

Postoffice Burglarized.

MANTI, U. T., March 30th, 1888.—Special to the DESERET NEWS.—The postoffice here was entered last night between 8 and 10:30 by some person breaking the glass in the side door and locking the door from the inside, a key having been left on the inside of the door for supposed safety so that it could not be unlocked from the outside. The postmaster went out by the back door. The burglar got away with about \$250 in cash and three registered packages. No clue to the robbers as yet.

In Denver.

The Salt Lake delegation to the International Range convention, number twenty of Zion's solid business men, are now all in town, the last coming in last evening on the third section of the Salt Lake express, which arrived three hours late. While attending the convention the Salt Lake delegation will be in the city, in consequence of the influx of eastern capital and vigor, has awakened from her long years' sleep and is rapidly growing. The Utah men are working under the direction of the executive committee consisting of Major W. Sells, formerly of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas; Judge H. H. Benson, formerly of the Iowa bench, and T. A. Ackersham, a prominent business man. These have headquarters at the Bingham Hotel, whence will be dispatched a vast amount of Utah literature and photographic views; and the delegation, individually and collectively, will set forth the Territory's rapidly developing resources in glowing terms. They have plenty of pertinent facts to back their arguments and will no doubt induce a number of visiting capitalists to take in Salt Lake their way home.—Denver News, March 20.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAR. 31, 1888.

Jury Disagreed.

The jury in the suit of Francis R. Anderson vs. Samuel C. Ewing came to the Third District Court this morning, having been wrestling all night with the question submitted to them. The claim of the plaintiff is for \$10, which she had paid to the defendant for a horse, and which was not as represented; she had subsequently sold the animal for \$75. It was stated that on the question on which the jury failed to agree they were evenly divided. All were in favor of finding a verdict against Mr. Ewing, but six wanted to give Mrs. Anderson the full amount and the others voted for a slight reduction, and neither party would surrender.

Probate Court.

Proceedings in the Salt Lake County Probate Court yesterday: In the matter of the estate of A. F. Switz, deceased; John T. Gilmer and J. E. Dooley sworn and examined to certain transactions between themselves and the deceased, in relation to Stewart Mining Company stock. Mr. Gilmer stated that the stock in controversy had been deposited in escrow in Wells, Fargo & Co.'s bank, and now held by said bank, subject to their order. Estate of J. G. Romney, deceased; after made appointing time and place to hear petition for admission to probate of a document purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased. Estate of John A. Bouck, deceased; after made appointing time and place to hear the petition of Elizabeth Bouck, praying for the admission to probate of a document purporting to be the will of said deceased. Estate of John A. Halvorsen, deceased; order made of publication of notice to creditors.

He Wanted to Die.

The latest individual up to date who contemplated suicide is Fred. K. Hagen, who has figured in the Police Court on more than one occasion because of quarrels with his wife. The couple have not dwelt happily together some time, and recently separated. H. took with her their three children, two boys and a girl and has been living on First South Street, but the father having been raised, she sold out her household furniture, preparatory to leaving. When the sale was finished she packed up a small parcel of clothing, sent it to the two boys—eight and seven, respectively—and saying that she had provided for them as long as she was able to, told them to hunt their father up and let him furnish them a home. They started out yesterday morning, and after searching around for a while found their father. However, he deserted them and went to a saloon. The little fellows wandered about till late in the afternoon, having been without food all day, when they found their way to the City Hall. When he left them, their father had given them a note to take to their mother, but in going back to their former home they found that she and the little girl had departed. The note is in Swedish, and reads as follows: "Old woman, you understand what I now have brought on me. Are you really? Why don't you send your children to an orphan's home? There is no hope; you will never see me any more in this life. I am going to die in the spirit world. Farewell,

Augusta. You have ruined me forever. You have no conscience. Oh! I have no life.

Yours forever, KARL."

The police hunted Hollingren up, and took him to task for his course. He declared that his life had become so miserable with his spouse that he wanted to die, and contemplated self-destruction. He changed his mind, however, and started off with the boys to place them in the Orphan's Home. After Hollingren had gone, Mrs. H. came to the Hall and inquired for the boys, her conscience having smitten her at having turned them out. She pleaded that she was unable to provide for them and that their father failed to do so. When told where they had been taken to she departed, apparently better satisfied.

THE FULL TERM.

Wm. R. Smith Sent to the Penitentiary.

This afternoon William R. Smith, President of the Davis County Stake, was called to receive sentence on a plea of guilty to unlawful cohabitation. Judge McBride, in behalf of the defendant, asked the court to postpone sentence for three weeks, to permit Mr. Smith to attend to some personal business.

Mr. Peters objected to the postponement, and Judge Zane refused to grant the request.

The Court then said—Mr. Smith, what have you to say? Do you intend to obey the law in the future?

Judge McBride said he had a statement written by the defendant, which he desired the Court to listen to. The paper was then read:

May it please your honor: I desire to make a statement. I have lived nearly sixty-two years, and for the first time I am now arraigned before a court of justice, having been charged with breaking the laws of my country. I will here state that I married three of my wives between thirty and forty years ago. I married my last wife some twenty years since, and for the last three or four years she had been an invalid, a great portion of the time confined to her room and much of the time to her bed. The condition and circumstances with which she is now surrounded are likely to hasten her to an untimely grave. When we entered the marriage contract, to our understanding there was no law against it. They are the mothers of my children and the grandmothers of my grand-children. Our children are our seals to the agreement and our grand-children are duplicate seals to the same, and consequently parties in interest. It sexual intercourse of itself constituted the offense with which I am charged, covered by the time of the indictment, I could not admit that I am guilty. I can state that I have not consorted or advised, in public or private, any one to break the laws of the land. I hold that all men are equally responsible before the law. And while I have no desire, in the least degree, to put myself in a defiant position to the laws of my country, unless I could stifle every sense of honor and manhood, and blot out every feeling of humanity from my soul, I could not repudiate the contracts before mentioned, without the free consent and desire of all parties in interest; and it is my desire, so far as I may have the opportunity, to provide for the wants and necessities of those women who are the mothers of my children; whose gray hairs show unmistakable evidence of their decline in life. If I could prove to your honor, and it would free me from punishment, that for the three years covered by the indictment I had not visited either of the houses of those women to inquire after the wants of their families and provide for their necessities, and had not assisted them in the hour of affliction and sore trial; that I had not given them any more recognition than though they were strangers, the verdict of my heart would be that I was entirely destitute of moral courage and that I was deserving of just condemnation. I would prefer to suffer punishment undeserved rather than escape under those circumstances, when it was justly deserved. Those women have their own homes and farms, and hold the title to them in their own right; and so far as peace and good order are concerned, they will compare favorably with the same number anywhere, and I am grateful to state that up to the present not one disgraceful act has or can be recorded against any one of my families. If it please your honor, I respectfully ask you to defer sentence until you have carefully considered all the facts and conditions in the above statements. Having full confidence in your intelligence and high sense of honor, equity and justice, I trust that you will use the discretion you possess and mete out to me the same measure that you would desire meted out to you if our conditions were reversed. Thanking you for your indulgence and patience, I have no more to say.

Court (to defendant)—How many wives have you?

Mr. Smith—I have four.

Court—You have a lawful wife?

Mr. Smith—Yes, sir.

Court—What is the reason you cannot promise to live with her alone in the future?

Mr. Smith—My reasons are given in my statement.

The Court then read President Smith's lecture on the expediency of the

offense of having more wives than one, and said: "The court would not be impartial to sentence poor and ignorant men to the penitentiary, for the full term, and be lenient to you, a President of a Stake, and a man of influence in the Church." He then sentenced Mr. Smith to six months and to pay a fine of \$300 and costs.

After a pause, Judge Zane said—I wish here to remark that in some of these cases, gentlemen, presuming on their personal friendship with me, have approached me, to influence my judgment in these cases. I wish to say that I do not want any more of such proceedings. This does not apply to Judge McBride, who has represented the defendant here.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 2, 1888.

Sudden Death.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the Cullen Hotel in this city, Charles Marsh died suddenly. He was from Leadville, Colorado. Cerebral apoplexy was the cause of death. Mr. Marsh has been investing in Salt Lake real estate. His wife came with him to this city.

An Imprisoned Infant III.

The infant of the lady from American Fork who is confined in the penitentiary for contempt, is said to be dangerously ill. The mother was committed by Judge Henderson for refusing to answer questions in relation to who is the father of her child. A physician went up to the penitentiary today to examine the little sufferer, and it is probable that the mother will be released on bail pending its recovery.

A Horrible Crime.

A correspondent writing from Wilford, Bingham County, Idaho, March 22nd, says that on that day Edward Cheney was taken before Justice Carter, of Rexburg, by Constable S. Jones, and arraigned on a charge of incest with his own daughter, whose name is given as Felice, and who has given birth to a child. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sent to Blackfoot for safe keeping, to await the action of the grand jury.

Attempted Burglary.

At an early hour yesterday morning two men attempted to enter the house of Arthur Winter, in the Nineteenth Ward. One of them went to the front and the other to the rear door, and the latter tried to burst the door open. Mrs. Winter heard the noise and roused her husband, who arose and went into the back room. He formed the impression that some one had been in that room and had just left it, and he then went to the front door and opened it, finding himself face to face with a man in the door way. The would-be burglars took to their heels, without doing further damage than disturbing the inmates of the house.

Ogden News.

A few days ago a young man named John Wilson was amusing himself by sliding down the banister on the stairway of the Union Opera House. He continued it for some time till finally his foot caught and he was precipitated to the bottom. The result was a broken arm and a badly bruised face. Dr. Powers attended the sufferer and made him as comfortable as possible. He is now improving rapidly.

Last Friday the 4-year-old daughter of James Witherspoon was playfully running across the floor, when she fell and broke her arm. Dr. Perkins was sent for and on his arrival the bone was set and the little sufferer made as comfortable as possible.

Yesterday morning the bells tolled forth the dismal alarm of fire, and the members of the fire brigade rushed to their post with all the speed they could muster. The fire was found to be of but small proportions, a chimney on the house of Mr. Stone, corner of Wall and Eighth Streets, having emitted a few sparks, which, falling on the roof, started a fire that was quickly put out by a bucket brigade before any serious damage was done.

Last Wednesday night Frank Messervy, son of Joshua M. Messervy, of Hooper, was attending a dance, at that place when he was taken suddenly ill with cramp colic and had to be carried home. On Thursday afternoon he died of this complaint. He was buried yesterday at 11 a.m. The speakers at the funeral services were Bishop Belnap and Lewis A. Cox. The deceased was 25 years of age.—Ogden Standard, April 1.

TERRITORIAL SUPREME COURT.

The Church Cases to Come Up on April 7th.

The Territorial Supreme Court met in this city at 11:30 today, Chief Justice Zane and Associate Justices Boreman and Henderson being present. Albert D. Elliott, T. L. Gardner and John W. Blackburn were admitted to the bar.

P. L. Williams, attorney for Marshal Dyer in the latter's capacity as receiver in the suit of the government against the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, asked that an early date be set for the hearing of the arguments on the receiver's application

for about \$12,000 personal property which the receiver claimed, and which it was urged belonged to the office of the Presiding Bishop, and not to the Church corporation.

There was some question as to what should be done with the testimony, which is very voluminous. Finally, at Judge Henderson's suggestion, each of the judges was furnished with a copy, to take home and read.

Mr. Williams repeatedly urged the early hearing of the application, and said that although it imposed a great deal of extra work on the court, yet this was a comparatively small beginning and gave but a faint idea of what he thought would come. He wanted the matter hurried up.

Mr. Young didn't understand why Mr. Williams was in such a rush to get the property he was asking for. It was perfectly safe, there not being even a pretense that it was in danger of being spirited away.

After consultation, on the part of the judges, the case was set for Saturday, April 7, at 10 a. m., when the arguments are to be made.

District Attorney Peters called up the contempt case against M. M. Sheets, and the witness still refusing to testify, he was ordered committed to the custody of the Marshal until he changed his mind or was released by process of law.

The Court appointed James N. Louder United States Commissioner at Silver Reef, Utah.

The writ of prohibition issued by the court, forbidding United States Commissioner Carrington, of Brigham City, from proceeding against E. H. Pierce, for alleged contempt in writing certain communications to the Salt Lake Herald, was taken up. The arguments are being made by O. W. Powers and J. L. Rawlins.

The accounts of Commissioner Norrell were approved.

MORONI M. SHEETS

Will Not Testify in the Church Cases, and is Imprisoned.

At the session of the Territorial Supreme Court today District Attorney Peters called up the proceedings against Moroni M. Sheets, who was subpoenaed as a witness in the proceedings against the Church and refused to testify. Mr. Peters said to the Court, "Mr. Sheets flatly refuses to answer each and every question which your honors held to be material. He is now in court, and I think your honors should deal with him."

Mr. Sheets was then called forward and was sworn, under the instruction of the court.

District Attorney Peters then asked—Where do you reside, Mr. Sheets?

Mr. Sheets—In Salt Lake City, sir.

Mr. Peters—What is your business?

Mr. Sheets—I decline to answer any and every question relative to my business and employment.

Mr. Peters—In whose employ are you?

Mr. Sheets—I decline to answer, sir.

A number of other questions were put, and received the same reply. The list of interrogations is as follows:

Are you employed by Bishop Preston?

What are your duties, Mr. Sheets, in that employment?

How long have you been so employed?

You may state whether or not you are employed as an agent of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

Are you engaged in business connected with the farm down there in Mill Creek Ward?

What is the name of the farm with which you are connected?

Is it the Jordan Stock Farm?

Are you paid for your services as Church agent as an employee of Bishop Preston?

By whom are you paid for such services?

Did you ever see Mr. Dyer at the farm in the capacity of receiver, or on that business?

You may state whether or not there is any live stock on that farm?

Are there not some cattle there that have been there for some months past?

Is there a sorrel stallion on the farm to which I have directed your attention?

Are there two gray horses there?

Are there some pigs, seven head?

Are there any ponies there?

State whether or not there are any seasons upon that farm?

Were there any wagons there in December last?

You may state whether or not there was a bob-tail red steer in December last?

Was there a Jersey bull there last December?

Is there any there now?

Were there four mowing machines in December last?

Were there any mowing machines there at all at that time; if so, how many?

Are there any there at this time?

When were they there last?

Were there any there last summer in haying time?

Judge Zane inquired of Mr. Sheets—You declined to answer these questions before the examiner, and you still do so, and decline to answer them here?

Mr. Sheets—Yes, sir.

The court then held a short consultation, after which Judge Zane said—"The court is of the opinion that the witness must be committed for contempt in refusing to answer. He will be com-

mitted to the custody of the Marshal until he purges himself of the contempt or answers the questions, or is discharged by the court."

Mr. Sheets was taken out to the penitentiary this afternoon. The proceedings are not yet finally closed.

Mortuary.

The following is Sexton Taylor's report of the deaths in this city during the month of March:

Apoplexy.....	1
Accidental.....	1
Brain (softening of).....	1
Cancer.....	2
Consumption (phthisis pulmonalis).....	1
Convulsions (infantile).....	3
Croup.....	1
Debility (general).....	1
Diabetes.....	1
Dropsy (general).....	2
Fever (typhoid).....	2
(scarlet).....	1
Hemorrhage (internal).....	1
Heart disease.....	1
Inflammation of bowels.....	2
Lung disease (acute).....	3
Old age.....	3
Peritonitis.....	1
Strangulated hernia.....	2
Suicide.....	1
Tumor.....	3
Not reported.....	2

Total..... 39

SEX OF DECEDENTS.

Males.....	18
Females.....	21

AGES.

Under 1 year.....	6
1 to 5 years.....	7
5 to 10 years.....	1
10 to 20 years.....	1
Over 20 years.....	24

NATIVITIES.

Utah, 18; other parts of the United States, 5; England, 7; Scotland, 3; Scandinavia, 3; Switzerland, 1; not reported, 2. Add to the above 3 persons from country places and 4 still births, will make the total of interments 46.

JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,  
City Sexton.

Says the Cincinnati Enquirer: "Noticing the death of a prominent citizen of Hartford from a piece of peanut shell, the Times of that city takes occasion to again warn people against swallowing the seeds of grapes, oranges, etc., because of the danger of such substances getting into a small intestinal bag, or cul-de-sac, called by doctors the appendix veriformis. This is a receptacle formed at the junction of the large and small intestines, but its use or object no physician knows. It has been thought to be a rudimentary or incomplete formation, or, possibly, some meaningless survival of a lost anterior type. At any rate, the existence, while presenting no apparent reason for being, as the French say, is, on the other hand, a positive and constant source of danger, because of the liability of its becoming the receptacle of some undigested seed or other indigestible substance. In that case it produces a state of inflammation, which in nearly all cases, proves fatal. Fortunately few seeds among the great number so heedlessly swallowed seem to get into this little death-trap, although any one seems likely to lodge there."

Elder B. H. Roberts is using his pen in vigorous style in Great Britain in defense of the Latter-day Saints. Some of the English papers are liberal enough to open their columns to him in repelling scandalous assaults made through the public journals upon the "Mormon" people.



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