

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 8.

**Lost.**—Yesterday Robert Williams lost a pair of gold framed spectacles. They are a family relic, and the finder will do a good action by leaving them at this office for Robert, who prizes them as having once belonged to his father.

**Trustees Elected.**—At a meeting of the taxpayers of the 11th School District, held last night, the following were elected a board of trustees for the ensuing term of two years—  
Francis Armstrong, W. B. Child and Henry Coulam.

**Convalescent.**—Victor Morris, the little son of Brother R. V. Morris, who was accidentally run over by a street car some time since, and whose right limb had to be amputated, below the knee, in consequence, is now convalescent, being able to leave his bed and move around his room.

**The Fog.**—The fog, which has enveloped everything in an obscuring haze the last few days, cleared away for a little while this forenoon and the sunshine once more lighted up the surroundings with its cheery presence, but the mist soon closed over nature again, shutting out the welcome face of old Sol.

**Coal.**—Yesterday the coal hunger was somewhat appeased by the arrival of a few car loads of the carboniferous material from the Weber mines. To-day we noticed that quite a number of loads, hauled by team, had arrived, and were on the wood and hay market, adjacent to the City Hall, for sale. These haulers should be encouraged on principle.

**Matrimonial.**—Joseph L. Rawlings, Esq., attorney for Salt Lake City, son of Bishop Rawlings, of South Cottonwood, is about to desert the ranks of bachelordom and join those of the benedicts. The young lady who is to become the partner of his joys is Miss Julia E. Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Davis, of the 8th Ward of this city, at whose residence the ceremony will be performed, this evening. We wish happiness and prosperity to the interesting couple.

**A Melancholy Incident.**—We learn that a young man, aged about thirty years, named J. H. Bockholt, until recently a resident of Morgan county, while in a fit of temporary insanity, committed suicide, in the 15th Ward, last night. Coroner Taylor held an inquest over the remains this morning the verdict of the jury being that the deed was committed, as before stated, while deceased was temporarily insane, the evidence adduced showing that he had lately been subject to feelings of despondency.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 9.

**Lifted.**—The fog has lifted several times to-day.

**Lifting.**—The prospects are that we shall have to adopt the New York style of stating important news thus—"The fog has lifted."

**A Duel, or What?**—Shortly before ten o'clock last night a gentleman passing along South Temple Street, on his way home, observed a buggy on each side of the road, not far from Judge Hoge's. Near the vehicles were some men, who appeared to be quarrelling, one of whom was heard to say, with an oath, "Take your position by that white fence." A few moments afterwards, after the gentleman had passed along some distance, a couple of pistol shots were fired by the parties near the buggies. The shots were also heard by numbers of people residing in the neighborhood.

**Weather Report.**—December 9th, 10 a. m.

American Fork—Clear and pleasant.  
Provo—Clear and pleasant.  
Springville—Clear and pleasant.  
Payson—Clear and pleasant.  
York—Very fine.  
Nephi—Clear and pleasant.  
Fairview—Clear and pleasant, very dusty.  
Ephraim—Clear and pleasant.  
Mount Pleasant—Very clear and pleasant.  
Manti—Clear and pleasant, cold nights and morning and warm during the day.  
Salina—Clear and pleasant.  
Richfield—Clear and cold, thermometer 12.

Kaysville—Very foggy and cold.  
Ogden—Foggy and little cold.  
Logan—Clear and cold.  
Franklin, Idaho—Very cold and clear—no snow.  
Paris, Idaho—Clear and pleasant.  
St. George—Clear and pleasant.  
Pine Valley—Clear and pleasant.  
Leeds—Clear and pleasant.

**The Salt Lake Theatre.**—Manager W. T. Harris, of the Salt Lake Theatre, in answer to a published reflection on the means of exit, &c., in case of emergency, with which that building is provided, writes:

*Editor Deseret News:*

"In reply to an assertion by 'Public' concerning the Theatre doors, I can state that there are ample means for clearing the largest audience from our theatre in not more than four or five minutes. In the re-construction of the entrances, the subject was well discussed and every precaution made to prevent calamity. I have also taken pains to record the time occupied in egress by crowded audiences under ordinary circumstances, and have found the entire house to have been empty in less than six minutes.

"As to the means of egress, the doors leading from the parquette and first circle are twenty-five feet wide, occupying one-third of the frontage of the building. The two doors opening from the second circle are six feet each in width, while those from the third circle are the same width, all doors opening outwards. Furthermore, the double outer doors from the proscenium boxes are five feet wide, opening outwards.

"As far as the stage egress is concerned, there are three large windows, three feet wide, on the west side; four on the east side, one four feet wide, the others three feet wide, and at the rear of the building two windows three feet wide, and one large opening through which a wagon can be driven. These are all on the ground floor. On the second story, about twelve feet from the ground outside, there are five windows three feet wide, in all affording ample and not dangerous methods of escape for all performers and a large portion of the audience.

"At the time gas was introduced into the building every care was taken to prevent its contact with the scenery and properties, and it might here be stated that not the slightest accident has ever occurred in this respect. In addition to this, all the scenery is painted with a compound that renders it incombustible.

"Between the ceiling and the roof are two huge tanks constantly filled with water, containing three thousand gallons, which are arranged with three hose attachments, capable of instantly deluging the stage in case of fire. There are also throughout the building a number of Babcock extinguishers charged with carbonic acid gas and fitted with hose so as to smother any ordinary fire.

"In conclusion, I would say that thirteen years' experience in the theatrical business in various parts of the United States has conclusively proven to me that no theatre could be better arranged to prevent accident from panic or other cause than the Salt Lake theatre; and I take pleasure in presenting these facts in order to reassure any persons who may have become timid."

**Mutual Improvement Association.**—The adjourned meeting of officers and members of Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, for the purpose of effecting a central organization for the Territory, to stand at the head of the entire movement, was held last night, at the Council House, a goodly representation from the various societies of the city being in attendance.

John Henry Smith was unanimously elected temporary chairman and John Nicholson Secretary.

The chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting, reviewed some of the labors of himself, Junius F. Wells, M. H. Hardy and B. M. Young, in organizing Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations in the Territory, dwelt on the necessity of a central committee, to keep the interest alive, and declared himself heart and soul in the movement, as it was a most commendable and necessary work, the leading object of which was to make the youth among the Latter-day Saints well informed and

in every way creditable representatives of the Kingdom of God.

A permanent central organization being in order, the following officers were unanimously elected—

President, with authority to choose two counsellors, Junius F. Wells; Secretary, John Nicholson; Assistant Secretary, Richard W. Young; Corresponding Secretary and Reporter, George F. Gibbs; Treasurer, Mathoni W. Pratt.

A few remarks were made, on the importance of the steps taken for the improvement of the youth, by W. H. H. Sharp, and he was followed in a spirited and instructive address from the President, J. F. Wells, who stated the paramount object of the whole movement to be to aid in placing the youth of Israel in perfect accord with the truths of the everlasting gospel and consequently the will of God in building up his kingdom. Any society organized for the benefit of the young, among the saints, which had this object in view, and the sustaining of the authorities of the Church, was, in his opinion, entitled to a representation in the central board, which would not, of itself, be a society for engaging in exercises for the mutual improvement of its members, but would be an active, working committee for the reception and transmission of correspondence between itself and the various associations throughout the Territory, and also, under the direction and counsel of the authorities of the Church, to keep up a missionary connection with the various organizations; in fact, to transact all necessary business for the furtherance and attainment of the objects of the movement.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that the president of each of the improvement associations in the Territory be a member of the Central Organization, and that, in case of being unable to attend its deliberations personally, he have authority to send a representative from the association over which he presides.

The meeting then adjourned sine die, after Saturday evening, the 16th inst., at seven o'clock, at the Council House, being appointed as the time for the first meeting of the Central Organization. The Presidents of the various societies of the city and adjacent Wards are particularly and cordially requested to be present, as active measures will then be taken for the furtherance of the objects of the movement.

J. NICHOLSON,  
Secretary.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 11.

**June and January.**—The Ogden Junction notes the marriage, at Logan, by Judge Cranney, of Mr. Prior Glazier, aged 22, to Mrs. Sarah Bateman (widow), aged 58, both of Richmond.

**Manslaughter.**—We understand that the jury in the trial of Peter Peterson, for the killing of Larsen, at Ephraim, Sanpete, returned a verdict to-day of "involuntary manslaughter."

**Ogden.**—We were pleased to receive a fraternal visit to day from C. W. Penrose, Esq., editor of the Junction. We learn from him the gratifying fact that small-pox has almost disappeared from Ogden, and that, unless there should be another "break-out," the malady will have entirely vanished in about another week.

Mr. Penrose enjoyed his short visit to San Francisco very much, and is delighted with the appearance of the country westward.

**His Best.**—Mr. Fred. Lambourne has nearly completed a picture of "The Cliffs of Green River." This young artist is improving rapidly in his profession, this last production of his brush being, in our view his best. It has a good perspective, the river is nicely painted, and the cliffs are well defined and are in excellent relief. The principal improvement on former productions, however, is in the coloring. It is really a creditable painting, possessing artistic merit. It is at Mr. Savage's gallery.

**A Lovely Picture.**—This morning the City presented a picture of great loveliness. For a short time the fog, that has enveloped everything for a number of days past, dispelled, opening to the view, whether from the bench north or east, or from the plain below, to the southward, a scene of most exquisite beauty, the trees and foliage, in fact all vegetation, being covered with a thick coating of pure, white,

snowy, frozen particles of condensed moisture, which sparkled and glittered in the glad sunlight, creating a dazzling splendor, as if the city were a bride clothed in garments of exquisite whiteness, bespangled with glittering gems.

The sight was beyond the descriptive power of word-painting or the delineative ability of the artist's brush, being inimitable in its purity and beauty.

**Lifted.**—The fog lifted for a few hours yesterday, and for a shorter time to-day.

## By Telegraph.

AMERICAN.

NEW YORK, 7. — Fire Marshal Ready resumed his investigations this morning.

G. A. Weisman, of the mounted squad, testified that he was in the theatre in citizen's clothes, when the fire occurred. From the dress circle he saw the flames burning the scenery. He rushed forward to open the doors. The actors quieted the audience for a moment. He waited at the doors till the spectators were all out, and then closed the doors to keep the draught out. The people were coming down from the gallery, but suddenly stopped. To use his own words: "I ran to see what was the matter; as I got to the top of the first flight of stairs, there was a lady who, in coming down, got her leg caught in the balusters, a large man fell over her, and others falling over him made a heap which those in the rear could not pass. There were full fifty or sixty persons packed in a heap at the foot of the second flight of stairs. The stairs were open all the way down from that point, and above the stairs were four or five vacant steps. From the steps at this time, the smoke was very dense. It was not three minutes after the fire broke out till the curtain was lowered and took fire, and this had the effect of sending the flames up to the gallery. I looked at it for about three seconds and then closed the door of the parquette. Persons who were piled up in a heap cried to me to help them, and I did get some in the rear to fall back until I got a man and woman out. Seeing these two get out they all rushed forward, and again blocked up the passage. I tried to extricate the woman whose leg was caught in the railing, but she was held fast. An usher came up to assist me, and we made a small place among them. We tore the dresses off some of them, but we got them all out. I then went up into the dress circle. I found a woman there and took her out. There must have been other persons there, for I heard cries, but I could not see them on account of the smoke. I know there must have been several other persons in the dress circle who were overtaken by the fire. I was then getting weak, and I dropped to the floor to get fresh air. The smoke was black and had a very suffocating smell. I am an old fireman and never experienced smoke so suffocating. I was not in the smoke more than a minute, and yet I could not breathe. The first and second galleries, and even the stairs, were at the time filled with suffocating smoke. No human being could live in that smoke two minutes. I heard a thumping noise as if some persons were jumping out of the windows; at the time it was utterly impossible to get up in the top gallery. I was nearly suffocated when I got out. I know the people were all taken from the dress circle stairs, but I heard cries inside. I called out, 'Where are you?' but I got no answer. When I got down on the floor I heard a thumping noise, as though they were jumping out of the upper gallery. If they had jumped from the gallery to the dress circle the smoke was so dense I could not have seen them. There was no breaking of the stairs while I was there. I am pretty sure that all in the dress circle did not get out alive." The evidence of this officer is the clearest description of the terrible struggle by the audience to escape from the burning building yet given.

There was even a larger crowd around the Morgue this morning than yesterday. There are very few identified, however, as it is impossible that there can be many, the features being for the most part unrecognizable. The tickets were many of them, lost in the crowd, and the clothing has been either

all destroyed or burned into mere rags.

At the Adams Street Morgue the scene was horrible. Many charred bodies lay on the floor which could neither be identified nor distinguished as male or female. "My God," said one poor woman, gazing on a mass of charred bones, "that may be my boy, but who can prove it?" The remains of Dr. Franklin, dentist, on Portland Avenue, were recognized by the initials on his shirt collar.

Captain Crofts reports a distressing case, that of Mrs. Smith, a widow lady and daughter. Mrs. Simpson left her residence on Tuesday evening to attend the theatre, leaving a servant girl and an adopted orphan child alone in the house; neither have returned, and, having no friends in the city, cannot be identified. Mrs. Simpson's husband is expected home from a long voyage on Saturday. The undertakers are very busy and the police, with difficulty, kept the streets in the vicinity clear enough for the passage of vehicles. Pitiful scenes are occurring every hour; 297 bodies have been put in the Morgue. The mortality will probably reach 350.

Mr. Sheridan Shook was at the police station, reticent and intensely affected by the affair. Palmer is ill from constant work since the disaster, but Rogers, the stage manager, and Secretary Gauge are empowered and anxious to furnish relief to those distressed who are suffering from the calamity. Union Square Theatre is closed until after the funeral of the victims of this awful calamity.

A report was circulated this morning that a number of persons got down stairs into the basement during the fire, and were making their exit through the grating when the police closed the grating and ordered them to go out the other way.

The aldermen and supervisors met jointly, to-day, to provide for the public burial of the unidentified bodies. The offer of the directors of the Greenwood Cemetery of a lot for one hundred bodies was accepted.

The proprietors of the Park Theatre and Hooley's Opera House offered services in behalf of the sufferers. The Academy of Music will be used for memorial services on Sunday at 2 o'clock p.m.; at which Bishop Littlejohn, Bishop Loughton, Rev. Dr. Cuyler, Rev. Dr. Scudder, Rev. Dr. A. P. Putnam, Rev. A. S. Walsh, Rev. Dr. Steimle, Rev. H. H. Nye, Rabbi Brandenstein, and many others will be present.

Members of the 13th Regiment have taken the places of the police at the Morgue, Theatre and other places, the latter being exhausted. At the investigation of the Fire Marshal, this afternoon, Samuel W. Hastings, ticket receiver, Geo. Keeney, property man, and Charles Straub, the party who made his escape from the gallery, were all examined and gave their versions of the calamity.

Thomas R. Jackson, architect of the Theatre, testified to the structure of the building and its dimensions. He said the Brooklyn Theatre was as well provided with means of exit as any theatre. Witness knows that when the Theatre was erected particular attention was paid to the gas-jets and border lights.

A meeting of actors and others was held this afternoon at the Park Theatre to take action in regard to the calamity. A committee was appointed to arrange plays to be performed in the different theatres for the benefit of the sufferers. A committee of citizens was also appointed to relieve the immediate wants of the sufferers. Over \$1,500 was subscribed towards the relief fund. A number of theatres have tendered performances. Resolutions of regret at the loss of the actors Murdock and Burrows, and condolence with their families were adopted.

The City Hall, Brooklyn, was ordered by the aldermen to be draped in mourning out of respect to the dead.

The Board of Aldermen, this afternoon, passed resolutions, deploring the calamity and sympathizing with the unfortunate families of the victims. Mayor Wickham was requested by them to call upon the citizens for contributions to alleviate the distress which would surely follow this visitation.

ALBANY, 8.—A fire broke out in the Adephe Theatre this morning, and the entire interior of the building was consumed.