

It is said that tin roofs are never struck by lightning. This may be true. And it may be a story started by the tin-workers.

Another invention to supersede steam is causing much comment. This is an English device and was discovered and applied by Mr. Wm. Wallwork, who died recently, just six days after he completed his machine. It requires no fire, consequently emits no smoke; works without noise, takes up but little room and will do the work of a fifty horse-power engine. This appears to be a rival of Keely's new motor.

Few people have ever thought, much less counted the cost, of transportation of troops and their supplies. It is calculated that the passage of soldiers from place to place during the late strike will cost the Government over \$100,000. General McClellan has made the estimate that a sum greater than the expense of the increased military force proposed, has been paid out annually for military transportation.

Fire worship is still followed in Asia. The tower of Bakoowid in Russian Caucasus is inhabited by the followers of Zoroaster, and they keep fires perpetually burning with naphtha found in the soil of the adjacent mountains. This tower has been for ages the shrine of fire worshiping pilgrims from various parts of the Orient. Only a few have visited the tower this summer, owing, no doubt, to the dangers arising from the war.

The progress of skepticism in this country may be noted from the fact that 2,000 avowed "unbelievers" were present at the Free-thinkers' Convention held near Wolcott, N. Y., which lasted three days. Thirty counties sent delegates to it, and it was presided over by Professor C. B. D. Mills, of Syracuse. There is some warm work ahead for the clergy of the eastern States, and they will find that dogmatism, assertion, and denunciation of "infidels" will avail them nothing with the reflecting public.

With the news of the appearance or discovery of Mars' two moons comes the tidings of the disappearance of two islands near the Australian coast, called the Barker Islands. They have suddenly and silently departed, but whither, no man knoweth. They were well known for the deposits of guano found upon them, and were marked on the chart as situated in lat. 14 deg. S. long. 125 deg. E. They are out of the supposed line of volcanic action, so their disappearance is one of the mysteries of the latter days.

The Methodists have a system of probation, and according to the *Pittsburg Advocate*, during the last twenty years the Pittsburg Conference, out of 148,661 probationers, only received 35,634 members, less than one in four. This was not the way of the early Christian Church, as for instance the accession of members on the day of Pentecost. But then the points of resemblance between the two churches are so small and shadowy that they could scarcely be discovered, even with the aid of a spiritual microscope.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 4.

Exponent.—The *Woman's Exponent* for Sept. 1st, is full of good things for the ladies, and it will do no man any injury to peruse its columns. Try it and see.

Safe and Sound.—Thomas Adamson, of the 20th Ward, whose two sons, as stated in the NEWS, were missing from home, has received a dispatch from S. H. Rainey, of Alta, informing him that the boys were at that place, safe and sound.

Stealing.—Yesterday a couple of boys, named Richardson and Wilson, respectively, were fined \$10, for stealing. The same youngsters have been before the police court several times before. Being unable to pay the fines, they were committed.

From the South.—Brother W. L. Jolley writes from Washington, Washington County—

"All is quiet here, health of the people better than past years, weather still very warm, the third crop of hay cut, fruit drying commenced, fruit very good but rather light crops, very little rain, factory doing well. Bishop Jones alive to his duty and all is well."

A Bad Case.—Last night two young men of this city, Jones and Hunter, were arrested on a charge of having been guilty of grossly immoral conduct with a girl about fourteen years of age, named Sawyer.

When the young men were arrested they made some show of resistance to the officers.

Habeas Corpus.—Charles Gilbert, who was sentenced to fifty days at hard labor, in the police court, recently, was taken before Chief Justice Shaeffer, on a writ of *habeas corpus*, this morning. He was released from custody, on the ground that the offense for which he was punished was committed in Davis County, although arrested in this City with the property in his possession, the case being therefore out of the jurisdiction of the police justice's court.

"Brigham Young's Funeral March."—We have received, from Daynes & Son, the publishers, "Brigham Young's Funeral March," composed by Joseph J. Daynes, in memory of the venerated departed, whose name it bears for a title. The piece was performed at the Tabernacle on Sunday, before the services, and shows the marked ability of the composer. Not only does the piece exhibit intrinsic musical merit, but the mechanical execution of the publishers is decidedly good. The copies having an excellent likeness of President Young on the title page are sold at 50 cents each, and those without that embellishment at 35 cents each.

Contemptible Conduct.—We learn of but one ungentlemanly act occurring on Sunday in this neighborhood. We are informed that a man named Richard Tilt approached on horseback to the rope that was stretched across South Temple Street, near the Eagle Gate, and insisted on passing. The officer stationed at that point told him there was no thoroughfare, when he took his horse back a short distance and dashed forward for the purpose of leaping the barrier. However, the rope caught the knees of the animal, throwing it down and landing Tilt upon the ground also. He scrambled up, got on his horse and rode away. He should have been arrested.

Joseph Smith's Levnetslob.—The Life of Joseph Smith in the Danish language is progressing. The 3rd number is now out and contains the concluding part of the third and the whole of the fourth chapter, the contents of which are as follows:

Journey of the Missionaries to the Western States and the Lamanites—Preach as They go along—Are met with Great Success in Kirtland, Ohio—Barley P. Pratt is Arrested and Tried—Escapes His Pursuers—Has a Troublesome Journey—Arrives with the Others at Jackson County, Missouri—Visits the Delawares in Company with Oliver Cowdery—Both are Compelled to Leave the Indian Country—Council in Independence—Pratt returns to Kirtland.

The Capacity.—Owing to recent conflicting statements regarding the seating capacity of the Tabernacle, we publish the following figures, as supplied us by Mr. Henry Grow, who superintended the construction of the building.

The inside measurement, on the floor, is 233 feet long by 133 feet wide, and, including the stand and platforms, gives a seating capacity of 9,702. The gallery is 450 feet long by 30 feet wide, with sitting room for 3,750 persons, making a total capacity of 13,452.

According to those figures the congregation inside the building on Sunday could not have been much, if anything short of 15,000, as several thousands were standing, every available foot of space being occupied.

The Proceedings.—The order, harmony and uniformity of the whar of the proceedings of the funeral services over the remains of the lately deceased beloved leader of Israel, President Brigham Young, could not but strike every beholder. It not only manifested the esteem, affection and respect of the assembled thousands for the departed, but, to no small extent, indicated the power, completeness, and efficacy of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It also showed the precision, tact and ability with which each person entrusted with the management and conduct of

the different departments performed their several duties.

The forming of the procession appeared almost magical to those unacquainted with the organization and order by which such results are attained. Every person among the many thousands appeared to know his exact position in the multitudinous train and to promptly take it.

Elder George Q. Cannon, who, by request of the family, conducted the ceremonies, had appointed Marshal Burt to organize the procession, the latter in turn selecting R. T. Burton, J. R. Winder, James Sharp and B. Y. Hampton as his aids, and the order and quiet that prevailed testified to the efficiency with which the work was done.

The musical exercises throughout were most ably rendered, the choir, led by Prof. Careless, singing with great sweetness and effect, to which the performances of the orchestra added greatly. The organ accompaniment, by Brother Jos. J. Daynes, was also very fine. The Fifth Ward brass band acquitted itself excellently and the singing of the Glee Club was very beautiful.

The draping of the interior of the Tabernacle was executed by thoughtful and skillful hands, having been done by Sisters Staines and Jennings, assisted by others. The two ladies named also arranged with decided and refined taste the floral ornamentations on the casket and upon the stands.

In yesterday's NEWS we were enabled to publish a full and complete report of the whole proceedings of Sunday, and it is but due to Brother George F. Gibbs, who reported the prayers offered and speeches delivered, that he not only did his work with accuracy and skill, but in a very brief time.

The care, delicacy of feeling and general thoughtfulness of all who were in any way connected with or took any part in the proceedings must have been especially gratifying to the relatives of our deceased President. And the same effect would doubtless be produced by the subdued and respectful deportment of the general public.

We are well satisfied that, so impressive was the occasion, and so grand and striking were the proceedings, that all who heard and saw them will carry them upon the tablets of their minds, as if written there in the most enduring characters.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT TO THE LATE PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Deseret National Bank, Salt Lake City, Sept. 4th, 1877, President Wm. H. Hooper in the chair, the following was unanimously adopted:

We, the officers of the Deseret National Bank, realizing the loss sustained by the corporation and the community at large, in the death of our beloved associate and friend, President Brigham Young, who departed this life on the 29th day of August, 1877, in the seventy-seventh year of his age, hereby desire to express our deep sense of the great worth and superlative qualities of the revered deceased. Therefore,

Resolved, That in President Brigham Young we recognize a wise counselor, a financial genius, and a master mind.

That during the many years he has been a Director of this Institution, part of which he was its President, having been associated with us from its inception, he has invariably exhibited such qualities of head and heart as have secured the respect, esteem and affection of all its officers.

That in his death we are deprived of a most valuable Director and adviser whose absence will be sadly missed from our official deliberations.

That we deeply sympathize with his bereaved family, and condole with the whole community who mourn the departure of a mighty leader and one of the great spirits of our age and race.

That we bow in submission to the decrees of Providence while we lament the sad event which has deprived us of so valuable a co-laborer.

That these Resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Board, and that copies be furnished to the family of the deceased, and to the

DESERET NEWS and Salt Lake Herald for publication.

By order of the Board of Directors.

W. H. HOOPER, President.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 5.

St. George Temple.—In answer to many inquiries in relation to administrations and labors generally in the St. George Temple, I will state that it is intended to suspend them from the 20th of the present month until on or about the 15th of October next.

WILFORD WOODRUFF.

Another.—A public drinking fountain was erected, this afternoon, near the residence of Mr. H. S. Eldredge, First South Street. It is somewhat similar to the one near the Z. C. M. I. building.

Township Survey.—Plat and descriptive lists of additional survey of township No. 29 South Range, No. 10 West by Newel E. Britt, U. S. Deputy Surveyor, were filed in the Local Land Office of this City on the 4th inst.

Gold.—Gold was quoted to-day, in New York, at 3 1/2 per cent. premium. This is the lowest rate yet reached since the war.

During the war we know of an instance of \$100 in gold having been sold for \$290 in greenbacks.

Immorality.—Three men charged with immoral conduct with a girl fourteen years old, were fined \$99 each to-day, by Justice Pyper. One of the three was also fined \$25 additional, for assaulting and abusing the same girl's father.

Enterprise.—A new granary, about twenty feet square, has just been completed for the Ladies Relief Society of the Fifteenth Ward. It is about twenty feet square and surmounted by a tin roof. The title of the society and the year in which the structure was erected (1877) is cut on a stone over the doorway. The example, in this matter, of the ladies of the Fifteenth Ward, is worthy of emulation.

The granary is situated in the rear of the Fifteenth Ward Co-operative store.

Home Made Music.—Some of our home composed music is really very meritorious, a fact that does not seem to be by any means fully appreciated here. It appears, however, that it occasionally wins its way to favor elsewhere.

"We are Happy Darling Mother," is a song, the words of which were written by Charles W. Stayner and the music by Joseph J. Daynes, and was published by Sherman & Hyde, San Francisco. This song it appears is already a favorite in that city, and has been sung at the Emerson Opera House, by Beaumont Read, a member of the Emerson Troupe, every night for nearly two weeks lately.

Left Behind.—A somewhat amusing incident occurred at the railroad depot this morning, as the excursion train for Provo was starting. A youth, who carried his girl's shawl on his arm, lingered a little too long on the platform, and as the train glided away he started in full pursuit. He gained on the iron horse, and was about to get the best of the race when he met with a sad mishap. He grasped the iron hand-rail and was about to leap upon the rear car, when he tripped and down he went flat on his face on the track. When he got up, the blank, disappointed and wistful look he cast after that train was an interesting picture.

Neat Improvement.—Mr. Asmussen has a very beautiful improvement at the rear of his premises, west side of East Temple Street. He has had constructed, of Portland cement, a square tank or basin, 16 feet long by nine feet six inches wide, with rounded corners. In this are three fountains, from which jets of water or spray can be thrown to a considerable height, emptying into the tank, forming a small pond, in which latter a number of small fish swim and gambol about. The miniature pond empties itself into the water set on the main street, by means of pipes.

By the aid of this ingenious and handsome improvement the little enclosed space at the rear is rendered comparatively attractive, and it gives a sanitary advantage, by keeping the surrounding atmosphere moist and consequently more healthful.

A Large Company.—The firemen's excursion party which left for Provo this morning is a large one. They filled eight or nine cars. They have pleasant weather for their trip.

District Court.—Wednesday, Sept. 5th.

John Tiernan vs. Nicholas Treweek et al; suit dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

A. H. Hussell vs. F. A. Hussell; findings of referee approved and adopted and decree of divorce granted.

In accordance with a motion by Sumner Howard, in behalf of the United States, an order was issued directing A. P. Rockwood, former Warden of the Penitentiary, to deliver to U. S. Marshal Nelson certain described property and appurtenances belonging to that prison.

Wilkerson Captured.—Wallace Wilkerson, mentioned in the annexed special dispatch to the NEWS, is the person who killed Dr. Baxter, at Tintic, some time ago, and who subsequently broke from the County jail at Provo, and escaped.

RICHFIELD, Utah, 5.

Editors Deseret News:

Wallace Wilkerson called at the farm house of James Gurr, who lives one mile north-east of Prattville Bridge, on the Sevier River, for breakfast, yesterday. He was identified by John Gardner, who notified Sheriff James A. McBride, who resides at Richfield. The Sheriff took George Frazer and Mr. Avery and went in search of and found him in some brush, two miles up the river from where he took breakfast. When covered with the Sheriff's shot-gun and ordered to throw up his hands, he requested the officer to go no further, as he would surrender. He is here, but will soon be taken to Provo.

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

Petition of Marrier Brothers and others carrying on business on Commercial Street, representing the sidewalks in that part of the city as being in bad condition, and asking the Council to require property holders to put them in repair; referred to committee on streets and alleys.

The Auditor presented his report for the quarter ending August 31st; read and referred to the committee on finance.

Justice Pyper presented his police court report for August. Seventy-one cases were tried, \$314.50 was collected in cash fines and \$258 in labor; adopted and ordered filed.

Bills for August were presented and allowed, as follows—
Marshal's expenses \$432.37; fire department, \$185.15; board of city prisoners—1,757 meals at 15 cents, \$263.55; gas, \$1,111.80; care and keeping of three insane patients, \$106.30; guard at water tanks, \$60; collecting dog tax, \$23; work on Union Square, \$48; janitor at City Hall, \$30; nails for Asylum, \$5.25; repairing granary, \$42.23.

Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Oyster eaters are anxiously waiting till the first of September for a dish of the delicious bivalves, the tradition being that they must not be eaten in any month without an r, when it is said they are unwholesome. The New York dealers, whose transactions in the delicate mollusks reach \$15,000,000 per annum, say they are just as fit to be eaten on the 4th of July as on New Year's day. Who knows? Tradition is frequently only nonsense.

An old Scotch woman recommended a preacher who arrived at the kirk west through to get at once into the pulpit. "Ye'll be dry enough there."

DIED.

In this city, September 3rd, 1877, of disease of the lungs, HELEN, wife of John W. Chamberlin, aged 30 years. *Millennial Star*, please copy.

At Hennefer, Summit County, August 25, 1877, of inflammation of the lungs, JOSEPH HYRUM, son of Meredith and Ann Dawson, aged 3 months.

At Unionville, Summit Co., August 27, 1877, of heart disease, JOHN JUDD, son of Thomas and Ann Judd, aged 22 years and 6 months.

Deceased was an honorable and upright young man, and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a circle of friends to mourn his loss.—Com.