

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

**MEETS WITH SNAGS.**—The Chicago *Times* does not think the Cragin bill likely to pass this session. Neither this nor any other session if Congress retain its senses.

**QUITE RIGHT.**—Judge J. W. Whitlatch, writing from this city lately to the *Helena Gazette*, says of a certain non-payment-of license case, "From all I can see the authorities are quite right."

**BACK AGAIN.**—Hon. Thomas Fitch and lady returned from Washington last night, the gentleman this morning appearing in excellent health and spirits, looking not a whit the worse for his Washington trip. The capital is evidently a salubrious locality. Utah is not admitted into the Union yet. If she should not be this session, she may another. Either way Utah will survive and prosper.

**FOOLS AT LARGE.**—Last Sunday a number of men with a culpable recklessness which cannot be too strongly condemned, indulged in rifle practice for several hours on the north bench of the Twentieth Ward. Had they been up towards the mountains on open ground their carelessness would not have been quite so manifest, although such practice would have been dangerous even then, especially to children, walking in the sage brush, but the fools were surrounded on every side by dwelling houses. A woman who was walking in a direction south-easterly from where the shooting was going on was struck on the back by a spent bullet. Fortunately it hit the ground before it reached her, for had it been otherwise she might have been fatally injured. The bullet was afterwards picked up. The front of a house in the vicinity was lately perforated by a shot from another practising party. Several persons in the locality have resolved to have arrested any individuals who indulge in shooting thereabouts in future, that they may be punished as they richly deserve to be.

**THAT PETITION.**—The anti-state petition, purporting to be signed by about four hundred women, and which appeared in yesterday's *News*, was, doubtless, perused with interest by many of our readers. It contained considerable evidence of the miserable subterfuges that apostates and others will resort to, in order to carry out their nefarious designs. This would be at once observed by people acquainted with a number of the parties whose names are appended to the petition, quite a large proportion of them being children who have not attained the age of accountability. A considerable number of names appear on the list with accompanying notes, stating that the supposed signers have been from eight to sixteen years in the Territory or in the church, whereas the number of years stated covers the entire age of the individual. Any person doubting the correctness of this can demonstrate its truthfulness, if they are acquainted with the parties, by going carefully over the list. It is presumable that this is a fair sample of the mode of getting up matters of this kind, emanating from a similar source.

Since writing the above the following has been handed to us, which in justice to Mr. E. Hartwell and his innocent children we cheerfully publish:

SALT LAKE CITY, May 16th, 1872.

Editor *Deseret News*:

Dear Sir:—Seeing in the *EVENING NEWS* of yesterday a petition addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, purporting to be signed by the mothers, sisters and wives of the loyal citizens of the Territory of Utah, and seeing among the names those of several of my children from ten years old and upward, I desire to state, that neither of the first two upon the list ever saw, heard or signed the petition, nor do their sentiments or feelings in any way correspond with those therein expressed.

The young children allowed their names to be put down on the petition under the assurance that it was something very good, without any comprehension of its meaning.

Now while I most cheerfully accord the female "residents of the Territory of Utah" their right of citizenship to the fullest extent, I at the same time most decidedly object to the names of my little girls being attached by proxy to any document, without my knowledge, before they are able to comprehend its significance.

Yours respectfully,

ELLIOT HARTWELL.

Shortly after the foregoing was placed in the hands of the compositors the following card was handed to us, to which we give a portion of our space with pleasure:

SALT LAKE CITY, May 16, 1872.

Editor *Deseret News*:

Sir:—In your edition of last evening I find my name to a petition to Congress. My signature was obtained under the following circumstances: Two ladies called upon me whilst I was suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia and inquired if I did not think it better that Congress should not give Utah a State government. My reply was that it was a matter that did not interest me one way or the other. They then said from all the indications trouble would arise if this was a State, that they had a petition to Congress, which they

wished the ladies to sign, asking to let us remain a Territory. I then said: "Well, if you think it better so, I have no objection to signing," and did sign my name, and Mrs. Paddock added the eight years in the Territory. I took their word for what I signed, not reading the heading. Had I done so my name never would have appeared, for there are charges made against parties in that paper of which I know nothing and do not believe. This will be a lesson to me never to again take the word of any one as to what I sign.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. E. B. ZABRISKIE.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

**MAIL IRREGULARITIES.**—Mr. Edward Fairbourn, of Mill Creek, complains of aggravating irregularities in his receipt per mail of the *EVENING NEWS*, although he lives so near the city. He can walk here and get his paper a clear day earlier than he frequently receives it by mail, which is not exactly the thing. For instance, last week on Thursday he received no *News*, on Friday he received Wednesday evening's *News*, on Saturday Thursday evening's, on Sunday Friday evening's, on Wednesday Monday evening's. The *News* is dispatched from our office promptly on the evening of publication. If the gentlemanly clerks of the city post office will be good enough to properly attend to this and like matters, it will save us and some of our subscribers from considerable annoyance.

**ANOTHER CARD.**—The appended communication explains itself. Such explanations serve further to show the miserable, dishonest manner in which the instigators, framers and canvassers of the petition, and persons generally of their class endeavor to carry out their designs looking to the detriment of a people who never injured them. Happily, however, those who make the flimsy covering of lies their refuge are almost invariably brought to shame by the exposure of their unmitigated meanness, and they accomplish their own discomfiture instead of that of those they desire to be their victims.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 17, 1872.

Editor *Deseret News*:

My attention has been called to a petition published in your issue of the 15th, which purports to be signed by my wife among a large number of other ladies. Mrs. L. desires me to say that she never signed it nor authorized any one else to sign her name to that or any other petition in this Territory. She was called upon during my absence East last winter, by the parties having charge of the circulation of the petition. She told them she had no interest in it, and that it would not meet my approbation.

I came here to mind my own business; and, believing, as I conscientiously do, that it is not the business of comparatively new comers (like myself) to set themselves up as lords of a land subdued, cultivated and owned by others; and, furthermore, not desiring to mingle in politics at all, I refused to sign a petition in favor of the retention of Judge McKean, and I do not want myself or family misrepresented in this matter. Yours, &c.,

JOHN W. LOWELL.

Since the card was handed to us Mr. and Mrs. Lowell have called on us personally, and the lady states most emphatically that she neither signed the petition herself nor did she authorize any one else to attach her name to it. Both the lady and gentleman in question are very desirous of not appearing before the public in a false light. They entertain no feelings of animosity against the "Mormons" or any other class of honorable citizens, and have no disposition to interfere with anything which does not concern them.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

**GOING ON.**—The work on the street railroad is steadily progressing. The workmen are excavating West Temple street for the sleepers.

**SECRETARY DELANO.**—We were favored with a very pleasant interview this morning with Hon. C. H. Delano, Secretary of the Interior, whom we found to be a sensible and agreeable gentleman. He expressed himself as highly interested and gratified with his visit to the Pacific coast and this Territory. He and Mrs. Delano, Gen. McDonald and lady, and party stay in town until Monday. We wish them a pleasant sojourn and prosperous journey.

**ON THE IMPROVE.**—We take pleasure in stating that a marked improvement has been noticeable of late in the tone of the dispatches from Salt Lake to the press east and west. The quondam "blood and thunder" sensational style has given place to one more sober, as if the press agents here had made a resolve to pay more attention to facts than fiction, to furnish news rather than create excitement. We must extend to this improvement our hearty commendation.

Per *Deseret State Telegraph*.

**PROCHE, Nev., May 18.**—This morning, about 5 a.m., on the stairway of Pierson's saloon, occurred one of the most dastardly vicious attempts at incendiarism that

has ever been known in this State. On the wall of a private room, belonging to the saloon, projecting over the stairway to which a lamp was fastened, a cut with a knife was made, three feet long, perpendicularly, for two feet above and one foot below the lamp, severing the paper and cloth from the boards. The lower end was set fire to, which burned the paper, cloth and board to the top of the cut, and spread to the right of the lamp from two to four inches wide, and, from some miraculous cause, became ignited before any person in the room above discovered the fire. A plot was evidently laid to start a fire below the lamp, which, when reached by the flames, would instantly have caused an accidental explosion. After setting fire to the paper and cloth, the incendiary came down the stairway, making a cut in the paper and cloth on the ceiling side of the stairway, from two to three feet long, rounding and cross cuts, resembling swords crossed. The saloon is situated in the centre of the town, from which had the fire progressed it would inevitably have spread, and would have doubtless resulted as in Sept. '71. There is no clue whatever to the party.

**MORE REPUDIATION.**—A number of parties have expressed to us their annoyance and disgust at finding their names appended to that infamous Petition which we published on Wednesday. Here are several other flat denials—

SALT LAKE CITY, May 18, 1872.

Editor *Deseret News*:

Sir:—I notice in your evening paper of May 15th, a petition, said to be written and signed by more than 400 loyal women of the Territory, and to my surprise I saw my name on the list of petitioners. Now I wish it to be understood that I never wrote nor gave permission to anyone to place my name on that petition, and I defy any person to step forward and accuse me of then knowing of, or of having any thing to do with, such a lying Petition.

ELIZABETH HUSBANDS.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 18th, 1872.

Editor *Deseret News*:

Dear Sir:—In March last I signed a paper without reading its contents, on the representation of Mrs. Paddock and Mrs. J. B. Kimball that it was purely in reference to a principle from the effects of which I had severely suffered; learning afterwards that I had been deceived in the matter I obtained the promise that my name should be erased, and fully believed it had been done till I saw the petition and signatures for the first time in the *EVENING NEWS* of Wednesday last. I therefore feel it a duty to state that I fully believe that all the aspersions against persons, therein, are wholly untrue, and therefore deny any complicity in the matter.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. LOUISA WOODFORD.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 18, 1872.

Editor *Deseret News*:

While looking over the *DESERET NEWS* of the 15th, I saw my name with the rest of my family attached to a petition, which I never saw, nor ever signed. If I and my family had seen such a petition, we should not have signed our names to it. I did, with the rest of my family, sign a blank paper for Utah not to be admitted as a State, which we had a right to do if we thought proper. I have lived in the Territory 18 years, but never saw the time when woman's virtue was not held sacred. Myself and the rest of my family have always lived on friendly terms with all around us, have had no trouble with anybody, and have always lived in peace.

Please give these few lines a place in the *DESERET NEWS* and you will oblige,  
Mrs. Frederick Heath and her friends,  
Mrs. Sophia Butcher, Mrs. Charlotte S. Pierce, Mrs. F. D. Clift, Mrs. Emma Edginton.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

**WEBER RIVER.**—The Weber River is making strenuous efforts to work in on this side of the Utah Central bridge, leaving that useful structure high and dry out of water. Some work is being done to prevent this, but the workmen will have to put in their best licks, or the roaring old Weber will get the better of them.—*Ogden Junction, May 18.*

**MAMMOTH COPPEROPOLIS.**—We were shown a fine specimen of ore from this mine, this morning, which is situated in Tintic District and owned by English capitalists. The general assay of ore taken from this mine is from 50 to 130 of copper and 20 ounces of gold to the ton. The company have also struck a limited quantity of malachite, a very valuable kind of stone. Mr. F. Fowler is mining engineer and general manager for the company, and by his skill and energy, we are informed, the mine is being rapidly developed.

**DAMAGE BY THE STORM.**—About four o'clock yesterday afternoon, while the thunderstorm was raging, the west end of a house in the Twentieth Ward, belonging to Mr. John Anderson, shoemaker, of First South Street, was struck by lightning. The electric fluid first struck the chimney, cracking it and loosening a number of bricks, and in its descent divided, part going inside and part outside. On

the exterior an upper window was partially and the lower one completely destroyed, besides the destruction of a portion of the rock work, of which the upper part of the gable is composed, and the plowing of a deep furrow in the concrete wall, from the level downwards.

Inside a hole was made in the ceiling of the room and part of the wood work was torn to pieces, and thrown in every direction. Several lights of glass of two south windows were also smashed.

Fortunately the west portion of the house, where the lightning struck, was untenanted, a family who occupied it having moved out only a few days previous. The striking of the building was accompanied by a terrific and deafening report, which greatly frightened a woman who was in the east part of the building, and its only occupant at the time.

Considerable damage was also done by the heavy rain to the bench water ditch, all the labor expended by Mark Lindsey and two different relays of men this spring being entirely undone. The thunder and lightning, the hail and the rain yesterday, were very severe while they lasted.

**MORE REPUDIATIONS.**—In justice to the parties sending us the following cards, we cheerfully give them space in our columns—

SALT LAKE CITY, May 20, 1872.

Editor *Deseret News*:

Dear Sir:—I noticed in the *DESERET EVENING NEWS* of a late date a petition purporting to be signed by about 400 "loyal women of Utah," and to my surprise I saw among the names my own or one similar to mine. As persons have inquired of me whether I signed my name to that petition, I wish it to be distinctly understood that I never signed, nor gave permission to any one to place my name on such a false petition. I never saw nor heard of it until published in the *News*.

Respectfully, MARY WILLIAMS,  
16th Ward.

S. L. CITY, May 16 h, 1872.

Editor *Deseret News*:

In March last we signed a petition, presented to us by Mrs. F. Ashman and Mrs. Lloyd, and to one of us by Mrs. Burns, of the contents of which we confess we were altogether ignorant, and consequently herewith repudiate the sentiments contained in said petition, with the accusations against certain individuals, believing them to be entirely untrue and without any foundation whatever.

We therefore withdraw our names, desiring to have no connection with said petition or with those who framed it.

Mrs. McGregor, Margaret Parton, Mrs. Gritton [published Gritters], Ann Swift, Frances Hurd, Julie Carlsson.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 18, 1872.

Editor *Deseret News*:

Dear Sir:—In your issue of the 15th inst., I find my name published in the *DESERET EVENING NEWS* in connection with a memorial.

I accordingly take this means of informing the public that I never signed said memorial petitioning against the admission of Utah, neither did I give any person liberty to do so for me, as I know many of the statements therein contained about this people to be base and false.

Mrs. MARY E. PALMER.

**THE EXCURSION ON THE LAKE.**—We wrote somewhat elaborately concerning the inaugural lake excursion of the season, of Saturday, May 11th, in connection with which we gave a description of the steamer of Messrs. H. S. Jacobs & Co. *City of Corinne*; and as the excursion of last Saturday was similar in general features to the previous one, a lengthy allusion to it would probably appear superfluous. In every respect, however, save perhaps numerically, the party numbering only about seventy, it was a decided success.

The scenery met with on a trip of this kind is certainly more impressive than charming, being of the same character as that which greets the eye in nearly every part of the Territory, with the exception of its being enhanced by the addition of the fine expanse of blueish green water, from which the surrounding ranges of huge, sombre, lazy-looking mountains appear to shoot abruptly upwards on nearly every side.

The elements most strikingly manifest in the scenery of and surrounding the Salt Lake are hugeness, grandeur and strength, or in fact, the general constituents of sublimity. Many people love to view such scenes, and there is certainly much in them that is calculated to incite admiration, mingled with a degree of wonder, in those who delight to contemplate the handiwork of the God of nature. There is, however, a lack of that freshness, bloom, and general beauty, often observable in the more modified pictures of nature in lesser altitudes and moister climates, the dryness of the atmosphere in this locality robbing the mountain sides of their clothing of fresh-colored vegetation, and which would otherwise cover their naked abruptness. Yet here and there can be seen diminutive, bright, vernal spots, where bubbling springs burst forth and ripple down the steep declivities, making plants, shrubs and trees come out on the mountain slopes, like faint smiles on other-