

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

[Millennial Star, Dec. 3.]

Release.—Elder James M. Hoggan, who has been laboring in the Scottish Conference, has been honorably released to return home on December 24, 1896. Brother Hoggan has been in the mission since last March. The serious illness of his wife is the cause of his returning home.

A decided sensation was sprung in the criminal court chamber at 4 o'clock Monday when Judge Rolapp ascended the bench and announced that the indictment in the last of the celebrated Morris bribery cases had mysteriously disappeared, and that the most diligent search on the part of clerks and other court officials failed to reveal its whereabouts.

District Court Clerk Stanton was placed on the stand and questioned closely. He said that he turned the indictment over to the county attorney's office and that he had a receipt therefor.

On this showing the prosecution asked permission to make a substitute copy a right which Morris's attorney Judge Powers partially conceded yet objected to in strong terms.

After some more discussion permission was granted to make a new indictment as prayed for.

SCOTFIELD, Dec. 28, 1896.—Brother and Sister John E. Ingles lost their infant child by death on Tuesday last. It was buried at Ogden.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Loveridge's baby girl three months old died on Sunday morning.

Mother Reese, widow of the late George Reese, is quite ill.

Our merchants did a very good business for the holidays and everybody seemed to have a merry Christmas.

The people of Winter Quarters expect to have a postoffice soon. They need it very much, as the present service is a great inconvenience to them. The petition for the office has been sent to Senator Cannon, who will present it to the postmaster general.

The Carbon county court will meet on the 31st to wind up the business of the term and to transmit the office to the commissioners elect.

WM. HOWELLS.

FRISCO, Utah, Dec. 28.—George Parks, says a special correspondent to the Tribune, assaulted John Martinson, a Finlander, with a billiard cue in McLeod & McAulay's saloon yesterday, and inflicted injuries that may prove fatal.

Parks was playing pool and had stepped to the bar for a drink. Martinson must have thought the game was finished; he started to get the balls in position for a new game, when Parks, without warning, struck him twice with the cue on the side of the head, and as Martinson lay prostrate on the floor, picked up a chair and struck him with that.

Martinson was removed to his cabin where he has laid ever since. He is suffering from internal hemorrhage, and his skull is undoubtedly fractured. He will probably be taken to Salt Lake tonight.

Parks is under arrest, and will be held until the result of his assault upon Martinson can be determined.

The State board of canvassers have completed the count of the election returns of Utah by counties so far as the figures are at hand. A recapitulation of them is as follows:

	Pre side		Representative.		
	McFinley.	Byran.	Foster.	Holbrook.	King.
Beaver.....	206	1,050	2	594	640
Box Elder.....	741	1,878	19	1,187	1,411
Cache.....	832	4,389	186	1,480	3,468
Carbon.....	83	644	20	353	359
Davis.....	453	1,749	79	677	1,416
Emery.....	231	989	27	389	796
Garfield.....	280	615	2	449	411
Grand.....	27	265	16	154	111
Iron.....	214	813	12	893	611
Juab.....	437	2,353	46	909	1,823
Kane.....	291	231	1	317	195
Millard.....	171	1,388	17	681	954
Morgan.....	138	579	21	285	412
Piute.....	35	555	9	156	422
Rich.....	163	404	2	229	323
Salt Lake.....	2,568	18,578	686	7,471	12,888
San Juan.....	6	164	2	44	121
Sanpete.....	1,805	3,988	84	2,440	2,716
Sevier.....	604	1,859	32	944	1,356
Summit.....	251	8,489	130	1,114	2,344
Towelee.....	276	1,582	46	732	1,165
Uintah.....	109	887	254	201	529
Utah.....	2,034	7,966	161	3,834	5,744
Wasatch.....	56	1,368	18	390	682
Washington.....	163	1,216	6	288	1,075
Wayne.....	79	406	2	158	326
Weber.....	1,365	6,386	447	2,392	4,766
Totals.....	13,484	64,536	2,282	27,813	47,362

SALT LAKE CITY,

December 23rd, 1896.

I just read in the DESERET EVENING NEWS of your article about Starvation or Violence. There, to the wholly or partially unemployed, especially the able-bodied men, the suggestion is made to go to the country to till the soil. This is the very best that they could do. It would do good not only to them but also to the entire community.

I read in the paper: "Perhaps if the wholly or partially unemployed hesitate at starting out for themselves, a little organization and practical assistance would aid them in that direction."

This is just what would help them. They should have some practical assistance to carry out what is suggested. They cannot get the land, cows or hens, or what they may need for this purpose, without money. They should get assistance in the right direction. What can be done with one or two dollars given to one of them? It may perhaps be enough to pay board for a week or so. Or what will a dinner help, given to them? In few hours later they will be as hungry as before.

The best way of assistance is to enable them to get the land and what they may need to get a start. Sufficient time should be given to them to pay for it, that they may some day become the owners of what they have got. It may, perhaps take many years till fully paid up. But an industrious man will carry it out by continued efforts and saving.

Is there anybody to give this practical assistance, so that those honest,

industrious people who are willing to get out may do so with some hope of getting along? F. E. B.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 24, 1896.

In the communication from Brother George Goddard, published in yesterday's NEWS, a charge of brutality in football practice was made against the Latter-day Saints' College. The game in question where so many "bloody honors" were carried off was played between the Brigham Young Academy and the University of Utah, so that the mention of the college was a case of mistaken identity. While the Latter-day Saints' College is willing to enter into a friendly contest of physical strength, with all elements of brutality eliminated, it bases its claim for the favorable notice of the people upon its intellectual standing and progress. College yells and sanguinary football contests are not its distinguishing characteristics. I trust parents will understand the hint dropped in this brief allusion to Brother Goddard's strictures, and come to a proper understanding of the physical and moral safety and intellectual advantage secured in the attendance of their children at the Latter-day Saints' College.

It may be well to mention that work which is unexcelled in its thoroughness and its adaptability to the needs of the students is done in the high school music, and commercial departments of the institution. All interested are invited to visit any of the classes and see how far the work is removed from disorder and uncouthness, and how replete it is with moral and intellectual advantages. F.

The following interesting report has been received at the local weather bureau office from the voluntary observer of the Utah Section, Climate and Crop service of the weather bureau at Grover, Wayne county, Utah, under date of Dec. 19:

The weather conditions prevailing for December have thus far been open. Several times a heavy fall of snow seemed imminent, but nothing but a trace has yet fallen. The temperature has been at times very low, yet has never reached zero. The probable loss of stock through the drought of summer is already casting its ominous shadow. As I have already stated the winter range for stock is a range where water is short, so that while feed may be good, there is not sufficient moisture to support any considerable amount of stock until snow falls. Nevertheless in the driest season a few scattering head manage to eke out an existence around the few springs and water courses. But this year when even this few should be fit for the shambles, they are spring poor and one stockman informed me that he counted twenty-five head dead, not from thirst, but for lack of food. When this country is buried in snow, and stock already poor, placed in it, it is not difficult to predict the issue. This is the problem now confronting the stockmen of this section. The best we can hope for is an open winter, and this would be detrimental to agricultural interests, so which ever way it turns, it will be an ill wind for one of these two classes, with a very small per cent in favor of the stockmen in either case.