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Special Notices.

DRUMS.—Big and Little Bass and Snarr Drums have arrived in good supply, and can be bought of DIMICK B. HUNTINGTON, 16th Ward. w43 tf

A Splendid Assortment of New Goods both beautiful and cheap, expressly adapted for Christmas and New Year's Gifts, is on view in the newly-erected Jewelry Establishment kept by Carl C. Asmussen, East Temple Street. Call and delight yourself by the sight of it. Optical Goods: finest assortment of Spectacles, etc., on hand. w423m

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Jane Draper is anxious to hear from her brother, John W. Bryant, who emigrated to America in the ship *Columbia*, in the year 1856. He crossed the plains to Utah in Capt. Horn's train, in the year 1861. Any information of his whereabouts will be thankfully received by the above, at Herriman, Salt Lake county, Utah.

MEETING AT THE CITY HALL.—A meeting was held, according to appointment, on Monday evening, at the City Hall, of the Society for the importation, improvement and cultivation of stock, bees, &c. In consequence of the day being a holiday the attendance of members was not large, but the meeting was quite interesting. The report of the committee on horses was not given, the chairman being absent. An adjournment was made for two weeks from Monday night, the 9th proximo, when a full attendance is desirable.

WEDDING CAKE.—We tender thanks for a rich wedding cake, sent by Mr. Alonzo E. Hyde and wife, (late Miss Annie E., daughter of Elder John Taylor) who were married by Elder Taylor, in this city on the 15th instant. We wish the happy pair every joy, and trust that their venture on the sea of matrimony may prove as pleasurable and prosperous as the cake so kindly forwarded is delicious.

A PLEASANT PARTY.—There was a very select party at the Fourteenth Ward Assembly rooms last night. We noticed among the guests President D. H. Wells, Elders W. Woodruff, Joseph F. Smith and Bishop Edward Hunter. One noticeable feature about this party was the early hour at which it convened—5 p. m.—and dismissed—between 12 and 1.

EXCOMMUNICATED.

PROVO CITY, Utah Co.,
Dec. 24th 1870.

Editor Deseret News.—To-day, by unanimous vote of this class of the School of the Prophets, Dr. Don C. Roberts, charged with the crime of seduction, was cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A. F. MACDONALD, Secretary.

FARMINGTON, Dec. 26.

Fred E. Strong and Clarinda A. Strong, (daughter of John Walker of Farmington,) his wife, were on Dec. 25, cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for apostasy by denying the faith.

JOHN W. HESS, Bishop.

THE DESERET UNIVERSITY.—We were exceedingly gratified in attending the examination of the pupils at the Deseret University, commencing on Tuesday and ending on Friday afternoon of last week. We thought, before attending, that we were familiar with the range of study and the progress made by the students of that institution; but our visits thereon the several days of the examination dispelled that notion, and demonstrated that both were far beyond our expectations. The elocutionary exercises on Friday afternoon were especially interesting. There was no effort at display, the scholars merely going through their usual exercises. Some simple compositions then read evinced decided and considerable ability. Hood's "Bridge of Sighs" was recited by one young lady with a pathos and feeling which would have done no discredit to a professional elocutionist; and in this branch of the exercises the ladies seemed to especially excel. We think there was no visitor at the examination who was not delighted. It is the intention of Professor Benedict to give hereafter, every Friday afternoon, at whatever hour may be appointed by Professor Parke, a lecture on practical chemistry, to be illustrated with experiments. This will be a great addition to the studies already pursued in the College, and may be the means of developing from Rocky Mountain element genius as transcendent as that of Liebig or Davy. The heads of families in Salt Lake and neighboring cities have abundant cause to congratulate themselves in having an opportunity to send their children to an institution like this, whose corps of learned professors and skillful teachers it would be difficult to surpass. It is deserving of the warmest support of all classes of the people.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE FIRST WARD.—"D. B." a correspondent in the First Ward sends a brief sketch of an entertainment given last night by the teachers and pupils of the First Ward Sunday School. The evening past very pleasantly to all present, the time being spent in songs, duets, glees, recitations, dialogues, instrumental music etc. This is good; music is a great refiner, and such entertainments amongst the rising generation, especially among the boys, will be found to have a far more elevating tendency than sheepskin leggings, Mexican spurs, whisky, tobacco, dancing, and other things of that class that some have been inclined to indulge in; and we hope the Sunday School and other authorities of the various Wards will use their influence in extending, promoting and encouraging entertainments of this class amongst the young. The movement is progressing, it is a good one, and deserves encouragement.

Provo.—Our correspondent "Mac," writing from Provo on the 24th says:

"A greeting was held in this stake of Zion yesterday and to-day, at which much good instruction was imparted. A committee was appointed to arrange for co-operative sheep and cattle herds in the county. President Smoot gave special instruction in regard to establishing good schools, hiring the best qualified teachers, and promoting education; also to improve our farming interests, by enclosing good pastures, and making meadows, of the open lands through the county; improving the stock and taking care of it; importing machinery instead of merchandise, encouraging home manufacture, and the production of many things here which we, still continue to send East for—beside much general good counsel to the priesthood.

A CHURCH FOR PRESCOTT.—Prescott, Arizona, has lots of heathen, both white and red, but no church. The *San Francisco Call* says that a Norwegian lady, named Cederholm, has undertaken to supply this desideratum, and has commenced her labors by soliciting donations for its erection, from the people of San Francisco. This is a somewhat severe commentary on the folks at Prescott; the "rocks" abound in that region of country, and if the people need a church badly, one would think they would rather pay for it themselves than have recourse to pious mendicancy for the purpose. The people of San Francisco will be very likely to view the subject in this light, and Mrs. Cederholm may find the accomplishment of her self-imposed task a hard road to travel. If she lived in Utah, and her conscience were sufficiently elastic to permit her to lie easily, she might easily procure funds in the east for such a purpose. One who could lie quite as well as or better than he could preach has tried the experiment, and great were the spoils.

FOUND.—A Fur Cape. The owner can get it on application at this office.

REVELATIONS OF THE MOUNDS.—The origin of the aborigines of this continent remains a mystery, insoluble, to all the learned societies of the world, notwithstanding their research and study. The

Book of Mormon gives a brief account of the origin and history of the people who colonized this continent ages before it was known to the whites. This account, though given by revelation from Heaven, is rejected universally by the religious world. But the revelations of the mounds are occasionally giving irrefragable confirmation to the testimony of the Book of Mormon, and if common sense could overcome prejudice, that book would be prized as a treasure, not by religionists merely, but by all ethnographical and other societies interested in paleontology.

An exchange refers to a discovery just made in Missouri as follows:

"It has long been known that the mound builders once made the site of St. Louis the theatre of their operations, and many interesting discoveries have from time to time been made. Last week another was added to the list. In East St. Louis workmen are engaged in leveling one of these mounds for a railroad track, and at a depth of thirty feet from the original surface of the mound, they struck a line of cedar posts, eight in number, standing erect, sixteen feet apart, in a straight line running north and south. The posts are each eight feet in length, and much decayed by time. Before coming to these posts, the men dug up bones and relics of the Indians in considerable quantities, showing that the posts had been covered by earth by those who built the mound, and that the race which succeeded used the elevation as a burying place before the coming of the whites."

"THE MANUFACTURER AND BUILDER."

—The December number of this excellent monthly was received this morning, and, as usual, is filled with matter of interest to all engaged in architectural or artistic pursuits. This journal has now been issued for two years, and by sterling merit has secured for itself a leading position in the country, as an exponent of everything pertaining to the arts of the manufacturer, builder, engineer, &c., &c.; and being published at the low figures of \$1.50 a year, possessing, as it does, ninety-six imperial columns, it is a marvel of enterprise and cheapness. The premium list of the publishers for 1871 is marvellous. It is published by Western & Co., 37 Park Row, New York.

The *New Haven Journal and Courier*, referring to this journal, says:

"Two years have passed since two young men, bearing jointly the auspicious name of 'Western,' introduced the generous spirit of American enterprise into the department of journalism devoted to arts and engineering. They launched an illustrated periodical rivaling its strongest English contemporaries, in costly bulk, originality, and elegance at the start. They offered it at a price which, even in America, excited misgivings by its cheapness; and they treated agents and canvassers with a generosity which any body but an 'advanced' American publisher would call stark madness. That they knew what they were about, however, and had the necessary means and ability to follow up their audacious plan to success, is proved by the still progressive career of their journal. Its programme for 1871, its third year, eclipses any thing ever before offered to the public in richness and variety of premiums. In fact, the enterprising rival who may propose to give one better, hereafter, will have to invent new articles to offer, for Messrs. Western & Co., literally offer every thing there is now."

CALLED.—General C. C. Rich, from Bear Lake Valley, called this afternoon. He reports a general time of health in Rich county. There is plenty of snow up there, and consequently good sleighing. The General is in the enjoyment of splendid health.

MORE MINERAL DISCOVERIES.—We have been shown by Prof. Barfoot, of the Museum and Menagerie, a specimen of Hematite and Magnetic iron ore, taken from an extensive deposit lately discovered near Kaysville, by Mr. William Slack. The ore is very rich and is said to exist at that place in almost inexhaustible quantities. Mr. Joseph Egbert, of the same place, also presented to the Museum a specimen of Malachite copper ore, which is also rich and plentiful.

SHOT DEAD.—We received the following dispatch per Deseret Telegraph Line this afternoon, just as we were "making up":

Provo, 29th, 3.30, p.m.

"A man named Dick Brown, in the employ of Wm. D. Roberts, was shot dead about eight o'clock last night, near Roberts' residence. Further particulars are unknown, as the inquest is not yet over."

CREDITABLE.—Notwithstanding that this

is the holiday season there has been little or no drunkenness in the City for over a week. We were informed, yesterday, by Alderman Clinton that only one person, charged with being intoxicated, had been brought before him from Wednesday, the 21st inst., till Tuesday 27th. This speaks well for the good order and sobriety which prevails in this community.

SUPPOSED INCENDIARISM.—A fire, at Virginia City, Nev., on Christmas night last, according to one of our exchanges, broke out in a shed in the rear of the Invincible Hose Company's hall, and, before the fire engines could be got out, spread to a saloon on the south and a furniture establishment on the north, both of which places, if not the greater portion of that part of the town, seemed doomed. But the Fire Department was prompt and the manner in which they turned loose upon the flames with their streams was creditable and praiseworthy. The loss to the furniture establishment, building and stock, was \$800; to the saloon, on stock and building was \$1,000, and the damage to the hose house is estimated at \$800. The same paper says there can be no doubt but it was the work of an incendiary.

REWARD OFFERED.—A one hundred dollar bill has been lost by a young bachelor who was contemplating matrimony. The loss, unless the bill be returned, will delay the consummation of the event until Spring. A liberal reward is offered to the finder. See special notice.

LIVERPOOL.—A letter from Elder John Jaques, now in the Liverpool office, written on the 8th inst., received this morning, contains a few items of interest. The health and spirits of Elder Jaques are good, and he states that he has been the recipient of naught but kindness from Saint and sinner on his mission. The health of President Horace S. Eldredge was tolerably good at the time of writing; but the damp, foggy air and atmosphere of England, especially in the winter, makes him cough severely; Mrs. Eldredge is well.

Mr. Henry Vincent, the famous English orator, who it will be remembered, delivered one of his orations in the Tabernacle in this city at the latter part of the Summer, is lecturing on his experience among the "Mormons" in Salt Lake, and his tour to San Francisco. Elder Jaques, interested in everything about Utah, naturally enough went to hear what Vincent had to say about the "Mormons," and he sends a few words about the lecture, which we append. Elder Jaques says:

"I may as well say that on Tuesday I heard Henry Vincent describe his journey to Salt Lake and San Francisco. Not dwelling upon several of his mis-statements, he said he was courteously and generously treated by Brigham Young and the Mormons, to whom he had much pleasure in talking of Oliver Cromwell. Salt Lake City was clean, sober and orderly. He did not know that he had so many friends as he found there; but he thought the Mormon men were taciturn and the women had an air of sadness. He was not in favor of opposing polygamy by law, but he was sure it would die out by contact with the outer world."

THE WEATHER has toned down since last week quite considerably, and instead of the excessively sharp, biting frost of then we have moderate winter's nights now, with very pleasant, mild, sun-shiny daytimes. We need not complain of the weather, thus far, anyway.

THE CUSHMAN TROUPE had a very lively time last night before an appreciative audience. The object of the occasion was praiseworthy, the principal part of the proceeds being tendered for the use of the Ward Sabbath School. The singing and recitations were varied, chaste, very amusing and instructive and executed in good style. Mr. Burke's performances in the musical department was most artistical. They give another grand entertainment this evening at the Assembly Rooms and should be well patronized.

CONCERT TO-NIGHT.—We remind the public that Professor Cushman and his assistants will give a concert in the Thirteenth Ward Assembly Rooms to-night, which will commence at eight o'clock.

Died:

At Moroni, Sanpete County, on the 21st of December, Martha Hawkes Bradley, wife of Bishop George W. Bradley; complaint: female weakness.

She lived and died a faithful member in the Church.

Mill Star, please copy.