

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

PIC-NIC DINNER ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.—Elder J. D. T. McAllister, acting Bishop, and the local authorities of the 8th Ward, being determined not to be behind in the general festivities of the season, adopted the following praiseworthy method of producing a joyous and happy feeling throughout their whole Ward. On New Year's Eve invitations were extended to every member of the Ward, over fifteen years of age, to meet as one family, and dine together at one o'clock p.m., and to finish the evening with a dance.

At the time appointed everything was ready for the guests. The neat and well proportioned Meeting House had been nicely cleaned and the walls decorated with mirrors, photographs, pictures and the national flag. Four tables, capable of seating one hundred and fifty persons, were neatly arranged and very liberally supplied with the dainties of the season, contributed by the members of the Ward according to their circumstances. As the guests arrived, they were seated in order and were greeted with lively strains of music from the organ, by Brother John Chamberlin. When all the guests had arrived, a blessing was asked, when all present, including the poor of the Ward, partook until satisfied of the good cheer provided. Everything was conducted with a spirit and determination to make all happy; the Teachers and Deacons of the Ward were very united and attentive to the wants of all present.

After dinner the tables were cleared and the room prepared for the evenings entertainment, which commenced early and continued until ten o'clock p.m., when intermission for one hour was announced and refreshments were freely handed around until all were satisfied. Dancing was again resumed, and kept up till the early dawn of 1870. The presiding Bishop, Edward Hunter, his counsellor J. C. Little, Elders Isaac Groo, acting Bishop of the 9th Ward and George Goddard, with their ladies, shared in the festivities of the occasion. It was a happy time, and every member of the Ward present will long remember it. The acting Bishop, with all the Teachers and Deacons who labored to bring it about, and make it a success, were made happy by contributing to the happiness of others. There were seven baskets full of provisions left which were distributed among the poor.

Through the pressure of matter in our columns the above was crowded out of our yesterday's issue.

INDIAN RAID.—The following dispatch was received per Deseret telegraph line last night:

BEAVER 4.

President Brigham Young:—

Works, an Indian, reports that west of Minersville, last night, he crossed a trail of Indians, about forty in number, and judging from the foot prints and trails they were driving horses. Their course was south-west, and it is quite probable they will continue west of the settlements and reach the Colorado. They have cleaned the hills and mountains south of and between Beaver and Minersville, and it is supposed that they have taken two hundred head of horses. Major Lowe has sent out a company of men to follow them and if possible regain the horses. Col. Dame has telegraphed to Cedar to have a company go west from there to try and intercept them. Major Lowe has sent men to gather up the exposed stock of Beaver County and have them taken care of, according to your counsel through Gen. Snow. President J. R. Murdock started for the Legislature yesterday morning.

FROM THE MISSIONARIES.—We are in receipt of letters from Brothers Stevenson and Sheets, now on missions in the East; also one from Brother B. R. Hulse, written to President G. A. Smith.

Brother Stevenson writes from Polk City, Iowa, on the 25th ult. He and Brother Moroni L. Pratt were the only Valley elders in that vicinity at that time, others who had been there having removed to other localities. The brethren had held thirty-four meetings, and their labors had been rewarded by a few additions to the Church. Others were expected at an early day.

On the 24th, the day before Brother Stevenson wrote, he says that he and Brother Pratt attended the funeral of Brother Alvaro Beebe, who died on the 23rd, at Polk City. The deceased was only 19 years, 7 months and 20 days old; and up to last June was a youth of great promise. At that time symptoms of paralysis made their appearance, and notwithstanding the advice and assistance of physicians, this disease gradually developed itself until he lost the use of all his limbs, when death terminated his sufferings. At the time of his decease he was six feet and seven inches in height.

Brother Sheets writes from Phoenixville, Chester County, Pa.; Brother Hulse from Long Island. Both these brethren had been busy traveling from place to place and preaching. Brother Hulse had baptized a few on Long Island, and prospects were promising that other persons would speedily join the Church.

THE TUNNEL OVER JORDAN.—Bishop A. Gardner, of West Jordan Ward, called in yesterday and expressed a wish that we would say something in relation to the tunnel now being constructed at the head

of the canal between the end of the Utah Central and Coon's Canyon. The tunnel is 130 rods long and a heavy job; it is progressing finely, but more help is required. There are about fifty men now working on it, but two hundred are needed, and landholders interested in the completion of the canal will find it to their interest, pecuniarily, to lend a helping hand. The canal, when completed, will bring under cultivation thirty thousand acres of land, but the completion of the tunnel is indispensable to the success of the enterprise. All owning land in this locality should feel an interest in the completion of this work, and this call is made upon them to render the necessary help immediately.

HOME-MADE FURS.—We were shown today a set of ladies' beaver furs, which had been made up by Sister McIntyre, wife of Bro. Thomas McIntyre, one of the employees of this office. The furs appear to be as nicely gotten up, and look equally as well, as most articles of that kind that are imported from the East.

This is a branch of home industry which ought to be encouraged. This Territory abounds with furs of the finest description in fact they are exported in considerable quantities from our northern countries to the East, to be made up into manufactured goods, some of which probably return here and are disposed of to the people. This is not as it ought to be; we have not only the material, but also the necessary skill to get up as cheap and as handsome furs as those imported from the East.

END OF TRACK.—Everybody and a great many others went out to the end of the track to-day, there being a perfect stream of pedestrians, equestrians, buggies, light wagons, heavy ditto, one horse concerns and other vehicles during the early part of the afternoon. There were the young, big and little, of numerous stages of age and both sexes; and even a Pyper on horseback gaily curacoled to the Hot Springs. At noon the track-layers stopped for dinner, having laid 4,700 feet of track during the forenoon, and the rails being within three hundred feet of the Hot Springs. The ties then were laid a considerable distance ahead; and at one p.m. the brawny arms began again to handle the iron, dragging the rails into place, and stretching the track rapidly towards its completion. Some idea may be formed, even by those who have not seen the operation, of the labor involved in laying track. The iron required for a mile weighs close on a hundred tons, and this has to be handled three times, making a weight actually handled of iron, for each mile, of about three hundred tons. Through the absence of proper facilities, some of the iron has been handled seven times. Thus the work of laying a mile and a half necessitates the handling of a weight of iron equal to from four hundred and fifty to ten hundred and fifty tons of iron a day. Mr. Young expects to be in the bottoms, north of the city, by to-morrow noon, and at the Depot Square on Saturday evening.

STILL ADDING.—We learn from bro. G. G. R. Sangiovanni, the gentleman who is in charge of the menagerie of John W. Young, Esq., that two very fine brown bear cubs have been kindly contributed to the menagerie by Mr. Sharp Walker of this city, which are now numbered—not exactly among the lions—but among the bears of the institution, and may be seen by visitors.

EDUCATIONAL.—R. L. Campbell, Esq., superintendent of common schools, returned on Tuesday evening from a school tour through Cache and Box Elder Counties.

He had the privilege of visiting many school houses in Cache and was happy to find that the Trustees in the several districts were alive to the importance of furnishing their school-rooms with blackboards, charts, maps and school apparatus. During last week, accompanied by Superintendent Budge and Brother Wm. Giddes, he fulfilled two appointments each day, advocating educational interests in general and holding forth in favor of the Deseret Alphabet in particular. Superintendent Campbell also lectured at Brigham and Willard Cities, in Box Elder County. The Superintendent feels under obligations to Bishop Peter Maughan of Cache, and President Lorenzo Snow of Box Elder for the kindness and courtesy shown him. The brethren were kindly received and entertained wherever they went, and feel that in the providences of God they had an opportunity of doing a little good to the educational cause.

SOCIAL PARTY.—The members of the Sixteenth Ward held a very delightful party at the Social Hall on Tuesday evening. The committee were Messrs. F. Kesler, G. C. Riser and E. B. Tripp. The floor manager was Mr. W. G. Newman. Olson's band discoursed sweet and excellent music on the occasion. Presidents Young and Wells and Elder Orson Pratt and other prominent citizens were present. The party passed off in excellent style and all those who were present seemed to enjoy themselves; and we heard the Bishop remark that he would rather pay a good price for the Social Hall than have another hall for such a purpose for little or nothing, as in the Social Hall there was such an excellent spirit experienced, a remark which every person who has visited that structure will readily endorse.

"OUR OWN PARTY."—Under this heading unique invitations were extended by the committee of arrangement to the "first assembly to convene in the New School House," in the Twelfth Ward, on Monday evening last. The party consisted of the heads of families of the Ward, with a few invited guests. About one hundred and fifty invitations were issued. The number present was something in excess of three hundred; and, although the hall was well filled, there was no crowd, and every person had opportunity of sitting.

At 3 p.m., the hour appointed, the hall began to teem with people; and "when music arose," the aged, middle-aged, and young went forth in the dance joyously. During the evening, several rare comic and sentimental songs were sung; and brother John Graham recited "Fotheric Cahore was a broth of a boy." It is confidently asserted that everybody present, even the most inveterate dancers, satiated their terpsichorean appetites. At 3 o'clock, a.m., the festivities of the occasion closed with benediction by Counselor M. G. Atwood.

It is a singular, yet interesting fact that this was the first public party ever held in the Twelfth Ward; in all probability not the last, now that the Ward has so capacious a house at its disposal. This was the first of a series. To-morrow (Thursday) evening the young folks have a party; and on Friday following the little folks. Then it is understood, there will be a party for the Ward generally, and their friends.

President Young accompanied by Hon's Jos. A. Young, H. S. Eldredge, H. B. Clawson and Elder Geo. Q. Cannon honored the assembly with their presence for a short time. The presiding bishopric was represented by Col. J. C. Little, Bishop Hunter being unavoidably detained.

This is one of the most substantial and commodious school houses in the Territory; being 70 feet in length, forty feet in width, with a height of ceiling some 20 feet. The stage is 20 by 40 feet; bearing a main floor of some 49 by 50 feet. On this spacious area, twelve cottillions have ample room for their evolutions.

The foundation was laid in the fall of 1862, and though its completion has been long delayed, the citizens of the Ward may justly feel proud of the result of the patience, perseverance and liberality, which have brought the noble edifice to its present creditable appearance. The plastering and seating will be finished, we are informed, at an early day. Some \$12,000 have been already expended upon it.

We most heartily congratulate Bishop Hardy, Counselors Snelgrove and Atwood, and their co-workers, and trust they may reap such returns for their investments in this structure, in a general increase of faith, brotherhood and good works in the Ward as shall prove not only profitable to them, in every point of view, but also serviceable to the interests of the kingdom of God. The Bishop, while upon his mission to the States and during his absence from home, will assuredly derive additional joy upon the announcement of the opening of the new school-house.

FOUND.—Some time ago between this City and Bountiful a coarse sack containing a lady's dress, shawl and various other articles of female apparel; also a tin pail and a small work in the German language, entitled *Liederbuch für die Kirche Jesu Christi die Heiligen der Letzten Tage*.

The sack with its contents has been placed in charge of Bro. Wm. Pinnock, gate keeper at the Temple Block, who will deliver it to the owner on application therefor.

BREVITIES.

Dickens has finished his new novel.

Indianapolis has fifty-five divorces pending.

Rev. Albert Barnes considers Beechor and Greeley dangerous men to lecture before moral audiences.

True joy is a serene and sober emotion, and they are miserably out who take laughing for rejoicing.

Overbeck, the great German painter, who has just died at Rome, had lived in the Eternal City ever since 1810.

Horace Greeley, by special request wore his "old white coat" at a lecture he recently delivered at Lewiston, Maine.

The New Haven, (Connecticut) carpenters and joiners have formed a co-operative union, and propose to go into building operations on their own hook.

A young lady of Camden, New York, who has been blind for sixteen years, suddenly received her sight a few evenings since, while enjoying the company of some friends.

A young wife of seventeen, in Chicago, has got a divorce. She married a fellow who said he had \$200,000, when he hadn't a cent. Besides that, he pinched her.

The Buffalo Express says that G. F. Train is "a little bolder, wilder, older, more inclined to be gymnastic and circumlocutianic than ever before."

Died.

At Unionville, Summit County, December 21 1869, of disease of the spine, Mizon, son of Oliver and Sarah Jane Harmon, aged 3 years, 3 months and 11 days.

In the 10th Ward, in this city, on the 29th of December, nine days after a confinement, Ana Kissina, wife of Samuel J. Davidson, aged 23 years and 22 days.

Deceased was a native of Denmark.

At Smithfield, December 2nd, 1869, of obstruction of the bowels, Ephraim, son of Alonzo P. and Zilpha Raymond, aged 3 years, 4 months and 2 days.

At Smithfield, December 8, 1869, from the effects of a fall on ice, Robert Franklin, son of Robert A. and Euphemia Bain, aged 5 years and 4 months.

At Polk City, Iowa, on the 23rd ult., of paralysis and general debility, Brother Alvaro Beebe.

Deceased was born May 3rd, 1850, and joined the Church September 13th, 1869.

At Lehi, on the 27th ult., after an affliction lasting nearly seventeen years, Ira, son of Ira and Melissa Willis, aged 10 years, 8 months and 5 days.

At Cedar City, December 19th, 1869, at 2 a.m., of cold on the lungs, George William, infant son of James and Mary Davis, from London, England, aged 1 year, 1 month and 25 days.

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In this city, on the 3rd inst., of general debility, Martha McCreery, the relict of Thomas McCreery, formerly of Liverpool, England, aged 77 years, 6 months and 28 days.

Deceased was baptized in 1850, in the Liverpool branch, and emigrated to New York with her husband in 1855. While residing in that city, she buried her husband, and subsequently, in 1860, she emigrated to Utah. She died in full faith.

Mill. Star please copy.

In this city, in the 11th Ward, January 1, 1870, of inflammation of the lungs, Sarah Rebecca, daughter of Nathan and Rebecca Meads, aged 5 years, 7 months and 16 days.

Samuel Roberts Teasdel, son of S. P. and Catherine Ann Teasdel, aged 4½ years.

The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 p.m. Residence—20 th Ward.

STRAYED

FROM the Wood Yard, near the Theatre, Salt Lake City, on the 15th inst. One span of Horses, one a Iron Gray MARE, on left shoulder, the other a Black HORSE, branded Y on shoulder, Saddle marks on back. Any information of the above, forwarded to my address will be liberally rewarded.

JUSTUS JORDAN.

Fairview, Sanpete County. w48-1

A New Railroad Map of the U. S.

Published by Gaylord Watson, in New York from the latest official surveys. The only map which has the distance marked between every Station on the Central and Union Pacific Railroads, besides Northern and Southern proposed Pacific Railroads, also, on the back, it has the map of the World and Twelve Cities of the United States. Can be seen and for sale at J. DWYER'S Railroad News Depot and Book Store, East Temple Street. d36-1w C. W. SMITH.

ESTRAYS.

No. 1. Red Line back STEER, about 3 years old, upperbit in right underbit left ear, brand illegible.

No. 2. Red STEER, 2 years old, crop off and two slits in right, crop off and slit in left ear, brown on forehead, no brands visible.

No. 3. Dark Red 5 year old COW, crop off left, under half crop right ear, no brands visible.

No. 9. Dark Bay MARE, star in forehead, white on right hind foot, Spanish brand on left thigh.

Owners are requested to prove property, pay charges or they will be sold at Public Auction at the St. George Estray Pound to defray expenses, 30 days after date of advertisement.

JOHN PYMN,

County Poundkeeper.

St. George, January 5, 1870. w49-3

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