

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 19.

From Brigham City.—Sheriff John Burt, of Box Elder County, is in town.

Utah Postmasters.—Mr. C. D. (B.) Robbins, of Logan, Cache Co., has been appointed postmaster of that place, and Mr. Erastus S. Foote to the same office in Tooele City, Tooele Co. So Washington advises say.

Honesty is the Best Policy.—There is a sign in the lower part of this city which reads as follows:—"Grocery and Provisions for sale."

In these credit mobillier times it is a consolation to see such honesty displayed. If a man sells sand in his sugar, why not advertise it?

Theological Class.—We learn from Brother George Farnworth, of Mount Pleasant, that the people of that place are taking steps to organize a mutual improvement association, for the general benefit of all who desire to take advantage of such a means of intellectual development, but for the special benefit of the young. We are glad to learn of this and also of the same course being taken in other settlements. An association of this kind is having, we understand, very beneficial results at Beaver.

Matters are progressing favorably in other respects at Mount Pleasant. P. J. Jensen is acting bishop there at present.

The New Engine House.—The making of the necessary alterations on the west compartment of the 12th Ward market house, South Temple Street, to convert it into an engine house, has been commenced under the direction of Chief Engineer John D. T. McAllister. The alarm bell has been removed from the old engine house and placed over the new one. The room will be enlarged a number of sleeping bunks, provided with bedding, are being constructed, a stove and other conveniences will be supplied, and it is expected "Wasatch" engine No. 2 will be moved to the new quarters next Monday.

Chapped Hands.—The easiest and simplest remedy is found in every storeroom. Take common starch and grind it with a knife until it is reduced to the smoothest powder. Take a clean box and fill it with starch thus prepared, so as to have it continually at hand for use. Every time hands are taken from the suds or dishwater, wipe them, and, while they are yet damp, rub a portion of starch thoroughly over them, covering the whole surface. The effect is magical. The rough, smarting skin is cooled and soothed and healed, bringing and insuring the greatest degree of comfort and freedom from this by no means insignificant trial.—*American Artisan.*

The Work in Holland.—In the *Millennial Star* of Nov. 25, is a letter from Elder S. Van Dyk, dated Leeuwarden Nov. 13, which states that twenty-two persons had been baptized in Holland during the current year. Elder Van Dyke says:

"Two missionaries might live and work here, together, better than one could a year ago, for there are more Saints, and consequently, more houses where the Elders may stay, than there were when I came here. Then there was only one village and one town where Latter-day Saints resided, but now I can travel, or go by the railroad cars from Dedemert to Zwolle, Olst, Deventer, Zutphen, Dvesborgh, Borculo, and then by sea to Amsterdam and Weesp; and, in each place, I find the houses of Saints to stay at and where I may preach."

That Party.—That retrenchment party in the Twelfth Ward, last night, was a complete success. Nearly all superfluous and costly articles of dress were dispensed with, and the folks wondered how it was that they felt so easy, comfortable, genial, kindly and at home, till they reflected that they had cast aside, with the concomitants of vanity—"loud" and extravagant apparel, that stiffness and formality which are so embarrassing and unenjoyable. The kindest and pleasantest of feelings prevailed, and instead of there being Chesterfieldian politeness, which has its origin in selfishness, there was that courtesy of demeanor which generally flows from an innate goodness of heart.

President D. H. Wells was present and, during the evening, by request, made a few timely and encouraging remarks to the young

people present, and congratulated them on the judicious course they were taking, in commencing a movement against the foolish extravagance of the present day.

Tour South.—Superintendent Campbell returned from a tour south as far as Nephi on the 17th inst. He was accompanied thence by Bishop Joel Grover, of Nephi, and Mr. Kimball, of A. H. Andrews & Co., Chicago. The latter took occasion at Provo and other leading points to exhibit samples of his school furniture, which were generally pronounced to be the best ever brought to Utah.

The superintendent lectured on education and kindred topics at Nephi, Mena, Payson and Springville. Superintendent Ord, of Juab county, is making arrangements to furnish additional school facilities for all the districts in his county. The superintendent visited the high school at Nephi, taught by Prof. Lewis, and that at Springville, taught by Prof. Evans, also the Timpanogos branch of the Deseret University, at present conducted by Prof. W. H. Dusenberry, all of which he found in a very prosperous condition.

Presentation.—Professor Karl G. Maeser has had presented to him, by the county, a beautiful and commodious school desk and a patent arithmetical machine. The presentation has been made in consideration of Brother Maeser's being the best district school in Salt Lake County. The arithmetical machine is a most ingenious contrivance, and is a great assistance to the teacher in imparting to his pupils a knowledge of figures. The figures are black and are printed on a long wide ribbon of white cloth. This ribbon is inclosed in a neat cabinet and on two rollers, one at the top of the cabinet and the other at the bottom. A plain surface of this cloth the length of the cabinet is exposed to view, and, being manipulated by handles, which cause the rollers to revolve when operated any table of figures can be exchanged for another almost instantly. By means of squares and rods, used to cover any desired portions of the cloth, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and even fractions can be taught without the teacher having to make a single figure.

The efficiency of this machine has been thoroughly tested in the sum at arithmetical of 30 spoons been demonstrated that third reader classes taught by this method are more advanced in a knowledge of arithmetic than fourth and fifth reader classes taught by the usual method.

The horizontal rows of figures are, if we remember aright, sixty-four in number, and the upright columns, running the long way of the ribbon, six.

Last night Prof. Maeser exhibited the machine to the members of the 20th Ward Young Men's Institute. Bro. William Foulger, who is a member of that Society, being an expert at figures, was requested to show how rapidly he could run up six columns of the heaviest figures, and he did it with astonishing rapidity. He seemed only to have to glance at each column and jot down the result, the summing of the whole six occupying but a few seconds.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 20.

Shortest Day.—To-day, December 20th, is generally reckoned to be the shortest day in the year.

Verdict of Guilty.—A special dispatch to the NEWS, from Ogden, informs us that the jury, in the trial of Kiesel, for rape, brought in a verdict of guilty, fixing the penalty at ten years in the penitentiary. Notice was given that an appeal would be taken.

Prof. Leotard.—It is one week to-day since this gentleman met with a very serious accident, and he has not been able to leave his room since. He is still cheerful and hopeful. He can walk across the floor, but is unable to set his right foot down solidly, which is much swollen. He is unable to use either of his hands to any extent, having taken his first meal to-day without having to be fed. It may be several weeks before he will be able to resume his profession.

A doubt has been expressed by the San Francisco *Figaro* as to his being the genuine Prof. Leotard who performed at the Crystal Palace and the Alhambra, and created

a great sensation there. *Figaro* may lay those doubts aside, however, as there are quite a large number of gentlemen in this City and in other parts of the Territory who witnessed his performances at the places named, and who state that it was generally conceded that, in some parts of his performances, he was superior to his uncle.

Professor Leotard is twenty-nine years of age, and although not a large man, is powerfully built, and has an astonishing amount of muscular strength as well as agility or activity. He is desirous of staying here until he has completely recovered, that he may give a performance before leaving for California, and that he may do some feats that he has not yet performed here.

The Mails.—Here is how a justly indignant correspondent writes from Springville under the date of December 17th:—

"Mail irregularities in Utah county are rapidly increasing in number and enormity, the mails being now in such a state as to be little less than a nuisance.

"A few instances. A short time ago the Springville mail sack, containing mail for the north, etc., was sent to Salt Lake, as usual; after lying there two days it was returned unopened to this place, and mail matter that should have reached the parties addressed at Salt Lake the same day it left here was returned, together with that destined for the east, west and north, and had to be re-mailed.

"Now the public exhibit a pardonable curiosity in wishing to know the name of the party or parties whose duty it is to convey the Springville mail sack from the depot in Salt Lake to the Post office, open it, distribute its contents and return it, with the proper mail matter contained in it.

"While in Provo I received, on the 10th inst., a letter from Salt Lake having post mark of the 5th.

"Now the mail sack left Salt Lake for Provo on time, as was proved by the arrival of the daily papers, but my letter was not in it, and the sack was not opened on the way. It is time, Mr. Editor, that these gross breaches of duty on the part of somebody connected with the mails, were saddled upon the guilty parties."

Robbery.—John Cagle is a gambler. About a week ago his room was robbed of about \$100 worth of gambling apparatus. A day or two since he was called upon by a man who asked what he would give to have the property returned to him. Mr. Cagle said he would pay \$50 and ask no questions, the money to be handed over on the delivery of the articles in Foster's liquor store, First South Street. Last night the man, who gives his name as being George J. Lloyd, called at Foster's, according to appointment. He was purposely delayed till an officer could be brought. "Dutch John" watched him inside the store, and as Lloyd became uneasy and was leaving Foster's, John walked along side of him. Officer Phillips was passing at the time, and as "Dutch John" told Phillips to arrest Lloyd, the latter dug his right hand into his coat pocket. Mr. Phillips was too quick for him, however. He seized his hand and took from it a cocked pistol.

He was arrested and had an examination before Justice Clinton this morning. He would not tell how he came by the property. The judge was convinced that the evidence was strong that he was an accomplice of the robber, if not the actual thief, himself, and he was held in \$500 to appear before the grand jury of the Probate Court of Salt Lake County.

It is a peculiarity of individuals to endeavor to draw money out of parties by returning to the latter their own property which may have been stolen from them.

Lloyd had not found the necessary bonds up to noon to-day.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 23.

Deserter Caught.—The police officers picked up an army deserter, named O'Connel, last night.

More Granite.—Seven more car loads of granite, for the Temple rolled into the Temple Block to-day.

More Snow.—Just as we go to press, the snow from the north is beginning to fall, with good prospect of a snowy night.

Land Office Register.—President Grant sent to the Senate, December 15th, the nomination of Willitt

Pothinger, of Utah, for Register of the land office at Salt Lake City.

Home Made Car.—A baggage car, manufactured at the Utah Central depot shops, is finished, excepting the fitting on of the brakes, and will commence running on the line this week.

Improvements.—A couple of new two story stores, opposite Taylor's Row, South Temple Street, one belonging to Mr. Meredith and the other to Mr. Cooper, are nearly finished.

From Ogden.—This morning we had the pleasure of meeting Alderman Walter Thomson and Councilor Joseph Parry, of Ogden, both of whom were in town to-day.

Unnecessary.—A. Strong was engaged in hauling meat in a wagon yesterday, Sunday. This was considered by the municipal authorities to be "unnecessary labor," and he was fined \$5.

Freightage.—On the police court slate to-day there was charged opposite the name of an inebriate: Freightage, one dollar. The party had been freighted to the City Hall in a job wagon. In addition he was fined \$5.

A Fuss.—There was war between Judah and Denmark on Saturday afternoon. The latter, who hails from Bountiful, entered a store with a big pair of boots, saying he bought them there a week previous and wanted to change them for a bigger pair. The Jewish clerk demurred, saying the mammoth articles were not purchased there. A few words passed and Judah made war on Denmark. Both were arrested and the trial was to take place to-day at two o'clock.

Preparatory.—Notwithstanding the present dull times, nearly everybody is preparing to have a good time at Christmas.

Some of the store windows have splendid displays of seasonable goods. Those wishing to purchase to celebrate with, will be sure to find what they want at the stores of those live, enterprising business places whose advertisements are found in the columns of the NEWS. People generally get liberally dealt with by people who liberally patronize the local papers.

The Children.—Next Friday will be a gala day for the Sabbath School children of the Twentieth Ward. In the forenoon they will assemble in the school house and pass a few hours in singing, reciting, etc., and in partaking of some good things that will be provided for them on the occasion. Prizes will also be distributed among them, the members of the Ward having donated for this laudable purpose. In the afternoon the little ones will spend the time in dancing. In the evening the teachers and bigger scholars will spend a few hours together in social capacity.

Accidentally Shot.—From Mr. W. Wilkinson, of Unionville, we learn that on Wednesday last the Messrs. Wm. Gunn, father and son, of that place, started in a sleigh for the canyon for timber. On the way they saw a grove of birch, from which the son cut two or three fish poles. As he was putting the poles into the sleigh, they caught the hammer of a gun loaded with fine shot, causing it to discharge, the contents lodging in the small of the young man's right arm. Assistance was obtained from Dr. McLean as soon as possible. That gentleman pronounced the wound not dangerous, and the wounded limb was doing well when our informant left Unionville, on Friday last.

Fire.—The roof of the old engine house at the Utah Central depot was discovered to be on fire a little before nine o'clock on Saturday night. The alarm was soon given, and numerous railroad hands repaired immediately to the spot, and the supply of water being ample from various tanks and an adjacent spring, by the exertions of the men the flames were soon extinguished.

Meantime, however, a message had been dispatched to the fire brigade and the alarm was rung from the bell at the City Hall and also from that on the "Wasatch" company's engine-house and the apparatus of the fire companies, with a large number of members of the brigade, repaired to the depot. Happily, however, the fire had been subdued before their arrival there, but notwithstanding this the promptness of the firemen in turning out with such alacrity is commendable.

The destruction of the roof of the small engine house was the only damage done. The building joins on to the machine shops, and had the flames not been extinguished in their incipency, a conflagration and large destruction of property would have resulted, there being a considerable quantity of very valuable machinery in the shops.

It is believed that the fire originated from some sparks escaping from an iron pipe and getting among the lath and joists of the roof.

Fortunately the new thirty-horse power engine was ready to start running, in the new engine house, and it was set a going, for the first time, this morning, so that the railroad company have been put to but little inconvenience on account of the fire.

Going South.—Allen Taylor, per Henry H. Cunliffe, sends, Dec. 9th, an account of a trip from Washington to this city and back. He came here to secure hands from the last immigrant company, for the factory at the former place. With a company of twenty souls, he left this city Nov. 17, staying the first night at South Cottonwood, entertained by Bro. Ebenezer Thayne and lady; second, American Fork; third, Spanish Fork; fourth, Stewart's Rancho, Juab Valley; fifth and sixth, Nephi, storm bound; seventh, Chicken Creek; eighth, Scipio, Millard county; ninth, Fillmore; tenth, Meadow Creek; eleventh, Corn Creek; twelfth, Cove Creek Fort, cordial reception by Irene Hinkley; thirteenth, Indian Creek, here disturbed by some drunken sparks, said to be from the printing office at Beaver, yelling like Indians, cursing, swearing, and singing ribald songs; fourteenth, Beaver City, most of the company lodging in the new telegraph office; fifteenth, Buckhorn Springs, Elder Clayborn and brethren very attentive to the company; sixteenth, Bishop Dame provided a sumptuous feast for the whole company, night at Sister Hewitt's, Summit; seventeenth, dined in the Social Hall, Cedar City, Bishop Lunt and the brethren loading the company with good things, night at Kanarab, Bishop Roundy and brethren entertaining the company; eighteenth and nineteenth at Harmony, snow-bound, Bishop Sylvester De Pace in nowise behind in attention, six strong bed-quits collected here for the most needy of the company, seven blankets and quilts and one pair of boots having been contributed previously; twentieth night at Washington, a warm reception from Bishop Freeman and Brother Whitehead and other brethren.

The company wished to express their deep gratitude to the bishops and Saints with whom they temporarily sojourned on the way for the liberality with which they were received, fed, and sheltered. From appearances the company would soon be in a position to maintain themselves.

UNREWARDED PERSEVERANCE.—Our reporter met with a man to-day who has been digging into the ground for the last three years or so, in search of coal, but who has been unsuccessful in reaching the object of his pursuit. He says he has struck some "loose stuff," but nothing that can be depended upon.

It is a pity that such ceaseless endeavors should be useless. If the gentleman alluded to has as extraordinary a development in other qualities of mind as in that of sticking to a project under difficulties, he must be "a man among men."

Two hundred and forty thousand pounds of scraps were shipped to Central America last week by the Mission Soap and Candle Works. In consequence, there are rumors of the establishment of an artificial cheese factory at Panama.—*S. F. Chronicle*, Dec. 16.

At Mokelumne Hill, California, lately, a little girl, aged about five years, daughter of Colonel Weil, was severely burned by her clothes taking fire from a stove. She was popping corn. She will recover, though badly blistered all over the body.

Recently at the Clear Spring Cottage ranch, in Calaveras county, California, Wm. Soddeman, a German farmer, was killed by Joseph Merte, a Frenchman, in a difficulty about a stream of water, which the latter desired for mining purposes.