the Irish non-Mormons did drink and were not sober by a great deal.

The object I have in writing is to vindicate the Elders from the lies that are put in circulation about them without a cause.

I should be glad, if it will not be asking too much, to give thanks to the Elders of that company, all of them without exception, but especially Mr. J. A. Smith, the President of the company. He showed nothing but kindness to all from the day we set sail till the landing in Salt Lake City. They were servants to all. They did all that could be done for the good of the people, and they far surpassed my expectations. I give them my sincere thanks and pray God to bless them.

CHRISTMAS STORY AND POEM.

Writers for the *Contributor* will please take notice that the manuscripts of the Prize Christmas Story and Poem announced in the prospectus of Vol. Six, must be ready and delivered at the office not later than December 18th. The conditions will be about the same this year as last, viz.:

Manuscript must be neatly prepared and delivered by December 18th, and must be limited to fifteen thousand words for the story and one hundred lines for the poem.

Each contribution should be signed with initials or a device, and the name of writer together with his fictitious signature sent in a separate envelope.

The manuscripts will be opened and read by a select committee, who will decide upon the successful ones and award the prizes before opening the envelopes containing the names of the writers.

The competition is confined to those who have already written for the *Contributor*.

The prizes will be as follows:

For the Christmas Story, selected by

the committee, a prize of twenty-five dollars and the "*Contributor Souvenir Medal*."

For the Christmas poem selected by the committee a prize of ten dollars and Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, indexed and bound in morocco.

Address manuscript and envelopes containing names to the CONTRIBUTOR office, and mark on the envelopes plainly the words "Christmas Story" or "Christmas Poem."

JUNUS F. WEELS,
Editor and Publisher.

CURSORY COMMENT.

Some of the sweets of life are plentiful and cheap in this Territory. Honey can be had in quantities varying from 25 to 50 pounds at 8 to 9 cents a pound. The land is flowing with honey, and the milk supply is not stinted. This is a pretty good "promised land," take it all in all.

Mark Twain claims that he once was engaged in writing in a small dug-out and when a cow fell through the roof and upset the table at which he sat for the third time, he arose and exclaimed, "This thing is getting monotonous." If these fire alarms continue to ring out nightly, the citizens will be likely to make the same remark.

Wanted, a clerk of some kind, who will break through the ironclad custom of including with every notice of meeting, "A full and punctual attendance is desired," or one who will fail to state to the gaping multitude that the meeting will commence at a certain hour "sharp." Give the persons to whom the announcements are directed some credit for good sense.

People who admire the beautiful in nature surely cannot help being enchanted with the lovely sunsets to be seen in this valley every evening. Some of them are so extraordinary and even fantastic, that if an artist were to attempt to paint them he would be put down as a person whose extravagant ideas of nature had led him to the verge of lunacy.

An advertisement in the paper is worth ten on the fence. No offence meant to those who believe in resorting to the unauthorized disfigurement of other people's property in calling attention to their wares. Customers generally steer clear of people who are all the time taking something that don't belong to them without an adequate return, however.

A little work entitled "How to feed the Baby," has become very popular. As its chief drift is in opposition to overfeeding it might as well be termed "How to Starve the Baby." It is full of good common sense suggestions. A prominent physician of this city remarked a short time since that a baby brought up according to its theory would never be sick, even during the dental period. Parry & Co. have it for sale.

One of the chief considerations among our young men at this season of the year is, how to most advantageously spend the winter evenings. While the brainless nincompoop will devote himself to parting his hair precisely in the middle, pondering over the problem of how to pull on skin-tight pants without greasing his legs, studying atitudinization before a looking glass, and other equally useless arts, the solid young man will reach a conclusion as to how he can best improve his mind and thus increase his usefulness, and then go to work earnestly in that line.

AN END TO BONE SCRAPING.

Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. Have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well."

Electric Bitters are sold at fifty cents a bottle, and Bucklen's Arnica Salve at 25c per box by Z. C. M. I. Drug Store.

Another Life Saved.

Mrs. Harriet Cummings, of Cincinnati, Ohio, writes: "Early last winter my daughter was attacked with a severe cold, which settled on her lungs. We tried several medicines, none of which seemed to do her any good, but she continued to get worse, and finally raised large amounts of blood from her lungs. We called in a family physician, but he failed to do her any good. At this time a friend who had been cured by DR. WM. HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS, advised me to give it a trial. We got a bottle, and she began to improve, and by the use of three bottles was entirely cured."

Angostura Bitters are the best remedy for removing indigestion and all diseases originating from the digestive organs. Beware of counterfeits. Ask your grocer or druggist for the genuine article, manufactured by Dr. J. G. B. Siegert & Sons.

Nothing is so reliable as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, for colds, coughs, in short for any and all derangements of the respiratory organs, which tend towards consumption. In all ordinary cases it is a certain cure, and it affords sure relief for asthma and consumption, even in advanced stages.

The coal dealer's face, which was no longer ago than yesterday, wreathed in happy smiles when he beheld the gathering clouds, which portended a snow storm is now cast down and elongated till it reminds the spectator of grandfather's clock, which had to be placed on the floor because it was too tall for the shelf. It is the sunshine that brings the unhealthy gloom. "One man's meat is another's poison," is exemplified.

Times are tight just now, and prudent people are curtailing expenses. The improvident, however, are lavish as ever and settle their accounts by note. A man who once gave his note to balance an account heaved a great sigh of relief and exclaimed—"There now, I'm glad I've settled that account. I can breathe easier." His breath was choked off again soon after when the note with interest added was stuck under his nose.

Considering the time of year amusements of some classes are not so plentiful as usual. This is probably on account of the fine weather, as balls and parties generally flourish during the inclement or cold spells of winter. We do not see why the "Liberal" taffy convention suggested by the News could not be called as well as not, however. Taffy bees among the "Liberals" used to be one of the prominent amusements of the town, but since the election they have fallen into disuse. They doubtless amused the participants and certainly kept people on the outside on the broad grin.

ORDER.

In the Probate Court, in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the Estate of Ernest I. Young.

Order appointing Time and Place for Settlement of Account and Discharge.

ON READING AND FILING THE PETITION of William Asper, Administrator of the Estate of Ernest I. Young, deceased, setting forth that he has filed his final account of his administration upon said estate in this Court, and that the same has been duly audited, allowed and confirmed; that all the debts and expenses of administration have been fully paid, and that a portion of said estate remains to be divided among the heirs of said deceased, and praying among other things for an order of discharge from further duties as said administrator.

It is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of the said Ernest I. Young, deceased, be and appear before the Probate Court of the County of Salt Lake, at the Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House, on the 26th day of December 1884, at 11 o'clock a. m., then and there to show cause why an order should not be made allowing said final account and discharging said administrator, according to law.

It is further ordered that the Clerk cause copies of this order to be posted in at least three public places in this County and published in the DESERET WEEKLY NEWS, a newspaper printed and published in Salt Lake City for at least three weeks prior to said 26th day of December, 1884.

ELIAS A. SMITH,
Probate Judge.

Dated November 26th, 1884.

TERRITORY OF UTAH,
County of Salt Lake.

I, John C. Cutler, Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an order appointing time and place for settlement final account and discharge of administrator in the matter of the Estate of Ernest I. Young, deceased, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 26th day of November A. D., 1884.

JOHN C. CUTLER,
Probate Clerk.

[SEAL.]

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Our esteemed cotemporary the *Herald* marvels that the News should publish quotations of the price of silver, and utters the expectation that after that it would not be astonished if the *Tribune* should print the list of country Bishops. Our morning cotem. should have told us before that it didn't want us to publish those quotations. We suppose we should be full of contrition for trenching upon its prerogatives and overstepping the bounds it has apparently set for us. This is carrying the monopoly principle to the verge of sublimity. The modesty of the *Herald* is refreshing—what there is of it.

Mr. George C. Miln is gone. The poor man was rather badly scorched by the newspapers of this city. Every time they patted him on the back, that operation was made the prelude to a cuff on the ear. Every time the critics jabbed their Fabers into his eye, they followed this up by pouring a little arnica into the injured optic in the shape of faint praise. The truth of the matter is that as a clergyman he probably introduced too much of the style of an actor into his preaching, and as an actor he certainly injects too much of the style of a preacher into his acting. The mixture is not attractive, because un-congenial. Actors are partly born and partly made. Mr. Miln has undoubtedly marked histrionic gifts, but they are undeveloped. He is yet an apprentice at the business, but will probably shine luminously in the dramatic world, providing he sticks to the stage. A tedious and jagged road leads to the goal of his ambition.

LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Probate Court in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the Guardianship of the Estate of Ernest I. Young, Loui C. Young, James T. Young, Ray Young and Leo Young, Minors.

IT APPEARING TO THE JUDGE OF this Court by the petition filed in this Court by Sybella W. Young, Guardian of the Persons and Estates of Ernest I. Young, Loui C. Young, James T. Young, Ray Young and Leo Young, Minors, praying for an order of sale of Real Estate, that it is necessary to sell the whole or some portions of the Real Estate belonging to said minors for the purpose of raising means for the support, maintenance and education of said minors.

It is therefore ordered by the Judge of said Court, that all persons interested in the estate of said minors, appear before the said Probate Court on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the court room of said Probate Court, at the County Court House, in the City and County of Salt Lake, Territory of Utah, to show cause why an order should not be granted to said Guardian to sell the real estate belonging to said minors for the purposes mentioned in said petition. It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published for at least three successive weeks in the DESERET WEEKLY NEWS, a newspaper printed and published in said City and County.

ELIAS A. SMITH,
Probate Judge.

Dated November 26th, 1884.

Territory of Utah,
County of Salt Lake.

I, John C. Cutler, Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Order appointing time and place to hear petition to sell Real Estate in the Guardianship of the Persons and Estate of Ernest I. Young et al, minors, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 26th day of November, A. D., 1884.

JOHN C. CUTLER,
Probate Clerk.

[SEAL.]

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