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TERMS—IN ADVANCE.

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY NOV. 16.

**Home Once More.**—We were pleased to meet and welcome home Elder W. C. Staines, Church Emigration Agent, who reached this city last night from New York. He is home for the winter, in moderate health, and in his usual genial spirits. Those having business with him will find him ready at any time to transact it.

**Libby Prison Specimen.**—The following note, which, through courtesy of Professor Barfoot, we were permitted to copy, is from a former resident of this city:

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 8, 1880.

**Prof. J. L. Barfoot:**  
In my roamings to-day I visited the old Libby Prison made famous during the war of the rebellion.

Thinking the enclosed might, in a small way, add to your valuable collection, I forward it to you. It comes from that portion of the building where the historical and wonderful tunnel escape was made.

With respect,  
W. T. HARRIS.

The "enclosed" refers to a specimen of the brick of which the famous Libby prison is chiefly composed. It is dark red in color, very hard and firm in texture, and closely resembles rock. It is an interesting curiosity to the student of American history, especially of the sad and gloomy subject of which it is a suggestive reminder.

**Found Dead.**—From Sheriff Dan Hopkins, of Central City, Nebraska, we have received the following with a request for publication:

FOUND DEAD.

About two miles west of Chapman, Merrick County, Neb., the body of a stranger, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, weighed about 175 pounds, light complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, heavy mustache—colored black, high cheek bones, broad face and prominent forehead; had on a navy blue woolen shirt, with wide collar; light blue silk necktie; light grey woolen undershirt; light cassimere pants, with dark stripe; dark red socks, with black toe, sole and heel, blue cord along right side of foot, No. 7, leather tongue boots, sewed, Napoleon taps, nailed with round headed nails, partly worn; large gold ring, with garnet or amethyst seal, indented with figure of a man's head, worn on little finger of right hand; upper front tooth on left side gone, and one adjoining it much decayed.

Information concerning his identity should be conveyed to  
DAN HOPKINS, Sheriff,  
Central City, Merrick Co., Neb.  
November 10th, 1880.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 17.

## A FRAUD.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
November 17, 1880.

Editor Deseret News:

For some time I have heard rumors of a document going the rounds, particularly in the Southern part of the Territory, purporting to be a "Vision by Joseph F. Smith." A copy of this document was to-day handed to me by a friend. Having read it, I deem it my duty to announce through the News, that so far as this pretended vision has been connected with my name it is a fraud. I never had such a vision and am wholly ignorant of its author, and my name has been used in connection with it entirely without my

knowledge. By inserting the above in the News you will correct any false impressions which may have arisen in the minds of the people concerning this matter, and oblige your brother in the Gospel.

JOS. F. SMITH.

**Woman's Exponent.**—The Exponent for November 15th is out. Its contents are as follows: A domestic poem entitled "A Day of Mother Life" by Lu Dalton; a wisely worded homily on "Reproof" by Hannah T. King; a continuation of "Life Incidents," by H. M. W.; another serial of "Pen Sketch" &c.; "A Pleasant Visit," by L. B.; an able editorial on "Lack of Spirituality;" "Suggestive Days," a series of tender autumn reflections, by Aunt Em; "Dare to Do Right," by E. C.; "Fruits of Our Labor," by Lillie Freeze; "Visit to St. George," L. M. S.; "Meeting at Spanish Fork," H. C., and all the usual interesting et ceteras.

**Shot His Hand.**—On Monday night a young man named Isaac Brown, of Draperville, while hunting near the Point of the Mountain, met with a serious accident. He had shot his gun off and was engaged in loading it again, when a small boy who was with him, came up and either carelessly or accidentally kicked against the stock of the gun. The weapon was thereby discharged and Mr. Brown's right hand fearfully mangled. Dr. Benedict was sent for and found it necessary to amputate the whole of the first and second fingers of the wounded hand, the thumb and third finger of which were also somewhat injured. Some of the shot barely missed his chin in its upward flight.

**George Pouncefort.**—This name will sound familiar to the ears of many of our readers, and the scenes and faces it suggests will awaken many pleasing recollections. All our early theatre-goers and votaries of the drama, well remember the time when Pouncefort trod the boards, and no doubt will derive real pleasure from learning that the old favorite is still in existence, though no longer as an interpreter of the dramatic muse. When last heard from, Mr. Pouncefort was in Japan, but that was so long ago that nearly all of his friends here supposed he had departed this life. The following from the pen of a Yokohama correspondent of the New York Clipper of Nov. 13, throws some light upon the subject, and will be perused with interest by our readers:

"Yokohama, Oct. 4, 1880.

Dear Clipper.—I arrived here on the steamship Malacca, which left Hong Kong Sept. 14, and Nagasaki, 19. Learning from an American resident that Geo. Pouncefort (whom many of your readers well remember as a sterling actor in days gone by) was keeping a tea house somewhere beyond the limits of this city, I set out in search of him, using as a mode of conveyance one of the little two-wheeled perambulators called "jinkikishaw," that are pulled about the streets by muscular little Japs, who run a distance of 20 miles with no apparent discomfort. Arriving at Pouncefort's tea house, I was welcomed by his wife, who is a Japanese girl unalloyed, and very pretty and interesting in her attempts to speak English; but no alteration in her style of dressing has been allowed. The little house they live in is nestled among pretty flowers and plants, and is quite a place of resort for Americans visiting Japan. A fine view of the majestic Fujiyama (an extinct volcano) is obtainable from Pouncefort's garden. He is in retirement, and quite old, yet full of vigor."

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 18.

**Pleads Not Guilty.**—Cole, the Ogden seducer, was arraigned before Judge Emerson the other day and plead not guilty to the charge made against him.

**Shot Himself.**—The Junction says:

On Sunday last Mr. Al. Harris, son of Mr. Joseph Harris, of this city, met with a painful accident at Terrace. It seems that the injured party was handling a pistol, and while in the act of returning it to his hip pocket, it went off. The

bullet struck the young man in the right hip, striking the bone and glancing downwards about five inches. As soon as it happened the young man took the train for Ogden, and when he arrived at Corinne he sought out a surgeon, who extracted the ball. The injured man then came to Ogden, where he is at present stopping at the residence of his parents, on Main Street.

**Antelope Decoy.**—A decoy for antelopes, as used by the Indians, has been sent to the Deseret Museum by Tarlton Lewis, Esq., of Richfield, Sevier County. It is the head of a young prong-horn antelope (*antilocapra Americana*) ingeniously prepared by the Indians. It was found in Rabbit Valley by Brother Beason Lewis, who secured it for the Museum, where it was delivered by courtesy of Nathan Tanner, Esq., of South Cottonwood. The eyes of the antelope have been well imitated in shape and color, and made from a jet-like substance, such as is found in the mineral wax of Utah. Holes have been bored at each end of the eye, in which animal fibre has been fixed to secure the eye in the socket of the eyeball. The artificial eye has then been fixed in place with mineral wax (ozocerite). As a specimen of Indian taxidermy, the head is a curiosity. Bro. Tanner states that the skin of an antelope is placed around the head, so as to decoy the antelopes to the spot where the Indians are concealed.

**"Enquirer" Items.**—From the Enquirer of yesterday.

It is reported that a young man named Haws, of this city, killed one grizzly and two brown bears in Provo Canon two or three days ago.

We learn that Elders W. M. Bromley and N. H. Groesbeck, of Springville, have recently been called by the First Presidency to go on a mission to Auckland, New Zealand.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Hannah Cornaby, of Spanish Fork, has, in compliance with the wishes of her appreciative friends, determined to publish a volume of her excellent poems and songs, including an autobiography of the author.

The cheerful and interesting style of Mrs. C's productions, combined with the piety of her life and devotion to the cause of truth are well known.

The son of Mr. Heber P. Kimball, who recently came to this city for the purpose of attending the Academy and has been suffering with diphtheria, is recovering. An impression seems to be abroad that the young man contracted the disease after his arrival here. This is a mistake. He was stricken with the disease evidently before his departure from Salt Lake, having complained of being sick while at breakfast before taking the train, and it was not until after his arrival in Provo that his complaint was discovered to be diphtheria.

On Monday night last Mr. W. H. Brown accidentally discovered a couple of men who were camped close by his land, which is fenced in near the Provo bridge, in the act of using a portion of his fence for a camp fire. This had not been the first time that travelers had burnt up portions of his fence for a like purpose, and it very naturally made Will communicative, and in return the two men got "sassy" and intimated that the owner of the fence might do as he pleased if he did not like their mode of doing business. Will, however, started for town and made the necessary complaint before Justice Booth. Officer Thurman was dispatched at once to arrest the parties, who by this time were ready for a compromise, and took security in the shape of a watch and some silver for the appearance of the fence despoilers next morning. The following morning the parties appeared and made satisfactory settlement, recovered the watch and departed, sadder but wiser men.

## WASATCH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The 13th Quarterly Conference of the Wasatch Stake of Zion convened on the 6th and 7th instants, giving general satisfaction to all participating therein. We were visited on the occasion by Apostle John Henry Smith, son of our late and

much esteemed brother and Apostle George A. Smith, and an old and well tried veteran in the Church, Counselor D. H. Wells, both of whom gave us the very best of counsel and instruction. Had it not been for the illness of the wife of our President, in which the entire community deeply sympathize, we would have had every reason for pure enjoyment.

Inasmuch as reports of Stake Conferences have become monotonous to some, I shall forbear from trying to give to the public much of the instructions given to us by our respected visitors. I will, however, mention a portion of the instructions given by Apostle J. H. Smith in regard to the relative positions of the presidents and bishops in the Stakes of Zion, giving us to understand that the presidents are not indebted to us for their positions, nor yet to the bishops, but are appointed by a higher power, and that we covenant and agree to uphold and sustain them in their positions, neither can we remove them. The Bishops of the wards are appointed in the same way and by the same authority, looking to the Presidents of their Stakes for their instructions. And inasmuch as the members of the Church in a Stake do not appoint, they cannot remove, but are bound by a solemn covenant to sustain them so long as that higher power think proper to sustain them.

In the afternoon of the 7th the sacrament was partaken of; and as a vacancy had occurred in the High Council by the death of Brother Elisha Jones, Brother Isaac Baum was called, ordained and set apart for that position. Brother Thomas Hicken, formerly president of the Teachers' quorum, was called and ordained a Patriarch for this Stake, and Brother Frederick Giles was appointed to the presidency of the Teachers' quorum.

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