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## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

**KILL THE GRASSHOPPERS.**—Now that these pests have made their appearance in such numbers, would it not be well if organized efforts to destroy them were made by the people in every locality where they exist? They are still young, and not able to do the mischief that they will in another two or three weeks.

On Saturday evening, in the Bishop's meeting, held in the Tabernacle, President D. H. Wells said that the crops in the Big Field, in this city, had been saved for the last three years by resorting to various plans for their destruction. Similar efforts have been made, and with considerable success, in other localities; and we think there has seldom been more need for such concerted action than at the present. Isolated or individual efforts are of no avail, but unity of action in trapping them in straw in the night and then burning them, or drowning them, or such other methods as experience has demonstrated to be effective, should be resorted to at once, if at all, that damage and destruction to the growing crops of cereals, vegetables and fruits may at least be partially averted. This is a question in which plentiful supplies of bread and dinner are seriously involved, and it is worthy of prompt action and attention.

**DEPARTURE OF GEN. SHERIDAN.**—General Sheridan and staff left this city this afternoon, en route to Montana, with the intention of proceeding, probably as far as Winnipeg, where Rellis and his followers have raised the flag of insurrection against the British government. It is the intention of General Sheridan, we believe, to look after American interests in that country and to locate permanent military posts on the line of the Northern Pacific railroad; and if necessary to adopt what measures he may deem proper in relation to the Indians, some of whom have crossed the line there.

**SOMEBODY AT FAULT.**—The postmaster of Tooele City informed us on Sunday last that nearly or about three weeks since he posted a letter at Tooele City, addressed to this office, containing five dollars in currency, to pay for certain blanks that had been ordered. The blanks arrived at Tooele in due time, and the receipt in payment for the same was expected to arrive shortly after. But as it did not arrive a letter of inquiry was sent to this office, stating that the money had been forwarded and inquiring why the receipt was not sent. This letter came safe to hand; but no letter containing the money had been received, and it has not yet been received, neither has any tidings of it been learned. What is the matter? It is hardly likely that it could be lost. It might have been mis-sent; but if that had been the case it would have turned up before this.

**"ARMING AND DRILLING IN UTAH."**—Under this heading, the Omaha Herald of the 4th inst., has a short leader, founded on a dispatch published in the Eastern papers the day previous, stating that private circulars had been put out in Salt Lake for the private arming and drilling of the people. The Herald, while admitting that there may be some foundation for the report, hopes it is false. Its editor says, if a word of ours could restrain the Mormon authorities and people from violence, it would be earnestly spoken, and that word would be an admonition to forbearance. The Herald concludes:

"But we do not believe the statement made in the telegram on which these remarks are predicated. It is probably another of those wicked falsehoods which a set of scamps who are hanging around Utah constantly deal in, and which are intended to stir up strife and breed collisions, and possibly bloody conflicts in Utah."

The good feelings invariably manifested by our cotemporary towards the people of Utah, and the firm stand he ever takes in behalf of constitutional liberty, are highly appreciated by our citizens. His tears on their behalf and his admonitions in the present instance, though kindly meant, are unnecessary, for no such circular as he refers to has been issued here; violent measures by the people are not even contemplated; and this rumor, like a thousand others circulated to the prejudice of our people, have doubtless emanated from the nest of miserable, mendacious politicians in our city and with which a miserable little town, not named Corinth, is at the present time infested, whose only god is mammon, and the possession of filthy lucre the only object of their miserable existence, no matter what measures are resorted to, in order to obtain it.

**THE IMPOSTER GIBSON.**—By the perusal of Bro. Cluff's letter, in to-day's paper, it will be seen that Captain Gibson, of Sandwich Islands notoriety, is still pursuing his accustomed course of fraud and deception. Many of our readers will recollect this man during his stay here, his departure to fill a mission, on which he was sent to the Sandwich Islands, and his course on arriving there. If the information contained in the postscript to Bro. Cluff's letter be correct, it may be inferred that the course of this bad man is leading to disgrace and shame, as it ought to do.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

**THE CASE OF THE FOUR INDIANS AT OMAHA.**—It will be remembered by some of our readers that four Indians, of the Pawnee tribe, named Yellow Sun, Little Wolf, Blue Skin and Horse Driver, were tried several months ago, in the U. S. District Court at Omaha, for the murder of a Mr. McMurtry. After a verdict of "guilty" had been returned against them, they, by their counsel, made a motion for a new trial, and another for arrest of judgment, the latter on the ground that the court could not rightfully exercise jurisdiction in their case. Judge Dillon, on the 4th inst., delivered a lengthy opinion on this point, deciding that the U. S. Court has not jurisdiction. He also ordered that the Marshal retain the prisoners in custody for twenty days, during which time they may be delivered to the custody of the State officers if applied for; but if not applied for they shall be discharged from custody, or if they desire it be placed in charge of the Indian Agent or Superintendent for their tribe.

The above particulars are from the Omaha Herald of the 5th inst.

**MISSIONARIES, HO!**—Very favorable arrangements have been made for the transportation of the recently appointed missionaries, from this city to New York. They can learn terms and procure tickets by applying at the store of Calder Bros., East Temple St. The party intends leaving

this city next Friday morning, at 7 o'clock, and all who desire to avail themselves of the reduced fare must go a body at that time.

**TIMELY WARNING.**—A dispatch received from Spanish Fork, per Deseret Telegraph line, says that Ungartese, a Ute Chief, who, with fourteen lodges of his people, is in the mountains near Spanish Fork, wishes to inform the people of all the settlements in Sanpete County, that several Indians have left the Uinta Reservation with the avowed purpose of stealing stock in the South. This may be a false alarm, but whether it is so or not will be well for the settlers in Sanpete and other southern counties to be on the alert, so as to prevent, if possible, all depredations of the nature threatened.

**OVERTON.**—Brother E. Eher, writes, on the 27th ult., that all is well in the Muddy. Bread stuffs were scarce, but their crops would be ready to harvest about three weeks, they expected to get through without suffering. Crops were not expected to be as heavy as usual, owing it is believed, to a dry winter, necessitating too much irrigation while the crops were young. There is room for settlers in that country, and men with means, to start the lumber business, are most desirable.

**A METHODIST MISSIONARY COMING TO UTAH.**—The Omaha Herald, of the 5th inst., says:

"Rev. G. A. Pierce, a missionary of the M. E. Church, arrived in Omaha, yesterday, on his way to his new field of labor in Utah. He comes to us highly commended by valued friends at his late home in Geddes, N. Y., near Syracuse, where, as a gentleman and a clergyman, he has won not only the esteem, but the affection of the best people in that county. Our friends in Salt Lake will, we doubt not, extend him all courtesies, and we bespeak these for him from all."

If Mr. Pierce comes with 'the sword of the spirit,' and departs himself like a gentleman, which all assuming the sacred garb who have been here have not done, he may be assured of receiving all the courtesy and respect that any gentleman can desire.

**MR. BAYARD TAYLOR.**—This celebrated traveler and lecturer, who has attained a world-wide celebrity, is about to visit the Pacific Coast, and would like to visit and lecture in Salt Lake City. We have no doubt that the people here would be very pleased to hear Mr. Taylor, but in these times when money is so scarce there is room to doubt that a sufficient number would attend his lectures to make it profitable for him.

**DISTRICT COURT.**—This morning, in the case of Orr vs. McAllister, his Honor, Judge Wilson delivered his opinion and decided in favor of the relator, Mr. Orr.

The right to act as Marshal in the United States District Courts here whether it was or was not possessed by the Territorial Marshal, has been a much disputed point, and has before been raised and decided in favor of the Territory by the highest United States judicial authority here. This time a contrary decision has been rendered, by Judge Wilson, and we have no doubt that it is strictly in accordance with his interpretation of the law; but although we have a high opinion of his legal attainments, and great respect for him as a gentleman, we must dissent from his ruling in this case, believing that his construction of the law in relation to it is not the correct one.

This afternoon the case of the People vs. Chas. Landon and Wm. Doffin, on an indictment for riot, will be tried.

**LEFT FOR THE EAST.**—Two or three days ago His Excellency Governor Shaffer received a telegram from the East, informing him of the serious indisposition of his wife; yesterday he received another telegram announcing that her condition was precarious, and urging his immediate return. He accordingly left for his home in Illinois this morning.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

**GOOD FOR THE MISSIONARIES.**—Mr. Harry Rogers, agent for the Chicago and North-western railway is in town. He leaves to-morrow for the East, at the same time as the missionary party, and we have every reason to believe that his efforts in their behalf will result in a considerable increase of comfort and convenience on their journey to Chicago.

**CO-OPERATION FLOURISHING.**—Who will say that Co-operation does not flourish in Salt Lake City, after reading the notice of the Thirteenth Ward Co-operative Store in to-day's paper? This notice should satisfy

anybody that the principle has triumphed here. We are extremely gratified to call attention to the fact, and hope that the prosperity attending all these institutions may continue and increase.

**BURGLARIOUS.**—Last night, the slaughterhouse of Mr. Popper, east of the city, was entered by a man in disguise of a woman, who awoke the young man sleeping there, and stated that he had come there to get some meat from "Andy," another employee of the establishment, at the same time asking for a drink of water. While the water was being got for him, he grabbed the young man by the throat and choked him down. The young fellow afterwards succeeded in striking him with a stick of wood; but the intruder made his escape without leaving any explanation of his singular conduct. A man has since been arrested on suspicion and will be examined to-morrow.

**LAND SLIDE.—TWO DEATHS.**—We have received the following particulars of a melancholy and fatal occurrence, which took place on Tuesday, in Bingham Canyon, resulting in the death of two men, named Charles A. Freeman and James Liecester, who were caught in a land slide and killed.

Mr. Freeman had been a resident of Bingham Canyon for the last five years, and was a worthy and industrious man; he leaves a wife and several children, who reside near Elgin, Illinois. Mr. Liecester was a young man recently from Montana. Both were respected for their industry and upright conduct, and they were both cut off in the bloom and vigor of life.

At the time of the accident they were working in a ground sluice on the side of a mountain, and the ground becoming saturated with water gave way and buried them up, and from appearances killed them instantly. It was some three hours after they were buried before they were extricated.

**CEDAR CITY.**—We had a visit yesterday from Bishop Henry Lunt, of Cedar City, who came to this city to attend Conference. His report of affairs in that region is very encouraging. The settlers of Cedar City have had difficulties to contend with such as probably the people of no other place in the Territory have had to meet. There are several reasons for this, which we need not enumerate here, but Bishop Lunt's own experience is illustrative of these difficulties—he has built five houses since he went there in 1857, the frequent change of location and other causes requiring him to do so. But it is hoped that these obstacles to progression are now overcome, and that a career of prosperity has been entered upon by the people there which will result in their city becoming the equal in beauty and wealth of any other city in the Territory which possesses no greater facilities. The failure to manufacture iron discouraged very many who once lived in Cedar, and they left in various directions; other causes also prompted many to leave and the majority of those who remained were persons who had no teams to take them away, and were perforce compelled by their poverty to stay. They had to turn their attention to agriculture, the attempt to manufacture iron having previously occupied all their time. Being so destitute of stock, their progress was necessarily slow; but they persevered, and now they begin to reap the reward of their diligence. There are about seventy families in the settlement, and they own a flock of two thousand head of sheep, said by good judges to be one of the very best in the Territory; they have a good supply also of horned stock, which they herd on the co-operative principle. They have opened the road up the canyon to the timber, which is very good, and hope soon to be able to get a steam saw mill at work, which will furnish lumber, a material that has been wanted in the past. They have increased the area of their farming land by fencing, and they now have more and better land under cultivation than they have ever had, and the average yield of wheat to the acre for the entire settlement has greatly increased within the past ten years. Altogether, Cedar City seems to be a thriving settlement, and a good place for men to go who wish to get a start. Bishop Lunt informs us that they desire more population, and they are willing to give settlers land to cultivate and water to irrigate it. They lack men of capital; but they, themselves, are hard-working men whose only capital is their labor, and they know how to appreciate that class if any should come among them. We think that very many who remain in this city, and depend upon employment for the means to sustain themselves, might settle at such a place as Cedar City with advantage. By industry and good management they could, in a few years, lay the foundation of comparative independence. Bishop Lunt started to-day for Cedar City.