

and leaves-droppers, court-house puffers and bar-room bums, who are sometimes entrusted with a little dirty business of a semi-official character, deserve no consideration except that which the law may require, and when they transgress its bounds should be treated to summary eviction in the most expeditious manner available. A hint to the wise should be sufficient.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MAY 4.

The Oregon Short Line.—The Oregon Short Line R. R., was completed to Hailey, Idaho, on Monday last, and the balance was expected to be completed by the end of the present week. The tracklayers had caught up with the graders and had to lay over in consequence.

The Whipping Cure.—Yesterday published a dispatch which told of a Mr. Montgomery, of Corinne, served a fellow who acted lewdly toward his step-daughter. To day we have further details. Everybody will say that Mr. Montgomery served the fellow just right, and as instances of impure conduct toward girls are becoming rather frequent, it might be a good idea to consider the advisability of enacting a law to administer a sound castigation in cases in which parties make attempts to outrage females. Such punishment is dreaded by criminals, and would have an effect to deter them.

A Pleasant Party.—Yesterday there was a very pleasant party at the residence of Sister Bathsheba W. Smith, the occasion being the first anniversary of the birthday of that estimable lady. About seventy guests assembled, mostly ladies, although there were also a number of gentlemen, among the latter being the First Presidency of the Church, Counselor D. H. Wells and others. The ladies presented to Sister Smith an elegant china set, and she was the recipient of several other substantial tokens of esteem. The affair was informal and very sociable and pleasant.

Called Home.—Bishop E. F. Meets arrived from the north on Wednesday night, having been up Idaho looking after live stock interests. He reports cattle doing well, with good feed on the range.

While at Clarkston, Cache County, on Tuesday, he received a dispatch from this city informing him of the very severe illness of his son Eddiah. He started for Logan the same night, but it was so dark and stormy that he was compelled to put back. He succeeded in connecting with a freight train at Hampton's on Wednesday, and came direct home. His son had been troubled with an affection in the face, and has been threatened with lock-jaw, but we are pleased to learn that he is slightly improving.

A Close Call.—Last night a man named Kaynon and Eb. Flowers were in the Theatre saloon. Flowers stepped out to the sidewalk and was followed by the other party, who applied some uncomplimentary epithets to him. In a moment Flowers drew a pistol and fired a shot at Kaynon's head, the bullet hitting his ear, and powder burning at appendage and the side of his head. As soon as the shot was fired Flowers fled, but was caught by the police. The case was set for hearing before Justice Spiers this afternoon.

Kaynon attributes his escape from death to his being close up to the party who fired. He is a short, ravenous, peculiar-looking fellow, with red hair, cropped close to the scalp, and is a discharged soldier. Flowers is a resident of the Eleventh ward.

Guilt of Murder.—Last evening a jury in the trial of Joseph Bidcome, for the murder of Charles Jensen, brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, accompanied with a strong recommendation of the prisoner to the mercy of the court, based principally on the extreme youth of Bidcome at the time the crime was committed, he being then but little more than seventeen years old. The murder was committed in Mele County, and the remains of Jensen were not discovered until more than a year subsequently. The prisoner had confessed to having committed the crime to one of the witnesses for the prosecution, being the strongest point in the evidence against him. He is little more than twenty years of age now.

This was the second trial of the case, each having the same result. His attorneys asked for and obtained a stay, pending decision on a motion for a new trial. He will probably be sentenced to life imprisonment.

Keeping Trees Alive.—A gentleman who planted some ornamental trees around a lot in the city cemetery a year or two since, has managed to keep them alive in a novel manner. The great difficulty in sustaining vegetation there and all over the brinch land is of course the absence of water. To carry water under ordinary circumstances to keep trees alive is out of the question, as a few bucketful dries out in warm weather before the roots are reached. To obviate this drying out process the gentleman referred to inserted in the ground by the side of each tree, at the time it was planted, an ordinary five-gallon coal-oil can, open at the top and perforated at the bottom. The water carried to the trees is poured into these cans and reaches the roots, there being no surface evaporation possible. Of course the tops of the cans have to be covered with a piece of board or something of that character. The trees thus treated are not only alive but healthy and flourishing.

A VILE WRETCH WHIPPED.

IT CERTAINLY SERVED HIM RIGHT.

The Ogden Herald gives an account of an occurrence that took place at Corinne last Sunday. A man who had been in that town about a week was caught by Mr. George Montgomery taking indecent liberties with the latter's stepdaughter, aged about ten years. Our contemporary says:

"Mr. Montgomery took a pitchfork and rushed at the culprit. The latter started off and ran along the C. P. R. R. track. He crossed the bridge and hid in some sage brush, about a mile and a half south of Corinne.

Mr. Montgomery took a revolver, mounted a horse, and went in pursuit of the fugitive. The pursuer passed the hiding place of the scoundrel and thought he had escaped in the direction of Brigham City. Just at that moment, while looking around, the guilty wretch raised his head to see if Montgomery was on his track. Sure enough he was, and soon captured him. Montgomery took his sage bird back to Corinne. On entering the town some one cried out, 'Drive him up and down the street a few times, and then hang him; and if you want any help I will come and help you.'

Montgomery, however, took the fellow to a corral, stripped his body bare to his waist, tied his arms, lashed him to a double-headed freight wagon, then took a large heavy-loaded blacksnake whip and dealt him about ten heavy blows on the bare body. This took place in the presence of from twenty to thirty persons—all males. The culprit made no resistance, and did not utter a groan until he received the last lash. No blood was drawn, but on the body were raised many large thick welts. Montgomery did the whole business alone. No one either offered help or interference.

After the castigation the culprit was untied, given his clothes and blankets, and told to leave that place as quick as his legs would carry him. He did not stand on the order of his leaving, but left. He took the direction of Ogden. He is about five feet ten inches high, of dark complexion, has long dark hair and dark whiskers. He is about thirty years of age; rather slim, but well built.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAY 5.

Damaged by a Ditch.—On Tuesday night, at Ogden, a ditch which passes along the bench above Main street, gave way immediately above Mr. Joseph Cook's steam mill. The basement of the building, including the engine room, was deluged with mud, sand and water. The Herald of that town states that Mr. Clark estimates his loss approximately at \$1,000.

A Journalist Relic.—We have had an opportunity of examining a copy of a paper of advanced age, being an issue of January, 1800, of the Ulster Co. Gazette. It gives an account of the death of Washington and contains the resolutions and addresses of Congress and the President of the United States, John Adams, on the event, which was

made an occasion of national mourning. The paper is the property of Mr. John H. Freeman.

A New Brand.—If people will drink tea, and an immense quantity of the herb is sold in this Territory, it is better that they drink it pure than to swallow decoctions of colored, poisonous stuff, such as is palmed off upon the people in the big cities of this country. Mr. Phil. Margetts has obtained the agency for genuine, uncolored Japan tea, which connoisseurs pronounce the very best and all that is claimed for it by the importers. His advertisement will be found in another column.—"The Cup and Saucer Tea." He will travel through the Territory.

Troublesome Tramps.—A correspondent of the Ogden Herald states that the railroad men on the Utah & Northern are greatly troubled by tramps. He says:

They are daring even to deviltry and appear determined to secure free rides. Imagine a 190-pounder on the truck of a narrow-gauge car, yet such is the case numerously. About six or seven of these fellows broke for the passenger train between Market Lake and Eagle Rock in broad day light, and walked into the cars. Some of them shut the door in the brakeman's face twice, and one of them even brandished a soldering iron in the faces of the train boys.

The Green River Murder Case.—A few days ago we gave an account of the arrest of John Thompson and Thomas Meadows, charge with the murder of George Hecks, at Green River, Emery County. Their examination was commenced on Thursday, at Provo, before U. S. Commissioner A. O. Smoot, Jr. The Enquirer gives the following as the substance of the testimony adduced, so far as the investigation had progressed up to the time yesterday's issue of that journal went to press:

On the evening of the 1st of March last, at Green River, Emery County, Geo. Hecks, John Thompson, Thomas Meadows, and others, were in a saloon drinking. Geo. Hecks, asked Toney Hart, the bar tender, if he had any cartridges to fit his (Hecks's) pistol; at the same time handing it to him with the handle foremost. Hart took it, and after examination handed it back to Hecks, handle foremost, saying, that he had none that would fit it. But while the revolver was being passed from one to the other, it was discharged, when Hart fell to the floor exclaiming, "I'm shot, I'm shot!" Hecks said: "Toney, I did not mean to shoot you." Some one then told Hecks he had better get out, as they would kill him. He went out, and was shortly followed by others, among whom were Thompson and Meadows. Cries were heard soon after of "Let's shoot the son-of-a-b—." About 15 or 20 shots were fired. Hecks got behind a clump of brush, about 100 yards from the saloon. Thompson was heard to say to him: "Stand up, you son-of-a-b—, so I can shoot you down." Hecks replied, "I can't; I'm shot." "Yes you can," said Thompson, "you are only possuming." Hecks was afterwards brought into a store, and was bleeding from a wound in the thigh. He died two days afterwards.

One witness on the part of the defense was examined this forenoon. In substance he testified as follows:

He was a restauranter, and was at Thompson's saloon at the time of the shooting. After Hart was shot, Hecks left the saloon, but came back again. Shortly after he heard pistol shots. Saw a man named Murphy and a man named Burke shooting toward where Hecks was. Did not see Thompson and Meadows shooting. The four men were about two rods apart. Saw Hecks after he was picked up. There were about thirty men at the saloon. Saw the flashes of several pistols. There was no moonlight.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

A FEW FACTS RELATING TO THE WORK IN EUROPE.

The Millennial Star, in urging the Elders in Great Britain to vigorously prosecute the out-door preaching campaign, alludes to the effect produced by an open air meeting held in Birkenhead. It says that as an evidence of the interest created by it one person had written to the Star office for further information concerning the principles advocated. A large number of persons also assembled on the same spot where the

meeting was held, three evenings later, on account of having an understanding that the Elders would preach there again.

The following is an extract from a letter from Elder Joseph A. West, dated April 4th, which appears in the same periodical:

"I reached London on Monday morning, after an absence of twenty-four days. Elder Bunot left me at Culois, and went into Switzerland to visit his wife's relatives, and before he returns he intends also to visit his brother, at Lyons, from whom he last separated about thirty years ago. I expect him to be in London by the date of our coming conference. We have had an excellent time during our absence, and learned much that is worth remembering. During the first few days we were unknown as 'Mormons,' hence were treated like other people. In fact, I may say we were the recipients of unusual courtesies at the hands of different members of the party. Our companionship was eagerly sought by those entrusted to making up parties for the different compartments, but when an opportunity was offered, a few days afterward, for us to tell who and what we were, the consternation of our fellow-travelers was wonderful to behold. In fact, they were some moments recovering from the shock, and they were inclined to accuse us of attempting to get up a veritable sensation; but our persistent and positive replies to their repeated questions soon convinced them that they were really and truly in the presence of two live, full-fledged and undaunted 'Mormons.' A long discussion immediately ensued, and from that time on we had frequent opportunities to explain and defend our people and practices. Strange to say, we continued to receive every courtesy from all who knew us with but one exception, and I can truly say I never formed more pleasant associations with any people outside of the Latter-day Saints than with those who comprised Cook's second excursion party to the city of Rome. I lost no opportunity to bear my testimony to them when the proper time arrived in the progress of our conversation, and to many of them I have promised to send tracts and Church works. On one occasion our party, at that time augmented by several hundred, were standing in the arena of the Coliseum at Rome, listening attentively to the archaeological explanations and descriptions of the great celebrity, Mr. Shakespeare Wood. In the course of his lecture he remarked that the Coliseum, capable of seating 87,000 spectators, could be emptied in the time that one-eighth of that number could make their exit at one stairway. A reverend gentleman immediately vociferated 'The Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake City has a seating capacity of 14,000, and can be emptied in three-and-a-half minutes.' Not having traveled with our party, and therefore not knowing our presence, he little thought that his remark was listened to by a couple of 'Mormons,' and when I handed him my card a short time afterward, he manifested great surprise that 'Mormons' should also be found in the city of Rome. I almost think he repented of his semi-commendatory remark, though he talked with me quite affably, asked many questions and said but little derogatory of our people. I afterwards learned that he had visited Utah about eight years ago. In reply to subsequent inquiries, I explained that our Tabernacle at Salt Lake City was about the size of the arena of the Coliseum, which, upon careful investigation, I found to be the case.

"I am glad to say my health is much improved, and I do not feel the need of any further respite before entering upon my duties."

A portion of a private letter from Elder John Q. Cannon, who has been called, by Elder Goss, President of the Swiss and German Mission, to Bern, to succeed Elder J. J. Waiser, as Clerk of the Mission, expresses his entire willingness to respond, but also says:

"I cannot overlook one very serious shadow—I refer to the loss of the opportunities for striking out into new and untried fields, or of 'pioneering,' in the anticipation and brief experience of which I have taken so much pleasure. I am sure there is going to be a great work done in this part of the earth at no distant day, and I have felt that I would like to remain here and help begin or take part in it. Still, it is all the Lord's work, and I have so much faith that He directs it in all details, particularly in so important a matter

as that of its progress in proselyting, that I try to sink my individual preferences at all times in the assurance that I will be used where I can work to the best advantage."

Bishop O. F. Whitney wrote encouragingly from London, on April 2nd. A number of baptisms had recently occurred in the North London Branch. The Lambeth Branch had secured a new hall for meetings, in a good locality.

LITERARY NOTICES.

"The Young Folks History of Mexico" is a work just issued from the press, which is of peculiar interest to the young people of Utah at this time, as the Republic of Mexico has been opened to missionary labor. This book is a handsome volume of 534 pages, profusely illustrated with engravings that materially assist the reader in gaining information of the history, customs, people, antiquities and general features of that great and important empire which was conquered by Cortez, and now bears relations of no little moment to the United States. The work is written in a style suitable for young people, but older folks will find it full of interest and information. It is a valuable book and can be had for \$1.50 of James Dwyer.

In connection with the above we can confidently recommend the new "Indexed Map of Mexico," bound in cloth for the pocket, and, in addition to an accurate and detailed map, containing a complete index of the States and Territories, islands, lagoons, mountains, rivers, towns, etc. It can be had of the same bookseller for 75 cents.

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