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TERMS—IN ADVANCE.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 23.

Will Return.—Elder S. R. Marks expects to leave for Indiana in about a week from now, to resume his missionary labors in that State.

Interested at Ogden.—Sometime since we stated we had reason to believe that there was an ultimate intention on the part of the Denver & Rio Grande Western to extend the line to Ogden and thence to Corinne. As sustaining this probability it is also understood that that company, in combination with the Central Pacific Company are interested in the Ogden Iron works.

A Business Trip.—To-day, Bro. Herbert James started northward on a canvassing trip in the interest of the *Juvenile Instructor*, for the office of which interesting periodica we understand he is authorized to transact business. We hope he will have a successful tour, as the *Instructor* is richly deserving of all the support that can be accorded to it. Brother James will go through Cache and Bear Lake Valleys.

Home Again.—Hon. D. H. Peery, one of the delegates appointed by the constitutional convention to present to Congress the claims of Utah for admission into the Union as a State, reached his home in Ogden, from the East, on Saturday evening, accompanied by his son Henry. After leaving the capital, Mr. Peery and his son occupied their time in visiting friends in the Eastern and Southern States.

Struck by Lightning.—The thunder storm of Saturday was not only unusually severe but quite extensive. At the town of Grantsville, Tooele County, the thunder and lightning were terrific. The electric fluid struck in several places, but the only instances where it did any damage to amount to anything was where it struck a couple of cows belonging to Mr. William C. Rydahl, the well known grazier. The lamp of life was instantaneously extinguished in both bovines.

An Excellent Likeness.—We have seen a steel engraving portrait of the late President George A. Smith, which will be incorporated in Number One, volume Four, of the *Contributor*. It is a splendid specimen of art, and a faithful likeness of a great man, whose memory is cherished by the Saints. Accompanying the portrait will be a biographical sketch of the original, in fact it will be largely autobiographical, most of the matter being the product of his own pen.

To Disinfect Rooms.—In view of the existence of smallpox in some parts of the Territory the following effective method of purifying rooms after sickness may prove opportune: Wash the furniture, woodwork, floor, and walls (scraping off the paper) with the carbolic solution and soap. Then shut up tightly, and burn in it a pound of sulphur for every hundred cubic feet of space it contains, and allow the fume to remain in the closed room for twenty-four hours. Lastly, open doors and win lows so as to ventilate freely for a week, at the end of which time disinfection may generally be considered complete.

Saving the Crops.—The following may prove interesting to farmers: "Mr. R. Neilson, of Halewood, near Liverpool, has invented a method, which, it is said, will save the grain and grass crops no matter how wet the weather. It is the heating of the stack which causes the mischief, and this he prevents by a simple device. The stack is

made so as to leave a large hollow space in the centre, the lower end of which is connected with the outer air by a pipe. The end of this tube is connected with an exhaust fan, which draws out the hot air, and reduces the temperature of the stack. A thermometer is used to gauge the temperature. Mr. Neilson's invention, will, it is believed, save the farming class millions of money every year."

Iron at Last.—At last the manufacture of iron at Ogden is a demonstrated success. The press of that town, the *Herald* and *Pilot*, contain details of the birth, on yesterday morning, of about a ton and a half of pig iron, at the works. We tender our congratulations to our neighboring town in the north at the successful inauguration of this most important industry. The congratulation is all the more opportune on account of the pigs produced yesterday being the result of ore taken from the grim old mountains in Ogden's vicinity.

Bright anticipations are indulged in by Ogdenites regarding the future of the junction city, based on the establishment of iron manufacture. In their mind's eyes they can see the development of the town into a Reading or even a Pittsburg, of old Pennsylvania. Mental castles in which puddling furnaces, rolling mills, and all the innumerable articles of use that can be formed from the staple metal, are being erected. We sincerely hope that these dreams of future growth and greatness will, as time rolls on, develop into a genuine reality. Indeed, if the iron works continue as they have commenced at their new starting point, we do not see how they can help developing into one of the most important industries of Utah, with numerous and extensive branches creeping into the various avenues and ramifications of the business of the Territory of Utah. Go on and prosper.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 23.

Indisposed.—We regret to learn that Bishop L. D. Young, of Sugar House Ward, has been quite ill the last few days with an affection of the kidneys. We learned last evening that he was improving.

The Stolen Horses.—The exact description of the mares stolen from Mr. Alma Pratt's pasture on the 17th inst., is as follows: One was a buggy animal, a large dark bay with black legs, and quarter cracks on her feet. The other was a light bay racer, branded JF combined surrounded by a half circle, on left shoulder, one foot white and white spot on face.

Unclaimed Horses.—It is stated by cowboys engaged on Snake River that a band of over 500 wild horses, mostly Indian ponies, are running in the Snake River bottoms without any claimants. The Indian ponies have been running loose there since the removal of the Bannack Indians from the Fort Hall reservation, having escaped at that time, and since then many horses owned by prospectors and others have been missed, and are, no doubt, with the wild ponies. Some of the Wood River boys propose organizing a party and striking out to capture the entire band, which can only be done by running it down. This would prove a paying institution. The law allows a liberal charge for securing lost horses, while the Indian herd will be clear profit.—*Wood River Times*.

The St. John Affray.—This morning's mail brought us two separate accounts of the desperate fight that took place on the 24th of June at St. John, Arizona, between the three Greer brothers and James Vaughan on one side and about one hundred Mexican on the other. One description is from our esteemed correspondent "Amram" and the other from Charles I. Kempe, to whom we are under obligations for their kind offices. As we have already, however, published the details of the affair it is unnecessary to present them, except some additional particulars culled from the letters alluded to.

Young Vaughan who was killed in the affray, was formerly of Spring-

ville, Utah. He fought with great desperation and courage after receiving four balls in his body, when a bullet cut his jugular vein. About one thousand shots were fired in all. Two or three of the Mexicans were badly wounded. The empty building in which the Greers and Vaughn were located in the fight belonged to Mr. Kempe, who was plastering it at the time, and was consequently placed in a disagreeable predicament, as the bullets flew around like hail.

The Greers were taken before Judge French, who held them each in bonds of \$500, to answer to the grand jury.

Escaped Horse Thief Captured.—For some time past the people of Bear Lake Valley generally and the Sheriff of the county specially, have been exercised over the escape of a noted horse thief and desperado, named Ole Hansen. The *Democrat* of last Saturday has the following detailed account of his recapture:

On Friday afternoon, Smith Woolley, son of H. S. Woolley, informed the sheriff that he had seen Ole Hansen and spoke to him, about one mile from Paris. On receipt of this information, the sheriff and William Pendrey immediately started out in pursuit, taking a circuitous route towards the Paris saw mill. Staking their horses in a ravine about half a mile from the mill, proceeded cautiously on foot to reconnoitre. Reaching the top of the ridge overlooking the mill, they espied a horse saddled and staked in a small opening surrounded by thick brush, which was entirely hidden from view of the road, and about 100 yards from a house occupied by Wm. Dingman, and in which they concluded Ole was at the time. The resolution was soon formed to get their horses, and unobserved, secure Ole's horse, and the sheriff guard the cabin, and send his deputy for help.

Proceeding cautiously down a steep rocky ravine, Ole was observed between them and his horse, so putting spurs to their animals they thought to take Ole before he reached the brush, but he was too close and reached the willows about 50 yards ahead of them. The sheriff, as a gentle reminder, gave him a parting ineffectual shot as he dodged into the brush. A posse was immediately sent for to scour the willows, and By. Geo. B. Spences, F. Wilcox, H. S. Woolley, S. J. Rich, Jno. T. Rich and Wm. Todd, were soon on the spot, but darkness intervened, and prevented further search. A force was collected and the search commenced at the out houses and hay stacks of H. Mowrey, where he was found carefully stowed away with about six feet of hay on top of him. On his arrest, Ole was unhurt with the exception of a few accidental probes of the pitchfork, which the boys had given him in removing the hay, and his feet and legs were wet with crossing the creek so many times. He walked quietly to jail without any resistance, and was safely incarcerated, there to await the action of the grand jury.

He is accused of stealing two horses, taking them to Corrine and selling them. The proof seems plain and positive, and Ole will likely pay dear for his frolic.

DR. YOUNG'S INSANE ASYLUM.

THE TRUE CONDITION OF THE INSTITUTION.

A gentleman who signs himself G. A. Tucker, purporting to be from New South Wales, and to have credentials from the government of that province, has published what he claims to be the result of his observation during a visit to the insane asylum kept by Dr. S. B. Young. He states that he obtained authority from Governor Murray "to visit the insane asylum of Utah." The obtaining and granting of the authorization was a work of supererogation, as the institution visited by the gentleman is entirely a private concern, the property of Dr. Young, who is simply paid for boarding and attending to the inmates. Of this fact the gentleman appears to be ignorant, and the permit given by the Governor makes it appear as if that official had not given the matter much consideration.

At the request of Dr. Young, a representative of the NEWS drove up to the Asylum this morning. It is a two-story building, with two wings, and has pleasant surroundings, there being a grass-plot, fringed by trees, in front and a portion of the ground is occupied by an orchard. In these parts of the surroundings the more peaceable patients wander about in the day time in fine weather. The more obstreperous class take their airing in a large yard at the rear of the building, enclosed by a high wooden fence.

We took a look through the interior of the institution, with a view to obtaining information as to its condition. There are twenty-one inmates, some of whom belong to the very worst class of pauper patients. In most instances the rooms were clean and entirely free from offensive effluvia, and the persons of the patients were in about the same ratio of sanitary status.

Among the exceptions to cleanly conditions is a woman named Peterson, and the place occupied by her. She presents a horrible spectacle, for in addition to the vacant glare of the mental imbecile in her eyes, her figure is so emaciated as to make her appear almost like an animated skeleton. She never gets out of bed, and is dressed or undressed by the attendant, being utterly helpless. How such a being or her surroundings could be kept always and entirely free from filth is an enigma that would be difficult of solution. We were satisfied, however, that the absence of a wholesome surrounding odor was not due to any inattention of the attendants, who do the best they can under the circumstances.

Another case of this class is Nathaniel Thayer, who is paralytic as well as insane, and consequently utterly helpless regarding the refuse of his body. In all cases, so far as we could observe, where it is practicable to maintain the constant cleanliness of the patients and their rooms, it is done, but in a few instances it appears next to an impossibility. But as a whole the institution is well ordered and cleanly.

Occasionally Mr. Horseman, the superintendent, says he has to resort to extraordinary measures. In the case of "Big Steve" and a few others, manacles are used when they are out of doors. If this were not done the lives of persons around would be in danger at their hands. "Steve" is a gigantic fellow, and when he becomes very violent, which is frequently the case, he is calmed down by being doused with cold water. In extreme instances a cane has been used to bring about subjugation when every other method failed.

The food provided is wholesome, nourishing and served in good shape. Dr. Young scarcely ever visits the asylum seldomer than twice a week, and frequently as many as five times, as circumstances may demand. Altogether the institution is fairly well kept, and it is unfair for any person to draw an unmitigated picture of gloom in depicting the asylum. The best regulated institution of the kind must be but a sorry spectacle at best, if for no other reason than the aggregation of so many of God's creatures bereft of the nobler part of man that raises him above the brute. Hyperbolicism is therefore total unnecessary.

We do not wish it understood that we consider this private asylum adequate to the needs of this great Territory. Neither should people have the erroneous impression that it is a public institution at all. It is a private concern, and conducted as well as could be from private resources. Dr. Young himself is well known to be a man of most tender sympathies, and it is far removed from him to countenance or permit any species of inhumanity in an institution of which he is the proprietor or head.

Mr. Tucker speaks deprecatingly of the fact that the Insane Asylum Commissioners had not visited the institution for five months. We do not suppose they have ever visited it at all. Such is not their duty. Their office is connected with a public not a private asylum, having the supervision of the building in course of erection at Provo, which

will be an institution constructed after the most approved plans, and will meet all the requirements of Utah for many years to come. Doubtless Drs. Wilkins and Shurtliff, of California, will feel obliged to Mr. Tucker for advertising them so freely. While the commissioners will doubtless appreciate Mr. Tucker's recommendation to consult those two gentlemen, they, according to our information, have consulted most excellent authorities on the subject under consideration. Considering the method of communicating the advice and other incidental circumstances, it looks as if his gratuitousness was akin to his lack of information, specially displayed in confounding a private with a public institution.

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