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## Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 31

**Fifth Car-load.**—The fifth car-load of Utah dressed beef was shipped to California, to-day, by H. M. Ames and Company, of Oakland. This branch of business is being pushed ahead.

**Woman's Exponent.**—The *Woman's Exponent* for January 1st makes its appearance promptly, filled, as usual, with rich and readable matter. A good New Year's present would be a year's subscription to this valuable paper. Now, young men, is your chance.

**From the "Junction."**—Mr. Edgar Walton, dramatist, actor and reader, was in Ogden a day or two ago, en route for Salt Lake.

A little son of a gentleman, residing in the Fourth Ward, Ogden, on Sunday, swallowed a tablespoonful of laudanum which had been left within his reach. Antidotes were at once administered, and the little fellow is now out of danger.

**Montana Silver Ore.**—Mr. F. J. P. Pascoe has sent to the Museum, a specimen of silver ore, from a claim in which he has an interest called the "Treasure Hill," 12 miles from Virginia, Montana. The average assay of one and a half tons, sampled and assayed in this city, is \$136.50, (one hundred and thirty-six dollars and fifty cents) per ton. There are two classes of ore in sight; a fine milling and fair smelting ore. The vein is six feet wide. The hanging wall carries \$50 to the ton, silver.

**Seventy-three at Sunrise.**—At sunrise, this morning, our venerable and esteemed brother, Bishop L. W. Hardy, completed his seventy-third year. He was born Dec. 31st, 1805, the same year as the Prophet Joseph Smith, who was but eight days his senior. Bishop Hardy is in excellent health and spirits, holding his years so well that no one would take him for more than ten years less than his present age, and his useful life bids fair to continue as long as earthly life is desirable. May our respected friend and brother realize his wishes in this respect and in all others that a faithful servant of God can desire.

**Erratum - Addendum.**—In our local, last evening, headed "Farming Notes," for Sarah I. Coombs, read Sarah I. Holmes.

An item worthy of mention in this connection, is the nice and comfortable meeting house at Farmington. It is a spacious hall, with excellent acoustic properties, and very neat in general appearance. It is well warmed by a large stove near the door, the pipe of which extends the whole length of the room. This pipe, instead of being supported by the crooked, twisted strands of wire so commonly used, is held up by a number of substantial iron pendants, nicely painted and fashioned, reaching from the ceiling and fastened at regular intervals to the pipe. The arrangement is an ingenious improvement, and has the additional merit of home invention and workmanship.

**New Years.**—To-morrow begins

the new year, 1879. A good opportunity, young folks, of forsaking bad and foolish habits, and forming new and worthy resolutions.

A good opportunity, old folks, of doing likewise, if needful, and being thankful that you have done as well as you have.

A good opportunity, rich folks, to remember the needs of the poor. A good opportunity, poor folks, to be grateful for the charity extended.

A good opportunity, offenders, to ask forgiveness of those you have injured. A good opportunity, offended, to forgive all those who have wronged you.

A good opportunity, well folks, to consider the source of your blessings. A good opportunity, sick folks, to remember that bad might be worse.

A good opportunity, glad folks, to lighten the loads of the sorrowful. A good opportunity, sad folks, to open your hearts to the sunshine.

A good opportunity, bad folks, to learn and begin to do well. A good opportunity, good folks, to begin to do better than ever. And a good opportunity, all folks, to heartily thank God for his goodness.

**Star-Light.**—From the *Millennial Star* of the 9th inst., we collate the following:

**Elder W. S. Burton**, President of the Birmingham Conference, writes: Our meetings are well attended, and there seems to be a spirit of inquiry among a certain class of people. After meeting, at Birmingham, last Sunday evening, four or five persons, banded in their names for baptism. I organized a branch at Wellingford, Salop, a few weeks ago.

**President E. W. McIntyre**, of the Bristol Conference, baptized six persons a few days previous to writing, two of whom are new members.

**President Flamm**, of the Swiss and German Mission, wrote from Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 2nd, that the work in the Swiss and German mission is opening up in places. The Elders there are all well.

**Elder Edward Brain**, of Salt Lake City, now on a brief visit to this country, arrived safely among his friends, in Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. The following day he met with Elder McIntyre and the Saints, among whom he recognized some he had baptized 30 years ago. For the benefit of his friends who may wish to communicate with him, we herewith give his address: Edward Brain, care Mrs. Geo. Castle, Lewin Str., Redfield, St. George, Bristol.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 2

**Left for Washington.**—Hon. Geo. Q. Cannon left for the east, this morning, to resume his duties as Delegate at the National Capital.

**The Women's Delegate.**—Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells, editor of the *Woman's Exponent*, will start for Washington to-morrow morning, to attend the Woman's Convention, and represent the interests of the women of Utah in our nation's political centre. She will be absent about three weeks. During her absence, her daughter, Miss Annie Wells, will take charge of the *Exponent* affairs, and is fully competent to manage them to the satisfaction of all who have business with that office.

**Mortality.**—The Sexton's report for December, 1878, is as follows: Males, 26; females, 22. Of these, adults, 11; children, 37. Causes of death as reported, diphtheria, 23; paralysis 4; scarlet fever, 3; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 3; accidental, 3; lung disease, 2; still born, 2; whoopingcough, 1; heart disease, 1; dropsy, 1; convulsions (infantile), 1; bronchitis, 1; chronic asthma, 1; old age, 1; general debility, 1; membranous croup, 1; total interments, 48.

Total deaths recorded during the year, 630. Deducting 133 brought from country places for interment would leave the resident mortality of this city at 497.

RECAPITULATION.

Total mortality of Salt Lake City for the year 1878 497

" " " 1877 392

1876 386  
" " 1875 391  
" " 1874 437  
" " 1873 431  
" " 1872 426  
" " 1871 368  
" " 1870 281

**JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,**  
Sexton.

**The Mystery Solved.**—The mystery which has enveloped the poisoning of the Miller family, is solved at last.

It has been elicited from Mrs. Miller that she was in the habit of taking a pan of cluders from the stove to heat her bedroom before retiring, and, on the night of the poisoning, had done so, as usual, leaving the pan burning when the family went to bed. It is well known that the gases from all coals are poisonous to some extent, and it is to this that the serious consequence is now attributed. Mrs. Miller had obtained a new kind of coal on Friday, which proved to be more strongly impregnated with deleterious agencies, containing arsenical iron, taking a painful of the live cluders, from which the gases were still issuing, left it smoking in her room when she retired.

The prospects for the recovery of the whole family are now favorable, even the young girl whom it was feared could not survive, showing signs of rallying once more, though it will be some time before the effects of the poison will cease to be felt.

This circumstance should caution people in the use of coal, for similar purposes, and furnishes an excellent argument in favor of bed-room ventilation.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 3.

**Condolence.**—We desire to extend our sympathies to our esteemed friend, Brother J. M. Barlow, of the 15th Ward, and his family, in the death of his wife Electa, who died of apoplexy, this morning, at 15 minutes after 4 o'clock. Her death was as sudden as unexpected. She was at meeting Sunday, and last night was apparently as well as ever.

**For the Capital.**—This morning, Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells and Mrs. Zina Young Williams took their departure for Washington, as delegates to the Woman's Convention, in response to official invitation to represent the cause of the women of Mormondom in the national capital. The prayers of the Saints go with them. May they successfully accomplish the good purposes they have undertaken.

**For College.**—This morning, Mr. William Jennings, Jr., and Mr. Joseph Sharp, the young gentlemen who have been spending their holiday vacation at home, left for the east to resume their studies at college; the former in Massachusetts, the latter in South Carolina. Last night, a private social was held at the residence of the Hon. Wm. Jennings, in honor of his son's departure, and a select company assembled to pay their respects to their young friends. A very enjoyable time was the result. Good wishes.

**Accident - Pleasure Trip.**—We learn from our correspondent "Ipsae," that on last Saturday afternoon, a little daughter of Dr. Talmage, of Provo, while running on the ice, fell and broke her arm about two inches above the wrist.

"Ipsae," at the time of writing, was one of a party of students from the Brigham Young Academy, on a visit to American Fork, where they were hospitably entertained at the residence of Bishop Harrington, and having a happy time generally among the good people of that settlement.

**"David and Goliath."**—The performance of this historical drama, with the olio, on New Year's Eve, in the Eleventh Ward, was very creditable, and equally well appreciated. Owing to the inability to procure costumes, gratuitously, most of the pecuniary proceeds of the entertainment being expended to purchase the necessary dresses, the object of the performance was partially defeated. The inten-

tion, therefore, is to repeat the drama, with a new olio, in about two weeks, for the same purpose, the emigration of a poor family from England.

**An Aged Sister Gone.**—News has reached us of the death of Sister Catharine Wilson, more commonly known as "Grandmother Wilson," who departed this life on the 28th ult., at the ripe old age of 96 years.

Sister Wilson was born April 15, 1782, at Merionethshire, North Wales; received the gospel in the fall of 1840, in Flintshire, and emigrated to Nauvoo in 1842. She crossed the plains to Utah with Bishop N. K. Whitney's family, and drove a light wagon all the way. From that time she has resided in Utah, and after a long and useful life, has quietly gone to rest, to await the final resurrection, when she will come forth with the just and the faithful, to receive the reward of all her well doing.

The remains were placed in the Ogden City cemetery, Dec. 30, 1878.

**Holiday Items.**—Our correspondent furnishes us the following items from Croyden, Morgan County: On Christmas Eve, the Relief Society had a social ball, and the next evening another was held for the good folks of the place generally.

On New Year's, the Sunday School convened in the District School House, and went through some interesting literary and musical exercises, after which short speeches were made by Bishop Hopkin and others. In the afternoon, a children's dance was held, and a liberal distribution of cakes, pies, candies, nuts, etc., completed the young folk's happiness. Later in the evening, a party was held by the adult portion of the community.

The weather was severe; cold and frosty, with but little snow. Health of the people, generally good.

**Burglaries.**—On New Year's morning, about two o'clock, the residence of Col. Foster, U. S. Quartermaster stationed in Ogden, was entered by burglars, and an unsuccessful attempt made to open his safe, which, by the way, contained no money. The parties entered by a window, lighted a candle, roamed through the house, helped themselves to the colonel's cigars, sat comfortably smoking before the parlor fire, and remained in the house for more than an hour. They took nothing but the cigars. The nurse, who sleeps upstairs, heard them but was afraid to sound an alarm until after they had gone.

Sometime during the same night Mr. J. M. Langsdorf's house was also burglariously entered, probably through a window, and seven dollars in coin stolen from the pants of Master Joe Helfrich, a nephew of Mr. Langsdorf, who was sleeping there. Clothing was thrown about in all directions, but nothing besides the money was taken. No clue to the robbers.—*Junction.*

**New Year in Nephi.**—New Year's in Nephi was a very enjoyable affair. The evening before, a ball was held in the Social Hall that was pronounced the most successful of the season in real enjoyment.

Next morning a large assembly of the people met at the hall.

The stand was occupied by the county and local superintendents, counselors and aids. The brass band, under the leadership of Capt. Hawkins, and the Sabbath school choir, were in attendance, beside a host of children with happy hearts and cheerful faces, and their parents and friends. The first part of the day was pleasantly occupied in speeches, singing, recitations, music, and sentiments of an appropriate character, after which a bounteous collation was passed around. All enjoyed themselves. In the afternoon a children's party was given, and at night one for the older people. This closed one of the happiest New Year's ever seen in Nephi. So we learn from "Nebo."

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