

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.—The following dispatch was received, per Deseret Telegraph Line, this morning:

ST. GEORGE, Dec. 30.

Deseret News.—A Reunion Festival of the Johnson family, ancient Mormons, met on the 28th inst. Joel H., Joseph E., Benjamin F., George W. and William D., with one sister, Esther W. Le Baron, with their families, amounting to seventy-seven persons, partaking of the feast; representing four generations, three of which were born in the Church. President Young, together with many old friends, participated. The descendants of Ezekiel and Julia Johnson number 228, in this Territory, none of whom ever raised hand or voice against Zion. On the 29th President Young visited Washington and examined the machinery, at the factory, a portion of which is in successful operation. The factory is producing a quality of cotton yarn superior to any produced heretofore. He also attended the Wine and Fruit Growers' Convention, at the Gardeners' Hall, St. George. Numerous specimens of wine, raisins, grapes and other fruits were exhibited. Some of the wines were of excellent quality. Charles Smith lectured on English history before the lyceum. Weather very pleasant. Thermometer 33 at 8 a.m.

GEO. A. SMITH.

DEATH OF THE "CARSON APPEAL."—The Appeal, a paper published for some years past, at Carson, Nevada, in the interest of the Republican party, has ceased in the last number being issued last Sunday. It is to be replaced directly by a Democratic paper, to be called the Carson State Register.

BACK TO AMERICA.—G. F. T., the Original no longer fumes and stews in a French prison; he is "home again oncemore." The Washington Star, of the 23rd inst., says:

"It is dead sure that there is no such thing as unalloyed happiness in this world. Here with the blessed holiday season comes that black jack George Francis Train. He arrived at New York from Liverpool on Wednesday."

CLARINDA WASHBURN.—There is a let-at this office addressed as follows: "Mrs. Clarinda Washburn, or her heirs, Salt Lake City, Utah; in care of the authorities of the Mormon Church." The above letter can be obtained by the person to whom it is addressed on application.

AN AGREEABLE PARTY.—There was a select party, for the benefit of the Twentieth Ward Female Relief Society, in the School House, last night. The gathering was large and an excellent feeling prevailed during the evening, all present seeming to enjoy themselves "hugely."

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS OF THE KILLING OF RICHARD BROWN.—The following, received last night, per Deseret Telegraph Line, is additional to what we published yesterday with regard to the killing, on Wednesday night, at Provo, of Richard Brown:

PROVO, Dec. 29.

From evidence given, during the inquest, it appears that Richard Brown was shot while standing near Wm. D. Roberts' corral, on the side-walk, between eight and nine o'clock, last evening. One shot was fired, on which he shouted "murder," attracting several persons to the spot. The second shot, in a few seconds after, struck him in his left wrist. There are four wounds from buckshot, and six or eight through his loins. He is accused of having had illicit intercourse with the daughter of George Baum; and, refusing to marry the girl, it is supposed that some of her relatives avenged her wrong; but there is no positive evidence as to who committed the deed. Brown has been in the employ of Wm. D. Roberts for over a year past, and I understand, came to Utah in the employ of Joseph Taylor of Salt Lake City, for whom he drove stock from the East. We know nothing of his parentage, but he has been, while here, esteemed by those employing him; although he sometimes indulged in drinking spells. His body is now in charge of Byron Roberts, and will be interred to-morrow. He leaves no property, being somewhat transient before coming to Provo.

A. J. MACDONALD, Coroner.
CORONER'S VERDICT.

A Coroner's jury of five persons returned a verdict that Brown's death was caused by two wounds, one in the femoral artery in the fold of the groin; the other wounding the internal iliac artery, either of which being sufficient to cause death; supposed to have been from a shot-gun in the hands of some person or persons unknown.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.—It has been a common occurrence for some time past for bridges to be torn up, on the sidewalks on South Temple Street, between the U. C. R. R. depot and the Tabernacle; and very frequently garden gates have been wrenched off their hinges, and other outrages of a somewhat similar character have been perpetrated to the annoyance and loss of citizens and to the exposure of lots to the depredation of stray cattle. It is only a few nights ago that the fence of Wm. Jennings, Esq., was thrown down, and not a week has passed of late without some depredation being committed in that quarter. We have heard citizens utter ominous threats as to what they would do if they could catch the rascals who are guilty of

these tricks, and many of them are becoming so aroused that it will be strange, should these operations continue, if those guilty of them should not be caught.

We are authorized to say that ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS reward will be paid to any person whose evidence will lead to the discovery and conviction of the party or parties who commit these acts. If such wrongs can be perpetrated with impunity, those guilty of them, emboldened by their escape from punishment, may proceed to acts of greater outrage. It is, therefore, felt that they must be stopped.

MESSAGES.—There are messages at the Deseret Telegraph Office for Eugene Calley and D. Sanderson.

THE SALT LAKE EXCHANGE AND READING ROOMS.—Mr. Fabian, Secretary of this commendable institution, informs us that notwithstanding the flattering circumstances under which the establishment was formally opened, it has been found impossible to place it on a paying basis owing to a mistake in the selection of the location, which is too far removed from the business centre. A meeting of the trustees was held a few evenings ago, when it was resolved to raise among themselves a fund by each subscribing the amount required by the by-laws to constitute them life members, such funds to be applied in part to paying off present indebtedness and the balance for removing to more fitting and commodious premises. It was further resolved to give a series of entertainments for the purpose of raising additional funds, comprising lectures, concerts, readings, etc. Several lecturers have kindly volunteered their services for this object.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

Z. C. M. I. CLOSED ON MONDAY.—The various branches of Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution will be closed on Monday. This is in order to give the clerks and employees the benefit of the usual New Year's holiday, held in 1871 on the second day of the year because the first falls on Sunday.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!—In accordance with the general custom here New Year's will be observed as a general holiday, which in the year 1871 will be kept on the second instead of the first day of the year, the latter coming on Sunday. Wishing all our readers, subscribers and friends a very happy New Year, we announce to them that this office will be closed and publication suspended on Monday, that the types and all hands may participate in the festivities of the season.

THE MUSEUM.—Prof. Barfoot, of the Museum, will have his collection of animals and geological specimens on exhibition at the Museum and Menagerie at half price on Monday next. See advertisement and go and see the monkeys, bears, etc., etc.

SOCIAL HALL.—The annual party of the 16th Ward was held in the Social Hall last night; and a splendid time they had of it. Bishop Kesler and his constituents were out in full force. Among the invited guests present were Elder Joseph F. Smith, Bishop Edward Hunter, Wm. Jennings, Esq., and other prominent citizens. The general feeling was that for a splendid time at a dance and party, there is no place in the city like the Social Hall.

THIRTEENTH WARD ASSEMBLY ROOMS.—To-morrow (Sunday) evening the usual meeting will be held at the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms, at 6 o'clock, and will be addressed, we are informed by Bishop Woolley, by Elder George Q. Cannon.

MORE ABOUT THE KILLING OF RICHARD BROWN.—The following was received last night per Deseret Telegraph Line:

PROVO, Dec. 30.

Last evening I communicated to J. B. Milner, Prosecuting Attorney, my belief, aside from the verdict of the jury, that John J. Baum, and Henry L. Davis, were connected with the killing of Richard Brown. The Attorney obtained a warrant for their arrest, issued by R. L. Thomas, J. P. Subsequently a writ was issued by Isaac Higbee, J. P., and placed in the hands of Deputy U. S. Marshal J. M. Cunningham, who proceeded to the house of J. B. Milner, to make the arrest, but service, endorsed by constable John W. Turner, was finally accepted as he had previously made the arrest; Squire Thomas also sending an invitation to Isaac Higbee, to be present and sit with him during the examination, which commenced at the Court House at 2:30 p. m. The Court-room was densely crowded, and there was some excitement in the town. The Court was adjourned until to-morrow at 9 a. m.

The funeral of Richard Brown took place to-day, from the U. S. Hospital building, under the direction of Byron Roberts.

A. F. MACDONALD.

LATER.—

COURT ROOM, PROVO, Dec. 31, 12:30 p.m.
The investigation is now in progress. John J. Baum has acknowledged to killing Brown. The defense is going on, pleading justifiable homicide. Miss Baum's deposition shows Brown to have been guilty of illicit intercourse since last June, resulting in her pregnancy by him. On the discovery of this, by the grandmother, Brown threatened the lives of the relatives. John J. Baum is the uncle of the girl and, having been threatened, he appears to have avenged her wrong and defended himself.

AN HONEST MAN.—That Bachelor friend of ours who had the misfortune to lose a hundred dollar bill, the other day, came into the sanctum this morning, his face wreathed in good humor, he having had the good fortune to recover the aforesaid bill, it having been handed to him by the gentleman who had found it,—a working man. After that who can say that there is no such thing as an honest man? There is certainly one in Salt Lake City, and skeptics and dishonest men, whose career has persuaded them that all men must be judged by their own low standard of honesty and morality, may find him, and that too without the aid of a lantern!

UNIVERSITY OF DESERET.—The second term of this Institution, of the College year 1870-71 will commence on Tuesday next. Classes will be formed in German, Greek, Rhetoric, Zoology, Physiology, Surveying, Chemistry, etc., etc. Now is the time, young folks, to commence! Begin with the term, stick to your studies, support the Professors and Teachers, and their and your labors will prove an untold blessing to you! Remember Tuesday morning, and see advertisement for particulars in to day's NEWS.

MR. G. F. TRAIN.—We received, this morning, from Mr. George Francis Train a clipping from the New York Sun of the 22d instant, giving an account of his return. Mr. Train writes in his usual terse style, on the margin:

"Dear Elder Cannon and all friends, home, sick, but victorious."

Mr. Train is about to come out as an author, intending to publish a book with an account of his travels during the last three months. Utah will receive a prominent notice in his pages.

SOME "PUNKINS," WONT BE A "FIGURE-HEAD."—We heard last evening of a circumstance which evinces the most determined design on the part of Federal officials here to ignore everything like a Territorial Court, and also an oppressive amount of dignity.

The miners of Ophir Precinct, East Canon, Tooele County, a short time since petitioned the Tooele County Court to appoint a certain gentleman, whose name it is unnecessary to mention, to be Justice of the Peace in their midst. The petition was granted, and the gentleman filed his bonds in the office of the County Clerk and received his certificate. A day or two ago he applied to the proper source for his commission to act in the office to which he had been appointed; but the commission was denied, the man in authority declaring that those holding his office in Utah had been "figure heads" long enough; but he would give the matter his august consideration and, do as he pleased about it.

MARRIED.—By President D. H. Wells, on the 29th instant, Mr. E. M. Reese to Miss Annie Eldredge, daughter of Mr. H. S. Eldredge, both of this city. We wish the happy couple long life, happiness and prosperity.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

ACQUITTED.—The following was sent us per Deseret Telegraph line:

PROVO, Dec. 31st, 1870.

After quite a lengthy examination, the Magistrates decided to release John J. Baum, on the plea of justifiable homicide, because of the seduction of his niece, Mary Jane Baum. The evidence, elicited from sixteen witnesses, during this day, makes it quite evident that Richard Brown's private conduct, in this place, has been most infamous and licentious, and that his efforts to destroy the innocent were not confined to Miss Baum alone; but, it appears that he boasted he could have the company and use of any girl he pleased, and that he would not marry Miss Baum although she had entreated him, in tears, to fulfill his promise to her; he trying to cover his wicked course by accusing and threatening others. Upon John J. Baum stating in Court that he was the man who killed Brown, as he said, for two reasons—the seduction of his niece and the threatening of his life, public sentiment underwent a favorable change; whereupon Harry L. Davis was acquitted and the examination for the defense proceeded, Edwin Whipple and W. N. Dusenberry acting as Counsel for the defense, and John B. Milner, Esq., conducting the prosecution in behalf of the people. Had John J. Baum more openly vindicated his injured relative public sentiment would have more fully sustained him. All seem satisfied with the result with but few exceptions.

A. F. MACDONALD.

NEWS FROM SOUTH.—The following was received per Deseret Telegraph Line:

ST. GEORGE, Jan. 2, 1871.

Deseret News.—School of the Prophets met this forenoon and afternoon and was largely attended by representatives from every school in this stake. Instructions were given by the Presidency. In the evening the stock holders of the Rio Virgen Manufacturing Company, met for the purpose of organizing, under the statute of last winter.

Sunday, Jan. 1.—Weather very pleasant, thermometer up to 70. Congregation assembled in the open air and was addressed, in the morning, by Joel H. Johnson, and in the afternoon by Elder Wm. Snow and myself. The subjects treated upon were the word of wisdom, faith and good works. The audience was large and attentive. Elder B. Young, Jr., preached in the 1st Ward

school house in the evening. The measles, at Santa Clara, are so bad among children that it has temporarily broken up the schools.

GEO. A. SMITH.

ST. GEORGE, Jan. 3, 1871.

Deseret News.—Joel H. Johnson, of Bellevue, Washington county, was, yesterday, ordained a Patriarch in the church, under the hands of Presidents B. Young and Geo. A. Smith.

The thermometer stood at 30, at 9 a.m. Weather pleasant.

GEO. A. SMITH.

WHO'S THE OWNER OF THAT HAT AND FEATHER?—The owner of that hat and feather can learn of their whereabouts upon applying at this office and describing them.

FROM THE NORTH.—Elder A. M. Musser arrived in town last evening from Cache Valley. He has been as far north as Franklin, and brings a good report of the condition of affairs in that section. The circumstances of the people are peaceful and prosperous and union prevails.

ARRIVED.—Elder Wm. C. Rydalc, who went East a few weeks ago under the auspices of the Deseret Association for the Cultivation and Improvement of Bees, &c., to purchase stock, arrived in this city last evening in good health. He encountered a severe storm in Michigan. The stock which he purchased, we understand, will arrive probably to-day.

Bro. Rydalc has purchased twenty-six head of horned stock large and small and two colts—one a year old and past and the other a suckling mare colt. Among the horned stock are five large bulls and one bull calf; two full blooded cows, and the remainder heifers from two to three years old and two or three calves.

MESSAGES.—There are messages at the Office of the Deseret Telegraph Line for George G. Snyder and George Hyckman. Call for them.

CAPTURED.—As previously stated in the NEWS, early last Thursday morning, McKay, Sandford, McCarthy, Heath and Robinson, prisoners who were in confinement at Camp Douglas, effected their escape from there. We learned the following particulars of the escape and the capture of three of the number, this morning: Soon after the party broke from camp the three first outran Heath and Robinson and separated from them. McKay, Sandford and McCarthy made their way to City Creek Canyon, went about six miles up and hid in a cave. During Thursday Heath and Robinson passed by the place of confinement but McKay and party were afraid to hail them on account of the close proximity of a party of loggers. In the afternoon Heath and Robinson came down the Canyon past the cave, but were again allowed to pass without being hailed by their confederates, on account of the wood haulers. McKay and those with him thought that Heath and Robinson had gone to town to purchase provisions and had passed up the Canyon again in the night. This induced them to go up in search of them. They became convinced, however, that they had not passed up. The three came to the city, when Sandford went to the Globe Bakery and purchased some provisions, while McKay and McCarthy stayed by the Tabernacle. The three then went to the railroad track and followed the line to the Hot Springs and concealed themselves in a shanty during Friday. In the night they went to Kaysville which place they left early on Saturday morning. They next sheltered in a shanty at a place within eight miles of Ogden, where they remained during that day. They then went to a shanty on the Weber, near Ogden, at which place they were arrested, on Monday afternoon by Marshal Fife, Sheriff Wm. Brown and posse, and were brought to this city last night and are now safely lodged in the City Prison. Heath and Robinson have not been seen since passing down City Creek Canyon on Thursday afternoon, and are still at large; officers Heath and Hooper are in the vicinity of Ogden on the look-out for them.

McKay and Heath are two of the three men who robbed the stage in Juab Co., a short time since. McCarthy was under confinement for stealing money from the Maltese fruiterer, on East Temple Street; Robinson for stealing a mule at Corinne and Sandford for stealing at Ogden.

ARTISTIC.—We are under obligations to our artistic friend, C. R. Savage Esq., of the firm of Savage & Ottinger, for a stereoscope and a number of stereoscopic and photographic views, presented by him to-day. The views comprise some of the most beautiful sketches from the romantic mountain scenery of Utah, also sketches on the Central Pacific, in Nevada. Of the artistic merits of the sketches it needs only to be said that they are in Savage's best style, which is synonymous, as all will admit who know anything about it, with magnificence and the highest grade of photographic art.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, coming on Sunday, yesterday was universally observed by all classes as a holiday. Hilarity and good feeling prevailed everywhere, yet the day was remarkable for its quietness; no rowdism, drunkenness, or boisterous conduct of any kind to disturb the peace or to mar the enjoyment of the well-disposed. Captain Croxall was out with his excellent band, and according to their custom, the