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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 23.

EXTRACTED.—Yesterday Dr. Hamilton succeeded in extracting the ball from the wrist of Cody, shot at Bingham last Sunday by McGinty. Cody's symptoms are favorable.

SIGNS OF LIFE.—The Germania refining works, and the Wasatch and American smelters, Little Cottonwood, are all again in full operation. The Germania company never altogether stopped work, and expect to continue in full blast during the whole of the winter, as do also the Wasatch and American companies.

SERIOUSLY INDISPOSED.—The many friends of Mr. Albert Merrill, of the 17th Ward of this city, will regret to learn that he is now suffering from severe illness. He has been afflicted for a number of years with lung disease, and within the past few days his disease has assumed a serious aspect, and his condition is such as to excite the serious apprehensions of his friends.

THE PROPER STOPPING PLACE.—A. H. Dashiell, the dashing and brilliant "Jeremy Diddler," correspondent of the New York Herald, in Salt Lake, Montana, and elsewhere, "fetches up" in a jail at San Francisco. We have heard of other "correspondents" of the same paper who ought to "fetch up" in a similar place, at least it would have been for their country's good if they had done so some time ago.

EXTENDING THE SWITCH.—The Utah Central Railroad switch at Wood's Cross is being extended considerably, a number of hands being now at work on it. When the improvement is completed, which will probably be in about a week, the time of some of the trains will be altered so that some of the north and south ones will pass each other at Wood's Cross, instead of at Farmington, as heretofore.

WISE LEGISLATION.—The Legislature wisely considered the aggravated character of that kind of stealing which is committed in times of fire, and distinguished said crimes from ordinary thefts by providing for them punishment of a severer character.

Section 52 of "an act in relation to crimes and punishments" reads as follows:

"If any person commit the crime of larceny by stealing from any building that is on fire, or stealing any property that is removed in consequence of an alarm caused by fire or by stealing from the person of another, he shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding fifteen years, nor less than one year."

Theft committed under the circumstances alluded to, is made a penal crime and is beyond the jurisdiction of a Justice of the Peace, if even the amount stolen be not more than one dollar.

VERY JOULAR.—One of the ancients said there was "a time for all things." If this be so, there is a

time to joke. Among the goods turned out from the Clift House while it was burning, last Friday night, were two big barrels of whiskey. In the morning one barrel had disappeared, and was not heard of till last night, when an individual, a heavy joker, went to Mr. Kitchen and told him that himself and one or two others had rolled away the barrel of liquor on the night of the fire and deposited it in the rear of Little's Row, Second South street, and that it was all done by way of a joke. What sensible jokers these fellows must be! Yes, yes, very much like a joke, as much like it as Hamlet's cloud was "like a whale." When a man's property is being burned up by thousands of dollars, is a splendid time to play off a joke of this kind on him. The hilarity of Mr. Kitchen, when he was told of this little joke, must have been tremendous; anyhow, it must have been as emphatic as that of the party who explained the joke to him.

To say the least, the joke is one of the thinnest on record, and all protestations to the contrary notwithstanding, has to the senses of some people, a bad flavor hanging about it. Had the joke been explained before the consequences of removing goods from the scene of the fire had become so disagreeably manifest to those who engaged in that jocular pastime, it would have had a better appearance.

Those who are jocularly inclined should choose a suitable time for the perpetration of their little pleasantries. It would have been a nice plea for Charles Studer, Stephens, Langley, Fagan and others to put in before the court, that they were only joking. Out on such jokes and their perpetrators.

"HABEAS CORPUS."—This morning Joseph Stevens, who was yesterday held in \$1,500 bonds to appear at the Probate Court, for trial on a charge of complicity in the stealing of a trunk, &c., from the Clift House, was taken before Judge McKean, on a writ of habeas corpus. Mr. Strickland, counsel for the prisoner, plead with Judge McKean for the latter to sit as an examining magistrate in the case, but he refused to do so. Officer Hyde, to whom the writ was directed, stated that he had not had time to make the usual returns. The Judge asked him to state what his returns would be and he did so. The statement was, in effect, that Stevens had been arrested on a warrant issued by Jeter Clinton, Justice of the Peace, on a complaint filed by Mr. C. C. Clinton, that Stevens had had an examination before said Justice of the Peace, who adjudged the prisoner guilty and decided that he be held to the Probate Court in \$1,500.

Judge McKean said that he accepted the statement as the returns, and that there was nothing informal in the proceedings.

Mr. Strickland asked the Judge how it would be if it could be shown that the prisoner had been arrested from malice. To which the Judge replied, in effect, that if he were to undertake to regulate all matters which had a malicious origin in the world, or even in the Territory, he would have his hands full. The Justice of the Peace, as an examining magistrate, had adjudged the prisoner guilty, and it was not for him, the Judge, to say whether that judgment was correct or not. The only mistake the Justice of the Peace appeared to have made was in binding the prisoner over to the Probate court. He, Judge McKean, had the power to change this, and he would do so by holding Stevens in \$1,500 bonds to the District Court of the Third Judicial District.

CITY COUNCIL.—The City Council met last night, Mayor Wells presiding.

Petition of A. M. Musser, superintendent of the Deseret Telegraph Company, asking for a remission of taxes and license on said line, on the ground of the benefit it had been to the city and owing to its not paying expenses; referred to committee on license.

Petition of B. C. Stevens, asking that the unexpired portion of his license be transferred to McIntyre

Bros. and Cunningham; granted. The committee on Improvements introduced the following report on the matter of the City Bath House:

"Salt Lake City,
"October 28th, 1873."

"To the Honorable the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

"Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Arnold, asking that some further improvements be made at the Bath House, most respectfully represent that they have examined the premises, and, in the judgment of your committee, the improvements asked for by the petitioner are not only necessary, but still further improvements should also be made; such as a new roof and other improvements on the old plunge bath.

"Your committee would therefore most respectfully recommend a new building, 28 by 40 feet, two stories high, and that the old plunge bath be improved, that some improvements be made on the dressing room of the present plunge bath, and that the tubs of the bath house be put in proper condition for use. The cost of the new building suggested would be about

Building old plunge bath	\$3,000
Improvements on plunge bath and bath house,	500
	300
Total	\$3,800

"Respectfully,
"ISAAC GROO,
"THEO. MCKEAN,
"HENRY GROO."

The matter was laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the council.

The price for admission to the plunge baths was reduced from 50 cents to 25 cents.

Alderman Miner made some remarks relative to the city water works, urging the prosecution of work on them.

The committee on ways and means rendered a verbal report on the matter of the petition of Mr. Edmunds, asking an appropriation for engravings of Salt Lake City, to be placed in the Chicago Illustrated Journal. The report recommended an appropriation of \$300 for the purpose named, which was adopted.

"FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD, AND NO QUESTIONS ASKED."—On the night of the burning of the Clift House in this city, a Mr. C. C. Clinton, one of the guests at the hotel, lost a trunk, for the recovery of which and its contents, he advertised in the DESERET NEWS, "Fifty dollars reward, and no questions asked." The trunk and most of its contents have been found and the reward paid, but if no questions were asked, the recovery of a portion of the missing articles led to the arrest of three persons, one named Studer, in whose room, at the Wisconsin saloon or lodging house, the trunk was found, and subsequently, of Messrs. Joseph Stevens and James Langley, the former of whom professes to be a detective, and who has been a resident of this city for the past two or three years. The two last named parties were arrested on an affidavit made by the owner of the trunk, charging them with stealing his goods or concealing them after they were stolen. The preliminary investigation of the case took place last evening before his honor, Justice Clinton, Mr. Morgan appearing for the accused, Z. Snow, Esq., for the prosecution.

Messrs. Clinton, Wright and Kreamer, alias "Dutch John," and Officer Phillips were examined for the prosecution; and Messrs. Thompson, Creak, Lockwood, Clark and Milligan for the defence. Each of the accused also made a statement. The principal witness was Mr. Clinton, and from his evidence it appeared that he employed Mr. Stevens, in his capacity of detective, to hunt up the missing trunk, the terms being that Mr. Stevens was to receive twenty dollars to pay for the time he spent in so doing, besides the reward if the missing articles were found. Stevens subsequently restored to Mr. Clinton a considerable portion of the contents of the lost trunk, which proved to be a large number

of decks of cards of various kinds used by professional gamblers, the whole being worth, according to Clinton's statement, \$300. For the portion of the cards restored the promised reward was paid by the owner to the detective, but the latter told him that the remainder and the trunk could not be procured without the payment of an additional twenty dollars. This was agreed to, and they were to be placed in the hands of their owner at a certain hour on Monday evening, at his hotel. Mr. Clinton waited, but they were not brought, and yesterday morning he saw the trunk at the police office in the City Hall, it having been obtained by the police, the evening previous, from the room of one Studer, at the Wisconsin saloon or boarding house, the occupant of the room being arrested at the time.

In the statements made by the accused, they both professed to have got a clue to the theft on the night of the fire. Langley said he followed two men whom he suspected towards the east bench, and at a spot where he saw them stop he next morning found some of the missing decks of cards. These cards were in his possession until yesterday a.m., when they were placed in the possession of Stevens. These two men seem to have worked together from the loss to the recovery of the trunk and cards, and though they both deny complicity in the crime, their course seems to have been very questionable, and as if blackmailing was the game they were playing. Stevens said he paid Langley the fifty dollars for that portion of the cards recovered; and it was Langley who demanded the additional twenty dollars, for the restoration of the trunk and the remainder of the cards, because he professed that in obtaining possession of them there was considerable difficulty, as he must either procure a key to unlock, or burst open, the door of the room in which they were contained. The police, however, as Langley, in his statement admitted, were ahead of him, and by their arrest of Studer and taking the trunk from his room, prevented the extortion.

The connection of both the accused with the affair was very suspicious, but it did not appear that Stevens was a gainer by the transaction beyond the twenty dollars which Clinton agreed to pay him for the time spent in hunting up the missing articles; but that a professional detective and thief catcher should play into the hands of thieves by consenting to a plan for extortion is certainly anomalous, to say the least; and from the conduct of both Stevens and Langley one is almost forced to the conclusion that if they were not the criminals they were in collusion with them. And so the court seemed to think, for it held both men in \$1,500 bonds to appear before the Probate Court of Salt Lake County, at its first regular term, and in default thereof they were committed to prison. They had failed to procure bail up to noon to-day.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 30.

RELEASED ON BAIL.—Yesterday Joseph Stevens and James Langley succeeded in obtaining bail and are therefore again at large.

FAVORABLE.—The surgeon attending W. H. Attwell, whose leg was amputated last Saturday evening, is of opinion that the symptoms of the patient are favorable.

RECOVERING.—We are pleased to learn that Mr. George Romney is recovering from the effects of his late accident, in being thrown from a wagon, and will soon be around again.

NEAR TO THE SQUARE.—That big building, the Wasatch Hotel, is nearly up to the square, the masons being now at work on the fourth or upper story. The building will soon be ready for the roof.

INFORMATION.—Information is wanted of the whereabouts of Mr. John Henfield, photographer. When last heard from by his relatives, he was in Ogden. Address Mrs. James Henfield, 42 Buffum Street, Salem, Massachusetts.

TRANSFER OF BUSINESS.—We understand that Mrs. Clay, who has been for a considerable time practising in this City as an Eye and Cancer Doctress, has sold her business and practice to her partner, Mrs. Grundy, and intends moving westward in a few days.

THREATENING TO SHOOT.—This morning a man who resides in the Seventh Ward, accompanied by a policeman, was looking about for three young men, who he said had threatened to shoot him, last night. Up till this afternoon we did not learn that he had caught the objects of his search.

SOLICITING AID.—The Chief of Police of this city has received a circular from P. R. Athy, Chief of Police of Memphis, Tenn., soliciting aid for the members of his force, which before the advent of the yellow fever numbered sixty men. Eight of his men have died of the epidemic and fifteen others were down with it at date of this circular, Oct. 23. The circular states that there is no appearance of an abatement of the disease.

NEEDS ATTENTION.—In view of the probability of fires in this city in future, the organization of a regular fire district and a thorough and searching examination of buildings would be advisable. It is not too much to say that nine-tenths of the fires not resulting from incendiarism could be prevented by the exercise of a little foresight and the adoption of a few wholesome precautions.

EXAMINATION.—Yesterday afternoon the examination, before Justice Clinton, of John W. Fagan, Frank Noman and John Spears, charged with stealing a trunk and other goods from the Clift House last Friday night, was concluded. The evidence was strong against Noman and Fagan, and they were held, the first in \$1,500 and the second in \$1,000 bonds, to appear at the Probate Court. The evidence did not show that Spears was in any way implicated in the commission of the crime, and he was therefore discharged.

INSTALLED.—It will be remembered that the Rev. John C. Kimball, Unitarian clergyman, preached in the Tabernacle to a large congregation, a year ago last Spring. Contrary to the general rule among gentlemen of the cloth, he has not forgotten the courtesies that were extended to him while here, and has frequently spoken in kindly and truthful terms from the pulpit and through the press about the people of Utah. He made quite a number of personal friends during his short stay here. For the benefit of the latter we may state that he was installed as Minister of the Unitarian Society at an eastern town called Newport, Oct. 7.

UTAH SOUTHERN RAILROAD.—From Territorial Surveyor General J. W. Fox, who arrived from Provo this morning, we learn that the Utah Southern Railroad is completed to a point seven miles this side of that place, and that track-laying has ceased there on account of the non-arrival of iron, which is somewhere between here and Omaha and may come in at any time.

The grading is nearly all done and the road is tied. The bridges are also all but completed.

After the arrival of the iron, it will take from nine to ten days of labor to finish the road to Provo.

The depot grounds have been established at a point a short distance south of the Court House, and the carpenters were to begin work on the station house to-morrow.

Mr. Fox's camp has been at Provo for several weeks past and he expects to return there to-morrow morning, when he will be accompanied by Superintendent R. L. Fox.

John Wills, in Scott Valley, last while currying a young horse, to through the horse suddenly started, fell, and the frightened animal struck him with its forefoot, injuring him badly.

The Virginia, Nev., Chronicle wants James Lick's Stern Nevada observatory located at that city.