

Assistant United States Attorney Fiero, of New York, has published an argument in favor of the establishment of a national prison for the incarceration of persons convicted of breaking the laws of the United States. "We have," he says, "the incongruity of an offense against the United States, unknown to state law, punishable exclusively under federal jurisdiction, arrest of the offender by a United States officer, his indictment by a grand jury of the United States, his trial, conviction and sentence in a United States court, and then his surrender to the state authorities for the actual physical infliction of that punishment, which the general government, by its statutory law has prescribed and its courts have pronounced, the only relation of the government thereafter to the condemned being its obligation to the state for the privilege thus granted." If the "Christian" preachers and pious ladies who are still petitioning Congress to put all the "Mormons" into jail who follow the example of "faithful Abraham," had their way, the Government would need a mighty big prison. Mr. Fiero's recommendation, however, is a good one.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 25.

Emigrants Coming.—A company of 170 emigrating Saints left Liverpool for New York last Saturday.

Police Court.—The only case on the docket to-day was that of a mercantile firm down street, fined \$3.00 for using water to sprinkle the streets, without a license.

Red Stockings' New Uniform.—A paper is being circulated for subscriptions toward the procuring of a new uniform for the Red Stocking Base Ball Club. The movement is being well patronized.

District Court.—Friday morning, April 25, 1879, Judge P. H. Emerson, presiding.

The People, etc., vs. Wm. Tracy; cause dismissed.

People etc., vs. Andrew Petit et al.; cause continued.

People etc., vs. Kennedy J. Hanley; same order.

Late Train — Accident.—The Utah Southern train was two hours late last evening, owing to an accident which took place at York, just as the train was entering that place at noon. A heavily loaded freight train, while a switch was being made, collided with an engine, the tender of which was so badly smashed, as to necessitate sending for another engine seven miles away. No one was hurt.

"Honor to Whom," etc.—Last evening, we stated that from the proceeds of exhibitions given by the 21st Ward Mutual Improvement Association, they had been enabled to purchase an organ for the meeting-house. We learn that others have contributed toward this purpose, besides the society named. The Sunday School gave \$10, the Dramatic Association assisted by several entertainments, and considerable was made up by donations from the ward.

An Old Citizen Gone.—Last evening, at 7 o'clock, Claude Clive, an old and well-known citizen of Salt Lake, breathed his last. His disease was inflammatory rheumatism, from which he had been suffering for some time past. He was in early days the costumer at the Theatre, and one of the original theatrical fraternity. Of late years, and up to the time of his death, he had been following his profession of tailor, at which he was remarkably expert. His death will be regretted by many old time friends. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Murder and Suicide.—Yesterday morning, a dual tragedy took place at Park City. A man named Swan, having quarreled with his wife, shot her and immediately afterward, killed himself with the same weapon. It appears that he had been out of work and indolent for a long time and his wife had to support him, which she did by sewing gloves. Becoming tired of supporting him, she told him if he did not do something to assist her to live, she would sue for a divorce. He threatened to kill her if she did so, and yesterday morning, after sending away his son, their only child, on some errand, he proceeded to carry his threat into effect, with the result stated.

News from Minnesota.—Bro. Geo. W. Biggs, writing from Monticello, Wright County, Minnesota, says there are about fifty Saints in that region who are desirous of emigrating to Utah, but the difficulty in finding purchasers for their farms is so great that their present prospects for leaving are rather poor. If the overland trip could be made in safety with teams, as of old, suitable and advantageous exchanges might be made, so that the emigrants could furnish themselves with means for that kind of travel. Probably next year a company will be formed, to make the journey in this manner. Water, in northern Minnesota is becoming very scarce, even the Mississippi River being so low that small boys can wade it without difficulty. In many places, flouring mills, depending on water for their motive power, are idle. Sufficient rain usually falls, however, to mature the crops, though there has been some loss from drouth.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 26.

Police Court.—A cattle stealing case occupied the attention of the court to-day, Simmons and Stearns being the defendants. The latter was discharged for lack of evidence and Simmons held over to answer.

A New Building.—Z. C. M. I. is having the ground south of their main establishment excavated for the purpose of erecting a new building thereon. It is to be three stories high, the lower floor to be used as the stove and hardware department.

District Court.—Saturday morning, April 26th, 1879, Judge P. H. Emerson presiding:

Thomas I. Spooner vs. A. N. Stevens et al.; default and judgment referred to clerk to compute.

J. E. Dooley et al., vs. J. E. Brown, et al.; default of defendants entered and cause referred to E. T. Sprague, special commissioner, to report.

Court adjourned till Monday, at 10 a. m.

Museum.—The curator of the Deseret Museum respectfully acknowledges the receipt of specimens of "Utahcerite," or mineral wax of Utah, from Messrs. Lighter and Rose, of this city; also specimens of coal droppings from Springville, by favor of Mr. Read; and a reptile from Zululand, South Africa, presented by Mr. Alonzo Noon, of Provo. The reptile is known among the Zulus as the "Green Mamba;" its bite is said to be fatal to man.

Benefit Entertainment.—We learn that a number of young ladies and gentlemen of this city are getting up an entertainment of a literary and musical character, as a testimonial benefit to Miss Mattie Paul, a young lady now attending college at Ann Harbor, Michigan, and pursuing the study of medicine. Miss Paul was once an employee at this establishment, she is a lady of genuine merit and a worthy candidate for the testimonial now under preparation. Further particulars hereafter.

Class in Obstetrics.—Dr. Romania B. Pratt will commence her summer class for the study of obstetrics and feminine diseases, on Monday, May 5th, at 11 a. m., in her office in the Old Constitution Building. The lectures will be given twice a week and the term will continue six months.

At the close of the class for the last six months, Thursday afternoon, herself and a few of her pupils met at the residence of one of their number, Mrs. Mary E. Van Schoenhoven, 7th Ward, and partook of a dinner complimentary to Mrs. Pratt. The class presented her with mementoes of their esteem, and an enjoyable social was held on the occasion.

Blasting.—Yesterday afternoon Messrs. Hardy and Ayres made some blasting experiments, with a new kind of non-explosive granite powder cartridges which they have just begun to manufacture. A hole ten inches in depth was drilled into a solid, seamless boulder weighing about six tons, and into this hole about one and a half ounces of powder were placed in the usual way, the result being that the rock was burst into four pieces of about equal size. Other experiments quite as successful were made, and the fact was clearly demonstrated that one more branch had been added to the already important industry of powder manufacture in this city.—*Function.*

Exciting Scene.—One of the hitching posts in front of Cutler's Commission store has disappeared. This is how it was done. A fine spirited horse, belonging to Marshall Shaughnessy, had been hitched by its rider to the post, and while the latter was away, broke loose dragging the post after him. Becoming frightened at the clumsy appendage, the horse started off at a furious speed, swinging the post from side to side to the imminent danger of all the heads in the vicinity. After striking the Co-op. hitching rail and a telegraph pole successively with the terrible missile, the terrified animal started down the street, causing such a scattering on all sides as is seldom to be witnessed. On Second South Street he was stopped, but when released from his ugly burden it was found that he had been severely injured thereby.

Careless Shooting.—Yesterday afternoon, while Mr. Hill, of Hill & Hawkins' restaurant, was carrying meat in the rear room of their establishment, a bullet came through the open door from the back, whizzed by his head, and struck the wall on the opposite side, knocking down a teapot by the concussion. It was evidently a spent ball, from the weapon of some person practicing shooting, but a little more and it would have cost Mr. Hill his life. A report of a pistol or gun was heard about the time, by an employee at Crow's harness shop, but the perpetrator of this careless action is so far unknown. It will be well for him to remain so, as there is an ordinance against the reckless use of weapons, particularly within the limits of the city. All who wish to practice with firearms should go outside the walls, and even there be very careful.

Stabbed by a Playmate.—From an Ephraim correspondent, we learn of a serious affair which happened at Fountain Green, Sanpete County, on the 23rd inst. Three boys, two aged nine years, and the other 15, were out herding, when, among other capers, they began to "play Indian." The 15 year old boy, a son of Cornelius Collans, personated the Indian and succeeded in badly scaring one of the younger ones. One of these, seizing the Collans boy, called to the other to come and "fix him." The other little fellow, who was so excited by fear as to render him insensible of what he was doing, ran against his opponent with a two-bladed knife, both blades being open, and stabbed him, saying, "If you are an Indian, I will kill you." The knife entered his back, just below the left shoulder, but luckily slanted downward; had it gone straight, it would likely have inflicted a fatal wound. It was an ugly one as it was, but was dressed by Dr. Crockwell, of Ephraim, and the patient is progressing satisfactorily.

The Provo Factory.—A day or two ago we had the pleasure of going through the Provo woolen mills. This stirring enterprise is included in three spacious buildings, the main one of rock, the other two of adobe, and is situated in the very heart of the town. The Provo River is utilized for water power, and the machinery of the entire establishment is run by two turbine water wheels. The full force of hands employed is 125, 30 of whom are men, and the rest women, girls and boys, superintended by Brother James Dunne. In the first building are the office, salesroom, drying room, store room and carpenter shop, and cloths of various kinds and yarns of all shades of color are kept constantly on hand. In the rock building, which is the main one, is most of the machinery of the establishment. On the lower floor are 4 blanket looms, 6 Crompton cloth looms, 16 Clipper looms for the manufacture of jeans, 21 Jenk's roller looms, for checks and various other fabrics, 6 broad roller looms, for shawls and plaids, and a yarn twister and warp dresser. On the floor above, we find 3 spoolers and 4 self acting "mules" of 720 spindles each, the latter used for spinning yarn. The third floor has 8 sets of cards, 3 to a set, and grinders; and on the next floor are two wool pickers and two renovators, this room also being used to store wool.

The lofty tower above commands an excellent view of Provo and the vicinity.

The third building contains two Evans presses, three fulling mills, three washing mills, two narrow

gigs and one broad one, one cloth bolter and measurer, two brushes, and three shearers. This building is for shearing, scouring, fulling and pressing.

A dying room is also adjoining, in which are five vats and one wool washer. The establishment manufactures its own soap.

Thinking these statistics might be of interest to some, we publish them. At another time we may say more of the process of converting the raw material into fabrics for the trade.

Slighting the Minority.—A noticeable feature at performances where empty seats are in the majority, is the almost universal disposition on the part of the actors to slight their parts, either by cutting them down or playing them without the usual spirit. Particularly is this the general rule at matinees, where families and children are supposed to make up the audience. We are aware that it is easier to perform with spirit in the presence of a crowded auditorium, since the size of an audience is the criterion by which an actor judges the public appreciation of his efforts, and appreciation is a powerful incentive to exertion, but that the performer is "justified in playing off" on his audience, however limited, we cannot agree. If there were but one auditor present, he has paid for admittance just as much as he would have done if there were a thousand there beside himself, and as he has come in all good faith to see the performance, we contend that it is his right to witness, and the duty of the actors to produce, their very best effort for his enjoyment. And unless he can have this satisfaction he feels, if he is a man of intelligence, that he has been defrauded, which is indeed the case, for, to withhold a due return of the price paid, in any business transaction, is dishonest, in the minds of all right thinking people. We recall in this connection the words of Mr. C. W. Coudock, the actor, which sustain our position exactly. This dramatic veteran would always do his best, day or night, before ten or ten thousand, it made no difference, because he recognized the fairness of the principle that every man is entitled to the worth of his money. It is a pity there are not more Coudocks in the profession.

At the "Piafore" matinee, last Saturday, we were pleased to notice that the singers did even better than at any other time previous. True, there was an audience to justify the finest exertion, but for the credit of the company we will suppose that they would have acted the same under other circumstances.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 28.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

A meeting of the Priesthood of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion will be held in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms, on Saturday morning, May 3rd, 1879, at 11 o'clock. A full representation of the Priesthood of the Stake is requested.

ANGUS M. CANNON,
DAVID O. CALDER,
JOSEPH E. TAYLOR.

Home Mission.—The home missionaries of this Stake are requested to meet at the Council House, on Wednesday evening, the 30th inst., at 7 o'clock.

Repairs.—The street in front of the Theatre is being re-graveled and repaired. We hope our country cotemporaries won't infer that this comes from patronizing the drama too heavily.

Returned.—C. R. Savage, Esq., and party returned this morning from their Arizona trip. They made the journey of 3,500 miles, as proposed, but finding no scenery which justified the exercise of his profession of view taking, our genial friend returned to the more prolific regions of happy Utah. Welcome back.

Change of Vocation.—Brother James A. Thompson, for a long time an employee at this office, and for the past few years our associate in the editorial department, takes his departure in a day or two, for Eden, Weber County, where he goes to settle permanently as an agriculturist. He takes with him our best wishes for his success and prosperity in his new line of life.

The Miles Case.—The court room was crowded, to-day, by people

eager to witness the proceedings in the Miles polygamy case, which now occupies the attention of the District Court. The work of empaneling the jury took up the whole day. At last accounts, one juror only, had successfully "passed the Rubicon," of the whole number called and challenged. He is recovering gradually.

Death of Father Thatcher.—We learn by special telegram, that Father Ezekiah Thatcher, of Logan, died at his residence in that city, last night, at 18 minutes to 12 o'clock. The funeral will take place on Wednesday, at 11 a. m. The deceased was the father of Apostle Moses Thatcher, Supt. George Thatcher and other highly respected members of society, and was known for many excellent qualities. Further particulars will soon be obtained. We sympathize deeply with the bereaved family.

Southern States Mission.—We are informed by Elder John Morgan, President of the Southern States Mission, that the following changes have been made in his district: Elder Ralph Smith, George Watson and David C. Dunbar have been released to go to England. Elders A. W. Sabin, P. P. Pratt, C. W. Hardy and John B. Holt have been released to return home.

Elder Morgan desires to see all the Elders who were called to labor in the Southern States Mission at the recent Conference, previous to their departure.

For the North.—On Wednesday morning, Sisters E. R. Snow and E. B. Wells, will start on a trip through the northern counties in the interests of relief societies, young ladies' and primary associations. They will go to Malad early, and returning be in Ogden to attend the Stake Relief Society Conference on the 9th and 10th of May. During the absence of her mother, Miss Annie Wells will attend to the business of the Exponent office.

Educational Association.—The Salt Lake County Educational Association met according to appointment, Saturday afternoon, in the Thirteenth Ward Assembly Rooms, a large audience having assembled to witness the exercises.

After class recitations by Mr. H. A. Wooley's pupils, who illustrated in a very thorough manner his methods of teaching reading, arithmetic and geography, some extemporaneous remarks were made by Professor John Morgan on the necessity of originality in teachers and sufficient freedom being given them to teach according to their own judgment, without being bound down so closely to stereotyped regulations. This was followed by a very interesting and instructive address by Dr. John R. Park on the subject of general education. Mental culture alone was insufficient. The physical training of students should not be neglected. It was the duty of the teacher to understand his pupils and adapt his teachings to different conditions and circumstances. He also adverted to the necessity of proper cultivation of the mental faculties, such as reception, conception, memory and imagination. Mr. William J. Silver followed in a series of remarks on the duties of trustees. Good school-houses and furniture should be provided, and school rooms should be well ventilated. Pipes for heating purposes were better than stoves, as the former preserved a more even temperature which was impossible for the latter to do. He also said that neither trustees nor parents should ever let the children hear them speak disparagingly of the teacher, as it tended to lessen respect for him, and made his task of governing his pupils still more difficult. He also thought drawing should be taught in every school where it was possible. Messrs. W. Fuller, W. J. Silver and H. Cummings were appointed a committee to consider this matter.

The report of the committee on the introduction of music in schools was recommitted for further consideration.

Meeting adjourned for two weeks, to meet in the 12th Ward Assembly Rooms.

The medium-sized boy enjoys his morning's practicing base ball, and humiliates himself afterwards by teasing his mother for half a dollar to pay for the broken glass next door, with an earnest plea "not to let on before dad."