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TERMS—IN ADVANCE.

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 20.

**Painful Accident.**—The *Beaver Enterprise* says that on Thursday evening, at the residence of Mr. Anson Twitchell, in that city, a young lady was coming down stairs and her foot tripped on an obstruction which precipitated her violently to the bottom. She was badly injured and lay in a stupor for some twenty-four hours, but is now improving.

**Death of a Veteran.**—The number of old people that have passed away in Utah has been so markedly great during 1881, as to cause this to be one of its features. To-day we chronicle the demise of one more, Father Evan Morgan. This veteran was well known to many, we might say all, of the Elders who visited Wales. He was one of the first who joined the Church in Swansea, about forty years ago, during the ministry of Captain Dan. Jones. He opened his house to the missionaries, and embraced the Gospel as soon as he heard it. He opened the first hall for preaching on High Street, Swansea, and soon engaged in the ministry himself. He died at the residence of his son, John Morgan, in the 21st Ward. He was esteemed as an honorable man, and one who had been faithful to the work of the Lord. He only lacked one month and two days of being 84 years old.

**Utah Central Pacific Railroad.**—A very important event in railroad affairs transpired in this city yesterday, when the incorporation of the Central Pacific Railroad of Utah—a branch of the Central Pacific—was perfected. We have several times mentioned the fact that the surveys were in the field, but few, however, were aware that the enterprise was so far developed as it is. The project, in its entirety, will extend from Corinne, Box Elder County, to Sioux City and Yankton, Dakota, but the portion incorporated here relates to that part only that will pass through Utah. The preliminary surveys are completed, the necessary capital subscribed, and the requisite amount paid. The initiatory point of the road is 1,650 feet westerly from the passenger depot at Corinne station, on the main line of the Central Pacific Railroad, in the said town of Corinne, County of Box Elder, Territory of Utah; running thence through the counties of Box Elder, Cache and Rich, in such Territory, to a point on the north and south boundary line, between the territories of Utah and Wyoming, where Bear River crosses said boundary line, near the intersection of said line with the third standard parallel, north of the Salt Lake base, as shown in the official maps of the United States land department; length of line, 110 miles, as near as can be estimated by competent engineers. The capital stock is \$330,000. Of this amount \$110,000 was subscribed, paid up, and deposited in Wells, Fargo & Co's bank, by the following:

Chas. Crocker, San Francisco	\$30,000
Chas. F. Crocker, " "	30,000
W. V. Huntington, " "	30,000
A. N. Towne, " "	12,000
Thos. Marshall, Salt Lake	1,000
H. S. Duke, " "	1,000
John Tiernan, " "	1,000
J. E. Dooly, " "	1,000
Jonathan Royle, " "	1,000
W. C. Hall, " "	1,000
M. K. Harkness, " "	1,000
J. W. Guthrie, Ogden	1,000

Charles Crocker has been elected president, John E. Dooly, vice-president and Thomas Marshall, secretary and treasurer.

We are informed that contracts

will be let as soon as practicable, and the work pushed to completion without avoidable delay.

## PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE.

A LITTLE GIRL FALLS FORTY FEET DOWN A WELL AND IS UNHURT.

On Saturday last, a daughter of Nells L. Lund, 11 years old, of Mount Pleasant, attempted to draw water from a well. In reaching up to adjust a rope upon a pulley overhead, she lost her balance and was precipitated into the well, falling a distance of 40 feet.

The girl's absence was not observed for some time, until she was heard calling from the bottom of the well by one of the smaller children. Her mother being notified ran to the opening, called her daughter's name and received an answer in response. The father, who was only a short distance away, was at once summoned. With all possible dispatch he descended the well and found the brave little girl clinging to the bucket rope, with her head barely above water, in which position she had remained for about twenty minutes. Except being considerably frightened, and chilled from her protracted immersion, the victim of the mishap was unhurt. After being warmed and cared for she felt all right. The joy of the household over the miraculous escape was, as may be imagined, exceedingly great.

## A PROGRESSIVE INSTITUTION.

CONTEMPLATED IMPROVEMENTS IN Z. C. M. I. SHOE FACTORY.

Probably no person who has not passed through Z. C. M. I. boot and shoe factory, which is under the supervision of Mr. W. H. Rowe, can form an adequate idea of its extent. But with that point we will not now deal, further than to say that its present producing capacity is about \$175,000 a year, there being about 160 hands employed on the premises in all.

Some very extensive improvements are about to be made in the establishment, that will entirely revolutionize it, and will, in the course of a few months, double its annual producing capacity, making it \$350,000 in place of \$175,000. This is to be done by the introduction of a large quantity of new machinery, of the most improved description, the selection and purchase of which was the main object of Mr. Rowe's trip to the East a short time ago.

To facilitate the familiarizing of the factory hands with the new machinery, a competent eastern man has been engaged for one year, to come out, superintend its erection and running, and to give the necessary instruction to the employees.

Among the coming improvements will be the abolition of that abominable so destructive to female health, the use of the foot-treadle for running sewing machines. At the factory during the hot season there was not one of the 30 young women and girls engaged at this work but had to suspend for a week or two to recuperate. The new arrangements will obviate the necessity of the stooping posture, as the platforms of the 30 new machines that have been purchased will be elevated considerably above the level of those now in use. The foot treadle will only be used for regulating the stoppage of the machine, as the necessary power will be supplied by a seven horse-power gas engine, one of the improved pattern having been purchased for the purpose.

The same motive power, the gas engine, will be used for the running of the overall and ready made clothing factory, which will soon be established on the upper floor of the same building, in a room 97 feet 6 in. by 52 ft. 6 in. The dividing partitions are now being taken down for the purpose.

The fifteen horse-power engine in the basement of the shoe factory, which has been used for heating up the premises will be put to another use—supplying the needed power to run the machinery for manipulating the sole leather. When the im-

pending improvements are completed, and the new facilities in full blast there will be in Salt Lake City, the best appointed and most capable boot and shoe factory west of Chicago. Among the new features shortly to be introduced is a new elevator.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 21

**Doing Nicely.**—Conductor John Chugg, whose foot was accidentally hurt, at the Utah Central Depot on Sunday, is recovering. He is able to be out again.

**Not Correct.**—We are pleased to learn through our traveling agent in the southern party of the Territory, Brother William Bramall, that there is no truth in the report that smallpox had broken out in Cedar City.

**A New Phase.**—Recently an unprecedented occurrence, in that locality, took place in Paris, Bear Lake Valley. It was a burglary. During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Kimball, thieves broke into their store, by wedging an axe into the door and breaking a lock. They carried off a quantity of goods and a five dollar gold piece. The burglars have not been discovered.

## A FATAL ACCIDENT.

CHRISTIAN HYER IS KILLED BY A FALLING TREE.

On Friday, the 16th inst., Christian Hyer, twenty-two years old, son of Christian and Caroline Hyer, of Richmond, Cache County, was in a canyon adjacent to that town, with his brother, chopping wood. They had felled one tree, which, instead of coming down to the ground caught against another. They then cut the other, and when both trees came down, Christian was struck on the head with a large branch, crushing in the skull and killing him instantly.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, the services taking the place of the regular meeting. Short but impressive addresses were delivered by Prest. Merrill, Bishop W. H. Lewis, of Lewiston, and Elder Alma L. Smith, of Coalville, Summit Co. A very large procession followed the body to the cemetery, the cortege numbering nearly 50 vehicles. Deceased was an exemplary young man and enjoyed the respect of the entire community.

We are indebted for the particulars of this lamentable affair to Brother Edwin Smith.

## MURDER AT SMITH'S FORK.

ROBERT E. HICKS IS FATALLY SHOT BY JAMES MEEGER.

Last week, at Smith's Fork, Jas. Meeger, 18 years old, shot Robert E. Hicks.

The *Bear Lake Democrat* gives the following account of the affair:

"It seems that Robert E. Hicks, who had a sub-contract from Cole & Tague's Camp for hauling ties, was settling up with James Meeger for his services, in Hicks' house on the day in question, when Meeger, who was intoxicated, objected to the agreement, and some words ensued, during which the latter drew a revolver and presented it at Hicks. A tussle ensued, during which the revolver was taken away from Meeger and unloaded by Hicks, who then gave it back to him and put him out of his house. The snow being very deep at the time (about three feet) Meeger put on his snow shoes, after which he began to curse and swear at Hicks. Hicks said he would not allow him to swear like that in front of his house and family, and was about to make him go from his house, when Meeger, who, by the way, had reloaded his revolver from a supply of cartridges he had in his pocket, presented the pistol at Hicks, and shot him in the left shoulder, the ball passing through its exit from his back.

Mr. A. F. Kerlin was immediately dispatched to Paris for surgical aid, which he was unable, however, to procure there. An effort was

then made to telegraph to Evanson for a doctor, but the wires being out of order, this could not be done.

At last accounts Hicks was reported dying. Meeger was in custody. Smith's Fork, where the tragedy occurred, is, we believe, a short distance east of Bear Lake Valley.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 22.

**Health of General Rich.**—A dispatch of yesterday, from Apostle C. C. Rich to his wife, Mrs. Sarah D. Rich, states that he had been somewhat worse for several days, but had begun to feel a little better again. We understand that his general condition is not improved.

## PURPLE HULL-LESS BARLEY.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, D. C.,  
December 15th, 1881.

Mr. A. M. Musser, Salt Lake City, Utah:

Dear Sir—I have secured small quantity of Barley, which, there is reason to hope, will prove especially valuable in some sections of our country. The distribution is necessarily limited, so that in most cases only a single sample is sent to each State.

Trusting to have an experiment made under such conditions as will enable you to determine its adaptability to your climate and soil, and to receive a report of your trial (for which a blank is enclosed) I now send you eight quarts of Purple Hull-less Barley.

Very respectfully,  
GEO. B. LORING,  
Commissioner.

Salt Lake City, Utah,  
December 21st, 1881.

This Barley can be had of A. M. Musser, secretary D. A. & M. Society, this city. In view of the small quantity and supposed valuable quality, it is desirable that thorough and careful land-workers apply for it, and after it is harvested answers to the following questions must be forwarded to Mr. Musser without delay:

Name and postoffice address of writer;  
Name of barley;  
Character of soil;  
Preparation of soil;  
Date of sowing;  
Quantity of seed sown;  
Area sown;  
When harvested;  
Yield—rate per acre;  
Weight per measured bushel;  
Is the grain harvested equal in quality to that sown?  
Is it a valuable variety in your section?

Average yield of barley on good land in your section;  
Remarks.

The farmers who receive the wheat distributed at the late Fair, and the premium wheat exhibited by Bishop Silas Richards, and which is now being distributed by S. P. Teasdel, Esq., will please make out and mail to Mr. Musser a report like the above.

## Correspondence.

Eastern Arizona.

St. Johns, Dec. 9, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

All is prosperous in our town at present, many small buildings are now in course of erection, and the climate this winter has been very pleasant considering our height above sea level, although as I write the clouds look lowering and threatening as though a storm would burst upon us before many hours pass away.

Our meeting house is 25 x 40 feet, walls 16 feet to the square, and will be up to the square to-morrow. It will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible as we now need it much for our meetings, etc.

A dramatic association has been organized, and the company are rehearsing the plays of "Black-Eyed

Susan," and "That Blessed Baby," which they hope to present to the public about holiday times.

Our societies have not been able to meet since the weather began to get cool on account of having no house to meet in, but we hope that will soon be obviated.

About 20 families who were called last spring have arrived here during the last few weeks, and they seem well satisfied with the place, in fact agreeably disappointed as they had heard the old threadbare story of what a poor place St. John's was, that some people who know nothing about the place so assiduously circulate to discourage those who are called here. Ten or 15 years spent in making homes in "Dixie," would help those "dyspeptic growlers" to appreciate even Arizona. True, Captain Lot Smith and those who came when he did no doubt had a hard time in making the first settlements, but at present Eastern Arizona contains some very thrifty little towns, and St. John will eventually become the central, and largest "Mormon" centre in this part of Arizona, and of course the "outside element" we will have to meet more or less everywhere, for "the kingdom is growing," and her sons and daughters begin to say, "give us room, room that we may dwell," and all who respond to the call of God's servants will be blessed and preserved who do right, whether it is to go to Arizona, China, or any other land on missions, and this is the testimony of all Israel who have obeyed the calls made upon them. Therefore come one, come all who are requested, and we will build comfortable homes, and redeem the waste places of Arizona, and lengthen the cords and strengthen the Stakes of Zion. This is as I understand it our mission here on earth.

This is one of the finest stock countries in the world; plenty of wood, and the best quality of timber I have ever seen in the mountain country, and where there is water sufficient, plenty of good farming land.

Bishop Udall, hopes to make the last payment on the St. John purchase in a few days, as it is now due, and on account of the brethren coming in so tardily it has been, and is, a heavy load on a good man's shoulders, and much credit is due him for the energy and perseverance he has exhibited in attending to this, as well as his many other duties. He is what a Bishop ought to be, "a father to the people in very deed," as Bishop Hoagland of the 14th Ward used to say in olden times in the 14th Ward school house.

The health of the people here is very good. There has only been one death here among our people since last April, and we number between four and five hundred souls.

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