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LOCAL NEWS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 5

Shawl Found.—A red shawl was found upon the street in the 12th Ward on Saturday morning last. The owner can recover it by calling at the News office.

Married.—We learn by letter from Arizona that May Elizabeth, daughter of Brother C. L. Robson, of Mesa City, formerly a resident of the Sugar House Ward of this county, was married on the 28th ult., to Soren Sorenson, President H. C. Rogers officiating.

To the Pen.—Last evening Brother David M. Stuart, who was sentenced in Ogden yesterday, to be imprisoned six months and pay a fine of \$300 and costs of suit, for his religious convictions, was brought down over the Utah Central train and taken to the Penitentiary.

The "Contributor."—The Contributor for November is before us and found to be a very attractive number. Its opening chapter by B. H. Roberts treats of the Missouri Persecutions—an interesting theme, which is exceedingly well handled. Following it are original articles by R. W. Young, A. J. Crocheron, W. H. Apperley and Moses Thatcher, besides the editorial, all of which are entertaining and instructive, and which are supplemented by some very good and timely selected articles.

Not That Kind of a Man.—A letter was published in the News some days since in which rather laudatory allusions were made to Brother David Spilsbury, of Toquerville, for having sent some money to the writer, a missionary, now laboring in Ireland. Without explanation, it might be thought that Brother Spilsbury sent us the letter for publication. Those familiar with him, however, know that he is not the kind of a man to parade his generosity, and for the enlightenment of others we may state that we received the letter from another source and he was not consulted as to its publication.

A New Postmaster.—To-day's dispatches announce that President Cleveland has nominated as Postmaster of this city, Wm. C. Browe, well and favorably known to the public from his connection with the D. & R. G. W. railway office in this city, where he has served for the past three years as city ticket agent. He is a staunch Democrat, and during his residence here, and so far as we have learned, elsewhere as well, has manifested the qualities of a true gentleman. His application for the office received the endorsement of a large number of influential citizens of all classes and creeds, and we believe his appointment will be received with very general favor.

Not Dead.—Since the telegraphic dispatches stated a couple of weeks since that David Whitmer, of Richmond, Mo., one of the three witnesses to the divinity of the Book of Mormon, was apparently on his death-bed, the press very generally throughout the country has indulged in comments as to the effect upon "Mormonism" (with which he was once connected) of his leaving to others the knowledge which he was in possession of relating to the origin of this Church. Some newspapers even went so far as to anticipate his death and to publish lengthy obituaries of him, referring to which a Missouri paper felicitously remarks that it is not often a man lives to read his own obituary, but that David Whitmer has done so, and is likely to disappoint those who counted so certainly upon his death by yet living for a number of years.

An Explanation.—The following letter from the "missionary teacher" of Sanpete, whose letter to a young girl

in England, in reply to one written by the latter to her father, but which had "fallen into" her hands, we published some days since, as will be seen, exonerates the postmasters of Fairview and Ephraim from all blame in the matter. We leave our readers to judge as to the propriety of the missionary teacher's action in adopting such a method to oppose "Mormonism," which appeared to be her motive in replying to a letter not addressed to her. It is about on a par with the action of certain disreputable publishers of this city, who make a practice of sending a package of their vile anti-"Mormon" literature to every post-office address made public by any of the "Mormon" missionaries who are out in the field, in the hope that the effect of their labors may thereby be counteracted and they perchance be subjected to mob violence. Here is the

THE EXPLANATION:

EPHRAIM, JAN. 1, 1886.

Editor Deseret News:
I have read the letter written by W. C. B., also the brief note by "missionary teacher." The latter explains itself. Lest the innocent rest under unjust implications, shall make this explanation.

On my way to visit the family of Mr. J. Briggs, I called at the postoffice and asked for their mail, as they live in the country. A letter addressed to Mr. J. Briggs, Sanpete, Utah, was handed me. I took it to "Mr. J. Briggs," who opened it, supposing it to be his. On finding it was not, and knowing no person of that name, he expressed his regrets and asked me to return it, which I did. These are the facts in the case. The Fairview postmaster cannot be held accountable, as the letter was not sent there, and the postmaster at Ephraim did but his duty in giving it to the person addressed.

Miss S. C. REA,
Missionary Teacher.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 6

Diphtheria.—Another case of diphtheria was reported yesterday afternoon, at 22 E. Fifth South Street. Four yellow flags were taken in yesterday by the quarantine physician.

More Horse Stealing.—About 6 o'clock last evening a horse, saddle and bridle were stolen from near the D. & R. G. W. depot. The animal was a dark bay, well saddle-marked, with long tail, and was branded H on the left hip.

James Taylor's Case.—The trial of James Taylor, of Ogden, on the charge of cohabiting with his wives, commenced in the First District Court this morning, with what result we had not heard up to the time of the News going to press.

Exponent.—The Woman's Exponent for January 1st is an unusually interesting number of a periodical that is always spicy and readable, and which, being devoted to the advocacy of correct principles and the defense of women's rights in general and those of the Latter-day Saints in particular, always finds a ready welcome to the homes of the people of Zion.

Farrell's Trial.—The trial of J. W. Farrell, the Second South Street plumber, on a charge of resorting to Fanny Davenport's house of ill-fame for purposes of lewdness, on the 19th September last, came up for trial before Justice Speirs this afternoon. The first witness called testified that on the date mentioned he had seen Farrell at the place indicated. During a portion of the time he remained there Farrell was in a nude condition, and committed two acts of lewdness with a Mrs. Castello. The offense as described was grossly indecent, altogether too much for publication; in fact, his conduct was so abandoned that even the hardened courtier was ashamed of it. There was no evidence in the evidence to indicate that he had been decoyed to the place; quite the reverse.

The cross-examination by P. L. Williams, attorney for Farrell, was very searching, there being an apparent intent to learn every circumstance concerning the scheme to detect the lecherous law-breakers, and, if possible, to extract from the witness such admissions as might be used against him on a trumped up charge of "conspiracy," before one of Ireland's "impartial" juries. The case was not concluded when we went to press.

Convicted on Third Indictment.—The details of the trial and conviction of Apostle Lorenzo Snow on the second indictment against him will be found in "Weber's" communication published elsewhere. We learn from another source that the counsel for the defendant were in favor of making an effort to have his trial on the third indictment continued until next term, but to this proposition the defendant objected, saying he did not want to be brought out of the Penitentiary to undergo another such a farce of a trial. He preferred to have the trial go on immediately, and was willing that a jury be empaneled from the spectators who were present and who had

listened to the testimony given during the trial just ended, and to have the case submitted to them for a verdict without the taking of any testimony as to the year 1883, the period covered by the third indictment. This farce in the shape of a trial, we are informed, was accordingly enacted, with conviction as the result.

A motion for a new trial was made by the defendant's attorneys in this as in the case of his other two trials and the 16th of January set as the time for a hearing on the motion, from which fact we suppose the passing of sentence on all three convictions will be deferred until that or a later date, although the 8th inst. was previously set for the passing of sentence on the first two.

Death from Exposure.—By letter from M. J. Richards, of Plymouth, Box Elder County, Utah, we learn that on the 30th ult., a man by the name of William D. Pritchett was found dead in James Standing's field about three-fourths of a mile north of what is known as Hampton's Bridge, on Bear River. The man had been stopping on Mr. Calvin Wheeler's ranch, situated about one and a half miles up the river from the bridge, and on the 29th ult. went to Collinston Station after mail that he had been expecting. While there he fell in company with some men who were drinking liquor, one of whom was an Indian, at a saloon near by. He spent the day at or near the saloon, and in the evening he was seen crossing the bridge; he had some liquor with him when he left the bridge, and was so drunk that he could hardly get along. This was about 5 or 6 o'clock. The next day that was seen of him he was found dead by James H. Hess about 5 or 6 o'clock the following evening.

Brother Hess at once informed the folks living at the bridge, and they notified Justice Earl, who went and had the body removed to James Standing's for safety until an investigation could be had. The next morning an inquisition was held and the following is the result:

TERRITORY OF UTAH,

County of Box Elder,

Plymouth Precinct.

An inquisition holden at Jas. Standing's, in Plymouth precinct, Box Elder County, on the 31st day of Dec., A. D. 1885, before Jedediah Earl, justice of the peace in said precinct, in said county, upon the body of Wm. D. Pritchett, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oaths do say that the said Wm. D. Pritchett came to his death by being chilled while under the influence of alcohol, when on his way from Collinston Station to Wheeler's Ranch, on the night of Dec. 29, 1885.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

HYRUM STANDING,
JEDEDIAH M. HESS,
M. J. RICHARDS.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement.

JEDEDIAH EARL,
Justice of the Peace.

The man was 62 years old, and is said to have borne a good reputation except as to having been addicted to drinking. The body was taken to Ogden.

Child Burned.—A shocking accident occurred at South Hooper, Davis Co., on Monday last, resulting in the death of Lucy Ann Gifford, a six year old daughter of George W. Gifford of that place. The mother of the little one has been demented occasionally during the past few years, but quite rational at other times, and always harmless and kind to her children. She was confined in the asylum near this city about three months year before last, and at the expiration of that time was pronounced to be cured. She has manifested only slight symptoms of a recurrence of insanity once or twice since, and been quite sane generally until New Year's day, when her reason was again overturned. Her husband remained at home and carefully watched over her to guard against accident, until Monday morning, when she seemed so much better that he ventured to go a neighbor's on an errand, leaving her alone with their four children. He had only left the house a short time when he discovered that his wife with two of the children had followed him, and started immediately to return. His wife reached home about two or three minutes before he did and on doing so discovered her eldest child lying on the ground in the door yard with her clothing ablaze. She smothered the flame, carried the child into the house and placed her upon the bed before the unsuspecting father arrived upon the scene. The little girl was conscious up to the time of her death, which occurred six hours afterwards, during which time she suffered fearfully. She related how the accident occurred, from which it appeared that after her mother left the house she attempted to revive the smoldering fire in the stove by putting in some cedar bark, and in doing so had her

clothing catch fire, whereupon she ran into the yard and swooned away.

The spectacle was pitiable indeed. The cause of the woman's derangement seems to have been the burying of seven brothers in a snow slide several years ago.

Brother Gifford brought his wife to this city to-day and had her placed in Dr. Young's asylum. The funeral of the little girl will take place to-morrow.

It has been erroneously published that the mother of the child was responsible for the fearful occurrence, but this is emphatically denied by Brother Gifford, who furnished us the above items.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 7

Notaries.—The Governor has appointed as notaries public W. C. Warren and Hans D. Petterson, of Weber County, and John Brunton, of Salt Lake County.

Pork Packing.—The managers of the Wellsville Co-operative Store are packing and curing a great deal of pork, and hope to supply not only their own customers, but stores of some of the other towns therewith. Their home-cured hams and breakfast bacon compare favorably with the imported.

A Fire.—On Thursday evening, Dec. 31st, a fire destroyed the barn of D. Stoddard, of Wellsville, and its contents, including about twenty tons of hay, four horses, harness, etc., with a loss of about \$1,200. The fire is supposed to have been started by the carelessness of some parties the worst for liquor.

Favorably Considered.—A dispatch from Washington announces that the Senate committee on post offices, to whom had been referred the nominations lately made by the President, have decided to report favorably in the case of W. C. Browe, nominated as postmaster of Salt Lake City, and John L. Street, the nominee for a similar position in Park City.

Farrell Convicted.—In the trial of J. W. Farrell yesterday afternoon, two other witnesses were examined, their testimony agreeing with that of the first. Farrell was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and \$200 fine, and took an appeal to the Third District Court, Glendinning and Mason again being his bondsmen in the sum of \$800. The insolent badgering to which the witnesses were subjected by Mr. P. L. Williams in a vain attempt to impeach their testimony convinces one that if Le Grand Young desired to retain his honor he did well to dissolve partnership.

The Crusade Started Again.—The prosecution of "Mormons" for living with their wives was again commenced last evening, when Deputy T. G. Smith appeared at the residence of S. F. Ball, in the Nineteenth Ward, and arrested that gentleman, taking him before Commissioner McKay. The complaint before the Commissioner charges the defendant with cohabiting with Mrs. S. F. Ball and Nellie Powell as his wives. The alleged plural wife was among the witnesses subpoenaed. The defendant was released on \$1,000 bonds, to appear for preliminary examination this morning, but the witnesses were ushered into the presence of the grand jury.

Matrimonial Season.—We learn by letter from T. S. Reilly, of Mesa City, Maricopa County, Arizona, that the Christmas season at that place was celebrated by an unusual number of persons deserting the ranks of the bachelors and spinsters and entering the matrimonial estate. No less than four young couples of that little town were married during the period mentioned, and it was probably not a very good time for marrying either. At least, quite a number of persons in that region have got themselves into trouble during the past few years through their marrying. However, the young people mentioned were willing to take the risk and no one else had any objections to raise. The contracting parties were Miss Rebecca Pederson and Mr. Heber Peterson, Miss Louisa Rebecca Richings and Mr. Benjamin L. Blackburn, Miss Mary Robson and Mr. Soren Sorenson, Miss Minnie Passey and Mr. James Lisingby, who are spoken of as being worthy young people, well thought of and with good prospects before them. We join with their many friends in wishing them joy in their connubial venture.

A Lying Sheet.—On Tuesday evening we published an account of John Aird's having been arrested that morning for forcibly entering the rooms of Mrs. Thomas, formerly Aird's plural wife, and taking some articles therefrom, and gave the proceedings at the examination. Yesterday an alleged newspaper called the Democrat, gave the item to its readers (its reporter, through laziness or for some other reason, not having been at the investigation) as follows:

"Penitentiary reform does not seem to have worked all the glorious results

desired in the case of John Aird. The facts which his former trial for cohabitation revealed were of a most disgusting nature, and his term of confinement has evidently failed to make any particular change in his principles or aspirations."

The statement that the facts revealed at Aird's trial for cohabitation "were of a most disgusting nature," seems to be almost as near the truth as that sheet can get, and is false. Aird was never tried for cohabitation, so it was impossible for any "disgusting" facts to be revealed, but when he was arraigned before the Third District Court, he pleaded guilty to the charge of unlawful cohabitation. On his promising the Court to live within the Edmunds law, and to use his influence to persuade others to do the same, a fine of \$300 was imposed, no imprisonment being inflicted, so that the "term of confinement" amounted only to remaining in the penitentiary for 30 days in lieu of the fine. Another item of "news" given by the unreliable sheet is:

"The DESERET NEWS asserts that Aird has been known to visit both of his former wives since his release from the penitentiary, and uses the allegation as evidence of the fruitlessness of the courts' action in requiring and obtaining the promise of polygamists to 'come within the law.' It is more than probable that this part of the evidence against Aird is trumped up for effect."

The DESERET NEWS made no statement that could be construed by an intelligent person into an assertion that Aird had been known to visit both of his former wives since his release, but simply gave the testimony of Aird himself, in response to questions by Commissioner McKay, when Aird stated that he had lived some of the time with each wife. The insinuation that "it is more than probable" that the evidence was "trumped up" is another falsehood, whether it be directed against Commissioner McKay or anyone else, as Aird made the statement under oath and voluntarily. The DESERET NEWS did not use the "allegation as evidence of the fruitlessness of the court's action," etc., but simply remarked that Aird was a "bright specimen" of a certain class.

It has been reported that at New Year's a new scribe, D. C. Dunbar, had taken hold of the local columns of the Democrat. Some change certainly seems to have been made, for the five issues of the sheet thus far for 1886 contain more glaring and self-evident falsehoods than we remember to have seen in the same time in any paper. It looks as though the writer had sunk beyond reformation.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—A negro man and a white woman from Fort Collins, Col., were married in Cheyenne last week.

—During the year 1885, 193,176 tons of coal were shipped from Seattle, Washington Ter., principally to San Francisco and Portland.

—The Ogden Herald says that yesterday afternoon a horrible accident occurred at one of the settlements near the shore of Great Salt Lake, in Weber County. An insane woman set fire to the clothing of a little child, and burned the infant in a frightful manner. Slight hopes are entertained of the child's recovery.

—Information has been received from Idaho, to the effect that Milo Andrus, of Oxford, was arrested the latter part of last week on the charge of unlawful cohabitation with his wives. Brother Andrus is about 75 years of age and cannot walk without the use of two canes. The anti-polygamy howlers will no doubt feel that a "great triumph" has been achieved.

—Yesterday, while some men were digging a well at Leamington, Millard County, at a depth of ten feet they came across what bears every evidence of being the petrified head of a man. It was imbedded in loose gray sand, and by working around it skillfully, the head was extracted without injury to it in the least. The face is perfect, the eye sockets, nose, chin and neck being as natural as life, and evidently those of an adult. The back of the head is not so perfect, but shows the brain and others of the internal parts. It is of a rather grayish color, and the process of petrification has evidently scarcely been completed, as the head is rather soft in places. It was brought up from the south last evening, and placed in a show case at the drug store. It is understood that a search will be made with a view to unearthing the rest of the remains.

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