

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 24.

**Grand Jury.**

The grand jury for the Third District came into court and reported that they had found seventeen indictments since the opening of the September term. Of this number one was under a Territorial law, and is probably for murder against Neal Mulloy, as the witnesses to that case were before the inquisitors this week. The remaining sixteen are under United States laws—almost all presumably under the Edmunds law.

**Third District Court.**

To-day Wm. S. Muir, of Bountiful, formerly arraigned on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, entered his plea of not guilty. His trial was set for Thursday, September 29th.

The case of polygamy against Thos. F. Harris—a non-"Mormon"—was called up, but owing to the absence of two material witnesses—Deputy Exum, in Ogden, and H. H. Henderson, in Provo—the trial was continued till Monday next. Arthur Brown is conducting the defense.

**Made a Citizen.**

Yesterday, Mr. H. G. Richins went to Salt Lake City and made application for citizenship in the Third District Court. The usual questions were asked him and were answered satisfactorily. Judge Zane ordered that Mr. Richins be admitted and the gentleman is now a full-fledged American citizen. Mr. Richins applied for citizenship in the First District Court last Saturday, but was refused by Judge Henderson on account of his refusal to state what was his religious belief. —Ogden Herald Sept. 24.

**First District Court.**

A telephone message received shortly before noon to-day conveyed the following intelligence respecting court proceedings in Provo:

United States vs. Victor Sandgreen; jury brought in a verdict of guilty. October 13th fixed for sentence.

The bonds of defendant Harris were declared forfeited.

United States vs. Gilbert Hoffman; dismissed.

People vs. Dennis Connor and Tim Sullivan; continued for the term.

United States vs. S. W. Hardy; defendant arraigned and pleaded not guilty; case set for trial October 4th.

The grand jury brought in several indictments, after which the court adjourned until Monday.

**Out All Night.**

On Thursday evening, when the trustees at the penitentiary were called in from working out in the field, one of the number was missing. This was Mr. Solomon A. Wilcox. The gentleman is undergoing imprisonment for living with more than one wife, and having been in very feeble health, was permitted in the field, with the hope that it would improve his condition. A vigorous search was instituted, and kept up till late at night, but without success. About 5 a.m. yesterday, however, he was discovered slowly making his way towards the bastille. Investigation showed that he had been taken by a spell of weakness, such as he is subject to, and had fallen down a back a few feet high. He had been unable to rise, and had lain there several hours. He received no injuries or bad results from his experience. No blame attaches to anyone in the matter.

**Evidently a Bilk.**

A man about five feet nine inches in height and weighing from 140 to 150 pounds, of sandy complexion, with sandy hair sprinkled with gray, worn quite long and cut squarely at the ends, who is apparently about fifty years of age, and has only one arm visible, has been annoying the people of South and West Jordan. He claims to have lost an arm in Oregon, and on the strength of being a cripple solicits alms. In some instances he even dictates the amount of the donation, which he never fixes at less than one dollar.

Having previously learned by inquiry, the name of the person at whose house he calls, he very familiarly addresses him as "Brother." Or if the man is absent he calls the lady of the house "Sister." If it is day time he will remain from one to three hours; if night is approaching he prepares to stop as if he was a familiar friend. One man at whose house he stopped told the self-imposed guest that he was not a "Mormon," to which the guest replied: "Neither am I; but I say so because I get along much better with the Mormon people," but when his host announced himself a Latter-day Saint, it quite disconcerted the stranger.

He became quite impudent at the residence of a non-"Mormon" who took hold of him to eject him from the premises, and this man declares he felt the lost arm hanging close to the alleged cripple's side. The latter gives his name as Caboon or Coon, is very talkative and is anxious to learn all about family relationships. When he can get a favorable opportunity he plies children with questions about polygamous families in the neighborhood. He should be shunned as an impostor and a spy.

There was another break in the city canal at Union, on Saturday. The break is at the same place as the one on July 24th last. It is being repaired.

**FREAKS OF ELECTRIC FLUID.****Four Valuable Horses Instantly Killed.**

About seven o'clock this morning (Sept. 24th), during the prevalence of a thunder storm at Big Cottonwood, this county, four blooded horses belonging to David McDonald, of that place, clustered close together, apparently for mutual protection. Their heads were toward the north, and their flanks toward the storm. There was a terrific peal of thunder, during the prevalence of which a bolt struck one of the horses and all four were instantly killed. The electric fluid struck the animal on the ear, passed to the breast, where it parted into two currents, one going down the left front leg and the other along the side and down the right hind leg, the hide being burned along its course. There were no marks upon any of the others, they having been simply killed by the shock. The incident involves quite a heavy loss to Mr. McDonald, the aggregate value of the animals being \$600.

At the same instant Mrs. Frances McDonald, who was, at the time the horses were killed, about a quarter of a mile distant from them, was powerfully shocked by electricity. She was holding the lid of a pan in her hand, when her arm was twisted so as to turn the hand clear around. She immersed her hand in water and the shock at once subsided.

At East Mill Creek, about daylight this morning, a valuable horse, belonging to Mr. Neff, was struck by lightning and killed.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY SEPT. 26.

**Logan Temple.**

We are requested to state that Logan Temple will close on Saturday, October 1st, and open again on Monday, October 10th.

**The Polygamy Case.**

The trial of Thomas F. Harris on the charge of polygamy, which was set for hearing in the Third District Court this morning, was continued until the Morris case should close this afternoon.

**Discharged.**

On the hearing Saturday afternoon of the charge of rape against Sergeant Wm. Stafford, of Fort Douglas, the girl testified that the defendant used no force, and he was accordingly discharged. The grand jury have in this a clear case of fornication, according to the statements of both parties, for prosecution under the Edmunds law.

**To the Full Term.**

This afternoon was the date set for passing sentence upon Joseph H. Ridges, who had entered a plea of guilty to the charge of unlawful cohabitation. He stated that he could make no promise as to his future conduct in reference to the law, and was sentenced to six months in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$25, and costs of the prosecution. He was transferred to the bastille to remain in durand vile for the coming half-year.

**A Thief's Trick.**

On Saturday night a gentleman from Lehi left his team on First East Street. When he returned from attending to some business one of his horses was gone. He started out on a search for the missing animal, and discovered a man riding it toward the Hot Springs. As soon as the gentleman rode up, the thief, who saw that he was discovered, sprang from the horse and made off through the fields, leaving the owner of the animal considerably surprised by the proceeding.

**Battery D's Out.**

On Thursday next Light Battery D, Fifth Artillery, with guns and horses, will start from Fort Douglas, for a march of about fifteen days in the Territory. The precise route that will be taken by the "boys" has not been definitely determined, but part of it will probably be up the Weber River to Provo Valley and then down the cañon to Utah Valley. The outing is to give the troops a short experience in campaigning out in this section and for exercise for the men and horses. Captain Kinzie will command and Lieutenants Bush and Young will accompany the battery.

**Sent to Prison.**

This morning Henry Beckstead, Esq., of South Jordan, came into the Third District Court and changed his plea to guilty on the charge of unlawful cohabitation. His sentence was fixed for 2 p.m. At that hour Mr. Beckstead came forward, and upon replying to the Court, stated that he had no promise to make as to his future conduct. He was sentenced to be imprisoned for six months and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of prosecution. He was taken to the penitentiary this afternoon.

**Sudden Death of a Child.**

At an early hour yesterday morning a daughter of Samuel H. and Martha M. Hill, of the Fourteenth Ward, aged three years and nearly seven months, was taken suddenly ill with convulsions, and died in a few hours, though seemingly quite well up to the moment of the attack. The case is regarded as

a singular as well as sad one. The funeral will take place at the parents' residence, 157 s. Second West Street, at 2 p.m. to-morrow, Tuesday.

**THE MORRIS CASE.****Elias Morris Tried on the Charge of Unlawful Cohabitation.**

The only "Mormon" whose trial for an offense under the Edmunds law was taken up for to-day, was Elias Morris, against whom an indictment had been found charging unlawful cohabitation. The defendant waived the reading of the indictment and entered a plea of not guilty, and a jury was empaneled to hear the case.

It was discovered at this juncture that Deputy Roman Cannon, one of the witnesses for the prosecution, was absent, having gone north into the country, with the intention of remaining until to-morrow evening. Mr. Peters stated that the deputy was a material witness in the case, and that he could not proceed to trial without him. It was finally ascertained that Mr. Cannon could be reached at Farmington, and would be present at 2 p.m. The following jurors were sworn:

A. C. Briggs, L. C. Best, W. A. Stanton, E. A. Andrews, John Humphrey, Wm. P. Bacon, E. O. Warrick, Wm. Shaughnessy, J. M. Martin, James Johnson, Wm. B. Tripp, E. D. Egan.

At the request of Mr. Peters the witnesses were ordered separated.

Mrs. Mary E. Morris was called to testify. She said—I live in the 15th Ward, Salt Lake City; have lived there 20 years; I was married to the defendant in 1852, and I am still his wife; I am willing to testify in this case; I live on Third West Street; Mr. Morris has lived with me as his wife during the date named in the indictment; he has another wife, Mary L. Morris; he married her about thirty years ago; she has five children who bear the surname of Morris; the youngest is ten years old; Mrs. Mary L. Morris has lived at her present home, in the 15th Ward, since 1854 or 1855; she went to Provo between three and four years ago, and remained about a year; she went because the children were going to school there; I don't know whether she consulted with Mr. Morris or not, or who paid her expenses; I did not visit the children there, nor did Mr. Morris; I suppose he paid the expense; I don't know whether Mrs. Mary L. Morris had property of her own or not; I have not visited her for many years, nor has she visited me; it is perhaps 12 or 14 years; the children come to my house; I see them around every day; I think Mary L. owns her home; we are on good terms; I was present when she was married to Mr. Morris; he has not been to her house for over four years; he told me of the arrangement they entered into in the early part of 1853, to live apart; he has not been to her house since then; I remember being before the grand jury; do not remember saying then that it was in 1854; my recollection is that in 1856, I told the grand jury that the arrangement was made two years or more before then; I considered the matter after I went home then, and recollected the true facts; I never told Mr. Morris what I said to the grand jury; he never talked to me about it; Mr. Morris generally made his home with me for some time before the arrangement was made, but would go to see Mary L. occasionally—perhaps two or three times a week; he changed his habits then; I think he still supports her; I do not remember since he last took her out; the arrangement was made before Mary L. went to Provo; I expect Mr. Morris gave Mary L. her home.

Mrs. Mary L. Morris was the next witness. She testified—I live in Salt Lake City, on Third West Street; have lived there 27 years; have known Mr. Morris, the defendant, since 1852; I am not now married; I have been married—in 1852, in St. Louis—to Mr. John Morris; he died in 1855; I afterwards married his brother Elias in May 1856; first lived in Cedar City, Iron County, then moved to my present home, where I have remained all the time except temporary visits away; I went to Provo in December, 1855, and returned in May 1856, to care for my son, who was attending the Academy; Mrs. Mary E. Morris's son was there, as was also my little daughter; I went of my own volition; had no conversation with Mr. Morris on the subject; I suppose I understood that I was to care for all the children; I knew his father sent Mrs. Mary E.'s child; I don't remember now how I learned it, but I did know it; his father paid board for all of us, at the place we lived; we boarded at Mrs. Lovelock's; she had invited me there; when I went I expected that I would pay my board; Mr. Morris sent me money and I used it at my discretion; I don't know how much I received; it came by mail; I don't know whether I have the letter or not; will bring it if I can find it; I don't know how many letters I received—perhaps two or three; Mr. Morris provided for me during the years 1853 and 1854; he supported me because I had been married to him; I was his wife years ago; I ceased living with him as his wife about the last of December, 1852, or the first of January, 1853; the agreement was not made in 1854, nor in December, 1853; I think I have told you often enough all that I know about it; it was in December, 1852, or January, 1853; I proposed to him that he live separate to save him from any trouble; he had been very kind to me, as I was his

brother's wife; the agreement was not made after a number of arrests had been made; I know of no reason why I did not speak of it before—I guess because I had not thought enough of it; the proposition was that he should not live with me at all, as I did not want him to suffer on my account; he made no answer; the conversation was in my own house; he may have been in my house since, perhaps once or twice; this was only for a few weeks; it did not continue during 1853; he did not recognize me as his wife during 1853 and 1854; it is a very painful position to me; Mr. Morris never brings any means to me; he never did; I always sent to his office; I used to go sometimes myself, but now I send the children; he used to live about half the time with me.

To Mr. Rawlins—The boys were at Provo before I went there.

John Morris testified—I am the son of Elias Morris and Mary E. Morris; live with my parents; Mary L. Morris is my aunt; she was my uncle's wife; I do not know what relation she now sustains to my father; she lives next door; I suppose father supports her; her sons work for father; I suppose she has been father's second wife; I do not remember when he lived with her; I think it is four or five years; he does not go over to see her; he changed his habit because it was against the law; I went to school in 1855, at Provo; Mary L. was there most of the time; I guess father paid the bills; father stopped living with her before then.

To Mr. Moyle—It may have been three years or more before I went to Provo that father and Mary L. separated.

Miss Sarah Jones testified—I now live in Mary E. Morris's family; went there in July, 1856; was never there before; Mr. Morris makes his home there; I suppose Mary L. Morris has been Mr. Morris's wife; never heard Mr. Morris or the family say anything about it; have never seen Mr. Morris at Mary L.'s house.

Miss Nettie Morris testified—The defendant is my father; Mary E. is my mother and Mary L. my aunt; the latter was one time my father's plural wife, but sustains no relation to him now; he has not lived with her for four or five years.

Court took recess till 2 p.m.

At the opening of the session this afternoon Mr. Peters announced that he had no more testimony to offer, and the case was submitted by both sides on the Judge's charge. The Court, in the instructions to the jury, said it was necessary that the evidence should show that from May, 1853, to April, 1856, the defendant associated with both women as his wives, or a part of the time, in order to convict.

The jury were out three-quarters of an hour, and returned with a verdict of not guilty, and Brother Morris was released.

**T. F. HARRIS ON TRIAL.****A Non-"Mormon" Answers to the Charge of Polygamy.**

At half-past two this afternoon the trial was commenced in the case of the United States vs. Thomas F. Harris, a non-"Mormon," on the charge of polygamy. It is alleged that the defendant, having a wife, Elizabeth Harris, living, committed the crime of polygamy on June 18, 1856, by marrying Abbie Lawrence in this city, his first wife being then undivorced. The defendant lived at Ogden at the time of his arrest, and about eight months ago pleaded guilty to, and was sentenced to imprisonment for, unlawful cohabitation, the judgment being pronounced in the First District Court at Ogden.

A jury was secured without much difficulty, only one challenge being exercised, and that by the defense, who excused T. E. Harper.

The first witness was Mrs. Elizabeth Harris. She testified—I was married to the defendant seven years ago; I have not been divorced; Mr. Harris had no other wife when I was married to him; Judge Smith performed the ceremony; I have lived with him ever since as his wife.

Mr. Abbie Lawrence Harris was next called.

Mr. Brown objected to this witness' testimony on the ground that she was alleged in the indictment to be a wife. It was not proved that the lady alleged to be the first wife was in reality the legal wife.

The objection was overruled.

The witness testified—My name is Abbie Lawrence; I have known the defendant over two years; there was an agreement of marriage between us; it was at my father's residence in June, 1856; we agreed to be man and wife, and that we would leave Salt Lake as such; the same arrangement was entered into again about a week before we left Salt Lake, and we went to Evanson, Wyoming, as man and wife, where we lived four months; we came back to Salt Lake; the defendant left me then; he is the father of my baby, which is six months old; he addressed me as his wife, or Mrs. Harris; I have also received letters from him when he was in the penitentiary. These letters were addressed to "Mrs. Thomas F. Harris," and "Mrs. Abbie T. Harris," and were directed to the street and number where the witness resided. They were offered in evidence by the prosecution, and identified by the witness as having been sent by Harris. The letters referred to witness as "My dear wife," and the contents are couched in endearing terms.

Witness, continuing—After the defendant came out of the "pen," he asked me what I was going to do with the letters he had sent me; he said he wished I would get rid of them.

The case had proceeded but this far when the News went to press.

**CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.**

The members of the Constitutional Convention of Utah are respectfully called to meet in Convention at the City Hall, Salt Lake City, on Friday, October 7th, 1887, at 12 o'clock, m., for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of the committee appointed to draft memorial to Congress and transacting such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

JOHN T. CAINE, President.  
Attest: HERBERT M. WELLS, Sec'y.  
Salt Lake City, Sept. 20, 1887.

The Union Pacific has thirty-six passenger coaches building, to be delivered this month and next. They will be used on all parts of the line and are badly needed.

The mule drivers at No. 4 mine, Almy, Wyo., went on a strike Monday last for higher wages. They have been receiving \$2.25 per day, but they demand \$2.50. The demand has not been complied with, and the mine is lying idle in consequence.

On the afternoon of the 14th, as John Brown was going to his ranch, across Bear River from Almy, Wyo., with a load of slabs, an engine or some cars frightened his horses when just across Bear River bridge, and they ran off the graded road, threw him from the wagon, and one of the wheels passed over his leg, breaking and crushing both bones between the ankle and the knee.

Seattle, W. T., Sept. 20.—The indictments against Charles W. Mullen for gambling and forgery, which have been pending several years, Mullen having been a fugitive in California and British Columbia, were set aside to-day by Judge Jones, on the ground that the grand jury which returned the same was composed partly of women. Mullen gave a new bond and was released, to appear before the next grand jury.

**BIRTHS.**

FRYER.—To the wife of Jas. A. Fryer, a bouncing daughter, eleven pounds in weight. Came into the world at 5:30 p.m. yesterday. All well.

REID.—In the Sixteenth Ward of this city, September 22, 1887, to the wife of J. K. Reid, a daughter. All well.

**DEATHS.**

EVANS.—At Withey Bridge, Bodmin, Aug. 28, 1887, Frederick William, son of Charles D. Evans and Julia Webb, aged 1 month and 13 days.—*Millennial Star*.

DEE.—At Pleasant Grove, Sept. 17, 1887, paralysis, caused by sunstroke, James Dee, aged 51 years and 11 months.

He was born at Westbury-on-Sand, Gloucestershire, England, Oct. 13, 1835, embraced the Gospel in 1845; emigrated to Utah in 1871. He was a kind husband, affectionate father and a faithful Latter-day Saint, and leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss.

*Millennial Star*, please copy.

CROFT.—At Herington, Dickinson County, Kansas, of typhoid fever, after a illness of four weeks, on September 12th, 1887, John Arthur Croft. Deceased was born August 24th, 1862, and was therefore aged 24 years and 19 days. The body was buried to Enterprise, Morgan County, Utah, and interred with appropriate ceremonies on Sunday, September 18th, 1887.

Deceased was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He died in full faith in the principles of the Gospel. *Register and Pioneer*, (COM).

PECK.—In Garden City, Rich County, Utah, September 15th, 1887, of whooping cough, Lillian May, daughter of Alma and Sarah W. Peck, aged 2 years, 2 months and 2 days.

NEBEKER.—In the Eleventh Ward, Salt Lake City, September 21st, 1887, of blood poisoning, Jane Elizabeth Nebeker, wife of Aaron Nebeker, of Lake Town, Rich County, and daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Barker. Born in Liverpool, England, October 6, 1841.

GIBBONS.—At Rockport, Summit County, Utah, September 13th, 1887, of convulsions, infant son of Thomas and Sarah Elizabeth Gibbons, born July 24th, 1885, aged 7 weeks and 2 days.

SCHULDER.—In this city, September 18th, 1887, Carl H., infant son of Carrie and Rudolph Schneider; aged 13 months.

JAMES.—In the Twentieth Ward, 3rd First Street, Sept. 21, 1887, of cholera infantum and whooping cough, George, son of John and Jennie James, born May 23rd, 1884. *Millennial Star*, please copy.

REDD.—At New Harmony, Washington County, Utah, Sept. 16, 1887, after an illness of fourteen days, of remittent or intermittent fever, Benjamin Jones Redd, aged 12 years, 2 months and 26 days. He died as he lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss.

**BEEES FOR SALE.**

AN APIARY OF THIRTY-SIX BEEES in good condition will be sold cheap for cash. The reason of selling, I am engaged in other business and I can't attend to them.

For price and terms write to JOHN DUNN, Tooele City, Tooele County, Utah. d s & w lm